

## CITY SALARIES TO BE STUDIED BY COUNCILMEN

Request for Raise by Firemen, Policemen Will Be Up for Review.

## TO STUDY NEW GAS TANK

Petition for New Storage Receptacle Here on Agenda for Tonight.

A petition of Indiana Gas and Water company for installation of a liquid gas storage tank here for emergency use and a study of 1949 city salaries and wages are among business slated to come before the city council at its regular meeting tonight.

A wage and salary ordinance for 1949 was presented to the council at its meeting two weeks ago and was given first reading, subject to possible changes.

At the time the ordinance was presented, representatives of the city police and fire departments appeared before the council and entered a request for a \$25 a month increase for each member of the two departments.

### No Raise in 3 Years.

It was pointed out by the departments that the request was based on increased costs of living the past three years while wages and salaries have not been increased. The last increase in the two departments went into effect in 1945.

The increase asked by firemen and policemen would be in effect for the 12 months of 1949.

At the last meeting, council members stated that the request for an increase would be taken under consideration, but added that all wages and salaries would be reviewed in detail.

It was disclosed last week that Indiana Gas and Water company is planning to install a storage tank here for liquid gas, to be used only during peak loads when present gas transmission lines will not meet requirements.

### May Solve Shortage.

The installation is planned as a safeguard against industrial shutdowns during severe cold weather because of a shortage of gas. Liquid butane or propane would be stored in the tank.

In its petition the company explains that the tank would be installed on the company's property at the west end of Fifth street. The tank would have a capacity of 30,000 gallons and would be 67 feet long and have a diameter of nine feet. The tank would be above ground.

The company sets out that with the local installation and similar installations which it plans to place at strategic points, it hopes to be able to prevent curtailment of gas supplies to industrial plants during the winter seasons.

# 1948\_07\_18 Gas Co installs storage tank end of 5th street

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