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City Council Regular Meeting

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SB 54

California Values Act

- **SB 54** also known as the California Values Act, is a state law that limits how state and local law enforcement agencies can collaborate with federal immigration agencies. The law was signed by Governor Jerry Brown on October 5, 2017 and went into effect on January 1, 2018.
- **SB 54** mandates that no state and local resources are used to assist federal immigration enforcement.



POLICE AND SHERIFFS:

- Cannot ask about immigration status.
- Cannot effect an arrest for having a deportation order or for most other immigration violations.
- Cannot use Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Border Patrol agents as interpreters.
- Cannot share personal information, like a home address, with ICE or Border Patrol, unless it's publicly available.

Government Code Section 7284.6

- 7284.6. (a) California law enforcement agencies **shall not**:
 - (1) Use agency or department moneys or personnel to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, including any of the following:
 - (A) Inquiring into an individual's immigration status.
 - (B) Detaining an individual on the basis of a hold request

IF LOCAL POLICE OR SHERIFFS MAKES AN ARREST, THEY:

- Cannot hold that individual in jail for extra time just for immigration agents to pick them up.
- Cannot let immigration agents interview the subject without written consent. They also have the right to refuse the interview and to remain silent.
- Cannot tell immigration agents when they will be released, or transfer them to their custody, with some exceptions.
- Local law enforcement can choose to notify ICE or Border Patrol of their release or transfer them if they have certain convictions, such as:
 - State prison felony convictions
 - Most other felony convictions within 15 years
 - Higher-level misdemeanors within 5 years
- Local law enforcement can notify immigration agents of their release date if the information is already public.
- If local law enforcement decides to notify or transfer the subject to immigration agents, they must give them advanced written notice and a copy of ICE or Border Patrol's request.

STATE PRISON OFFICIALS:

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Unlawful Presence is Not a Crime



It is a violation of federal immigration law to remain in the country without legal authorization, but this violation is punishable only by civil penalties, not criminal.



Entering the country on a valid work or travel visa but failing to exit before their visa expires is an unlawful presence.



The civil penalties for an unlawful presence is deportation or removal, where an unlawful resident may be detained and removed from the country.

Proactive Approach

Kings County Major Crimes Task Force

Community Partnership

Crime Free Multi Housing

Neighborhood Watch

Crime Statistics

Questions?



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Fire Hall Mon. Aug. 14, 1922:

After much discussion by all members, it was moved, seconded and carried that Pres. Van Vlear introduce a resolution at the next meeting of the Lemoore Commercial Club, pertaining to plans for getting a city building in Lemoore.

Lemoore Fire Hall-Wed. Sept. 6, 1922:

The President appointed a committee of three to work with the Commercial Club Committee to formulate plans for a new city hall. The appointments were, President Van Vlear, Chief Thomsen and Secretary Blessing.

Lemoore Fire Hall-Tue. Dec. 19, 1922:

City Hall Committee made a report that immediate action will be taken.

May 8, 1923—Lemoore Advance:

There was some informal discussion of the purchase or erection of a city building and fire house. Nothing definite was arrived at, but the attitude of some of the members, we may expect to hear more of this later.

Lemoore Fire Hall-Tue. May 15, 1923:

After long discussion on the question of city hall, Pres. referred the matter to the following committee; Chief Thomsen, L. Coats, Earl S. Stevenson, Roy L. Blessing and Carl O. Brown.

Lemoore Fire Hall-Tue. June 19, 1923:

Under new business, Chan Bailey spoke for the Bank of Lemoore in regard to the sale and leasing of the Bank building. **NOTE:** City offices were located in the Bank of Lemoore building.

Mayor John Dockstader talked for the city trustees in regard to fire hall and city hall.

Moved, seconded and carried the fire department recommend to city trustees to rent suitable temporary quarters for new fire truck, until such time as they may see fit to call a bond election.

Lemoore Fire Hall-Tue. Aug. 21, 1923:

E.W. Wieler gave a progressive report in regard to the city hall proposition.

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Lemoore Fire Hall-Tue. Nov. 20, 1923:

M.R. Landis made chairman of bond election committee, said committee to consist of all firemen.

Pres. Van Vlear made a stirring address on the coming bond election urging everyone to cooperate and put it over big. M.L. Waltz appointed publicity man on election.

December 7, 1923—Lemoore Leader:

CITY WILL VOTE BONDS DEC. 31

At a meeting of the city council this week, the ordinance permitting an election to vote on the \$50,000 bond issue was passed.

The proposed ordinance has passed the third reading and is now in effect. The election will be held in the city on Monday, December 31. The voting will be done at one voting place, at the old fire station.

If the issue carries at the election, it will mean the city will get a new city hall, which will cost about \$35,000 and that necessary extensions on the water mains will be made.

In line with the growth of the city and the enforced needs contingent thereto it is necessary to meet the demands with the money which will be furnished with the bonds which will be assented to by the voters on the last day of the month and the last day of the year.

An investigation proves the money expended in the extension of the water mains will be well spent and instead of an expense will be a great saving to property owners in the insurance rates will be lowered 15 percent, by reason of the added fire protection.

