

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
AUGUST 4, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, August 4, 1954; Councilmen Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, Robinson and Fuller (Mayor) present; none absent. City Manager Weller and City Attorney Mullen also present.

COMMUNICATIONS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNDS	Mr. Weller read a letter from the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce requesting \$1800 to cover the costs of advertising and promotion for the community under the terms of the contract with the City. The payment of \$1800 to the Chamber of Commerce was authorized by the Council on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Mitchell second.
CLAIM FOR DAMAGES	A claim in the name of Morris Hoffman, Acampo, for an alleged accident June 1, 1954, at the corner of Pacific and Lake Streets was denied and referred to the insurance carrier on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second. The claim was in the amount of \$1,302.02.
YUBA CITY	Mr. Weller read a letter from the City of Yuba City thanking the City Council of the City of Lodi for its support in the effort to secure the U.S. Air Academy at Beale Air Force Base.
PETITION STREET ABANDONMENT	A petition signed by residents of Louie and Eureka Streets requesting the abandonment of the unnamed street lying east of Ham Lane and running between Louie Avenue and Turner Road was referred to the Planning Commission on the motion of Councilman Richey.
BOARD OF FIRE UNDER- WRITERS	A letter from the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific acknowledging the request of the City Manager for an inspection of the City of Lodi for the purpose of re-evaluating the fire protection facilities in the City and possible reclassification of the City. The City was assured that Lodi had been placed on the list for inspection by the Board's engineer, and he would visit Lodi as soon as possible.
STANISLAUS CENTENNIAL FAIR	Letter from the City of Turlock inviting the City Council to participate in the Stanislaus Centennial Fair and ride in the parade to be held in the City of Turlock on August 14, 1954.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HALL OF JUSTICE	Mayor Fuller opened the meeting to those persons wishing to voice an opinion on the proposed location of the Hall of Justice. Mr. Carl Wishek addressed the Council and stated that the public was unaware of the following points regarding the proposed Hall of Justice:
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The cost of the Hall of Justice will be closer to \$400,000 than the \$235,000 which has been publicized;

It is not the burden of the City of Lodi to provide a courthouse and jail for the County of San Joaquin;

In the two years of discussion, there has been no contractual agreement with the Board of Supervisors for the rental of the court facilities;

The County of San Joaquin has adequate facilities for a court at 210 N. Sacramento Street;

San Joaquin County will eventually keep prisoners in the City of Lodi jail;

In case the Hall of Justice is built next to the City Hall, the parking space will be inadequate;

City Council once discussed placing the Hall of Justice on piers for more parking space;

If located at the location of the Turnage Market, a building of 42' x 128' is too large for this size city. It is large enough for a city the size of Stockton;

We have a rather indulgent City Council involved in a share-the-wealth plan for the benefit of San Joaquin County.

Mr. Archie Closson stated that he represented only himself and that he felt that there were improvements pending in the City that are more important than a jail and courthouse. He suggested that the City Council make a list of proposed improvements and then list the improvements by priority. At the request of Mr. Wishek, Mr. Weller then reviewed the legislative provisions for the reorganization of County courts. Mr. Closson pointed out that the County could bring prisoners to Lodi and release them on the streets of the City. Mr. Weller replied that such a thing would only be possible if the City of Lodi permitted this under the conditions of a contract which would have to be negotiated. Mr. H. E. Looser stated that the City of Stockton pays the County 13¢ a meal for the care of its prisoners, that the City of Lodi wants to build a hotel for its prisoners, that he cannot see how Lodi can spend money on a Hall of Justice when we need new sewage facilities. He suggested that the County build its own jail. He stated that, according to contractors, the present jail could be fixed for \$5,000. In response to a question from Mr. Wishek, Mayor Fuller replied that the estimated cost of the courtroom portion of the building is \$50,000. Mr. Ed Barbera protested the construction of the Hall of Justice on the grounds that the County could then bring its prisoners to Lodi. Mr. John Graffigna stated that the proposed location of the jail would ruin the property values in the downtown business section of the City. Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk stated that the City Council and the Planning Commission were planning to provide facilities worthy of our community; that this was possible and proper. He added that in the interest of the many, the matter should be left in the hands of the body elected by the people to provide protection for all. Mr. Robert H. Rinn addressed the Council to review the controversy. He then stated that the City should have a Hall of Justice and this building should include facilities for the court, police department, and the detention of prisoners. He then asked the opponents to the proposed site to sincerely discuss where the facilities should be

