

CITY OF RENSSELAER
 IN
 COMMON COUNCIL
 WEDNESDAY EVENING
 REGULAR MEETING

JAN 3-1962

The Council convened at *7:20* O'clock P.M. and was called to order by Pres. Hoogkamp.

The roll being called the following answered to their names:

Alderman: Bullent ✓
 Mooney ✓
 Lithgow ✓
 Buono ✓

Pres. Hoogkamp ✓

Alderman: Farrell ✓
 Stewart ✓
 Ratcliffe ✓
 Leahey ✓
 Pratt

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
 HEADS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND CITY OFFICERS

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

Aldermen *Buono* moved to adjourn, seconded by Aldermen

Farrell

	AYES	NOES
WILLIAM HOOBKAMP	✓	
HAROLD BULLENT	✓	
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
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*Motion by Stewart - 2nd by Lithgow that
 Alderman Buono be appointed majority leader
 of the Council*

*Motion by Buono - 2nd by Stewart that
 Alderman Ratcliffe be appointed minority leader
 of Council*

ANNUAL MESSAGE OF MAYOR- 1 9 6 2

HON. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL:

As you know, we have just completed a very successful year for the City of Rensselaer marked by our victory in the equalization rate case before the State Equalization Board resulting in substantial tax savings to our taxpayers commencing this year and continuing over the next four years; In addition the year saw us reach a tentative agreement with the Town of East Greenbush and the City of Troy for the purchase of water from the City of Troy. The Corporation Counsel has advised me that this agreement is now in the process of finalization and will be ready for your approval and my signature within the next thirty days. It is most gratifying to me to be able to make this announcement. It brings to an end the City's long, difficult and at times frustrating efforts to obtain a new water supply. Our engineers and the Corporation Counsel assure me that this project is the most practicable and definitely the most economical of all the many and varied sources considered by the City over the past fifteen years.

We have just augmented our Fire fighting equipment by the purchase of two new modern Pumpers to replace the obsolete equipment at Pumpers One and Three. These have been delivered, are now being tested and will soon be in operation. With such additional equipment, we will have a Fire Department second to none.

We have also recently purchased a new modern garbage truck, thus insuring prompt and efficient collections throughout the City.

These have been some of our achievements in the past year. Now, we stand on the threshold of the year 1962, a new year and like all the cities of our State, a year in which we will face many and serious problems, one of which will be the question of a sewage disposal plant for the City. We are presently under a mandate from the Water Pollution Control Board of the State Department of Health to proceed with preparation of plans and cost estimates for the first step in a program for interception and treatment of the City's sewage. Such a facility will require a large expenditure of the taxpayers money and since the benefit will not only be local but statewide by reason of the cleaning up of the Hudson River, we are supporting the Conference of Mayors legislation calling for a program of assistance to cities in connection with sewage disposal plants by the Federal and State governments.

While the City is in sound financial condition, it will be necessary to economize wherever possible to maintain this healthy condtion in the coming year. The continuing loss of assessed valuation coupled with the increased costs of equipment, supplies, operating and maintenance all along the line require constant attention by our administration. We have been trying to induce new industries to locate in the City

and our efforts along that line will continue thruout the ensuing year. We are particularly concentrating on the lands along the Hudson River formerly used by the New York Central Railroad. This large area could accommodate a fairly large industry which could bring increased assessed valuation as well as employment for our citizens. We are diligently pursuing this program and will continue to do so until we are successful.

These are but a few of our problems. Time does not permit greater detail but I am certain that with your cooperation and that of our entire administration standing as a team, we will be able to overcome all obstacles in furtherance of our program of continued service to the people. Let us go forward together and make it a banner year for the City of Rensselaer.

In closing Gentlemen, I extend to each of you and yours, my sincere best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

*Request Council to adjourn in memory
and honor of Alfred J. Kaufman, my long time
friend and associate and the best engineer
any City ever had. I will miss him, all
of us will miss him and his shoes will be
difficult to fill.*

January 2, 1961

The Common Council
City of Rensselaer
City Hall
Rensselaer, New York

Dear Members of the Common Council,

I am writing to you to ask your consideration and if possible, action, on the following request. As you know, the City of Rensselaer owns Coyne Field and also that it is a wonderful advantage to our city. I think you will agree when I say that Coyne Field has not been used to its greatest advantage in the past years. That is why I am writing this letter.

I represent a softball team in the City. ~~(Apollo)~~. There are three other teams located here in the City and we would like to start a softball league. Last year our team was a member of an Albany league because there were no leagues in Rensselaer. Coyne field was available sometimes because the Babe Ruth league had their league games there starting at 6:30. I would like to request your body to have sufficient lighting installed at Coyne Field for the playing of Softball. If this request were granted, we would try to start a league composed of Rensselaer teams (or as many Renss. teams that were willing) or of teams surrounding us. I know that the Renss. teams would be interested and would have first preference. I think that the public would attend and would be very interesting. All games would start approximately 8:00 p.m. If this action taken by you to install lights were favorable I would like to request the use of Coyne field for three (3) nights, preferably Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (This would be used for league games. Many other events held at night could take place and would be of a great benefit to our community.

In closing I would like to call your attention to the fact that Troy, Watervliet and Rotterdam and now Albany have a field equipped for and to play softball at night and their crowds have been tremendous. Albany is to start under lights this year. The City of Watervliet together with some of the Merchants have a softball tournament every year that attracts over 2 to 3 thousand people a night. Watervliet has approximately eighty to ninety lights and it is not costly as one may think. I think that Coyne field would be used more and also that together with our league and other activities would be a greater asset to our city with the erection of the lights. Thanking you for your consideration, I remain

James W. Hart
1705 Front St.
Rensselaer

P.S. Softball fields are much shorter than baseball and lights would only have to be installed halfway down each foul line. We would request that lights be used only for league games on the 3 nights mentioned. If the lights were used for softball for non-league games the expense would be greater. I would like to also request permission to use Coyne field for our team (Apollo) for outside games on Fridays.