Those who are in touch with the workings of the city government do not doubt the necessity of the new city hall. The city's interest can be poorly cared for under present arrangements. The various city departments are scattered about the business section of the city while it would be wise and convenient to have every branch of the city administration under one roof. The fire department, the police department, the city clerk's office, the water department and the tax collector's office with the many other branches of the city government should be convenient to each other and the city council should have a meeting place that is a credit to the city.

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With a bond issue voted, these conveniences are to be realized. At the polls on election day, every voter should see to it that a vote is cast in favor of the improvements.

There are those who will knock the ordinance and try to buy their vote and their influence, to defeat the election of bonds, but such votes should be snowed under by the "Yeas."

December 25, 1923—Lemoore Advance:

WATER MAIN ON FOX ST. SHAKEY

If those who have money invested in buildings and stocks of merchandise in Lemoore knew that the water main on Fox Street leading from the pumping station to the trunk lines of the city, conveying water to the branch lines, was in a leaky condition and liable to give way at any time, would they rest easy and consider their property well protected?

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link, than the entire water system of the city is impaired by the dilapidated condition of this main.

On several occasions, when the pressure was turned on to fight the fires, the line under discussion sprung a leak and caused some worry on the part of those who knew its condition.

These facts were made known by City Engineer George Flaherty Sr., at the firemen's meeting last Tuesday night and he urged the bond issue as a measure to insure a remedy for the worn out water mains, before a break in the pipes would stop the water pressure on the occasion of a conflagration, that is liable to occur at any time.

VOTERS WILL DECIDE SITE

The choice for location for the city hall which will be built, if it is the will of the people, will be decided at the same election which will decide the fate of the proposition.

The election will be held on December 31 at which time the voters will vote "yes" or "no" on the bond issue question.

The election will be to decide if the City of Lemoore shall be bonded for \$50,000 for the purpose of building a city hall and to extend certain water mains, \$35,000 to be used to erect the city hall building and \$15,000 for the water main extensions.

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The ballots are being prepared and will be mailed out early next week by City Clerk Follett.

The various sites suggested for the city hall are as follows:

One—The old fire house site on the east side of Fox Street between D and the railroad, now owned by the city.

Two---The former First National Bank building and site at the northwest corner of D and Fox St.

Three---The James Wright property opposite the Standard Oil service station at the northwest corner of D and Follett Streets.

Four---The Blakeley residence site at the northwest corner of Fox and C Streets.

Five---The Heinlen property in the southwest corner of Heinlen and C Streets.

Lemoore Fire Hall – Tue. Dec. 28, 1923:

Special meeting of Lemoore Vol. Fire Dept. was called to order by Pres. Van Vlear at 8 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and after making necessary corrections were approved.

Under sickness, Mrs. B.J. Miller was reported as being sick with severe cold.

Moved, seconded and carried that bill of C.H. Wilson for candy be paid, amount of bill \$7.50.

Regularly moved, seconded and carried that there be no discussion in regard to site for new city hall, but that we take a straw vote and all support the majority. There were twenty five ballots cast as follows; Blakely Site 16, Old Site 4, Bank 3, and Hienlen 2.

Under good of the organization, Mayor John Dockstater and trustee C.V. Buckner gave interesting talks in manner of gaining votes for the bond election. Both gentlemen offered some good and timely advice that was accepted by the department.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed in regular form.

Roy L. Blessing Secy.

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December 28, 1923—Lemoore Leader:

MONDAY ELECTION DECIDES CITY'S IMPORTANT QUESTION

VOTERS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OR KILL BOND ISSUE PRO- POSITION AND SAY YES OR NO TO CITY WELFARE CITY HALL SITE TO BE SELECTED

Next Monday, December 31, the citizens of Lemoore will have an opportunity to voice their sentiments for or against the bond issue, by their vote. They will have an opportunity to say if they want a city hall and if they think it necessary to extend and overhaul the water conveyors of the city.

By their vote they will also say just what location they choose for the new city hall. They can say "Yes" to the whole business or they can say "No" and kill the issue for the time.

There are also a certain number who will cast a vote against city improvements and if there are sufficient to kill the proposition the city's set back just that much. If the issue carries, Lemoore will go ahead.

There is also a difference in opinion as to the proper place to locate the city hall, as cited in the instructions mailed out this week, but, of course, the majority will win. The various locations suggested and the prices asked for the sites are as follows:

The Heinlen property, Southeast corner C and Heinlen Streets, size 75 x 150
Price \$2,000.

The Blakely property, Northwest corner C and Fox Streets, size 100 x 125,
Price \$2,000.

The First National Bank building, Northwest corner D and Fox Streets, size 75
x 100, price as it stands \$30,000.

The James Wright property, Northwest corner of D and Follett Streets, size
50 x 100, \$3,500.

The old fire house site East side of Fox Street between D and E Streets, size
58 x 75, now owned by the City of Lemoore.

It should be remembered that the city hall is to be built for the future and should be located so that it will not interfere with the city's growth and at the same time should be convenient for the functioning of the various city departments. The fire department and police department should have proper housing for the fire trucks and patrol wagon and the storing place for city supplies. The city hall should

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not obstruct commercial buildings for the city's trade and traffic. The hall should be centrally located but, not hinder its own operation or that of the business houses by being too much on principal business streets.

