COUNCIL CHAMBERS -- CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL --- CITY OF LODI

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1942

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was called to order by the Mayor at 8:30 P.M. at the place and on the date first above in these minutes written. Councilmen Coffield, Biggs, Kinn, Weihe and Bull, Mayor present, none absent.

The minutes of the last meeting held May 6, 1942 were read, approved with a minor correction relating to the location of a joint pole on Stockton Avenue and Cherokee Lane. After the insertion of the correction, the minutes were certified as correct by the Mayor.

Mr. Ralph Francis, Director of Recreation asked the Board for a statement of policy in regard to free swimming at Lake Park. He was informed that the agreement of last year was to continue in effect and several other matters Mr. Francis was told to go ahead on the same basis as in 1941 until a budget could be established.

Mrs. Fred R. Carr appeared before the Council in regard to the charge for water at the Recreation Club, 154 West Pine Street. The Council unamiously decided that this charge should be taken off and the ordinance amended to take care of similiar cases.

A letter was received from the Board of Review, Department of Personnel stating that in compliance with ordinance no. 276, this Board of Review had determined the terms of its members as follows: D. L. Steele for a term expiring January 15, 1944, A. A. Clark, for a term expiring January 15, 1946 and Geo. W. Little for a term expiring January 15, 1948.

A letter addressed to the Mayor from the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference advocating the use of the services of the building department officials during the emergency created by Conservation Order L-41 in other departments of the City was read and ordered filed.

A letter from the Division of Highways addressed to the City Engineer stating that owing to the present emergency the traffic signals on Cherokee Lane could not be installed at present.

The request of Edgar F. Hutchinson, custodian in charge of the Lodi Armory for an awning on the west side of his living quarters was referred to the City Engineer on motion of Councilman Kinn, seconded by Councilman Biggs with power to install the awning if the cost did not exceed $50.00.

The Mayor, Chief of Police and City Engineer were authorized to attend a Control Center Exercise to be held at the Stanford University May 27, 1942.

Resolutions approving the appointment of Mr. Ralph Francis and his salary and allowances were received from the Boards of Trustees of the Lodi Elementary School District and of the Lodi Union High School.

A letter from Mr. Earl Kay, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department addressed to the Committee on Public Health and Safety was read at length. This letter contained the recommendation that the Council appoint a full time Fire Chief and another truck driver in the department. The request of Chief Kay was ordered laid over until the next meeting.

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Ordinances No. 279, 280 and 281 having been introduced at the regular meeting of May 6th, were brought up for final passage. On motion of Councilman Rinn, Councilman Coffield second, the reading of the ordinances other than by title and number was ordered dispensed with. Ordinance No. 279 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS USE AND CONTROL" was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Rinn, seconded by Councilman Coffield and finally passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Rinn, Coffield, Rigos, Weihe and Bull
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, None

Ordinance No. 280 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AUXILIARY FIRE FORCE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS DUTIES AND CONTROL" was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Coffield, Councilman Weihe second and finally passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Coffield, Weihe, Rigos, Rinn and Bull
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, None

Ordinance No. 281 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN AIR RAID WARDEN SERVICE AND PROVIDING FOR ITS CONTROL" was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Weihe, Councilman Rinn second and finally passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Weihe, Rinn, Coffield, Rigos and Bull
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, None

The Mayor signed each ordinance on the pole of the Board in approval thereof.

Mr. Harry E. Mahaffey addressed the Council in regard to matters contained in his application of May 6th. Mr. Mahaffey presented arguments as to the necessity of his proposed increase in cab rates and stated that the imminence of future war time restrictions would force his company to passenger transportation as against recreational business. He also made statements as to charges existing in Stockton and Sacramento and that the increase in wages, difficulty in securing tires and the possibility of future rationing fully justified the change in rates. Mr. Mahaffey was instruced that he was to file a complete schedule of proposed rates and also that a public hearing would be held June 3rd before the Council on the proposed change.

At this time the Council further considered the proposal of the Valley Insulation Company for the installation of rock wool in the City Hall attic for the sum of $527.00. A proposal to authorize this work failed on account of the lack of a second and the proposal was ordered laid on the table after Councilman Weihe had moved an adjournment of the Council and failed to obtain any backing.

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The City Clerk was directed to make no charge for "Victory Gardens" for vegetables all grown without profit and the water served from existing taps.

Several notices of applications for alcoholic beverage licenses were received from the State Board of Equalization. No objections offered.

Business license applications No. 371 to 391 inclusive were given first reading and ordered referred to the Chief of Police in accordance with provisions of Ordinance No. 277.

City Attorney, Glenn West, reported that in accordance with instructions given him on May 6th, he had served notice on the owners of the old dehydrator site to abate the nuisance alleged to be existing thereon.

At this time (10:42 P.M.) the Council retired into a Committee of the Whole and the hall cleared, returning to open session at 11:07 P.M.

The Mayor appointed W. J. Coffield as Vice-Chairman of the Defense Council and as Chairman of the Committee on Human Resources and Skills. On motion of Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Weihe these appointments were confirmed by the Council.

The application for the endorsement of the San Joaquin River Flood Control Association was ordered deferred indefinitely as it did not seem to effect Lodi or the Lodi District.

On motion of Councilman Weihe, the Council adjourned at 11:27 P.M.

ATTEST:

J. F. Beasley
City Clerk

[illegible] City Council held June 5, 1942 [illegible]

E. B. Bull
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