

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM  
 IN  
 COMMON COUNCIL  
 WEDNESDAY EVENING  
 1917 A. D.

*Walter Pratt Day Leader*

The Council convened at 8:50 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by Pres. Hoogkamp.  
 The roll being called the following answered to their names:  
 Pres. Hoogkamp ✓

Alderman Fedigan ✓  
 Mooney ✓  
 Lithgow ✓  
 Buono ✓

Alderman Farrell ✓  
 Stewart ✓  
 Ratcliffe ✓  
 Leahy ✓  
 Pratt ✓

*Mayor Mc Call made his annual address to the Common Council.*

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR  
 HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY OFFICES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT ✓

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS  
 MEMORANDUMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

*Alderman Buono moved to adj. met. Farrell*

*9:05 P.M.*

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOBKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN		
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

*Mayor Murrage*

HON. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

As we come into the New Year of 1958 the City of Rensselaer, like all the cities of our great State, faces many problems. We are in sound financial condition and it shall be my endeavor to keep the City in that same healthy financial condition. To accomplish this, ECONOMY must and will be our watchword. Our streets and highways are in excellent condition and, barring some unforeseen emergency, only maintenance costs will be necessary during the coming year. No major street improvement is contemplated by me. It may be necessary in the interest of good business, that some of our fire apparatus, now becoming costly by numerous repairs, be replaced by the purchase of new apparatus in order to maintain the excellent standard of performance which this department has always enjoyed. In order to conform with an existing state law it will probably be necessary to add additional personnel to the fire and police departments.

We are still confronted with the plaguing question of a new water supply for our city. This will continue to be the Number One job. I propose to continue our studies into this matter to the end that whichever determination is made concerning a water source it will be to the best interest of our citizens. The decision when made will be the culmination of over four years of exhaustive study and we shall act under the best advice of our water engineers.

Low cost housing is well on the way and it is hoped that the work will get under way <sup>during</sup> this year. The housing Committee has been given every assurance that Rensselaer will have its development started in 1958.

I appeal and urge the cooperation of this Council in our fight for a continuance of good service to our people. Together we will face our problems and I am sure that we will be able to overcome all obstacles if we work as a team. I especially urge that in considering legislation for major projects that we are mindful to curtail projects which will be detrimental to our financial structure. I extend to each of you best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

TRIAL BALANCE REPORT  
CITY OF RENSSELAER  
NOVEMBER 1957

<u>Current Group</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Current Cash	\$321,147.59	
Current Cash Library	6,673.33	
City Taxes	27,554.97	
Current Loans		\$18,300.00
Taxes Receivable arrears City	169,994.05	
Taxes Receivable arrears School	17,538.78	
Reserve for Tax Arrears City		169,994.05
Reserve For Tax Arrears School		17,538.78
Current Revenues		420.89
Estimated Revenues City	103,457.52	
Estimated Revenues Library		9.53
Current Appropriations City		447,494.21
Current Appropriations Library		4,597.82
Current Surplus Library		6,517.54
Current Surplus City	18,506.58	
	\$664,872.82	\$664,872.82
<u>Assessment Group</u>		
Old Granite Block Assessment	21,861.08	
Reserve for Assessment Arrears		21,861.08
	\$ 21,861.08	\$ 21,861.08
<u>Capital Group</u>		
Capital Cash	513.86	
City Properties	2,354,101.57	
Public Improvements	2,290,594.80	
Capital Appropriations		500.00
Accrued Interest on Bonds & Notes		13.86
Authorized Constfuction	52,000.00	
Temporary Loans		52,000.00
Capital Loans		526,500.00
Due Sterling Winthrop		8,000.00
Capital Surplus		4,110,196.37
	\$4,697,210.23	\$ 4,697,210.23
<u>Trust Group</u>		
Trust Cash	14,967.90	
Contract Retainers		2,723.58
Library Fund (Kapp Legacy)		5,224.22
Withholding Tax		7,001.42
Consumers Water Deposits		18.68
	\$ 14,967.90	\$ 14,967.90
<u>Water Dept.</u>		
Water Dept. Cash	\$ 12,889.26	
Water Rents Receivable	120,115.18	
Water Dept. Revenues		1,047.84
Water Dept. Expenses		128,911.37
Water Dept. Supplus		3,045.23
	\$ 133,004.44	\$133,004.44