The city hall is badly needed and the city should have a proper and convenient place to house its offices and various departments, but it is absolutely necessary that the water mains be repaired and replaced, at weak links, as soon as possible. The issue should carry to take care of these essentials.

The propositions that are placed before the voters to consider Monday are as follows:

PROPOSITION No. 1---Shall the City of Lemoore incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$35,000 for the acquisition, construction and completion of a city hall in and for said city, including the acquisition of a site therefor, the acquisition, construction and completion thereon of a city hall building and the equipment of such building?

PROPOSITION No. 2---Shall the City of Lemoore incur a bonded indebtedness in the principal sum of \$15,000 for the addition to the present water works system of said city of water mains and pipes and other works necessary and proper for supplying water for the use of said city and its inhabitants?

These propositions considered, the voter is equipped to do his duty at the polls. The instructions to voters are as follow:

To vote in favor of the proposition referred to in any of the following questions, stamp a cross (X) in the blank or voting square to the right of and opposite the word "YES," if that is the answer you desire to give. To vote against the proposition referred to in any of said questions, stamp a cross (X) in the blank or voting square to the right of and opposite the word "NO," if that is the answer you desire to give.

All marks except the cross (X) are forbidden and distinguishing marks or erasures are forbidden and make the ballot void.

If you wrongly stamp, tear or deface this ballot, return it to the Inspector of Election and obtain another.

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January 1, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

BOND ISSUE CARRIES CITY IS TO HAVE NEW CITY HALL LOCATED ON THE BLAKELY SITE

**ELECTION DECIDED IN FAVOR OF BOND ISSUE BY 196 MAJORITY OUT
OF 366---ON SITES, BLAKELY WAS 101 AHEAD OF NEXT HIGHEST VOTE**

The election which was held Monday to decide in favor of, or against the bond issue, carried by a majority of 196 in favor of the bond issue and favoring the issue for a city hall and 272 in favor of the issue regarding the water main extension.

In the vote on sites for the location of city hall, the Blakely site carried by a large majority, being 101 ahead of its nearest choice.

The detailed vote on the entire proposition was as follows: For the new City Hall, 383; Against the City Hall, 87; For the water main extension, 318; against water main extension, 46; Total votes cast, 664, with two votes destroyed.

The vote on the location to be used for the city hall was as follows:

Heinlen property, Southeast corner of C and Heinlen St.----21

Blakely property, Northwest corner of C and Fox St.-----195

First National Bank building, Northwest corner of D and Fox St.----37

James Wright property, Northwest corner of D and Follett----17

The old firehouse site, East side of Fox St. between E and D St.----?

A wild demonstration of fire whistles and bells followed the counting of the ballots that decided the issue. Wild confusion reigned on the streets.

The voting was slow up to three o'clock, only 167 votes being cast up to that time. A cloudy rainy day being the cause of the sluggish voting. The voting towards evening was spirited. Lemoore can and Lemoore will.

January 4, 1924—Lemoore Leader:

Firemen Appreciate Vote of Confidence

The members of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department desire to express their appreciation of the handsome way in which the citizens of Lemoore supported the bond election for a new city hall, fire house and adequate water mains. It is interpreted by them as a vote of confidence and they are determined to show their appreciation by being constantly ready to give the citizens of Lemoore the best possible fire protection and service that is within their power.

LEMOORE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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January 22, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

TO SELL BONDS FOR FIRE HOUSE

The city trustees passed an ordinance last night providing for the sale of the bonds to provide funds for the installation of the new water mains and the erection of the new city hall and fire house. The plans for the new municipal structure were discussed at some length, and it was finally decided to hold another meeting on next Monday night at which time it is hoped to come to a final decision as to the plans to be adopted for the building.

January 29, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

TRUSTEES ACCEPT PLANS FOR NEW CITY HALL

**ARCHITECT GUARANTEES COST OF STRUCTURE NOT TO
EXCEED \$27,500---WILL BE FORMALLY ACCEPTED AT NEXT MEETING**

At the special meeting of the city trustees held last night at the city clerk's office, the board virtually accepted the plans submitted by architect Earnest J. Kump, for the new city hall and fire house of Lemoore. After an explanation of his plans and the handsome sketch, the architect submitted to an hour of rapid fire cross-questions by members of the board and came out with flying colors.

The floor plan provides for city offices, fire house, jail, women's comfort room, men's room; the second story has a large assembly room 32x49 feet, that can be used for banquet, court room, a firemen's club room, a dormitory room and kitchen. The building itself will be a beauty from an architectural standpoint. The city clerk has the plans and the colored sketch in his office on display.

At last night's meeting, all the trustees were present except L.S. Stepp and Frank Blakely. The bonds are to be sold on the 18th of February and it is expected that the bid will be set and that work on the building will start sometime in April.

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February 5, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

LEMOORE CITY HALL AND FIRE HOUSE WILL BE CREDIT TO CITY

Those who have examined the plans and studied appointments and arrangements of the proposed new city hall and fire house that is to be built with the funds provided by the recent municipal bond election, are delighted with them.

