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CITY BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR \$29,729

Estimates Prepared by Committee Showing Expenditures for Year; Fire and Police Require Increased Amounts; Sinking Fund Raised \$2000.

Calling for a gross expenditure of \$29,729 for 1927 the Springfield City budget board prepared estimates at the annual meeting Monday evening. The budget is greater by \$1305 than last year but the total actual running expenses of the town has not been materially increased. The board placed \$7000 in the bond sinking fund an increase of \$2000 over this year.

An increase is shown in both the fire and police departments due to full time paid firemen now employed with the inauguration of a new system. Next year there will be used \$2300 for each of these departments compared with \$1630 last year for police and \$325 for the fire department.

The street department was cut in half but \$1500 being allotted to this work next year. Street cleaning and flushing costs were increased to \$1380 or \$300 more than last year. Street Commissioner George Vallier will receive \$25 more a month out of which he is expected to hire his own help.

The city's bonded indebtedness, the first issue of which comes due in 1931, is shown to be \$35,000 in the first issue of general obligation bonds, \$35,000 in the second issue, \$50,000 in sewer bonds due in 1944, \$35,000, refunding bonds due 1932, sewer bonds \$900 and fire engine bonds \$7000. These bonds total \$162,900.

The budget committee called a meeting of the taxpayers for November 22 to approve or protest the budget. A complete detail account of the budget is published in other columns of this issue.

SHEDD, BEATEN ONCE, PLAYS LOCALS FRIDAY

Beaten once but determined to come back with a vengeance, the fighting Shedd High School gridgers will face the undefeated Springfield eleven on the local field tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Coch Walter Fenwick's proteges are back in good shape after numerous illnesses, and expect to repeat the victory won over Shedd, 13 to 0, last Friday.

In Friday's game, Springfield concentrated its scoring in the first quarters. A pass from Cowart to Cox across the goal line accounted for one touchdown, and McPherson plugged his way through the Shedd line for a second. Springfield led down from that time on, and, although did no more scoring, held the Shedd team.

Blakely in Accident

J. M. Blakely, aged civil war veteran of Marcola, was badly shaken up in an accident near Wendling Sunday. Blakely's car was struck by another machine, suffering considerable damage. Accompanying the veteran at the time were his wife and son.

Hayes Goes South

Bob Hayes has traded his Tenth street property here for a service station and auto camp east of Grants Pass, Oregon, and has left for the southern city. More than an acre of ground is included in the Grants Pass property, and Hayes plans to erect more cabins for the auto camp.

Wins Contest

Winifrid Tyson, daughter of W. P. Tyson, won the slogan contest conducted among employees of the Booth-Kelly Lumber Company and their families in the interest of safety first. Her slogan was "Safety First, Not Sorrow Afterwards."

Larson On Trip

Jack Larson made a special trip to Portland early this week in an effort to obtain an early play date on Mare Norstrum, the photoplay from Ibanez' well known story. Other big pictures were arranged for local showing on the trip.

Larson has arranged to give the Springfield High School football team a free show as a result of the victory over Shedd, 13 to 0, last Friday. Larson has agreed to give the team a free show after every victory this season.

School Budget to Be Made Friday

Last Year's Cost of \$48,352 is Thought To Indicate 1926-27 Figures

It cost the Springfield district \$48,352 to operate its schools last year, a slight increase over the scheduled budget, it is stated by Superintendent V. D. Bain, who is preparing figures for tomorrow night's meeting of the school budget board.

Because the district expects to take up a considerable amount in bonds this year, the 1926-27 budget probably will equal the expense of last year, the superintendent said. Last year's budget called for expenditure of \$45,422.50

Meeting with the school board as a budget committee tomorrow night at the City hall at 7:30 o'clock will be C. A. Swarts, former board chairman, George Ditto and J. C. McMurray. The committee expects to be able to outline the entire financial program for the next year before the meeting adjourns.

Following the arrangement of the budget by the committee, a taxpayers meeting to adopt or reject it will be called, probably for some time in November.

CITY DISPOSING OF LAND OWNED TO INDIVIDUALS

The sale of five acres of river bottom gravel land which the city owns west of town for \$250 was authorized at the meeting of the city council Monday night. The mayor was given authority to sell this land and also a lot in Riverside addition for \$50. The city has taken over many pieces of property lately and has several prospective buys for different lots.

The graveling of K street between Mill street and Kelly boulevard was ordered by the council on petition of the property holders. This street has been graded but never gravelled.

The chief of police was authorized to employ a dog catcher paying a commission of 25 cents a head for dogs caught without collars. Much complaint about dogs running at large without collars have been received lately, council say.

The council ordered the removal of all wooden approaches to curb gasoline filling stations. There are two such approaches on Main street and an application for the third. Councilmen took the position that they were trying to beautify the Main street with ornamental lights and that the wooden approaches were unsightly. The street department also have complained about the landings clogging the gutters.