Dated at Rensselaer, New York  
December 31, 1957

WILLIAM HOOGKAMP	LAWRENCE FEDICAN	JOHN MOONEY	WILLIAM LITGOW	STEPHEN B'ONO	BERNARD FARRELL	IRWIN STEWART	EDWARD RATCLIFFE	DONALD LAHEY	WALTER S. PRATT	TOTAL
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Respectfully submitted

*Albert J. Scheibly*  
City Treasurer

*alderman Kraft moved that  
report be received and filed  
2 out Bureau*

To be presented Jan 2, 1958

501	New York Telephone Co.	Service	519.72	
502	Tech Supply Co.	Recharge Exting	2.50	
503	Albany Times Union	Advertising	86.13	
504	The Davey Tree Expert Co.	Service	415.00	
505	The Davey Tree Expert Co.	Service	419.00	
506	Alfred J. Kaufman	Service	416.66	
507	Raymond V. Irish	Removing rubbish	25.00	
508	Hickey & Connolly	Insurance	280.84	
509	L & M. Restaurant	Meals	24.65	
Void 510	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Service	1562.19	Void
511	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Service	1.00	
512	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Service	1.00	
513	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Service	523.17	
514	Gulf Oil Corp.	Good Gulf Gasoline	163.96	
515	Richason Fuel & Appliances	Fuel Oil	182.50	
516	Lang Stamp Works Inc.	Badges	50.00	
517	Thorpe Electric Supply Inc.	Supplies	56.64	
518	J & L. Paper Products Inc.	Supplies	136.30	
519	Thorpe Electric Supply Inc.	Supplies	2.55	
520	Addressograph Multigraph Corp.	Service	36.45	
521	Albany Window Cleaning Inc. Co.	Window Cleaning (Dec.)	84.00	
522	Greens	Supplies	31.76	
523	Empire Garage	Supplies & Parts	31.60	
524	Thomas Storey	X-Mas wreaths	18.00	
525	Elgin Sweeper Co.	Conveyor Pump	74.65	
526	O. R. Found Inc.	Supplies	5.56	
527	O. R. Found Inc.	Supplies	8.59	
528	Howard D. Crossman	X-Mas Trees & Brush	34.00	
529	L. Van Dyk Hardware	Supplies	47.71	

Water Dept.

To be presented Jan 2, 1958

- 82 New York Telephone Co.
- 83 Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.
- 84 Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.
- 85 Krackeler & Campbell, Inc.
- 86 Gulf Oil Corp.
- 87 Greens
- 88 O. R. Found Inc.
- 89 L. Van Dyk Hardware

Service	130.01
Service	59.91
Service	1562.19
Soda Ash	134.00
Gasoline	32.28
Cal. Pads	3.60
Brass bushing	1.20
Supplies	7.98

Alderman *Pratt* & payrolls moved that all bills be referred to the auditing committee

The City Clerk reports that the City Bills and Payrolls audited by the Committee amounted to City Bills \$6,884.11 and the Water Dept. Bills \$589.98 and Street Payroll \$34.98

Alderman *Pratt* moved seconded by Alderman *Farrell* that all bills and payrolls be paid.

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOKKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN		
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

