

ORDINANCE NO. 893

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ANNUAL TAX OF ONE MILL ON THE DOLLAR UPON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FIREMEN RETIREMENT SALARYS AND PENSIONS, AND PENSIONS TO THE WIDOWS AND MINOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED FIREMEN, AND WIDOWS AND MINOR CHILDREN OF DECEASED RETIRED FIREMEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT NO. 491 OF THE ACTS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE YEAR 1921, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, is a City of the first class and is authorized by Amendment 31 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas to levy an annual tax of not to exceed one (1) mill on the dollar upon the assessed value of all real and personal property within such City for the purpose of paying firemen retirement pensions, and pensions to the widows and minor children of deceased firemen, and widows and minor children of deceased retired firemen; and

WHEREAS, a firemen's relief and pension fund has heretofore been established by the City of Eureka Springs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eureka Springs has found that a judiciously administered pension fund has been a potent agency for securing and retaining the services of a most faithful and efficient class of men, connected with a department of municipal service in which every property owner and resident of this city is most vitally interested; and

WHEREAS, the firemen's relief and pension fund heretofore established by the City of Eureka Springs is in need of additional revenue,

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas,

SECTION I. That there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, at the general election to be held on the 5th day of November, 1968, the question of the levy of an annual tax of one (1) mill on the dollar upon the assessed value of all real and personal property within the City for the purpose of paying pensions to retired firemen and pensions to widows and minor children of deceased firemen and widows and minor children of deceased retired firemen.

SECTION II. That the ballot title shall be as follows, "The Question of levying an Annual Tax of One Mill on the Dollar of the Assessed Value of the Real and Personal Property Within the City for the Purpose of

Supplementing the Revenue of the Firemen's Relief and Pension Fund, in Accordance with Act No. 491 of the Acts of the Arkansas General Assembly for the Year 1921, and the Amendments Thereto."

SECTION III. That the question shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election in substantially the following form: "Vote on measure by placing an "x" in the square beside the measure either for or against; For one mill tax for Firemens Relief and Pension Fund..... Against one mill tax for Firemens Relief and Pension Fund.....

SECTION IV. That the election shall be held and conducted, and the vote canvassed and results declared under the law and in the manner provided for municipal elections so far as the same may be applicable, and the Mayor shall give notice of such election by an advertisement published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Eureka Springs Times Echo, a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, prior to said election; that only qualified electors of the City shall have the right to vote at said election on said question.

SECTION V. That the results of said election shall be proclaimed by the Mayor and his proclamation shall be published one time in the Eureka Springs Times Echo, a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in this City, which proclamation shall advise that the results as proclaimed shall be conclusive unless attacked in the courts within thirty days after the date of such proclamation.

SECTION VI. That a copy of this Ordinance shall be furnished the Carroll County Board of Election Commissioners.

SECTION VII. That in the event of approval of the tax levy by the qualified electors of the City of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, that such steps be taken as are necessary to comply with the will of the people as expressed at said election.

PASSED and APPROVED this 21st day of August, 1968.

Charles B. Freeman
Mayor

ATTEST:

Albert Harp
City Clerk