COUNCIL CHAMBERS -- CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL -- CITY OF LODI
Monday, January 4, 1937.

The City Council of the City of Lodi met in regular meeting at 8:00 o'clock P.M. of Monday, January 4, 1937. Councilmen Clark, Graffigna, Spooner, Weihe and Steele present, None absent.

The minutes of the last meeting held December 21, 1936 were read, approved as read and so indorsed by the Mayor.

Under Public Hearings, Mr. John Hoesing addressed the City Council in regard to the future opening of Cherry Street from its present Westerly termination to Washington Street. No formal action was taken but the Council decided to study the possibility of forming a street opening district provided property owners adjacent to the street desired it opened.

The report of the Chief of Police and that of the City Poundmaster for the month of December, 1936 were received, read and ordered filed.

The Clerk read a formal petition for annexation containing the names of sixteen alleged electors residing within the district proposed for annexation and containing the attestation of Emery A. Thompson who circulated the same. On motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Spooner and carried the petition was referred to the City Clerk for checking of the signatures appended to it, the Clerk to report on the sufficiency of the petition at the next meeting of the City Council.

10 building permits Nos. 1611 to and including 1620 for structures to cost $7,750 were allowed and ordered granted. The application of R. Schoenover for a business license to conduct a photograph gallery at 3 West Pine Street was ordered referred to the Chief of Police in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 421.

A letter was received from Mr. C. M. Jones, a honorary member of the Lodi Volunteer Fire Department asking that the salary of the Chief of the Fire Department be increased from $75.00 per month to $100.00 per month and that an additional driver be employed for the fire trucks such driver to perform relief duties and also make fire prevention inspections. At the direction of the Mayor, none dissenting, this matter was taken under advisement.

Mr. C. C. Henning, Acting City Engineer submitted a proposal in letter form from Mr. Harry N. Jenks, a consulting sanitary, engineer of Berkeley, California setting forth the conditions under which he would act as consultant for the redesign of the City's sewage treatment plant. After some discussion and on motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, the Clerk was directed to accept the offer of Mr. Jenks and to enter into such agreement with him as might be necessary.

In the matter of opening Maple Street from Garfield Street to Cherokee Lane, the City Council stated that he had received a proposal from Mr. Chester Dietderich, owner of a strip of land 20 feet wide by 128 feet lengthwise of the proposed street, wherein Mr. Dietderich would deed the City this strip if it would move a present frame dwelling house from its present location facing Cherokee Lane to a new location facing on Maple Street and establish it on good foundations. On motion of Councilman Steele, seconded by Councilman Weihe, the Clerk was directed to take such action as might be necessary to insure the opening of this street.

In regard to the opening of Washington Street South from Vine Street and the acquisition of a site for a new pumping plant the Superintendent of Public Utilities and the City Clerk were authorized to negotiate for the purchase of a house and lot belonging to the Security Building and Loan Association. This was done on motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna.

At this time the Board entered into some discussion as to whether the City was morally bound to pay certain bills incurred in the alterations of toilet facilities at the Lodi Armory. No conclusion was reached in this matter and the bill was ordered withheld for further consideration.

Considerable complaint having been occasioned by the destruction of lamp globes and damage to property in the basement of the City Hall caused by the Boy Scouts of America, on motion of Mayor Steele, seconded by Councilman Clark, and carried unanimously the Clerk was directed to serve notice on troops now using the premises that they must vacate the same.

Mayor Steele proposed the following resolution which was introduced on motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the attention of this City Council has been directed to the great losses caused this City by destruction of globes on street lighting standards from air rifle shots and other missiles;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police be and he is hereby directed to make demand forthwith on the parents of those children who are responsible for this damage; that they pay the cost of repalcement of lamps and globes so destroyed.

Ordinance No. 229 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF "ACADEMY ADDITION" was brought up for final passage, and on motion of Councilman Graffigna, seconded by Councilman Weihe and by the same motion second reading of the same was omitted and the Ordinance finally passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen, Graffigna, Weihe, Clark, Spooner and Steele.
NOES: Councilmen, None
ABSENT: Councilmen, None.

At this time Mr. Glenn West presented two ordinances pertaining to the offices of City Engineer and that of City Attorney. Ordinance No. 230 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, COMBINING THE SAME WITH THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS AND FIXING HIS DUTIES AND COMPENSATION" was introduced on motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna, read at length by the Clerk and considered by the Council and by the same motion this ordinance was ordered laid over for the statutory period of not less than five days. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 231 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY AND FIXING HIS DUTIES AND COMPENSATION" was introduced on motion of Councilman Spooner, seconded by Councilman Graffigna read at length by the Clerk and considered by the Council, and by the same motion this ordinance was ordered laid over for the statutory period of not less than five days. Motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion regarding the removal of earth from excavations in the City, which was precipitated by Mr. Webster who was submitting a proposal for an excavation job on North School Street, it was decided that the City would haul earth from such excavations when it stood in need of the same and when the contractor would load the City's trucks.

Claims Nos. 28021 to and including No. 28175 in the amount of $16,323.49 as approved by the Finance Committee were allowed and ordered paid on motion of Councilman Weihe, seconded by Councilman Graffigna.

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At the direction of the City Council, the Clerk was directed to collect $10.00 monthly in advance from Jules Perrin and $20.00 monthly in advance from the Valley Lumber Company for the rental of portions of Lots 3 and 4, Block 29 of the original City. He was also directed to advise both Mr. Perrin and the Valley Lumber Company that they were tenants at will such tenancy to be terminated on 90 days notice from the City.

The Mayor then called the Council into executive session at 10:53 o'clock P.M. returning to regular session at 10.50 o'clock P.M. when adjournment was taken on motion of Councilman Weihe, none dissenting.

ATTEST:

J. F. Beaupley
City Clerk.

The foregoing minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi were read at a subsequent meeting of said Council held June 19, 1957 and approved without correction.

G. M. Steele
Mayor of the City of Lodi.