

CITY OF RENSSELAER
IN
COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY EVENING
REGULAR MEETING

The Council convened at 8:29 o'clock P.M. and was called to order by
Pres. Stewart.

The roll being called the following answered to their names:

Pres. Stewart ✓

Alderman: Bullent ✓
Mooney
Lithgow ✓
Buono ✓

Alderman: Girolami ✓
Adams
Miller ✓
Harrigan ✓
Jukes ✓

Alderman *Buono* moved that the minutes be adopted as printed subject
to correction.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY OFFICIALS

The Clerk reports that the Mayor had approved of all resolutions passed at
the last meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

Alderman *Buono* moved that all bills be referred to the auditing
committee.

All bills be allowed and ordered paid.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND ACCOUNTS

RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Alderman *Girolami* moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman *Bullent*

AYES	NOES
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Alderman *Buono* moved that all bills be referred to the auditing committee.

The City Clerk reports that the City Bills, Water Dept. Bills, Highway Dept. Payroll, Water Dept. Payroll, and the Recreation Payroll audited by the Committee amounted to City Bills \$16,106.35, Water Dept. Bills \$449.91, Highway Dept. Payroll \$5,709.59, Water Dept. Payroll \$935.04, and the Recreation Payroll \$2,122.00.

Alderman *Buono* moved seconded by Alderman *Girólami* that all bills and payrolls be allowed and ordered paid.

IRWIN STEWART
HAROLD BULLENT
JOHN MOONEY
WILLIAM LITHGOW
STEPHEN BUONO
ARMAND GIROLAMI
WILLIAM ADAMS
WILLIAM MILLER
FREDERICK HARRIGAN
ALFRED JUKES
TOTAL

AYES	NOES
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	

BY ALDERMAN BUONO

RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he hereby is authorized and directed to advertise for bids for the furnishing of two (2) new 1972 Police cruisers suitable for use by the Police department of the City of Rensselaer in accordance with the following specifications: 117" wheelbase, automatic transmission, power disc brakes, 8 cylinder 4-door sedans, heavy duty rear brakes, power steering, maximum cooling package, 15 inch tires and wheels, roof rack with two (2) lights, heavy duty suspension, heavy duty alternator, color dark blue.

Bids are to be submitted less trade-in for two A(2) 1970 Plymouth sedans presently in use by the Police Department. Bids are to be further submitted less Federal and State taxes applicable to municipalities.

Bids are to be further accompanied by a bid bond in the sum of 5% of the total amount bid in cash, certified check or surety bond and further to be accompanied by the non collusive bidding certificate as required and which may be acquired by bidders from the office of the City Clerk.

d Bids will be accepted at the office of the Clerk until 8:00 P.M. on September 1, 1971. The Common Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this 18th day of August, 1971.

Richard Drully

Luigi Girolami

IRWIN STEWART
HAROLD BULLENT
JOHN MOONEY
WILLIAM LITHGOW
STEPHEN BUONO

AYES	NOES
✓	
✓	
✓	

1972 PURSUIT POLICE 4 DOOR SEDANS

117 inch Wheel Base

Automatic Transmission

Power Disc Brakes With Heavy Duty Rear Brakes

Power Steering

~~(2100) (2100)~~ V-8 Engine

Maximum Cooling Package

15 inch Tires and Wheels

Roof Rack With 2 Lights

Heavy Duty Suspension

Heavy Duty Alternator

(1970 PLYMOUTH'S (2) FURY II TO TRADE)

By Alderman Buono

RESOLVED that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Hudson River Construction Company Inc for the resurfacing of the Columbia Street bridge over Penn Central tracks with asphalt compound at a cost of \$2,300.00, said contract to be approved by the office of the Corporation Counsel.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this 18th day of August, 1971

Richard Kelly

2nd by Lithgow

	AYES	NOES
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
MAROLD BULLENT	✓	
JOHN MOONEY		
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
ARMAND GIROLAMI	✓	
WILLIAM ADAMS		
WILLIAM MILLER	✓	
FREDERICK HARRIGAN	✓	
ALFRED JUKES	✓	
TOTAL		

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF A BOND
ANTICIPATION NOTE OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER
NEW YORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE
OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF MATERIALS AND
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE JOINT CONSTRUCTION
OF A NEW WATER SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF RENSSELAER.

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer has heretofore authorized and issued a Bond Anticipation Note or Notes in the amount of \$200,000.00 on the 21st day of August 1968 to mature on the 21st day of August 1969 for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of materials and services in connection with the joint construction of a new water system for the City of Rensselaer, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council renewed said note by resolution dated August 20, 1969 for the amount of \$200,000.00 to be dated August 21, 1969 and mature August 21, 1970, and,

WHEREAS, a portion of said note has been redeemed, to wit, the amount of \$5,000.00 on August 21, 1970, and a new note in the amount of \$195,000.00 on August 21, 1971 to mature August 21, 1972 and

WHEREAS, a portion of said \$195,000.00 has been redeemed, to wit, the amount of \$7,000.00 on August 21, 1971, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to provide for the renewal of said note or notes in the amount of \$188,000.00 to be dated August 21, 1971 and mature August 21, 1972, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be issued one Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$188,000.00 by the City of Rensselaer, New York, in anticipation of the issuance of Serial Bonds of the City of Rensselaer, authorized by the Common Council by the Resolution dated July 17, 1968, adopted by the Common Council, and said note shall be issued for the purpose of renewing the bond anticipation note hereinbefore described. Neither was the note heretofore issued nor is this note issued in anticipation of the sale of bonds for an assessable improvement.

