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CITY COUNCIL HAS MUCH BUSINESS

The Old City Council Adjourns Sine Die
--New Council Takes Charge of City Affairs

Last Saturday was change day for our city officials. The 1915 council met and closed up its business for the year and turned the city affairs over to the council for 1916.

Council met in regular session and was called to order by Recorder Stieha, Mayor Ewing being absent and all councilmen present. Councilman Peery was elected to preside at the meeting.

Mayor and recorders canvas of the vote at the late city election approved.

Bills allowed—H. S. Johnson \$1. Forbs Supply Co. \$12. J. S. Stieha \$2.50. Jas. Bilyeu \$3. Walter Bilyeu \$75. Western Electric Co. \$1.98. Roy V. Shelton \$25. Scio Milling Co. \$45. E. C. Peery \$3.50. F. T. Thayer \$4. O. B. Cyrus \$3. Ralston Electric Co. \$11.40. Santiam News \$1.85. J. N. Weddle \$10. Council then adjourned sine die.

NEW COUNCIL

The new city council met immediately thereafter and was called to order by Mayor Prill and the following councilmen responded to the roll call: E. C. Peery, N. I. Morrison, F. T. Bilyeu, R. M. Cain, F. T. Thayer, and John Wesely. P. H. MacDonald, absent.

Order of business was adopted. Mayor's message which included the budget of probable expenses and receipts for 1916, read and placed on file. Budget ordered published in both city newspapers.

Following are the standing committees:

Light and Water—Peery, Thayer, and Wesely. Streets and Public Property—Thayer, MacDonald and Cain. Ordinance—Cain, Peery and Morrison. Accounts and Current Expenses—Bilyeu, Wesely and Morrison. Ways and Means—Morrison, MacDonald and Thayer. Public Health—Wesely, Cain and Bilyeu.

Several ordinances were introduced and were referred to appropriate committees for investigation.

By motion a special meeting of the council was ordered for Monday January 3, at 6:45 p. m. The Street and public property committee was instructed to look after the city jail and place it in sanitary condition.

Recorder was instructed to purchase three stars for city marshal and necessary supplies for the city recorder and city treasurer. Adjourned.

Linn county's receipts, last year, from all sources, were \$718,549.84. Disbursements for the year were \$680,148.82, leaving a balance on hand, January 1 of \$29,401.12. There is no bonded indebtedness. Probably no other county in the state can make a better showing.

MAYOR A. G. PRILL'S INAUGURAL MESSAGE

The New City Council Starts in With a Handicap of \$474 21 Unpaid Warrants

To the Common Council of the City of Scio,

Greetings: You have been placed in the positions which you now occupy by the will of the citizens of Scio, to have charge of and conduct the affairs of this municipality for the coming year.

To properly fulfill your obligations will require of each of you, not only that you are prompt in attending all meetings of this body, but also time and labor and some sacrifice from private business in order to accomplish the work before you.

With this in view, I shall outline to you and call your attention to a few important matters for your consideration.

Law and Order

It has become a too common practice, on the streets and in public places of Scio, for loud and boisterous talking, swearing, the use of indecent language and intoxications, at all hours of the day and night. It should be seen too that ordinances now in effect on this matter be strictly enforced, as well as all other ordinances, providing for the decent and moral government of the citizens of Scio.

Electric Light and Water System

From reports I learn that, owing to an inadequate dam in Thomas creek, the power supply is not sufficient to operate the plant up to standard, even at this time of the year, with an abundance of water in the stream. I would, therefore, recommend an immediate investigation on this matter. First, as to securing additional water power. Second, the installation of either gas or steam power, to operate the plant when the water power is not sufficient or available and third, an inspection of all water mains and hydrants and fire apparatus and having them placed in first class condition and, if necessary, to pay for the services of some person to have charge of and see that the fire apparatus is always in condition for immediate use.

Streets and Public Property

Main street, the public thoroughfare through the city, has reached a deplorable condition and needs your attention. This requires some time and labor on your part, and estimates should be secured for the grading of the street, according to city grade, and improvement of the same by crushed rock or otherwise, with the least possible expense, consistent with permanent work.

An inspection of all walks of the city, requiring all improvement to be placed on grade and according to ordinances.

Ordinances

A revision of all ordinances on our books, the repeal of obsolete ordinances and the enactment of new ordinances in conformity with the charter.

Amending the ordinance on meter

rates for electric lights. Amending the ordinance correcting width of sidewalks on West Mill St. I would also recommend an ordinance for an increase of all electric light rates of 10 per cent and granting an all night service.

Finances

Budget of the City of Scio 1916

The following financial condition of the city of Scio, is hereby presented for your consideration:

Cash on hand in general fund December 31 \$ 25.98
Light and Water 186.28

Total \$212.26

Unpaid warrants general fund, on December 31 \$101.02
Unpaid warrants light and water 288.15

Interest on warrants 35.52
Bills December 1915 260.88

Total \$686.47

Deficit 1915 \$474.21
Unpaid warrant Chemical Engine 592.00

Estimated interest for 1916 70.00
Total outstanding indebt \$1186.21

Salaries of officers for 1916 445.00
Total \$1581.21

Revenue, 8 mill tax, valuation \$134,575 \$1076.70
Licenses and fines 125.00

Total revenue \$1201.70

Deficit \$376.61 for 1916

If the warrant on the chemical engine is not paid, there would be a working cash on hand of \$212.39.