A great deal of attention has been given to the plans from the artistic point of view, and the best taste in colorings and shades in the materials and decorations will be adopted. The plans for the landscape gardening are to be looked after with a view to making the total effect delight the eye. Much care is to be given the selection of the interior furnishings, so that an artistic building will not be ruined in appearance by a hit and miss conglomeration of junk.

Officials of the firemen, after having visited a number of cities of the valley and seen their new city buildings, state that Lemoore will have one of the most beautiful city halls in the entire valley.

February 19, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

BONDS SELL AT LARGE RATE

Lemoore's \$50,000 bond issue voted several weeks ago to raise funds with which to build a city hall, quarters for the fire department and the extension of water mains, sold for a flattering premium last night at the City Dad's meeting. With seven competitors, the bond buying firm of Pierce, Fair and Company, of San Francisco, won the purchase and its offer of \$3051 premium, par and accrued interest was accepted. The next nearest bid was that of the Anglo-London Paris Bank of San Francisco, with an offer of \$2,783 premium, par and accrued interest. The lowest bid was \$1,775.

The last bond matures in 1958. They carry 5 ½ interest each year until 1957, there is a \$1,000 bond and a \$500 bond falls due, and in 1958 the final bond of \$500 is to be met.

Plans are progressing for the construction of the new city hall and fire house. With money now available, building work, and the extension of the water mains will shortly start.

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April 22, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

BUCKNER IS NEW CITY MAYOR

NEW BOARD OF CITY TRUSTEES MEET AND ORGANIZE,
REJECT CITY HALL SITE, FACED WITH POSSIBLE SUIT ON BID

At the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lemoore last night, the three new members were sworn in by City Clerk L.L. Follett, who also retired from office after installing the new clerk, W.W. Sheahan.

Mayor Dockstater first called the old board to order, and went through the routine of adopting the resolution, declaring the results of the last election, besides hearing various communications relative to business that had been taken up by the old board. One or two of these communications had to do with the letting of the bid on installing the water mains recently arranged for in the bond issue. The attorney representing an Oakland constructing company, on the claim that his client was the lowest responsible bidder, demanded that his bid be accepted, with an assumed threat that legal steps would be taken to see that the board should grant the demand.

The old board adjourned and L.L. Follett swore the newly elected trustees into office. John Dockstater and Dr. Funk left their official chairs, together with L.L. Follett, and they joined the ranks of those who "stand on the outside and give'em hell." During the intermission, Dr. Funk made a statement to the press saying, "I did the best I could, I seek no praise, nor offer any apologies."

City Clerk Sheahan, acting as temporary chairman called the meeting to order for the election of a chairman, who should be ex-officio Mayor of the City of Lemoore. L.S. Stepp nominated Sanborn. Weiler nominated Buckner. Sanborn declined in favor of Buckner, who was elected by a vote of 4 to 1, the negative vote being from Buckner himself.

Mayor Carroll V. Buckner then took the chair and called the new board to order, first taking up the matter of the appointive offices. A motion was carried, declaring vacant all appointive offices. Then after reading the applications, the offices were filled as follows:

City Marshal-----Henry Dickenson
Fire Marshal-----T.P. Thomsen
Collector of water accts.-----Sheahan
City Recorder-----P. Carrasco
Sewer Inspector-----T.P. Thomsen

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Health Officer-----Dr. W.F. Edmonds
City Engineer-----Geo. P. Flaherty
Civil Engineer-----J.A. Ross
Asst. Civil Engineer-----Howard Odale
Asst. City Engineer-----Howard Tharp
Night Watchman-----M.C. Braga

Both the city marshal and the job of night watchman came in for some discussion. Some of the members thought that the marshal should be on the job all day, where he could be reached. It was pointed out that a fight had occurred in a pool hall, in which it is reported that one guy just about cleaned up on the rest of the town, while the marshal was in the country driving the school bus. No definite action was taken.

After two more applications were read for the night watchman's job, it was brought to light that the present job should be termed that of assistant at the water works, as that is his work. He gets out a few times during the night to get a little fresh air. No action was taken on the matter.

The clerk was authorized to secure an assistant at \$85 per month, during the assessment period which will last up to about the first of October.

The clerk was also instructed to get into communication with responsible auditors and get bids on auditing the city books.

The matter of the location of the new city hall and fire house was then taken up. The fact was brought out that it had been found that Mr. Blakely could only deliver a 98 foot frontage, when the board had accepted it as a 100 ft. frontage. After some discussion, during which the mayor took the floor, and after nonchalantly flicking the ashes from his cigar in the manner that usually signifies he has something important to say, told the new members of the board the history of the case, and explained that the inability of Mr. Blakely to deliver the specified frontage, released the board from abiding their decision to purchase the property. It was voted to instruct the clerk notify Mr. Blakely that the deed will not be accepted. There was discussion of other sites, including the northeast corner of the high school block, but no definite action was taken in the matter.

Secretary Potter presented to the board the matter of the City of Lemoore helping to maintain a large electric sign at the Goshen Highway junction, in co-operation with City of Hanford. After some discussion, the board went on record favoring the project and agreeing to pay not over \$48 per year for that purpose. All favored the proposition except Mr. Sanborn.

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The board also voted to allow the Citizens Committee in charge of the foot and mouth disease regulations to install a shower bath in the city camp grounds.

At an adjourned meeting on next Friday night, the various committees of the board will be appointed.

May 22, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

This is an exert from the meeting of the City Council: A motion was made and carried for the City to bid on the purchase of lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in block 75, which is part of the old high school site which will be sold Saturday. If purchased by the city, the site will be used for the erection of the new city hall, for which bonds have already been voted.

May 29, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

CITY OF LEMOORE BUYS OLD HIGH SCHOOL SITE FOR NEW CITY HALL

Expect To Start New Edifice Within Short Time

Bids on the old high school site were opened last Saturday night at a meeting of the High School Board of Trustees and the property on the corner of Fox and C Streets was sold to the City of Lemoore for \$2,500 cash. The property purchased includes the north east 125' x 150' and is situated just south of the Blakely site which had to be abandoned on account of short footage.

The money for the new city building, it is said, is now available and as the plans are practically complete, there is no reason for further delay and the work will probably start as soon as school is out.

It is expected that besides housing the various city departments, providing a suitable meeting place for the city trustees and accommodations for the fire department that the new city hall will provide quarters for the justice court and for the local Chamber of Commerce. The accommodations for the fire department are to include a hose tower, club rooms for the volunteer department and dormitories.

July 3, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

NEW CITY HALL TO START SOON

At a special meeting of the City Trustees held Monday night, the plans for the new city hall, with accommodations for the fire department, as finally revised and modified to meet the ideas of the present board of trustees by Swartz &

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Ryland, the architects, were accepted and a notice for bids to contractors was drawn up and is being advertised in this issue.

The site has already been purchased and the work of erecting the new building will start as soon as the bids are contracted. The bids must be in the hands of the City Clerk before 8 p.m. of July 21, 1924.

July 10, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

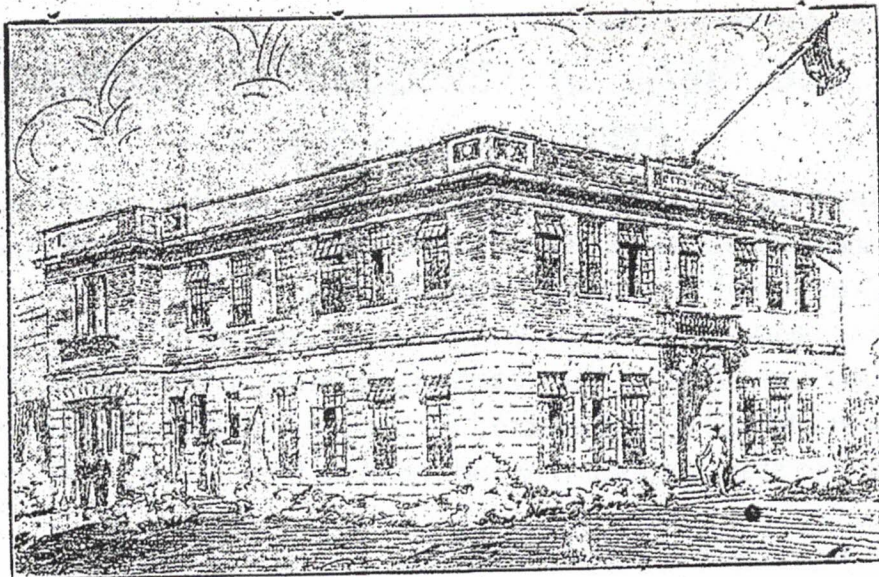
ARCHITECTS PLAN OF THE NEW LEMOORE CITY HALL

**Bids For the Structure To Be Opened July 21
Hall Will Provide Quarters for Civic Organizations**

Below, is a picture of the architects plan of the new City Hall which were accepted by the City Trustees at a recent meeting. Bids for the construction of the building are now being advertised and are to be opened July 21st.

The building is to cost \$35,000 and will be erected on part of the old high school site.

It will be 50' x 65', two stories in height, with special face brick exterior in variegated shades.



The first floor will be given over to the main entrance hall and lobby, the city clerk's office and two other large offices, one of which will probably be used for the chamber of commerce headquarters.

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The clerk's office will contain a large fireproof vault. The first floor will also have public restrooms for both men and women, accessible from both inside and outside the building. In the rear of the building will be located the engine room sufficiently large to house two fire trucks. The engine room will be equipped with regulation hose tower and standard firehouse door equipment. At the side of the engine house there will be erected a two cell jail to be used for emergency purposes.

The second floor will contain a civic hall, 26 x 50 feet with kitchen and storage room adjacent, to be used for all civic meetings. The fireman's quarters will be located on the second floor and will contain a large club room, locker room and dormitory. The engine room has direct connection with the dormitory by means of a circular iron stairway. The regulation brass slide pole will be installed leading from the dormitory to the engine room.

The architects have planned a building to meet the requirements of public service by constructing the building out of permanent material. Steel casement sash will be used throughout the building, such as used in the better class of buildings throughout the country. The floors will be of oak and the floors in the civic hall will be especially selected and treated for dancing.

When completed it will be one of the most modern buildings of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley.