placed. Mr. Wishek then asked that the matter be placed on the ballot. Mr. Weller then read a letter from Mr. Max Elson, Chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee which originally proposed the construction of the Hall of Justice, urging the City Council to proceed with plans to construct the building on the proposed site. Mr. Rinn stated that it was never proposed to build a court at City expense for the County. He then reviewed the negotiations which had taken place between the City Council and the Board of Supervisors for the County lease of the court facilities from the City. Mr. Rolla L. Garretson, Jr., Attorney for Mr. Wishek, Mr. Grafigna and their group, asked the average number of prisoners held by the City at the present time. Mayor Fuller replied that the average is not pertinent to the planning of jail facilities, but it is the peak capacity which is important. Mr. A. L. Armstrong then spoke in favor of the proposed location of the Hall of Justice next to the City Hall. Mayor Fuller then thanked all those attending the hearing for taking an interest in the community.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

SPECIFICATIONS FOR FOUR POLICE CARS Mr. Weller presented specifications for four automobiles for use in the Police Department. He pointed out that he had specifications for four cars in the low priced field and also for three cars in the low priced field and one heavier car to replace the Packard presently used by the Chief of Police. After discussing the advisability of purchasing the heavier car, the Council voted to call for alternate bids on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second.

AWARD STREET MATERIALS RES. #1828 The City Manager reported that one bid in the amount of \$12,154.00 had been received from Claude C. Wood Co. for street materials. The bid was in line with the estimate of the City Engineer. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Mitchell second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1828, awarding the contract to Claude C. Wood Co.

CLAIMS Claims in the amount of \$127,905.70 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Mitchell second.

SPECIFICATIONS 1/2 TON TRUCK Specifications for a one-half ton pickup truck for use in the Street Department were presented and approved on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second.

FIRE CAPTAIN EXAM RESULTS The City Manager informed the Council that he had received the final results in the examination for the position of Fire Captain. He stated that the Fire Chief recommended the appointment of the three men at the top of the list. However, in its action on April 7, 1954, the City Council voted to make the appointments to the incumbent House Captains if they received a passing grade in the examination. The examination produced the following eligible list: Casper J. Drege, Edwin F. Wall, Clifton Cooper, Walter Lehr, Bert Wilson and Herbert A. Dockter. The House Captains are Wall, Wilson and Dockter. Mayor Fuller questioned the reason for an administrative matter coming before the City Council. Mr. Weller explained that in order for him to follow the recommendations of the Fire Chief

and appoint the top three men, the previous action of the City Council would have to be rescinded. Councilman Robinson spoke against rescinding the previous action, stating that this would mean the demotion of two men who had performed their duties satisfactorily in the past. When questioned in the audience, Mr. Dockter agreed that the appointment to the position of House Captain had been on a temporary basis; however, he felt that the incumbents had satisfactorily performed all the functions included in the new classification. On the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second, the Council rescinded its previous action of April 17 in this matter by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey
and Robinson and Fuller

NOES: Councilmen - Robinson

ABSENT: Councilmen - None

SOUTH HUTCHINS
STREET ADDN.

ORD. NO. 511
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 511, "APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE SOUTH HUTCHINS STREET ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI", having been regularly introduced on July 21, 1954, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey,
Robinson and Fuller

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None
Mayor Fuller then signed Ordinance No. 511 in approval thereof.

REZONE POR.
LOT 27 LODI
BARNHART TR.

ORD. NO. 512
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 512, "AMENDING THE OFFICIAL DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF LODI AND THEREBY REZONING A PORTION OF LOT 27, LODI BARNHART TRACT, TO BE IN THE R-4 DISTRICT", having been regularly introduced on July 21, 1954, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Richey second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey,
Robinson and Fuller

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None
Mayor Fuller then signed Ordinance No. 512 in approval thereof.

RESERVE FUNDS
APPROPRIATION

ORD. NO. 513
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 513, "APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1954 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1955", having been regularly introduced on July 21, 1954, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Hughes, Mitchell, Richey,
Robinson and Fuller

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None
Mayor Fuller then signed Ordinance No. 513 in approval thereof.

MARQUARDT
REAPPOINTED
TO LIBRARY BD.

Mr. A. W. Marquardt was reappointed to the Board of Library Trustees for a term ending June 30, 1957, on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Hughes second.

On the motion of Councilman Richey, the meeting was then adjourned.

Attest:

Henry A. Glaves, Jr.
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk