Minutes Excerpt

Council Chambers, City Council
The City Hall - City of Lodi
Monday, February 18, 1929.

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was called to order by the Mayor at 8.00 o'clock P.M. at the place and on the date first above written, Councilmen Hale, Roach, Shattuck, Weihe and Spooner present, none absent.

The minutes of the last regular meeting held February 4, 1929 were read, approved as read and so endorsed by the Mayor.

Dr. James E. Nelson, representing San Joaquin Local Health district presented a report of the activities of the District for the past year and explained it in detail. The report was ordered filed with the City Clerk.

Mr John S. Montgomery, Mr Archie M. Clossen and Mr. Will E. Wiley applied to the Council for tennis courts to be erected in several parts of the City in addition to the courts contemplated in Lawrence Park. As action was underway to construct courts in the park, no action was taken other than to recommend that the Committee on Streets and Parks proceed with the work of having plans and specifications prepared.

After discussion of the proposed increase of the salary of the Secretary of the Fire Department, Councilman Roach made a motion that his salary be fixed at $10.00 monthly, this was seconded by Councilman Shattuck but the motion was withdrawn by the principal with consent of second and the Department was instructed to forward the Council a certified copy of the amendment to their by-laws embodying this change so that it could receive regular consideration.

The Clerk read a communication from the City Planning Commission informing the Council of its re-organization and recommending that the Superintendent of Streets consult with the Commission before undertaking any extensive program of tree pruning, also, that the work of installing tennis courts in Lawrence Park as provided in the budget be authorized.

A letter enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Alameda was read and on motion of Councilman Shattuck, Roach second, Resolution No. 571, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lodi Opposing the Adoption of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 2 Regarding the Taxation of Municipally Owned Public Utilities" was introduced and passed by the following vote :- 571

AYES: Councilmen, Shattuck, Roach, Hale, Weihe and Spooner.
NOES: Councilmen, None. ABSENT: Councilmen, None.

The Clerk read a detailed report from the City Attorney advising the Council of its obligations under two contracts with Stockton and Mokelumne Canal Company for the right to flow waters into their main canal, the report stating that the City was under no liability to repair and maintain any portion of the canal but merely to defend the Company from actions at law that might be brought by third parties objecting to the presence of these waters in the canal companies system.

Proposals from Standard Oil Company and from Shell Oil Company in writing and an oral proposition from Union Oil Company were submitted by the Clerk, in which they proposed to furnish gasoline to the City at rates less than those under which it is now purchased. It appearing that the City could obtain an immediate recession of their present contract expiring in May and that Shell Oil Company had its entire works located within the City, the execution of a contract guaranteeing a maximum price of 16¢ per gallon over a three year period was authorized by motion of Councilman Shattuck, Weihe second.

The Clerk exhibited a diagram showing the portions of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 7 of the Moran-Handel Tract necessary to acquire in order to open De Force Avenue from its present