

## CITY BUDGET FOR 1905 PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

**Carries Total of \$63,970, Including \$17,000 for New City Hall--Tax Levies Decided Upon.**

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more than it was at the commencement of the year 1904."

**The Tax Levy for 1905.**

Mr. Nordstrom also presented an ordinance fixing the tax levies for 1905. The levies are the same as those for 1904—10 mills for municipal purposes and 1/2 a mill each for the library and the city park. The levy is based on an assessed valuation of \$1,854,668.

**As Compared With 1904.**

Last year's estimate of receipts was \$49,400, of which \$17,000 came from the municipal tax of 10 mills, \$1700 from the park and library levies, \$8599 from fines and forfeitures, \$17,200 from liquor licenses and \$5000 from sundry licenses. As a matter of fact, receipts for 1904 will be much greater than the estimate, as police court receipts will exceed \$10,000 and sundry license receipts will go well above the \$5000 estimated. The committee has been conservative in its estimates for 1905 and the year's receipts will probably be \$6000 or \$7000 in excess of the amount guessed at.

For 1905 the auditor's appropriation is \$200 more than for 1904; the treasurer's appropriation is \$240 greater; \$100 more is set aside for the janitor, fuel and lights; the appropriation for the police court and the jail is \$100 less; the surveyor's office gets \$100 more; \$2000 is cut from the appropriation for street repairs, and unforeseen expenses are estimated \$320 lower. The appropriation for the office of the street superintendent is \$120 less than it should be, while the appropriation for the police department is \$240 less than the salaries will aggregate. The lighting appropriation remains the same, but there will be a small amount to make up in this item, as new lights have been installed.

**Committee is Conservative.**

Mr. Nordstrom explained that the committee had followed its usual conservative policy of appropriating only such amounts as would be absolutely essential to proper conduct of the city government. In some of the departments reductions had been made, he said. He pointed out the street-repair fund reduction, explaining that many new streets had recently been built and that repairs would be less numerous than heretofore.

"We have striven to provide some money for the new city hall," said the chairman of the ways and means committee of the ways and means committee we can have paid for the new hall and not increased the debt, and this, too, without adding any additional burden to the taxpayers."

**Trouble in the Third Ward.**

The Third ward is again in trouble. Since the great storms have raged

that part of town has been deluged. Back in the hills there originates a stream of water which spreads promiscuously over the country, washing away property and playing havoc with street improvements. The people living there last night petitioned the council for relief. They want drains or something else, and if they don't get them they may invoke the aid of the law. They even went so far as to recommend the employment of a drainage engineer to prepare some scheme for betterment of conditions.

Mr. Lebeck wanted to know why those people didn't make some effort to help themselves. He said other people were required to build their drains and streets, and he couldn't figure out why the city should be asked to spend its money in the Third ward. He said the people of the east end had fallen into the habit of fighting like cats and dogs, and that all effort to assist them had failed because of this lack of harmony. "Let them do as we of the west end do," declared the councilman. "When we had big slides in our end of town we formed a club and made the necessary repairs."

This prompted Mr. Nordstrom to declare that the west end was an exception; that the people always acted concertedly there, because they were all of one race. "In the Third ward we have Americans, Chinese, Norwegians, Swedes, Italians, Irishmen, Englishmen, Frenchmen, Germans and people of other races," said he. "We find it impossible to agree at all times."

Mr. Morton believed the people should meet the street committee and talk over the matter, deciding upon some plan of improvement. This suggestion finally took the form of a motion, and the committee will meet the property owners of the district next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Malagamba's place in the east end.

**Must Get Off the Street.**

When the Grand avenue improvement was undertaken exacting property owners demanded that all bulkheads be removed from the street. The Catholic church bulkhead was a few inches in the street and a demand was made that the church be requested to remove it. A similar demand was made because a bulkhead inclosing the Gray property was slightly in the street. Neither bulkhead interfered with the street and the objection was purely technical. The Catholic church people expressed their willingness to remove their bulkhead, but last night they presented a remonstrance against the improvement until such time as all obstructions were removed. The remonstrance came from Father Waters. It was referred to the street committee, which will require property owners to remove all obstructions. The really funny phase of the situation is that several stone walls owned by erstwhile remonstrators are on the street, and their removal will be very expensive.

**Two Ordinances Killed.**

The ordinance providing for the annual election of a fire chief was killed. The story goes that Third ward councilmen asked for this measure, which provided that the council should elect a fire chief at the first meeting in January of every year. Under the present law the fire chief holds office during

good behavior. When the bill was called up for third reading last night Mr. Belland said he was opposed to politics in municipal affairs; that he was opposed to such measure as had been presented. The ordinance was killed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Hansen, Kaboth, Lebeck and Morton; noes, Messrs. Burns, Belland, Leinenweber, Nordstrom and Robinson. Mr. Burns deserted the Democrats and voted with the Republicans. The defeat of this ordinance was another distinct victory for the minority.

The bill increasing theater licenses, so far as they apply to 10-cent shows, was withdrawn by Mr. Kaboth. He said he had introduced the measure in the best of faith, and believed it was just, but he was given to understand that it could not pass, and, therefore, wished to withdraw it. Mr. Belland wanted to have the vote taken, as it had been stated to him that the council would pass any ordinance introduced. He wanted to show the people that the council wouldn't pass anything offered. Mr. Burns came to Mr. Kaboth's assistance and his motion for withdrawal of the bill prevailed.

**Other Measures Considered.**

An ordinance extending until January 15 the time for the completion of the sewer on Sixth street from Exchange street to Irving avenue was passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance to confirm the assessment for the improvement of Ninth street from Franklin avenue to Jerome avenue went over. There has been considerable objection to this assessment.

An ordinance providing for the improvement of Forty-third street from Franklin avenue to Duane street was passed under suspension of the rules. The street is to be planked to the width of 20 feet. It must be completed by April 1.

An ordinance authorizing the committee on public property to advertise for bids for the city printing for 1905 was introduced, but went over.

An ordinance establishing the grade of Irving avenue between Eleventh and Fourteenth streets was passed under suspension of the rules.

An ordinance appropriating \$1945 out of the special fund to pay J. A. Fastabend for the improvement of Duane street from Sixteenth to Seventeenth street was introduced, and went over.

Resolutions were adopted providing for equalization of the assessments for the improvement of Commercial street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth, Grand avenue from Twelfth to Seventeenth and Duane street from Thirty-seventh to Thirty-eighth. A resolution was also adopted to establish the grade of Hume avenue from Bond street to Commercial street.

The council adjourned until tomorrow night, when the Ninth street and Franklin avenue improvements will be considered. Some alterations must be made in the plans for the improvements.

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