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Detailed Analysis Proposed City Budget

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After a study of Schedules II and IV of the General Fund Budget, readers will find the Summaries, Schedules I and II are easily understood.

The first item under Schedule III is the Recorder's Salary at \$275.00 per month. The next 7 items are self explanatory. The amount allowed for City Hall, Jail & Fire Hall is to cover the costs of minor repairs, buy lights, pay for Janitor Service and buy office equipment such as pencils, paper, etc. The amounts for fuel, telephone and insurance are just barely enough for each. The \$600.00 for car expense is to pay operation cost and pay the difference on a new one. Past experience has shown that this is the most economical way of handling our Police car. The item for police department is to pay one salary of \$275.00 per month, one of \$255 per month, hire extra help for special occasions, hire a police matron, when needed for handling female prisoners, buy record forms, traffic tickets, and a uniform allowance.

Other items of the Budget are for the following purposes:

Fire Department—New hose, pay firemen, keep trucks running, heat fire hall. \$2,500.00

State—Industrial Accident Commission, based on salaries. \$300.00

City Parks—Buy mower, power for irrigation, pay extra help. \$1,250.00

Library—Pay Librarian, light bills, janitor service, bldg. repairs. \$300.00

St. Commissioner—Pay half of Supt.'s salary because it is illegal to charge the State Tax Street Fund for work done on the water system, or for the time spent on building inspection, etc. \$1,800.00

Street Lights—Actual costs when new lights are installed. (This will be covered by new revenues from Franchise Taxes and Business Licenses). \$2,500.00

Principal—on Bonded Debt, \$2,000.00 explained in the beginning of this article.

Emergency—Budget Law requires that an amount be allowed for Emergencies, and it is dangerous not to do so. \$2,500.00

Donations & Miscellaneous—Could be left out, but it will be wisely spent or not at all. Gave to the Community Christmas Party, last year. \$50.00

After the committee had decided on these amounts, they had to make estimates of receipts, cash on hand and tax levies to equal the total. Explanation of Estimated Receipts follows:

Fines, \$1,000.00—Mostly from Disorderly Conduct. Traffic fines must

be spent on the streets and are shown in Street Fund Budget.

Permits & Fees—\$400.00, Bldg. Permits.

Amusement Taxes & Licenses—\$2,000.00, Music Machine, Free play Slot Machines, Carnivals, etc.

Sale of Granite—\$250.00, M. C. Lininger & Sons pay 7 1/2% Royalty on all Granite sold from City Pit.

Liquor Tax Apportionment—\$750.00, Paid to the City from State Liquor Revenues.

Franchise Taxes—\$1,250.00, COPCO and City Sanitary Service Co.

Refund of State Gas Taxes—\$175.00, State Tax on gas burned in city vehicles.

Bike Licenses—\$50.00, 200 licenses @ 25c each.

Business Licenses—\$1,200.00, 80 Businesses @ \$15.00 each.

Miscellaneous—\$50.00.

Cash on hand—\$8,500.00, Expected to have on deposit on July 1, 1950.

These amounts total \$15,625.00,

which, when subtracted from the total estimated expenditures of \$28,135.00, leaves \$12,510.00 which must be levied to balance the Budget.

The State Tax Street Fund is balanced with estimated expenditures exactly equaling estimated receipts. State laws require that receipts from these sources must be spent on streets and street work, only.

The 6% Limitation on Tax Levies does not allow a levy of 6% more than the total tax levy for last year, which was \$20,681.00. It only allows an increase of 6% over the amount which was levied inside the limitation, last year, which was \$5,657.33. Possible increase, without an election is \$339.44.

Taxes will be substantially less than they were last year because nearly every person who paid a tax last year has had his Assessed valuation reduced 16 2/3%, the School board is levying approximately 4 mills less and the City Budget calls for a levy of approximately 8 mills less.

The only way that expenditures allowed in this budget, could be reduced, would be for the Council to fire part of the city employees or to make drastic cuts in salaries, which would amount to the same thing.

Go to the polls next Thursday and give the Council and the Budget Committee your vote of Confidence.

Miss Janice Gladden Visitor in City

Miss Janice Gladden accompanied Miss Patsy Faber home from Willamette University where they completed their freshman year. She was a room mate of Miss Faber at Lausanne Hall and the girls are members of Delta Gamma sorority. Janice was here in the valley for a week, as a guest at the homes of Miss Faber and Miss Marlene Vincent, another roommate of Medford, before returning to her home in White Salmon, Washington.

Friday Patsy, Janice, Jean Hamilton and Lila Novak, visiting in the valley from Verdigris, Nebraska, went to the Faber cabin at the Lake O' Woods for the week end; rain and troubles with their boat filled most of the week end.

Monday Janice, Patsy, Lila and Aylene Hopkins were guests at a luncheon, given by Mrs. C. W. Anhorn.

Nelson A. Briggs and family, of Central Point have moved to Los Angeles to make their home there.

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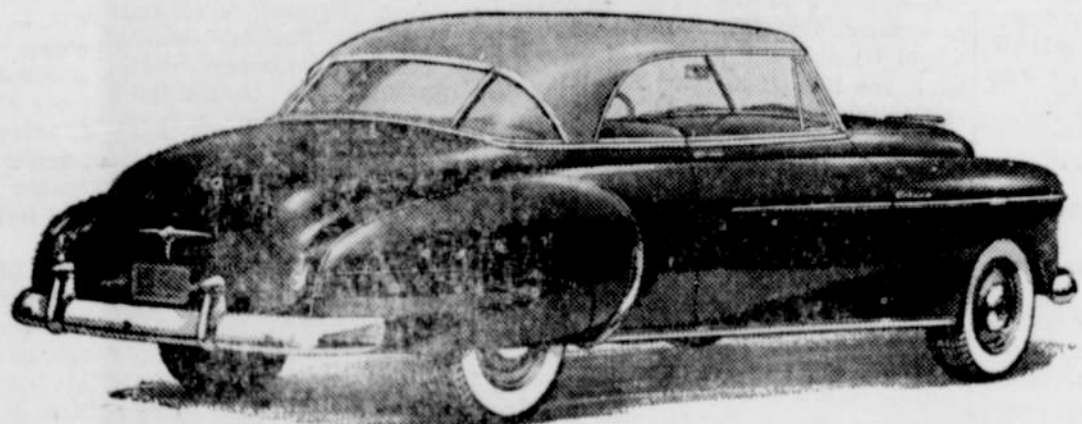
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