

MAYOR AGAIN ENTERS FIELD AS CANDIDATE

Makes Announcement Before
Group of Friends Gathered
at Office In City Hall

PLATFORM IS EXPLAINED

Economy In Operation of City
Government and New Tax-
payers' Deal Are Pledged

Mayor Samuel A. Carlson, executive head of the Jamestown city government for nearly 24 years, continuously with the exception of one two-year term, is again a candidate for that position making the announcement before a group of friends at his office late Thursday afternoon.

In a formal statement issued at the close of the meeting, Mayor Carlson declared himself a candidate for re-election and outlined his platform briefly as follows:

"If you, citizens who make up this large and representative delegation, feel that my long experience in municipal affairs warrants my candidacy for mayor at this time, I shall be glad to enter the field as your standard bearer.

"My platform will be brief:

"First, I am for economy in city

expenditures. My repeated veto messages against increased expenditures have been outspoken on that subject. I voluntarily reduced my own salary 20 per cent. My proposals for economy in city expenditures when the budget was last considered contemplated greater tax reductions than any one else had ever proposed in this city. If the people want these reductions, they should secure favorable pledges from their councilmen.

"Second, I stand for the policies that have made our municipal utilities the most outstanding in America in point of efficiency and benefit to our citizens to whom they belong.

"It is the judicious and businesslike manner in which the public utilities' funds have been handled that have made this record of achievement possible.

"The Board of Public Utilities has not only reduced rates but at the same time it has reduced taxes by paying the utility bonds from its own funds. These bonds are city obligations which would otherwise have to be paid by tax budget, if not paid from city utility funds.

"In the future, when all obligations have been met and surplus funds should be accumulated in this department, I shall favor a public hearing as to whether such funds should be returned in the form of reduced rates to the taxpayers who patronize the plant, or be applied for any other legal purpose beneficial to the people of the community.

"Third, inasmuch as twelve years have elapsed since the municipal milk proposition was approved by the taxpayers, I favor a referendum vote of the people at the coming election on the proposition to establish a municipal sanitary milk distribution system under present revised plans with funds supplied by the Federal government and liquidated from future plant revenue.

"Fourth, I have been officially identified with the New York State Conference of Mayors for the past 24 years, and it would seem fitting that should be in a position to extend official welcome to this organization when it meets in this city next year."

Praise Mayor's Record

Carlson's Record