Mrs. Josephine Stevens

At the age of 87, Mrs. Josephine Stevens died yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alice

Look For This Measure on Your Ballot

LANE COUNTY

Submitted by Order of the County Court:

\$75,000 SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE BOND ISSUE

Shall there be issued serial bonds of Lane County, Oregon, to the amount of \$75,000, bearing interest at not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to be redeemed serially as follows: \$15,000 five years from the date of the issuance thereof, and \$15,000 annually thereafter until entirely redeemed, to provide funds to be matched by an equal sum by the State Highway Commission of Oregon, for the construction of a bridge across the Willamette River in Lane County, Oregon, connecting the Pacific Highway with the City of Springfield. Vote YES or NO.

500 Yes.
501 No.

Engineer Says New Bridge Should be Built

That the life of the old bridge across the Willamette river will not be longer than two years is indicated by Bridge Engineer C. B. McCullough of the State Highway Department. In a report on the structure to the Lane county court he says the old bridge is badly overstressed, in some members almost to the yielding point.

Following is Engineer McCullough's report.

"Calculations made by this department discloses the fact that while the bridge is not absolutely dangerous to traffic, it is pretty badly overstressed. If the present structure is to be carried in service for a period in excess of two years, it will be necessary to make another thorough investigation at the end of that time and it is quite probable that considerable reinforcement will be found necessary. At the present time some of the joints and connections are pretty badly overstressed in rivet bearing and in shear and some of the main diagonal members are stressed nearly to the yielding point of the metal under standard highway loading. Extensive repairs to the roadway and decking will also be necessary, if the structure is to be carried for any considerable period. Altogether the old steel span has outlived its usefulness and should be replaced by a modern structure as soon as funds can be made available for the purpose. C. B. McCULLOUGH, Bridge Engineer."

From the above report there can be no doubt but that the old bridge is fast reaching the end of its usefulness. It would be foolishness to permit it to stand until a person would "take his life in his hand" to cross it. On the other hand if it were condemned and closed up for a year or two while a new bridge was being built there would be a great hardship worked on this community and traffic between Springfield and Eugene and over the McKenzie highway.

It is only using good common sense to vote for the \$75,000 bridge bonds now when the state stands ready to match the amount to build a modern steel bridge across the river at the foot of Main street.

Shaw, on West Seventh street. Mrs. Stevens came to Springfield 14 months ago from Roundup, Montana. She is survived by her daughter and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Walker chapel tomorrow with Rev. Gabriel Sykes in charge.

Dr. Rebhan Writes—Dr. W. C. Rebhan has written to Dr. Paul Petteplace from Rochester, Minn., where Dr. Rebhan is spending a month studying with Mayo brothers. The local physician said that he was enjoying his work at Rochester very much.

Klovdahl Proposes Sewer Extensions

Three Projects To Cost \$30,700 Suggested In Report Of City Engineer

Extensive sewer construction projects reaching an estimated cost of \$30,700 are advocated in a report on Springfield's sewer situation submitted to the City Council by City Engineer Simon Klovdahl.

Due to the fact that the present system is being used to capacity, Engineer Klovdahl advises a new extension running independently of the Main line.

Klovdahl has divided the proposed extension into three main projects, as follows:

District No. 2, south of Mill Race: 670 feet of 10 inch sewer on Mill street from Main street to South B street; 1420 feet of 8 inch sewer from South B and Mill street east of Second, and south on Second to alley between E and F streets; 6 inch laterals through blocks 8 and 41, 9 and 42, 10 and 43 and a 6 inch lateral on Fourth street from the center of block 42 south to the city limits. Costs of this projects, \$7000.

Relief Sewer: 300 feet of 36 inch trunk sewer from the present outfall to north D and Kelley streets; 400 feet of 30 inch trunk sewer on D street from Kelley to Water street, and 430 feet of 18 inch trunk line on D from Water to Mill. Cost \$4,700.

For north part of city: 2600 feet of 24-inch sewer from D and Water streets to K street in alley between Water and Mill streets; 2900 feet of 21 inch sewer east on K street to Seventh street. Cost \$19,000.

While the council did not act Monday on Klovdahl's recommendations, the survey will be considered at an early meeting and a decision made, it was said at the City Hall.

KIWANIS AND ROTARY FOR SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE

Endorsement of the Springfield bridge and bond issue was given this week by both the Kiwanis and Rotary service clubs in Eugene. These clubs joined the Lions and Chamber of Commerce in unanimous endorsements of the \$75,000 bond issue.

E. E. Morrison, chairman of the Bridge committee of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, F. B. Hamlin and S. R. Dippel spoke before the Kiwanis club on Monday. The Kiwanis gave the issue unanimous approval. On Tuesday Mr. Morrison, W. C. McLagan and H. E. Maxey appeared before the Rotary club and were likewise received with enthusiasm.