Also if the light and water plant should be able to make up its deficiency of \$388.15, the amount of cash for your disposal for 1916 would be only \$500.54.

I have not taken into consideration any emergencies which might arise, in presenting these figures.

Budget of the City of Scio Electric Light and Water System

In looking over the reports for the past year I find that the electric light and water system, has a deficiency standing against it, which does not promise to be any better for the coming year, unless operated under a different plan.

The estimated expenses for the coming year, judging from the past would be about as follows:

Superintendent \$900.00
Interest 300.00
Steam power 200.00
Repairs 100.00
Supplies 30.00
Wood 25.00
Wood for steam 100.00
Water power 180.00

Total \$1833.00

Estimated revenue for the year \$2160.00
Deduct 15% for sinking fund 324.00

Balance \$1836.00

Expenses 1916 \$1835.00
Deficiency 1915 288.15

Total \$2123.00

Income, net \$1836.00
Deficit for 1916 287.00

From the above report it seems that the deficit in the fund would not be taken up under the present manner of operating the plant.

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INFLUENZA HOLDS NATION IN CLUTCH

Many Large Cities Report Disease Prevalent—Cleveland and Detroit Have 200,000 Cases

Washington, Jan. 3.—Influenza is spreading over the United States from coast to coast in the most serious epidemic ever known, taking a large toll in lives and causing economic loss by incapacitating workers in all walks of life. Reports from public health service officers made public tonight by Surgeon General Blue show that already the disease has created a grave problem for many of the larger cities, and is spreading to the rural communities.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Detroit and Cleveland reported the disease widely prevalent. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases. Of the larger cities, Buffalo, Pittsburg, Baltimore, Portland, San Diego, Dallas and Mobile reported no signs of an epidemic.

Surgeon General Blue said tonight he had called for reports from all parts of the country with the hope that publicity would tend to stimulate co-operation to combat the epidemic.

HOLLEY ITEMS

Fred Malone and Alvin McQueen started for Eugene this morning with one cougar and four wild cat hides which they had killed on top of the mountain in Lane county. They go to get the bounty on the scalps.

The four act comedy drama and pie social given at the Grange hall Newyears eve was a complete success. The play lasted two hours then they sold the pies for which they received \$10.

Mrs. T. J. Malone and family spent Christmas at the home of her mother in Sweet Home. Mrs. C. M. Duncan and son, Mrs. Van Epps, W. S. Swink, Lucy McCoy, A. L. Weddle and family, and Mrs. M. J. Weddle were present. All enjoyed themselves in the good old fashioned way.

They had two Christmas trees at Holley, the entertainments were fine and the children did their parts well.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. King were Crawfordsville visitors Sunday, go down in their sleigh. The snow was fine for sleighing.

Misses Nora and Effie Splawn, of Albany, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Splawn.

The Crawfordsville I. O. O. F., 30 in number, went to Brownsville Saturday to help initiate some new members. More than 100 were present. A fine supper was served.

Dan Turpin and family have rented the old Malone place and moved onto the same.

LEVY FOR 1916 IS REDUCED 1-2 MILL

Action Due to Law Regulating the Courts --Difference in State Tax Also Responsible

Linn county's tax levy for 1916 will be 11½ mills, instead of 12 mills.

The change was made this afternoon by the county court when the budget came up for final consideration and as it stands now, with its levy a half mill less than the tentative draft, is officially adopted, tomorrow being the last day of grace. It was first announced that the budget was officially adopted yesterday, but the court decided to further consider it, with the matter of lowering the levy in view.

This action is due to the fact that the state tax is less than the court figured it would be and is also due to the law regulating the county courts in making budgets.

Under the law, the court was compelled to draft the budget and make the tentative levy the first of the month and then advertise it for 20 days, before final action. This the Linn county court did and in doing so, had to estimate the state tax, which hadn't been levied at the time.

A few days later the state tax levy was announced. It represents a sum of \$82,300. In the tentative budget, the court had estimated it at \$100,000. Consequently there was a difference of approximately \$17,700.

As the law states that everything should be accounted for in the budget, the court figured that this surplus could not be used, although it was at first planned to put it in the general fund. Desiring to play safe in the matter as, according to members of the court, there is no telling when an objection to any action taken may be raised, the court decided to lower the levy the half mill as it would reduce the budget to what the court had figured for running expenses.

Commenting on the recommendation of the Taxpayers' League committee to spend the surplus for hardsurfacing a stretch of road, County Commissioner Irvine said:

"If we had put a provision in the budget for this purpose, it would have been possible to abide by the recommendation; but since nothing of the kind was done, we don't see any other way out of it."—Albany Herald.

Water Pipes Burst

Prof. and Mrs. White spent holiday week visiting friends and relatives elsewhere. During their absence the cold snap came and bursted the water pipes in their residence. The bath room pipe, which reaches the second story is the one that did the damage, flooding the parlor below and damaging the piano and furniture.

Mrs. Vivian Bilyeu discovered the leak and having the key, entered the building and put a stop to the miniture cloudburst.

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