July 24, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

A.C. NEAL OF LEMOORE IS AWARDED CITY HALL PROJECT

Monday night the Lemoore City Dad's met in regular session and among the important business that came before that body was the opening of bids submitted for the construction of the new Lemoore City Hall.

A.C. Neal, a local contractor, was awarded the contract from a field of eleven bidders. His bid was \$27,826. The nearest competitor in the bidding was E.F. Cahill.

The new city hall will be erected on the old high school site and the work of construction is to start immediately and it will be finished by December 1st.

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July 31, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

CITY HALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Contractor A.C. Neal has commenced operations for the construction of the new \$35,000 city hall to be erected on the corner of Fox and C Streets.

The frame structure of the high school has been moved back out of the way where it will be used temporarily until the new high school is completed.

Excavation has started for the new hall and actual construction will start immediately.

September 4, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

CORNER STONE CEREMONIES ON SEPTEMBER 26

According to the present plan of the city trustees, there is to be held on Friday, September 26, the joint corner stone ceremonies for the new city hall and the high school.

An effort is being made to get high officials of the Masonic order to be here to take part in the ceremonial. The firemen are expected to have a part with the city officials in the program.

A full announcement of the big event will be made next week.

September 18, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

FIREMEN PLAN CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR SEPT. 26

The plans that had been made for the joint ceremony at the cornerstone laying of the new City Hall and Fire House and the new High School building were knocked out by two blows.

The first blow was struck by the contractor on the City Hall job. It was found impossible to wait until September 26th to place the cornerstone as it was a structural part of the corner, so it has already been put in place. Blow number two was a message from the Grand Master of the Masonic Order to the effect that he was dated up to sometime in October and could not be here on Sept. 26.

And now, as the Masons cannot take part in any cornerstone ceremony unless there is actually a stone to place, the city trustees visited the meeting of the firemen on Tuesday evening and requested them to take charge of the ceremonies

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connected with consigning the mementos to the receptacle, putting them in the vault in the corner stone, and placing the bricks that will seal the records until they come to light again in some future generation.

The Firemen voted unanimously to accept the responsibility, committees were appointed by President Wilbur Stevens and the following program has been arranged:

Parade forms at 3 p.m. at Heinlen and B Streets; Route Heinlen to D St., D St. to Fox, Fox to the city hall; Selection by the High School Band; Prayer, Rev. Forrest Robinson; America, To be sung by all present; Address, Mayor C.V. Buckner; Reading of contents of box, Secretary Roy Blessing of the Fire Department; Box deposited by Blessing; Song, M.R. Landis; Placing of bricks, Chief Thomsen, Vice-President Weiler and Secy. Blessing; Oration, Rev. D.I. Moffett; Benediction, Rev. Forrest Robinson; Star Spangled Banner;

W.L. Stevens President of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department will be Chairman of the day.

Invitations are being sent by Secretary Blessing to the past Fire Chiefs to be present, or send some greeting to be read at the ceremony. It is possible that some masterpiece that is penned may be such as to merit a place in the vault.

The business houses have agreed to close for the occasion from 3 to 5 p.m. on Friday and all organizations are invited to join in the parade.

September 18, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

HIGH SCHOOL CORNER STONE LAYING OCT. 10

Word has been received by the local Masons that the Grand Master of California, Arthur S. Crites can be here on Friday, Oct. 10, to take the leading part in the High School corner stone ceremony. This date has therefore been set for the event and the program is being arranged and will be announced later.

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September 25, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

NEW CITY EDIFICE CORNERSTONE PROGRAM TOMORROW

**STORES OF LEMOORE WILL CLOSE FROM 3 TO 5 O'CLOCK
TOMORROW AFTERNOON FOR CEREMONY CHIEF OF FRESNO
FIRE DEPT. WILL BE PRESENT**

Everything is lined up and in readiness for the dedication of the cornerstone of the new City Hall and Fire House tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

An important addition to the program has been secured. Mr. Baird, Chief of the Fresno Fire Department is to make a short talk on fire prevention. Chief Baird is a very interesting talker and a man who has made good at his job.

Chief T.P. Thomsen of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department wants the 41 members of the department to be on hand, in full uniform, promptly at 3 o'clock on the east side of the city park, to receive instructions for their part in the parade. A special parade uniform has been adopted by the department, and these suits will tomorrow make their debut, be christened, initiated and dedicated—as it were.

The parade will start at 3 on Heinlen Street, east of the city park, proceed north to D St, west to Fox, and south to the new city edifice, where the program will be presented with W.L. Stevens as master of ceremonies.

In the parade will appear the three of four stages of firefighting equipment that Lemoore has possessed in the last 15 years, which promises to be an interesting feature. It was first the plan to get some of the old time organization to lead the parade with the old hand pump and the horse-drawn hose carts, but they have secured the Boy Scouts to act as their substitutes. Then will come the Ford chemical and the new fire engine, followed by the High School Band who will furnish the music for the march of the forty firemen and a doctor who will follow in military formation, a la Rabollo.