To be presented December 18, 1957

462	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Services	2.00
463	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.	Services	2,969.91
464	New York Telephone Co.	Services	82.43
465	Albany Times Union	Services	62.37
466	G. Harold March	Insurance	10.00
467	Morgan Linen Co. Inc.	Services	74.89
468	The Press Co. Inc.	Services	5.75
469	Otis Elevator Co.	Services	15.75
470	Albany Window Cleaning Co.	Services	100.00
471	R. B. Wing & Son Corp.	Supplies	53.50
472	Sunset Auto Electric Co.	Repairs	79.63
473	Chucks Mobil Service	Gasoline & Repairs	48.03
474	Phillips Hardware	supplies	1.40
475	Lang Stamp Works, Inc.	Signs	403.00
476	Mine Safety Appliances Co.	Supplies	3.00
477	Bernard & Blanchard	Supplies	53.00
478	Richason Fuel Oil & Appliances	Fuel Oil	464.86
479	Justin A. McCarthy Co.	Supplies	36.93
480	Justin A. McCarthy Co.	Supplies	62.06
481	Albany Renss. Paint & Glass. Co.	Glass	47.59
482	Louis VanDyk	Supplies	94.68
483	Gar-Wood -Albany Truck Equipment, Inc.	Supplies	7.20
484	Abalene Pest Control Service Inc.	Service	10.00
485	Gus G. Jacobs -Ward LaFrance Truck Corp.	Services	397.08
486	Paul Felts	Log Books	5.53
487	Lansing Lumber & Coal Corp.	Supplies	23.61
488	Carmelo Gregoli	Fuel	36.35
489	Carmelo Gregoli	Fuel	488.25
490	The Callanan Road Improvement Co.	Blacktop	341.55
491	Gulf Oil Corp.	Fuel-Gasoline	180.74
492	Lang Stamp Works Inc.	Supplies	79.45
493	George L. Sam Jr.	Fuel Oil	211.50
494	John R. Rehfuss	Manhole Cover	48.00
495	Sunset Auto Electric Co.	Repairs	33.67
496	The Woodward Co.	Chain	10.83
497	Sunset Auto Electric Co.	Repairs & Supplies	29.67
498	Rayco Auto Seat Covers	Seat covers	35.50
499	George E. Morrissey	Floral Wreaths	18.40
500	Johnsen Press	Envelopes	316.00

Water Dept

To be presented December 18, 1957

75	Greens	Supplies	2.05
76	Dick's Sign Co.	Services	12.00
77	Lansing Lumber & Coal Corp.	Materials	6.50
78	Water Works Supply Corp.	Supplies	87.92
79	Albany-Rensselaer Paint & Glass Co.	Glass	6.78
80	Ludlow Valve Manufacturing CO	Supplies	118.93
81	Ludlow Valve Manufacturing CO	Supplies	355.80

CAPITAL NOTE RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 2, 1958  
AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CAPITAL NOTE  
OR NOTES OF THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,000.00 TO DEFREY A PORTION  
OF THE COST OF INSTALLATION OF A HEATING SYSTEM  
IN THE WATER PUMPING STATION OF THE FILTRATION  
PLANT AT FORBES AVENUE, RENSSELAER, N.Y.

BY ALDERMAN

*Pratt 2nd Bevan*

RESOLVED, this 2nd day of January, 1958 by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York as follows:

Section 1: For the purpose of providing funds to defray part of the cost of Installation of a Heating System in the Water Pumping Station of the Filtration Plant at Forbes Avenue, Rensselaer, N.Y. heretofore authorized to be performed by the Common Council, a Capital Note or Notes in the amount of \$8,000.00 shall be issued by the City of Rensselaer, New York pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law of the State of New York.

Section 2: The maximum cost of the Installation of such Heating System to provide funds for which the said Capital Note shall be issued is estimated to be the sum of \$8,900.00; and the plan for financing such cost consists of the issuance and sale of the said Note or Notes in the amount of \$8,000.00 with the balance of such cost in the amount of \$900.00 to be paid from current budget appropriations and charged to item 301-G of the Budget for the current fiscal year in which item there is now an unexpended balance.

Section 3: It is hereby determined that the purpose for which said note or notes is to be issued to wit, to defray the cost of Installation of such Heating System, falls within Section 11, Paragraph (a) Subsection 13 of the Local Finance Law and that the period of probable usefulness of such purpose is five years.

Section 4: The City Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to sell said note or notes at such time or times and in such denominations as he shall determine, at either public or private sale. The City Treasurer is further authorized to determine consistently with the Local Finance Law and the terms of this Resolution, the date, maturity, denomination, form and all other matters in connection with said note or notes not herein specifically determined.

Section 5: Said note shall be executed in the name of the City by the Mayor and the City Treasurer and shall bear the corporate seal of the City.

Section 6: The full faith and credit of the City of Rensselaer shall be and are hereby pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said note and an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such note shall be included in the annual budget and levied as a part of the taxes for the fiscal year in which each such note matures.

Section 7: Pursuant to Section 165-B of the Local Finance Law the proceeds of such Capital Note or Notes need not be deposited in a special account but may be commingled with other funds of the issuer in a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in this State. The proceeds of such Capital Note or Notes may be deposited to the Improvement fund of the City of Rensselaer, New York in the National Commercial Bank and Trust Company of Albany.

