

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
 CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL  
 JUNE 29, 1955

Pursuant to the adjournment taken from its meeting of June 22, 1955, the City Council of the City of Lodi met at 3:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 29, 1955; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey and Robinson (Mayor) present; Fuller absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen also present.

HAM LANE CONSTRUCTION The City Manager reported that he had received the estimates of the cost of construction of Ham Lane. The City Engineer's estimate totaled \$32,700 for the project, and the County has indicated that it will share approximately 15% of the cost. After brief discussion, action was deferred.

C.P.C. APPOINTMENTS The Council discussed appointments to the City Planning Commission to fill vacancies of Fuller and Walter. Councilman Hughes stated that it had been suggested to him that someone be appointed who is associated with the West Lodi Avenue section of the City. Action was deferred until later date by general agreement.

Councilman Fuller arrived at 3:15 p.m.

ABANDONMENT OF FALLS AVENUE BETWEEN GRANT & ROPER Mr. Weller read a letter from Mr. Henry Schneider requesting the abandonment of Falls Avenue between Grant and Roper Streets. At the time of acceptance of the final map of Schneider Tract No. 1, according to Mr. Schneider, the City agreed to abandon Falls Avenue when Crescent Avenue was opened. Since Crescent Avenue is opened to Louie Avenue on the north, and with the acceptance of the Alshire Park subdivision map Crescent Avenue is opened to the south, Mr. Schneider felt that Falls Avenue should be abandoned as agreed. The City Clerk pointed out that the actual improvement of Crescent Avenue in the Alshire Park subdivision may be several weeks away and may cause complaints from the residents if Falls Avenue is abandoned before they see the improved street. It was agreed that the City Clerk should prepare a resolution of intention to abandon Falls Avenue for adoption of the City Council at a later date.

EMDE CONTRACT FOR GRADING 303 ACRES City Attorney Mullen presented a draft of the contract between the City and George Emde for the grading of the 303 acre liquid waste disposal area. The contract was approved with the provision for a lump sum payment to be reduced according to the amount of acreage the City might require for use, on the motion of councilman Richey, Hughes second.

ORD. NO. 532 INTRODUCED AMENDS SALARY ORDINANCE Mr. Weller recommended to the City Council that certain changes be made in the classification and pay scales. He proposed that the position of Assistant City Engineer (vacant) be increased two steps and the position of Senior Engineer be established at the level formerly held by Assistant City Engineer; that Assistant Superintendent of Utilities be increased one step and the position of Electrical Engineer be established at the level formerly held by the Assistant Superintendent of Utilities; that the positions of Identification Officer and Detective in the Police Department be changed to Identification Officer-Sergeant and Detective-Sergeant respectively and be increased one step in salary; that the position of House Captain in the Fire Department be changed to Fire Captain and be increased one step; that the position of Park and Recreation Supervisor be increased two steps and the position of Recreation

Supervisor be established at the former level of Park and Recreation Supervisor; and the position of Line Foreman be increased one step. The revisions were approved and Ordinance No. 532, amending the Salary Ordinance, Ordinance No. 506, was introduced on the motion of Councilman Richey, Fuller second.

THREE-WEEK  
VACATION

Mr. Weller stated that he had received requests over the past three or four years from the City employees for various fringe benefits. One of the benefits requested is a three-week vacation for employees with more than five years of service. He added that he had investigated and found that the practice of giving three-week vacations to employees of long standing is becoming more prevalent in both private and public employment. He recommended that this be done for the Lodi City employees. Councilman Richey objected that this was not necessary and stated that the employees of the City of Lodi are well paid and the additional vacation time was not justified. She added that she doubted that the practice is prevalent in private employment in the City of Lodi. Councilmen Robinson and Hughes stated that they would prefer to give employees hospitalization rather than the additional vacation time.

ORD. NO. 533  
INTRODUCED  
ADOPTS BUDGET  
1955-56

Councilman Fuller then moved that Ordinance No. 533, adopting the operating budget for the fiscal year 1955-56, be introduced. The motion was seconded by Councilman Richey, and passed by unanimous vote.

INCREASE  
WATER RATES

ORD. NO. 531  
INTRODUCED

In discussing the City's revenue situation, Mr. Weller explained that as estimated at this time, the revenue for 1955-56 will lack approximately \$44,000 of being enough to meet the budget, assuming the appropriation of \$190,000 to the Reserve Funds and the Contingent Fund. He explained that the proposed increase of the water rates by one-third would bring approximately \$34,000 the first year, which would still leave a deficit of approximately \$10,000. Councilman Hughes then moved, Mitchell second, that the City Council adopt a policy of increasing water rates by one-third, and that Ordinance No. 531, fixing the new water rates, be introduced. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell and Robinson  
NOES: Councilmen - Fuller and Richey  
ABSENT: Councilmen - None

SIDEWALK  
POLICY  
ADOPTED FOR  
COMMERCIAL  
ZONES

Councilman Richey then stated that Mrs. Bertha Clark had talked to her requesting permission to remove the lawn in the parking strip in front of her property at the corner of Church and Oak Streets, said property being in the Commercial Zone. She asked that a policy be adopted governing the treatment of the parking strips in the Commercial Zones. Councilman Richey then moved, Hughes second, that the policy of the City Council be to permit construction of sidewalk contiguous to the curb in the Commercial Zones, except in those cases where to do so would disturb the curb line, in which case the matter must be referred to the City Engineer for approval. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST   
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk