

For the Consideration of Taxpayers and Voters of Roseburg

WHO PAYS THE TAXES?

1. Property owners, renters and roomers as well. Everyone must pay their share. Every time taxes are increased, UP GOES YOUR RENT AND BOARD.
2. The present city tax is over \$27,000. Should this ordinance bond issue carry it will add \$25,000. Making over \$52,000 or nearly double your present tax. Our company pays \$4400 taxes each year. If this bond issue is voted that amount will be lost to the tax rolls and will have to be made up by the present taxpayers, meaning an increase of 16 per cent.
3. Should the municipal plant be started for construction it will be at least 3 years before any revenue is received. Therefore the interest would amount to \$75,000 before a wheel is turned. Should this bond issue carry it would prevent us from making any further improvements to meet the requirements of the city, as much as we would like to do. Place yourselves in our position. Would you spend money for further improvements if you knew someone could confiscate your property at any time?
4. Please remember that this bond issue is for the construction of an electric power house only, which is a duplication of the present system, and not one dollar of it can be used for either the purchase of the present system, no matter how cheaply it could be acquired, nor to construct a gravity water system. THIS \$500,000 BOND ISSUE WILL NOT CHANGE YOUR PRESENT WATER SUPPLY

Read City Ordinance 722 Carefully

ORDINANCE No. 722

PROPOSED BY THE COUNCIL

Shall the amendment of subdivisions 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 of section 33 of the charter of the City of Roseburg, to authorize the acquisition of a water and light plant for said city, by original construction of an electric power plant at Whistler's Bend and by original construction, purchase or condemnation of the remainder of said electric light plant and all of said water works, authorizing the issuance and sale of bonds of the city in a sum not to exceed \$500,000.00, bearing interest at 5 per cent per annum, to be sold at not less than par, providing for the levy of taxes to pay the interest thereon and to provide a sinking fund to pay principal thereof and authorizing the Council to provide for the management, operation and maintenance of said system, as proposed by ordinance No. 722, be adopted?

VOTE 501 NO

It can be seen that City Ordinance No. 722, calling for an additional debt of \$500,000 on the city, specifically states that the new power house **MUST** be acquired by **ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION** and **MUST BE BUILT AT WHISTLERS BEND**. If this ordinance had been drawn to read that this \$500,000 could be used to "purchase or construct a water system" then the taxpayers would still have a trading asset which would be to the best interests of the city and permit them to negotiate to acquire or build. Then should it be for the best interest of the city to purchase the present system at a satisfactory figure they would be in a position to do so.

CONCLUSION----We ask of the voters to give us one year's trial to prove whether we are able to fulfill your requirements with our additional equipment of 2 new centrifugal pumps and the improvements on our electric generator, making it as good as new, which improvements were made at an expense of \$16,000 during the last six months. Then if we do not make good, the city can take any action they see fit.

Signed,
WM. POLLMAN
JOHN KIERNAN
J. B. YEON

DOUGLAS COUNTY LIGHT & WATER CO.