Section 8: This resolution shall be dated January 2, 1958 and shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Rensselaer, New York  
this 2nd day of January 1958

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 2nd day of January 1958

*James S. Millea*  
James S. Millea, Corp. Counsel

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOKKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN		
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

BY ALDERMAN

Pratt

2nd Stewart

(3)

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 89, Chapter 69 of the Laws of 1915 and Section 70A of the Public Officers Law, and in accordance with the rates established by said Section 70A of the Public Officers Law, the Times Union and the Knickerbocker News, both daily newspapers printed and published in the City of Albany, New York, and having circulation in the City of Rensselaer be and they hereby are designated official newspapers of the City of Rensselaer, effective immediately and until December 31, 1958, for the publication of all notices, ordinances, by-laws, rules, regulations and proceedings of the Common Council, Board of Public Safety and all other Boards and Officers of the City and such other matters as required by this Act or by any provision of law or as the Common Council may direct to be published and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of said newspapers shall forthwith file with the City Clerk, an affidavit of the circulation of its newspaper for the six months period ending December 31, 1957.

dated: January 2, 1957

Approved as to form and sufficiency.

James J. Miller

CORPORATION COUNSEL

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOKKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN		
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

(4)

BY ALDERMAN *Ratcliffe 2nd Pratt*

RESOLVED that *George T. Johnston* residing at *1609* Broadway be and he hereby is given permission, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Works to lower so much of the curb at *1609* Broadway as may be necessary for driveway purposes. This permission is revocable by the Common Council.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

*James J. Miller*  
Corporation Counsel

Dated: January 2, 1957

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN	✓	
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

*2nd Bureau*

RESOLVED, that the following be and they hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds term commencing forthwith and expiring December 31, 1959.

(5)

- Ruth Roberts 1315 Third St.
- Ruth Keenholts 17 Riverside Ave
- Arlington Bauer 1536 Third St.
- George Krauss 21 Farley Dr.
- Harry Morgan 91 Washington Ave
- Robert Morgan Lakeview Ave
- Joseph Distell 8 Summit St.
- Edward Bonacker 55 Washington Ave
- Fred Schrick 1710 Second St.
- William J. Adams 1238 Fourth St.
- Clarence A. McNally 912 Washington Ave
- Sewell Smith 1706 Second St.
- Harold Mink 1623 Sixth St.
- Melvin Smith 56 Bellview Terr.
- John Stammel 35 Columbia St.
- Walter Pratt 1 Rensselaer Ave.
- Jane Van Allen 1222 First St.
- Harry Lavery 112 Second Ave.
- Helen Phelan 371 B'way
- Alfred J. Kaufman 25 John St.
- Frank J. Deacy 440 B'way
- Josephine Heeran 1353 Third St.
- John Hamilton 1311 Third St.
- Sylvia Huntington 18 Riverside Ave.
- Nancy Price 924 B'way
- Elizabeth Orvis 1333 Third St.
- William C. Speck 23 Lindbergh Ave.
- Mary Sullivan 840 Second St.
- William T. Wright 12 B'way
- James E. Scully 1949 Ninth St.
- Mamie Polsinello 85 Aiken Ave
- F. R. DeWitt 10 Michigan Ave
- Winifred Clapp 534 B'way
- Margaret Rickert 12 Green St.
- Iodemia Aldrich 1483 Third St.
- Kathleen Scheibly 1804 Eighth St.
- William J. Lyons 504 East St.
- Alice M. Pratt 15 Belmore Pl.
- Margaret Gordon 1377 Third St.
- John H. Maloney 1619 Fifth St.
- Kenneth Bailey 1990 Eighth St.
- Marcus Davidson 1623 Fourth St.
- Grace Church <sup>324</sup> ~~308~~ Columbia St.
- John H. Reed 1815 Fifth St.
- Elizabeth R. Teller 8 Second Ave.
- Jacob Teller 8 Second Ave.
- Ira Van Wormer 37 Washington St.
- Marie Frezon 1502 Second St.
- Jane O'Neil ~~Holly Hill St. Ave~~
- Elizabeth A. Flynn 518 B'way
- George Marr 1207 B'way
- George Zeph 2 Fourth Ave.
- Evelyn Bellows 14 Catherine St.
- Rita Peplowski 120 Lakeview Ave.
- Josephine DeMyer 1235 Fourth St.
- Margery Cooper 818 Washington Ave
- Ruth Clark 26 Lakeview Ave
- Dorothy Gray 1309 Second St.
- William Sillery 1112 Washington Ave
- Edward P. Ratcliffe 31 Tracey St.
- Barbara Forgea 1348 Second St.
- John Dwyer 1718 Seventh St.
- Harry Hedrick Birchwood Ave.
- Elizabeth Horn 45 Elm St.
- Robert Walker 12 B'way
- Kennth Orvis 1333 Third St.