The bridge bond issue is sure to meet with a very favorable vote among the business men of Eugene, the bridge committee feels. Likewise Junction City and Cottage Grove will support the measure, it is felt. The bridge bond issue is the only one that has ever come before the people with endorsements of every chamber of commerce and service club in Lane county.

CHAMBER PLANS BRIDGE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

Arrangements for an advertising campaign in behalf of the Springfield bridge bond issue were made at the regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce last Friday evening. The plans was to run a quarter page advertisement in all the newspapers in Lane county before election time.

Discussion on ways of getting a large vote out in Springfield led to the Chamber of Commerce asking the civic club to make a canvass of the city a day or two before election urging people to vote. Heretofore Springfield has only voted about 30 per cent and it is desired to get as nearly a 100 per cent vote as possible. The committees of the Chamber which visited Junction City and Cottage Grove Chambers of Commerce and Eugene service clubs made a report that they had secured endorsement of all these bodies and had encountered no opposition from any individuals.

Pheasant Season Ends

A short week of Pheasant hunting ended Sunday for Springfield nimrods, many of whom declared that the luck during the abbreviated season was unusually bad this year. This is partly due, aunts believe, to the fact that the season came so late that the birds have gone to the timber and are badly scattered by this time.

VOTERS AT POLLS ON NEXT TUESDAY

Candidates Ending Campaigns For Offices This Week; Incumbents Opposed in Race For Treasurer And Recorder; Bridge Issue Interests.

With election but five days distance, candidates for local offices and their friends are putting forth final efforts in the interests of their cause this week. The campaign in state, county and city will come to an end next Tuesday, when the polls will open at 8 o'clock to remain at the voter's disposal until 8 in the evening.

Despite the fact that competition has developed in the race for two offices—those of recorder and treasurer—little has been done to fan interest in purely local issues at stake in the coming election. A heavy vote here, however, is sought by advocates of the Springfield bridge bonds issue, which requires the favor of the entire county if authorized.

Incumbents Opposed Incumbents in two city offices, Treasurer Wm. G. Hughes and Recorder R. W. Smith, are seeking re-appointment. Opposing Hughes is Dwight Kessey, while the recorder-ship is being sought by City Attorney I. M. Peterson. W. P. Tyson and George Stewart have no opposition in their candidacy to succeed M. J. McKim and R. E. Moshier, councilmen whose terms expire.

The polling places in the four Springfield precincts follow: Precinct No. 1—Emery residence near Second and Main; Precinct No. 2—City Hall; Precinct No. 3, Lincoln School; Precinct No. 4—House on A street between Eight and Ninth streets. Signs will direct voters to the latter polling place.

Boards Announced Announcement of election boards in the Springfield precincts was made today, as follows:

Precinct No. 1—Day board: Evelyn Emery, chairman; Elsie Stewart, John Fitzgerald, Clara Hinson, Mary E. Male. Counting board: H. M. Stewart, chairman; Bertha Fitzgerald, Gertrude R. Wilson, Mrs. W. P. Tyson, Robert O. Carr.

Precinct No. 2—Day board: A. J. Perkins, chairman; E. P. Thurman, Maude T. Bryan, Hattie E. Myers, Ida T. Adams. Counting boards: John Ketels, Sr., chairman; L. K. Page, Mrs. R. Montgomery, A. W. Lansberry, Mary Roberts.

Precinct No. 3—Day board: Hattie B. Drury, chairman; Ida M. Peery, M. J. Perkins, J. B. Young, Pearl Clark. Counting board: Lee Clark, chairman; Bruce Lansberry, Katherine Basford, Nina A. McPherson, Annie Knox.

Precinct No. 4—Day board: C. E. Wheaton, chairman; H. F. Borden, Ida C. Swarts, Mabel Howard, Mrs. R. D. Wilson. Counting board: C. A. Swarts, chairman; Elna S. Halsey, Abbie F. Wheaton, Agnes Wheeler and Bertha Row.

THOMAS OSBURN THOMAS DIES AFTER OPERATION

Following an appendicitis operation, Thomas Osburn Thomas, local restaurant proprietor, died at the Pacific Christian hospital Monday morning, aged 47 years.

Mr. Thomas was born in South Wales. He moved to California 14 years ago, and seven years ago came to Springfield. On February 14, 1921, he was married to Alberta White, who, with their two year old son, Thomas Allen Thomas, survives. Other survivors include Mrs. Sarah Hugler, of Mantymoll, South Wales, his mother, and two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday at the Walker chapel by Rev. S. E. Childers of the Christian church. The burial was in Laurel Hill cemetery, with the Moose lodge in charge.

DILLARD NAMED HEAD OF LOCAL 4L UNIT

E. N. Dillard was named head of the local unit of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen at a meeting Monday night. D. W. McKinnon was selected as secretary, Edgar Kester as treasurer, S. H. Richmond as the third man on the conference committee and M. A. Neet as third member of the board of trustees. It was voted to cooperate with Wendling in rearranging meeting dates.

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