The City Dads, to whom a lot of credit is due for the efficient work that has been done in getting action and speed in the erection of the new building, will be in the parade, in a specially decorated automobile. Mayor C.V. Buckner stated this morning that the silk hats and Prince Albert coats for the trustees to wear on the occasion, have not arrived yet,, and the trustees are sure that the populace will excuse the omissions.

The program will start as described in the September 18th Lemoore Advance.

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October 2, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

Cornerstone Laid For New City Hall

The cornerstone ceremony of the new city hall and fire house was a success, both as a community get together, and a demonstration of the growth and present efficiency of the Lemoore Fire Department.

A spirit civic pride and community co-operation was evidenced by the large attendance and the fact that the stores of Lemoore all closed for two hours to witness the parade and attend the ceremony.

The parade started shortly after 3 o'clock at the east side of the city park and was led by a beautiful new model Studebaker which carried the City Trustees. Then followed an auto with other city officials, another car carrying Chief T.P. Thomsen of the Lemoore Department and Chief Baird and Lieutenant D.E. Britton of the Fresno Fire Department, who were guests of the city.

Next in the line of march came the chemical truck purchased by the city in 1917, then the new fire truck that is the pride of the city and the department.

The High School Band, all dressed in their classy uniforms, followed next in open formation, broadcasting inspiring music.

Then came the forty-one firemen in white uniforms in parade formation, followed by a troop of Boy Scouts hauling the old ladder wagon and hose cart.

W.L. Stevens, president of the department, presided at the very appropriate program. In calling the assemblage to order, President Stevens took occasion to say that as the Masonic order had been unable to officiate, the fire department had been asked to take charge of the ceremonies.

Mayor Buckner was then introduced and in a brief address sketched the history of the new building, the object of the ceremonies. Mayor Buckner told how on December 1st, 1923, a committee of firemen visited the city council requesting that steps be taken to secure a bond issue to raise funds with which to construct a city hall and provide new fire mains. The proposition was to secure \$50,000, \$15,000 of which would be for the fire mains and \$35,000 for the new building.

Some fear, said the mayor, was expressed that the bonds would not carry, but the firemen pushed a strenuous campaign with the result that on the last day of 1923, the bonds went over with a big majority.

The mayor also told of the selection of the site for the building. The plans and specifications, he said, were prepared by the firm of Swartz & Ryland, and the contract for the construction went to A.C. Neal, a local contractor, who in turn, sublet all contracts as far as possible to local workmen.

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According to the description given by Mayor Buckner, every contingency is provided for in the construction of the new building. On the first floor are offices for the city clerk, city marshal, city recorder and a room which will eventually be taken over by the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce as its headquarters. There is also a ladies restroom and ample space is provided for the firefighting equipment, and in addition, there is a jail equipped with two cells.

On the upper floor are dormitories for the use of the firemen, a well equipped kitchen and a council chamber, and there is also provided a room where civic or other public bodies may hold their meetings.

The success of the plans that have been so ably consummated, said the mayor, are the result of the fire department, and in closing he made a plea for general community interest that would cause the city to move forward still farther in civic progress.

The copper receptacle placed within the cornerstone contains the following as enumerated by Secretary Roy L. Blessing of the fire department.

The list of the members of the Lemoore Volunteer Fire Department:

Chief----T.P. Thomsen, 1st Assistant Chief----E.B. Fulghum, 2nd Assistant Chief--
---George McGlashan,
President----W.L. Stevens, Vice-President----E.W. Weiler, Secretary-Treas-
urer--- Roy L. Blessing
Past President and Trustee----M.R. Landis & H.D. Van Vlear Engineers----L.E.
Brittsan, Lansford Dockstater & B.J. Miller; Chemical----C.M. Winterberg, Cy Ried
& Ed Apperson;
Hosemen----W.C. Truckell, Walter Boles, Arthur Borges, John Wilson, Ray
Rabollo, Gordan Lewis, Wm. Rees, M.L. Waltz, A.N. Skoegard, Harry Harrington,
L.J. Burke, Lloyd Coats, Carl Poindexter,
Fred Straus, Bal Brothers, John Akeman, C.D. willis, A.E. Bodell, A.C. Schwartz,
Bob Long,
Richard Rose, R.J. Flaherty, Glenn Mayfield, And Howard Waite, Physician----Dr.
E.S. Garrett.

The list of city officials:---Mayor----C.V. Buckner, Trustees----J.C. Poindex-
ter, W.H. Sanborn,
L.S. Stepp and E.W. Weiler; City Clerk----W.W. Sheahan, Assistant City Clerk---Bert
E. Brown,
City Recorder----Peter Carrasco, City Treasurer---A.D. Campbell, Night Watch-
man---H.E. McCune,

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City Water Works Engineer-----G.P. Flaherty, Superintendent of Streets-----Howard Tharp

Fire Marshal & Sewer Inspector-----T.P. Thomsen, Health Officer-----Dr. W.F. Edmonds.

Newspaper clippings from the Lemoore Advance relative to the bond election and program of cornerstone laying of city hall.

Two official badges and a copy of the By-Laws of the present Lemoore Volunteer Fire Dept.

A copy of the official record of the proceedings of the city trustees relative to the bond issue which made this occasion possible.