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOGKAMP	✓	
LAWRENCE FEDIGAN		
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
EDWARD RATCLIFFE	✓	
DONALD LEAHEY	✓	
WALTER S. PRATT	✓	
TOTAL		

Approved as to form and sufficiency

*James S. Millea*  
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Corp. Counsel

BY ALDERMAN HOOBKAMP:

RESOLVED, that the following be and they hereby are appointed Commissioners of Deeds term commencing forthwith and expiring December 31, 1959.

(5)

Ruth Roberts	1315 Third St.
Ruth Keenholts	17 Riverside Ave
Arlington Bauer	1536 Third St.
George Krauss	21 Farley Dr.
Harry Mergan	91 Washington Ave
Robert Morgan	Lakeview Ave
Joseph Distell	8 Summit St.
Edward Bonacker	55 Washington Ave
Fred Schirick	1710 Second St.
William J. Adams	1238 Fourth St.
Clarence A. McNally	912 Washington Ave
Sewell Smith	1706 Second St.
Harold Mink	1623 Sixth St.
Melvin Smith	56 Bellview Terr.
John Stammel	35 Columbia St.
Walter Pratt	1 Rensselaer Ave.
Jane Van Allen	1222 First St.
Harry Lavery	112 Second Ave.
Helen Phelan	371 B'way
Alfred J. Kaufman	25 John St.
Frank J. Deacy	440 B'way
Josephine Heeran	1353 Third St.
John Hamilton	1311 Third St.
Sylvia Huntington	18 Riverside Ave.
Nancy Price	924 B'way
Elizabeth Orvis	1333 Third St.
William C. Speck	23 Lindbergh Ave.
Mary Sullivan	840 Second St.
William T. Wright	12 B'way
James E. Scully	1949 Ninth St.
Mamie Polsinello	85 Aiken Ave
F. R. DeWitt	10 Michigan Ave
Winifred Clapp	534 B'way
Margaret Rickert	12 Green St.
Iodemia Aldrich	1483 Third St.
Kathleen Scheibly	1804 Eighth St.
William J. Lyons	504 East St.
Alice M. Pratt	15 Belmore Pl.
Margaret Gordon	1377 Third St.
John H. Maloney	1619 Fifth St.
Kenneth Bailey	1990 Eighth St.
Marcus Davidson	1623 Fourth St.
Grace Church	321 Columbia St.
John H. Reed	1815 Fifth St.
Elizabeth R. Teller	8 Second Ave.
Jacob Teller	8 Second Ave.
Ira Van Wormer	37 Washington St.
Marie Frezon	1502 Second St.
Jane O'Neil	1101 Rollbins Ave.
Elizabeth A. Flynn	518 B'way
George Marr	1207 B'way
George Zeph	2 Fourth Ave.
Evelyn Bellows	14 Catherine St.
Rita Peplowski	120 Lakeview Ave.
Josephine DeMyer	1235 Fourth St.
Margery Cooper	818 Washington Ave
Ruth Clark	26 Lakeview Ave
Dorothy Gray	1309 Second St.
William Sillery	1112 Washington Ave
Edward P. Ratcliffe	31 Tracey St.
Barbara Forgea	1348 Second St.
John Dwyer	1718 Seventh St.
Harry Hedrick	Birchwood Ave.
Elizabeth Horn	45 Elm St.
Robert Walker	12 B'way
Kennth Orvis	1333 Third St.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

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Corp. Counsel