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Price Two Cents

CITY TAX ALSO CUT

Council Reduces Tax Levy for 1910 Thirty Cents Over Present Rate

WHERE IT GOES

Important Session of City Council—Stevens Gets Brown Sewer Job

The tax levy for the city of Decatur, as fixed by the council at last night's meeting for the year 1910 will be \$1.57 on the \$100, a reduction over last year of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars. This fact being possible after the reduction of the city debt and the splendid equipment installed at the city plant and the other expenses, is certainly a wonderful showing. All members of the council were present last night excepting Van Camp. Mayor France presided, and after the reading of the minutes, the ordinance covering the appropriation of funds for various purposes was read and adopted, the specific funds as set out being as follows:

Salaries for council \$ 500.00

Salary for mayor 500.00

Salary for city clerk 450.00

Salary for city treasurer 500.00

Salary for city marshal 600.00

Salaries for extra police 200.00

Salary for night police 600.00

Salary for city attorney 400.00

Extra attorney fees 200.00

Salary for city electrician 1,200.00

Salary for city engineer 600.00

For street and alley crossings 900.00

Supplies for water works 8,000.00

Supplies for electric plant 16,000.00

General purpose 200.00

For stationery and supplies 50.00

Gen. repair streets and alleys 1,000.00

Interest 3,760.00

Board of health 200.00

Fire chief 75.00

Old orders and interest 5,400.00

The ordinance provides that these sums be set apart out of the tax levy and the income of the electric and water plant for the year 1910.

It was then ordered by the city council that the tax levy for the year 1910 be as follows:

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Water works hydrants 20

Special street and sewer 1.5

To pay old orders 1.5

Sinking and light 33

Electric fund 25

Total \$1.57

It was also ordered that the tax in the city of Decatur on each male dog be \$1.00 and on each female dog \$2.00.

On the adoption of the ordinance, all members of the council voted yes but Chronister, who voted no.

The resolution recently adopted by the public library board that the public library tax should be ten cents on the hundred dollars was read and on motion was spread of record.

A resolution providing that the city pay the sum of \$822.89 to Woods & Haugk, this being the amount of the reduction of the Fritzinger assessment on north Second street improvement as held in circuit court, failed to carry, Burns and Christen voting "yes," and Martin and Chronister "no."

Carrie Stufts filed a petition for an alley in the south part of town, extending off Oak street, and the petition was referred to the street committee.

Bids were opened for the construction of the Frank Brown sewer, being as follows: Jacob Magley \$323; W. J. and D. W. Myers \$247; Henry Stevens \$224. The contract was awarded to Henry Stevens.

The agreement as entered into by Mayor France with L. L. Baumgartner to act as city engineer at a salary of four dollars per day, was approved as was also Baumgartner's bond for \$500.

Agent Harris of the Clover Leaf railway was present and reported that the work of installing a bell at the Thirteenth street crossing is now in progress. A requisition for electric, water works duplicate and daily balance book by Treasurer Archbold was allowed.

The finance committee approved the July reports of the city clerk and treasurer and Mayor France filed his report, the latter being referred to the finance committee. A delegation

of draymen were present asking for light on the ordinance which taxes them and quite a discussion followed. The following bills were allowed:

O. B. Wemhoff \$.75

A. Cool 30.50

Henry Peters 13.60

Wm. Geary 10.00

Amos Fisher 50.00

C. & E. 129.41

D. F. Teeple 69.30

Larkin Mfg. Co. 15.00

Gallogly & Lower 48.64

L. A. Graham 24.33

C. & E. 160.62

Sunday Creek Coal Co. 135.62

John Meyer 8.25

John Sprague 82.50

C. Sprague 43.80

I. A. Kalver50

Jesse Niblick 2.00

D. F. Teeple 10.14

Sam Butler 13.50

S. L. Writwright 10.00

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FUNERAL FRIDAY

The Death of a Highly Respected Preble Township Citizen

Deitrich Scheiman, whose illness has several times been mentioned in these columns, died at ten o'clock last night, the end coming after an illness of some length. The deceased fell from the hay loft a year ago last February, and in the fall sustained a fracture of the left hip and a broken arm, and from these injuries he never wholly recovered. Since birth he has been blind and this fact added to his discomfort, and made his condition seem the more pathetic. For many years he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blomberg, and ever since he took up his home with them they have been as son and daughter, and sympathized and helped him in every way that they could. The cause of death came from a malignant bowel trouble which developed into dropsy. The funeral will occur Friday at half past one, same time, the same to be held from the Friedheim Lutheran church, of which congregation he has long been a constant and devoted member. Rev. Preuss, pastor of this church, will have charge of the services, which will be followed with interment in the cemetery there. The deceased is thirty years old and has lived in this county for a long time, and was respected by every one who knew him. He is an uncle of John and Fred Scheiman of this city, and has several other relatives in Fort Wayne.

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