Received & filed

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
RENSSELAER REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION,
INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TANKS,
APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES FOR THE HANDLING,
AND STORAGE OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM BY-
PRODUCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER AND
REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

THE CITY OF RENSSELAER, IN COMMON COUNCIL CONVENEED, DOES
HEREBY ORDAIN AND ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION ONE. Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance
Regulating the Construction, installation and
Maintenance of Tanks, Apparatus and Appliances For
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By-Products Within The City of Rensselaer" heretofore
passed by the Common Council on July 15, 1936 and
Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance To Amend An Ordinance
Adopted July 15, 1936, Regulating The Construction,
Installation and Maintenance of Tanks, Apparatus
and Appliances for the Handling and Storage of Petroleum
and Petroleum By-Products within The City of Rensselaer,
N.Y." heretofore passed by the Common Council on
January 15, 1941, are hereby and in all respects repealed.

SECTION TWO. No tanks, apparatus and/or appliances
for the handling or storage of Petroleum or Petroleum
By-Products with a capacity in excess of Two Thousand
(2,000) Gallons shall be constructed, installed or
maintained within the City of Rensselaer except in the
following areas therein:

- (a.) That area located in the Ninth Ward, lying
westerly of the New York Central Railroad
Company right of way and southerly from a
line drawn parallel to and distant nine
hundred (900) feet northerly from the
boundary line between the property of the
Albany-Rensselaer Port District and the
property now or formerly owned by the
Tide Water Oil Company as extended from
said right of way line of the New York
Central Railroad Company to the high water
line on the easterly shore of the Hudson
River.

(b.) That area located in the Seventh Ward, lying westerly of the New York Central Railroad Company and/or Troy Greenbush Railroad Company right of way and northerly from Central Avenue and more particularly described on the 1961-1962 tax and assessment rolls of the City of Rensselaer as Section 4, Plot No. 27, owned by the New York Central Railroad Company, containing four hundred twelve (412') feet frontage along the New York Central Railroad Company right of way and four hundred fifty (450') feet frontage along the Hudson River and being one hundred eighty (180') feet deep on the south line and one hundred thirty (130') feet deep on the north line extending from the New York Central Railroad Company right of way to the Hudson River.

SECTION THREE: All ordinances and resolutions of the City of Rensselaer limiting the capacity of such tanks which may be constructed or installed or maintained generally within the City of Rensselaer to less than two thousand (2,000) gallons are hereby repealed and rescinded.

SECTION FOUR. All ordinances and resolutions heretofore adopted and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded and repealed.

SECTION FIVE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

DATED: Rensselaer, N.Y.
January 3, 1962

Approved as to form and
sufficiency this 3rd day of
January, 1962.

James S. Miller
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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WILLIAM HOOBKAMP	✓	
HAROLD BULLENT	✓	
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
WILLIAM LITHGOW	✓	
STEPHEN BUONO	✓	
BERNARD FARRELL	✓	
IRWIN STEWART	✓	
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WALTER S. PRATT		
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#2

By Alderman *Buono* & *Stewart*

Resolved that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with the Otis Elevator Company for servicing of the elevator at City Hall at a monthly cost of \$20.75 after the approval of such contract by the Corporation Counsel.

Approved as to form and sufficiency this 3rd day of January 1962

James J. Miller
Corporation Counsel

Dated: January 3, 1962

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We, the undersigned committee appointed to tabulate bids for the purchase of delivery of 60,000 gallons more or less, of No. Two Fuel Oil to the several fire house stations, the City Hall and the fire alarm station of the City of Rensselaer, in Metered Trucks for the year 1962 do hereby report that the following bids were received.

<u>BIDDER</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
Frank J. Plath	-\$.02 (Tank wagon price \$.155)	\$.135 per gal.
Sann's Fuel Oils	-\$.031 (Tank wagon price \$.155)	\$.124 per gal.
L. Polsinello Fuels	-\$.0035 (Tank car price \$.11)	\$.1135 per gal.

We, therefore report that the bid of L. Polsinello Fuels was the lowest responsible bid for the type of fuel best suited for the needs and purposes for which it is to be used and purchased irrespective of the price bid, and after a careful inspection of the bids submitted we respectfully urge that the Contract be awarded to L. Polsinello

Dated ~~December 20, 1961~~
January 3, 1962

COMMITTEE

John F. Mooney
Donald Lehey
Irwin Stewart
James S. Millea

#12
BY ALDERMAN *Brown - 2nd Mooney*

RESOLVED, that the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized and directed to enter into a contract with L. Polsinello for the purchase of said Fuel after approval by the Corporation Counsel.

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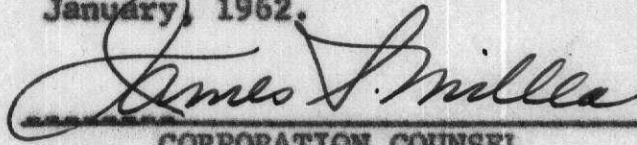
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CORPORATION COUNSEL

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

The City Clerk reports that the bills and payrolls audited by the Committee amounted to City Bills \$10,219.38, Water Dept. Bills \$3,265.52 and Water Payroll \$841.38 and Street Dept. Payroll \$5,507.01.

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

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HAROLD BULLENT	✓	
JOHN MOONEY	✓	
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