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Council Authorizes Appraisal Of Property On Laguna Creek For Possible Water Shed Site

The city council last night appropriated \$300 for appraisal of property at the headwaters of Laguna creek, off Ice Cream grade, for possible purchase as a city water shed.

Councilman Robert Burton recommended appraisal of the Baldwin property, expressing belief the brush land would be good for a watershed.

City Manager Robert N. Klein recalled the council has appropriated \$20,000 for watershed property purchase this fiscal year.

The council acted to call on the county board of supervisors to appoint Weston L. Webber, city water superintendent, as the city's representative on the county water committee.

Resignation of Mrs. Fred J. Morris from the city library board, because her teaching duties make it impossible for her to attend board meetings, was accepted with regret.

The council authorized exchange of scattered city lots for airport and Swanton tract land from Glenn Coolidge, Felton realtor. Also okayed was acceptance of the tentative subdivision map for "Meadow Road subdivision" on recommendation of the city planning commission.

Allocations from the city's unbudgeted reserve approved were: \$125 for enlargement of the observation post shelter on the wharf; \$1842 for additional employment of an assistant building inspector; and \$125 to increase the voltage for the concessionaire in the auditorium.

Arnold Levine, speaking for the Santa Cruz junior chamber of commerce from the floor, obtained permission for the organization to reduce fire hazard in Santa Cruz by collecting all the used Christmas trees January 3. The plan, approved by the fire department and Seaside company, is to burn them all in one huge bonfire at the beach that night, Levine said.

There was a crowd of spectators at the start of last night's council session from the Linden street area, to hear what the council planned to do about their objection to change of facilities at the West Foods Mushroom farm.

The West establishment is permitted to exist as non-conforming land use, because it was there before adoption of the city's zoning laws, Klein explained, but its expansion is not permitted by the zoning ordinance. Last year, he added, four permits were issued for improvements or changes there.

Although West has removed some facilities at the city's request, he added, the residents still want "complete abatement" of the nuisance.

In a letter to West the city manager advised him to return the operation to its former state or appear at a January 6 planning commission meeting to present alternatives.

To Councilman George Penniman's report that West yesterday assured him he "wants to be a good neighbor," John Strong, 416 Linden street, observed, "It is not a question of being neighborly; we believe he has violated the zoning laws."

Speaking for petitioners on Linden street, he expressed satisfaction with a chance for West and the petitioners to be heard at the next planning commission meeting.

City Attorney J. Frank Murphy gave a report on complaint of Mrs. M. Jones, 243 Washburn street, protesting to the city's garbage charge on the basis that she is in Santa Cruz only twice a week. If, as she claims, she takes her garbage from here to Fresno, it constitutes illegal transporting of garbage, Murphy opined.

He expressed belief that, under the law, she should "have to pay like everyone else who uses the service."

Mayor Clifford L. Dysle said there was no hardship on the complainant, instructing Klein to write to her, outlining the city attorney's findings.

The full council, with the exception of Sam C. McNeely, was present at the session.

At the close of the meeting, Mayor Dysle paused to extend the people of Santa Cruz, on the city council's behalf, a Merry Christmas.

Big Crowd Attends East Christmas

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