

MAYOR IN BUDGET RECOMMENDS TAX LEVY, 5.80 MILLS

Estimates Taxable Valuation of Property at \$275,000,000 to Be on Safe Side—Figures Carefully Trimmed.

Mayor Russell's annual budget to the city council, recommending a tax levy on 5.80 mills to provide for all municipal expenditures during 1912, was filed in the office of the city auditor this morning.

The figures submitted by the mayor are the result of a week of careful trimming and represent the minimum of taxes with which the mayor believes the business of the city can be economically and at the same time progressively conducted.

Payable from funds derived from general taxation: Fire department \$773,160.00, Police department \$410,980.00, Interest on bonded indebtedness \$46,800.00, etc.

Total \$5,420,725.78

The above statement does not include levy for sinking fund to provide for due, and levy for special bridge fund to provide for the payment of bridges and fills across ravines and gulches.

Not Payable by Taxation: Payable out of general fund derived from license and sources other than general taxation.

Mayor's office \$3,800.00, Auditor's office \$3,500.00, City engineer's department \$10,235.00, City auditor's office \$1,200.00, Municipal judge's office \$4,500.00, etc.

Total \$648,440.20

Deduct amounts duplicated \$ 9,623.20

Grand total \$638,817.00

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Bonded Indebtedness Interest Fund: Estimated balance January 1, 1912, \$20,492.50, Estimated receipts, \$4,800.00, Transfer from water fund, \$5,000.00, \$29,292.50, Disbursements: New York commission, \$ 300.00, Interest coupons maturing during 1912, \$29,410.00, Estimated amount to be paid as interest on bonds to be sold: Jail bonds, \$ 8,000.00, Park and boulevard bonds, \$ 9,000.00, Dog bonds, \$11,250.00, Auditorium bonds, \$10,000.00, Broadway bridge bonds, \$ 5,000.00, \$34,250.00, Amount to be raised by tax, \$298,867.60, Levy, \$298,867.60, "After deducting the estimated balance from the estimated disbursements there will remain a surplus of \$298,867.60. Produce sufficient funds to meet the interest charge and I recommend such levy. Lighting Fund: "The estimate filed by the committee on lights of the executive board aggregates \$41,020. The city holds \$9000 of improvement bonds purchased from proceeds of the lighting fund, and I recommend that these bonds be sold and the proceeds applied to the maintenance of street lights, and that in addition a levy of 25-100 of 1 mill be made to cover the expense of street lighting during the year 1912. The property owned by the city in the suburbs has very little fire and police protection and a few lights is about all they get for the money they pay as taxes, and I do not think that they should be overlooked in this respect. Street Repair Fund: "The estimate filed by the city engineer for the payment of the expense of conducting his department chargesable to the general fund aggregates \$210,352, which I approve after making the following changes: Deduct from blue print supplies (which are provided for elsewhere) \$1,500.00, Add for expense of one motorcycle, \$60.00, City Attorney: "The estimate filed by the city attorney aggregates \$19,935.00, which I approve after making the following reductions: In salary of one deputy, \$ 300.00, In salary of three stenographic clerks, \$ 600.00, Expense of litigation and stationery (which is provided for elsewhere) \$ 3,000.00, "The estimate of the municipal judge for \$460 is approved after deducting \$600 for miscellaneous supplies, which is elsewhere provided for. Inspection of Buildings: "The estimate filed by the inspector of buildings aggregates \$36,612. With reference to this estimate I would recommend as follows: That the item for clerk hire be increased \$ 20.00, That the item for maintenance and printing and telephone service be stricken out as they are provided for elsewhere, 1,073.00, That one deputy be eliminated, 1,500.00, That the salary of the chief inspector of electricity be reduced to present rate, \$ 300.00, \$2,562.00, That provision be made for the purchase and maintenance of two motorcycles at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, "This will effect a saving of \$1,872, and the efficiency of the service in this department greatly increased. "I do not deem it advisable to provide an automobile for this department, for the reason that two motorcycles will do practically the same work as two automobiles, and there is no comparison when it comes to expense. I approve this estimate with the above changes. Health Officer: "The estimate filed by the health officer aggregates \$1,134, and is approved after deducting the sum of \$450 for transportation, which is elsewhere provided for. Civil Service Commission: "The estimate of the civil service commission amounts to \$5,000. The following reductions are recommended: In salary of stenographic clerk, \$180.00, Stationery and office supplies, and miscellaneous expenses, which are provided for elsewhere, \$ 600.00, "I approve the same after making the above reductions. Sealer of Weights and Measures: "The estimate filed by the sealer of weights and measures aggregates \$487. I recommend reductions as follows: In salary of sealer of weights and measures, \$300.00, In salary of deputy sealer of weights and measures, \$ 80.00, \$ 380.00, "I approve the same after making the above reductions. Pound Department: "The estimate filed by the pound master aggregates \$723. I recommend the following reductions: In salary of pound master, \$120.00, In salary of deputy pound master, \$ 80.00, \$ 200.00, "I approve the same after making the above reductions. Garbage Crematory: "The estimate filed by the superintendent of the garbage crematory is based on 50 cents per ton, and other expenses in connection with the crematory increases the total to \$2,639. I do not think it is advisable to make any reduction in this estimate, and approve the same for the amount stated. Expense City Hall Janitor Department: "The aggregate of this estimate as filed by the head janitor is \$20,390, and I recommend that the item of furniture be reduced from \$1500 to \$600. With said change I approve the same. Miscellaneous Expenses, General Fund: "The estimate filed by the auditor of expenses payable out of the general fund that do not come under the head of any particular department aggregates \$152,780, the items comprising said estimate being as follows: Assessments on city property for street improvements and construction of sewers, \$ 5,000.00, Pay viewers on street extensions, \$ 4,000.00, Advertising, \$10,000.00, Stationery and blanks, \$ 7,500.00, Relief of certain persons, \$ 3,000.00, Expense of litigation, \$ 5,000.00, Expense of license tags, \$ 750.00, Salary of council, \$ 4,800.00, Miscellaneous expense of council, \$ 1,000.00, Miscellaneous expense of general, \$ 2,500.00, Elections, \$40,000.00, Car fare, \$ 4,500.00, Purchase of street improvement and sewer warrants, \$60,000.00, Vault room and metal furniture, \$15,000.00, Salary, gratifier, \$ 960.00, Expense vice commission, \$ 8,000.00, Installation of telephone exchange, \$ 600.00, Exchange operator, \$ 730.00, \$152,780.00, "The item of elections, \$40,000, is to provide for the expense of a special election