The box was sealed by Fire Chief T.P. Thomsen, Vice-President E.W. Weiler and past President H.D. Van Vlear.

In a manner that aroused the patriotic spirit of the audience, Mitch Landis sang "the Flag That Has Never Known Defeat." He was accompanied by Mrs. L.E. Brittsan.

Rev. D.L. Moffett, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, was then introduced as the speaker of the occasion. His subject was "Building a Better City." Rev. Mr. Moffett opened his remarks in a rather humorous vein, addressing the firemen by saying "If the Presbyterian Church ever gets on fire, let it burn." He then stated that sometimes a fire is not the calamity that it is to be considered to be at the time, and he proceeded to note the many new buildings in Lemoore, citing the two bank buildings and how other buildings had been improved in appearance and now he said 'this new city hall is still a further step in the city's enterprise.

The oration delivered by Rev. Moffett was in part as follows;

Our permanent works remain as memorials to future generations. History is an intelligent record of man, his achievements and failures. Monuments bear mute testimony to past events. Future generations know us from our history and our monuments. Certainly, it is true, that our immediate successors will know us from other sources such as their inheritance. Have we left the soil impoverished for our children? Have we left a government that is unstable and corrupt? Or have we left a soil that is better than we found and a government that is permanent and just?

Communities, like individuals, should take stated reckonings as to their assets and liabilities, whether their trend is upward or downward. It is a good thing to have a place where a man can do better if he wills. Everyone should have a place of repentance and a place of resolve. No better time or place can be found for such a time for Lemoore than now. After this effort has become a fact, and we see the

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work of our united efforts gracing the landscape with another beautiful building, what better time could there be for us to take up another notch in the belt, comb the webs from our minds and dedicate anew himself, each one to this community. In our salute to the flag, we readily dedicate and consecrate self to the service of the flag. After all, is it not true that about all the service you and I render to our country and flag is done in the old home town?

Now every community has certain necessary institutions. No community in America is complete without them. We have homes, business houses, schools and churches. We are almost all agreed that these are necessary. Now, if we are to build a good community, all these parts must be well supported. If we neglect our schools, our future is menaced with ignorance. If we neglect our business enterprises, then our community is crippled. If the home is neglected, there is no base for supplies of future greatness. If the church is neglected, then we are adrift, with lawlessness in control. A town or community is like an individual. If one limb is crippled, then the whole body is. If the school is weak, then the community is weak in the head. If the church is weak, then it is weak in the heart. If the public officials are corrupt, then the community is loco.

It is easy to build a strong community, more so than to build a weak one. I know it sounds tame and old fashioned, but after all, there is much good in the homely, old fashioned is what it takes. Friendliness comes about by letting the past die. I think it would be a good thing to tear down the old fire house as soon as the new building is ready for occupancy. Scripture tells us that new wheat cannot grow without the death of the old; so it is with communities. The dead past should be buried every morning, or better still, the night before. If there was a man in town to whom you did not speak, forget it, speak to him on the morrow. Great are built out of good fellowship. Here is one monument, over there at the high school is another. Let us start our thinking anew for better building. Better buildings are emblematic of better men.

The speaking program was closed by Fire Chief Baird of Fresno, who gave a brief address on fire prevention.

Lemoore was indeed fortunate in securing Chief Baird for this occasion, for he is one of the leading authorities of the nation on fire prevention. At the recent national convention of fire officials at Buffalo, which was attended by Chief Baird, he was recognized as a national figure and received much credit for the great record he has made in reducing the fire loss by educational work in fire prevention.

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He congratulated the City of Lemoore and the fire department on the consummation of the plans for the splendid city hall and fire department and in connection with this declared that a fine fire equipment is not always the answer to prevent the great loss in lives and property occasioned by fire. "Good Housekeeping," he said, is the most effectual means of fire prevention and he urged every residence to see to it that their premises are not in a condition that invites, rather than prevents conflagration. He told how the City of Fresno has, by means of an educational campaign, decreased the fire losses \$400,000 annually. The greatest loss by fire, he said, is in homes, both of property and lives. This amounted in a year, according to figures quoted by the speaker, to \$508,000,000 in property and 15,000 lives. This, he declared, could have been prevented in a large measurer, by proper precautions and care. He closed with a tribute to the service rendered by the fire company and urged a close co-operation of the public in preventing fires.

The program closed with the benediction by Rev. Forrest Robinson, after which the high school band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

December 25, 1924—Lemoore Advance:

NEW CITY HALL WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

The contract for the installation of lighting and heating fixtures for the new city hall now under construction has been awarded to Marvel Lowe of this city and F.S. Stratton will furnish the building with the necessary furniture. Some of the desks and other articles now in use in the present city clerks' office have already been moved to the new location and it is expected that the new building will be ready for occupancy shortly after the first of the year.

Lemoore Fire Hall – Tue. Dec. 30, 1924:

Pres. W.L. Stevens appointed the following committee to make arrangements for the public opening of the new city hall. Chief T.P. Thomsen, Earl Wieler, C.V. Buckner and A.C. Schwartz.

Moved, seconded and carried that all past Presidents and Chiefs have picture taken and autographed, same to be framed and placed in new hall. This motion was amended to include all future past pres. and chiefs.