SECTION 2. The note herein authorized shall be dated August 21, 1971 and mature August 21, 1972.

SECTION 3. The note hereby authorized shall be issued in the name of the City by the Mayor and Treasurer and shall be attested by the City Clerk and sealed with the seal of the City.

SECTION 4. The Treasurer of the City is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the sale of said note at private sale for not less than par and accrued interest at a rate in accordance with the Local Finance Law of the State of New York at such time as the Treasurer shall determine in accordance with section 60:00 of the Local Finance Law. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to determine all matters in relation to said note not specifically determined by said resolution.

SECTION 5. The faith and credit of the City of Rensselaer are hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal and interest on said note. Said bond anticipation note shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of bonds in anticipation of which the said notes were issued or may be redeemed as provided by the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall be dated August 18, 1971 and shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form and sufficiency this

The resolution published herewith has been adopted on the _____ day of _____ and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City of Rensselaer is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

RENSSELAER COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

FRED J. WURTEMBERGER, P. E.
ADMINISTRATIVE EXECUTIVE



COURT HOUSE, TROY, N. Y. 12180
TELEPHONE (518) 273-8825

August 1971

SUMMARY OF INCREASED COSTS

Facilities to be constructed

The facilities to be constructed consist of approximately 20 miles of sewers and force mains, 5 pumping stations, and a 24 million gallon per day capacity secondary wastewater treatment plant.

Project costs

	<u>Total- No Aid</u>	<u>District's Share With 60% Aid</u>	<u>District's Share With 85% Aid</u>
Former Estimate	\$32,100,000	\$13,560,000	\$5,835,000
New Estimate	51,760,000	22,000,000	9,600,000

State law provides that a municipality pay no more than 40% of the eligible project costs. Applications have been made for combined 85% State and Federal aid based upon the former estimate.

Increased project cost estimates include an increase in construction costs reflecting recent bids in Albany County for similar construction and an increase in financing charges.

High bids received in Albany County are attributable to cost escalation due to the South Mall construction and to the small number of bidders.

User charges

The user charge per unit per year for the first year of operation (based upon an estimated number of units) is estimated as follows:

	<u>60% Constr.Aid No O&M Aid</u>	<u>60% Constr.Aid + O&M Aid</u>	<u>85% Constr.Aid No O&M Aid</u>	<u>85% Const.Ai + O&M Aid</u>
Former Estimate	\$38	\$32	\$24	\$18
New Estimate	54	48	31	25

User charges will pay for project debt service and operation and maintenance expenses of the facilities. A unit is considered as a single family dwelling discharging wastes to a sewer.

Municipalities are presently eligible for 33 1/3% reimbursement of eligible operation and maintenance costs from annual State appropriations.

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Excerpt From June 1971 FORTUNE Magazine Article:

WHAT PRICE GLORY ON THE ALBANY MALL?

Figuring the Albany factor

Ever since the first shovel was turned, the Mall has been plagued by every conceivable labor problem: skyrocketing wages, a prolonged strike, wildcat walkouts, rampant featherbedding, and plunging productivity. Construction had barely begun when a succession of jurisdictional disputes and a subsequent lockout by the contractors shut down the Mall for thirteen weeks in the summer of 1965. In the contract negotiations that followed, the unions won a substantial increase, putting Albany construction workers on a par with those in nearby areas. Most of them got a thirty-five-hour week. In 1970 they did even better: a median annual increase of some 20 percent in wages and fringe benefits over the three years of the contract.

But escalating wages have been almost the least of the Mall's troubles. In 1970 there were 217 labor disputes before the employers' association, about ten times the annual pre-Mall number. And there have been so many wild-cat strikes that the state has not even kept track of them. Featherbedding has been another headache. Productivity has dropped dramatically in all sorts of ways. "The proportion of lookers to workers is way out of whack," says one Mall contractor. "When our crew sees sixteen guys pouring one small concrete mat, they figure they don't have to work either." The productivity malady has reached such proportions that one consultant to the state has named it the "Albany factor," i.e., the additional cost of construction in the Albany area over and above the general escalation in the cost of labor and material. The controller's office has put the cost of the Albany factor at 25 percent.

Bids Received On Wednesday-
August 18, 1971 City Clerk's
Office-City Hall, Rensselaer,
New York

CITY OF RENSSELAER
RENSSELAER COUNTY, N. Y.

INSTALLATION OF AN 8 INCH SANITARY SEWER
ON FOURTH AVENUE

J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, P.C.
Consulting Engineers
620 Washington Avenue
Rensselaer, New York 12144

Name and Address of Bidder	Amount
William J. Keller & Sons Constr. Co., Castleton, N.Y., Callanan Road Improvement Co., South Bethlehem, N.Y.	\$ 14,219.00
Michell Construction Corp., Rensselaer, N.Y.	\$ 16,742.00
H.M. Kelly, Inc., Loudonville, N.Y.	
Vendette Box Construction Co.	14,887.00
P.O. Box 93	
616 South Avenue	
Schenectady NY 12301 Kithgane Burns Camp Laurel Fraser	Burlent

Resolution in Honor of Walter S. Pratt



WHEREAS, this Common Council notes with deep regret the passing of the late WALTER S. PRATT, and

WHEREAS, this Common Council is aware of the long years of service given to the City of Rensselaer by Walter S. Pratt, as Alderman of the Ninth Ward and as a member of this Council;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council recognizes the many contributions made to the City of Rensselaer by Walter S. Pratt during his years of public service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the wife and family of our departed colleague, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the widow and family of the late Walter S. Pratt in recognition of the high esteem in which he was held.