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CITY TO SELL ITS PROPERTY

Reverted Lots Will be Disposed of Through Real Estate Agents

LISTS TO BE PREPARED

Applications to Purchase Must be Accompanied by Deposit by Cash

Tax sale lots and how to dispose of them engaged the city council last night in another lengthy discussion which took up a great share of the time of the meeting which lasted for three and half hours and which was the longest council meeting on record so far this year. Ald. McMordie's motion, notice of which he gave at last week's meeting, was finally adopted. This motion was "that the city solicitor be instructed to prepare a bylaw authorizing the council to dispose of all lots which have reverted to the city through tax sales." The interesting part of Ald. McMordie's scheme, however, lay in the suggestions that formally accompanied the resolution and which seemed to find favor with the most of the aldermen with the exception of Ald. Stephens who actively expressed the consistent opposition that he has in the past voiced against selling tax sale lots at less than the assessed or, at least, the established market values.

List With Agents

These suggestions of Ald. McMordie's were as follows:

"That a list of all such lots be prepared showing charges against them up to December 31, 1925, and that such list be handed to all real estate offices to sell at 5 per cent commission.

"That no lots be sold at less than tax charges.

"That no applications for purchase of lots shall be accompanied by less than ten per cent of the proposed purchase price and not less than \$10.

"That the date and hour of receipt of such application shall be marked by the city treasurer on each application."

In advancing his scheme, Ald. McMordie felt that it was time something was done to effectively dispose of tax sale lots. The city now held 550 such lots to an assessed value of \$130,000 and with \$103,000 taxes against them. His plan was to continue the policy of the annual tax sale. He felt that it would not jeopardize the assessed valuations of the city any more than a tax sale would.

Ald. McMordie's resolution was seconded by Ald. Casey.

Stephens Opposes

Ald. Stephens, in attacking the resolution at length, maintained that selling lots at less than their assessed valuation was fair neither to the city or the ratepayers and would be of little value to the purchasers. If the assessment was too high then it should be reduced. There was a difference between the method of the annual tax sale and this proposal under tax sale proceedings, it took twelve months before a deed could be secured by the owner in the meantime having the opportunity to redeem the property.

Ald. Casey could see no harm in the proposal offered. Something must be done to unload tax sale lots and the time now seemed opportune.

Ald. McMordie pointed out that he, himself, was a large property owner. Naturally he would like to see the assessed values obtained but he thought that would be impossible. Action was necessary. Constructive criticism was always welcomed but he had failed to hear a better solution offered for the difficulty.

Constructive

Assuming that the remark about constructive criticism was directed towards himself, Ald. Stephens maintained that his criticisms had been constructive if any ever were. His stand was that the property should be sold at the assessed values in fairness to the city and property owners. He went on to say that at the court of revision he had moved for a ten and fifteen per cent reduction in values but had received no seconder.

In the course of the discussion, the city solicitor was called upon for his views. He still expressed his opposition to selling at less than assessed values on the ground that the assessment might then be attacked.

Ald. Casey felt inclined to let the assessment be attacked. As

it was, the city was sailing in the air and it had to make a landing somewhere. If the assessment were reduced, the mill rate would have to be raised and it would amount to the same in the end.

The solicitor pointed out that there was a limit to the mill rate after which improvements might have to be taxed.

Ald. Brown expressed favor for Ald. McMordie's scheme.

The resolution was finally put and was carried with Ald. Stephens and Ald. Perry voting against it.

The council decided to accept offers for a number of lots that were up last week providing the offers cover charges against the lots. In one case, however, there has since been a higher bid made for one of these lots and it was decided to readvertise it. The finance committee recommended last week that the offers be accepted but the report was laid over pending the formulation of a general policy.

The Man in the Moon

SAYS:-

THINGS might be worse. There is no bobbed hair at the city council.

AN aristocrat used to be known by his blue blood. Now he is known by his green backs.

THE season is about over for petting parties. Tennis is coming in.

TO many of us spring is a great season but what can it be to a person who wears B.V.D.s all winter.

IN Utopia women will not have to be humored and humbugged and lied to. They will believe everything they are told.

MARRIAGE is not always a failure. I know several married couples who still seem to love each other.

ALL like to laud the self-made man.

Who, starting poor in humble scenes,

Wins fame in the American And other business magazines.

But what about the self-made girl?

Who, starting life a perfect fright,

By paint and powder, bob and curl,

Becomes a vision of delight?

THE head of an asylum in Portland writing to the people of Anchorage says he wishes every person in Alaska could visit them. Not complimentary to the people of Alaska, is it?

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

The municipal court of revision, consisting of Acting Mayor Kerr, Ald. Edge, Ald. Beveridge, Ald. Nicol and Ald. Montgomery, sat this morning. There are 70 appeals on the list, among the appellants being L. M. De Gex, L. W. Patmore, M. Albert, George R. Naden and M. M. Stephens.

News has reached Prince Rupert through correspondence from Shorncliffe camp that Lieut. H. O. Crew and Lance Corporal Leslie have both been wounded while on active service with the Princess Patricia's in France.

David Carnegie, ordnance ex-

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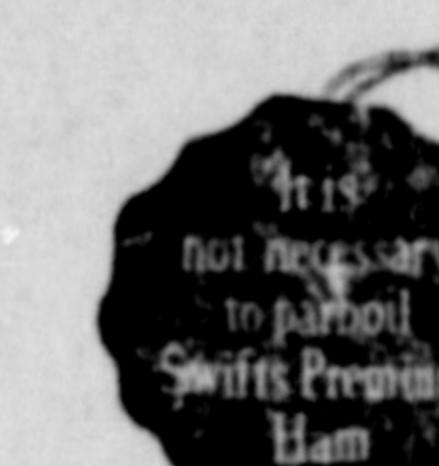
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