

CITY OF RENSSELAER  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY EVENING  
REGULAR MEETING

*Jan 21, 1962*

The Council convened at *9:25* 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: Bullent ✓  
Mooney ✓  
Lithgow ✓  
Buono ✓

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 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 *Leahey* moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman *Stewart*

WILLIAM HOOBKAMP  
HAROLD BULLENT  
JOHN MOONEY  
WILLIAM LITHGOW  
STEPHEN BUONO  
BERNARD FARRELL  
IRWIN STEWART  
EDWARD RATCLIFFE  
DONALD LEAHEY  
WALTER S. PRATT  
TOTAL

AYES	NOES
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	
✓	

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BY ALDERMAN Buono - : Stewart

RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1263a, Article 12 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York, that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute and deliver to the appropriate State agency on behalf of the City of Rensselaer an application for a State grant to finance the cost of a comprehensive study and report for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that J. Kenneth Fraser & Associates, Consulting Engineers, 518 Washington Avenue, Rensselaer, New York, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to prepare such application, comprehensive study and report and all necessary documents, surveys, etc. in connection therewith, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such application and all papers and documents in connection therewith shall be subject to the approval of the Corporation Counsel before filing of same with the appropriate State agency.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this 21st day of November, 1962

DATED: Rensselaer, N.Y.  
November 21, 1962

James S. Miller  
CORPORATION COUNSEL

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

1347 Broadway  
Rensselaer, New York  
November 19, 1962

The Common Council, City of Rensselaer

Gentlemen:

In September of this year, I learned that a parcel of real estate on Riverside Avenue had been "taken over" by the city of Rensselaer for non-payment of current and back taxes. The property is as follows:  
City of Rensselaer, 9th Ward

Lots 1 to 4, Block 237, Plot 39, W. Riverside Avenue

Owner: H.M. Lucas

Since I had long been interested in acquiring a piece of land on the waterfront where I could build an attractive home and readily pursue my hobby of boating with my own private dock etc. I inquired as to how I might be able to acquire this property. I learned that in cases of this kind wherein the property had been taken over by the municipality in which it was located, the procedure was to "compromise the total taxes due" on the property and then set a figure that would be acceptable to the governing body of the community and its tax officials and to then sell the property to an interested buyer at that price.

I made my interest in the property known to the office of the County Treasurer, Mr. Brahan and subsequently was notified that I could buy the County of Rensselaer's interest in the property for a specified price. This I did and now have in my possession a tax sale deed and a Quit Claim Deed for the above mentioned Lucas property made out to me by the County of Rensselaer.

My next interest is to ask you gentlemen, the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, if you will consider compromising the taxes due on this property to the City of Rensselaer and allow me to purchase the city's interest in the property as I have purchased the County's. I know that you gentlemen have much important business to "get Through" at this meeting but if you could devote a few minutes to this real-estate transaction that is partially completed and expedite its conclusion I would be sincerely appreciative and grateful to you.

As I mentioned above, my only interest in the property is to build an attractive home designed to blend with the natural attractiveness of the site and to enjoy that home and my hobby of boating while continuing to live in Rensselaer which I have called home for these past forty some years. I'm sure that the home I envision for the property, should it become mine, would -- with the appropriate landscaping make ~~##~~ a most attractive addition to the neighborhood.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter and perhaps include consideration of its request in your busy evenings work.

Yours very truly,

*Received & filed*  
John C. Bedell

*Received 11/20/62*

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BY ALDERMAN BUONO:

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer, on behalf of the City of Rensselaer, on be and he is authorized and directed to enter into a Contract with the Council of Community Services of the Albany Area, Inc. for the expansion of programs for Youth in the City of Rensselaer and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer on behalf of the City of Rensselaer, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to submit an application for the expansion of said programs to the New York State Division for Youth for its approval and, if approved to apply subsequently to the State of New York for partial reimbursement of funds expended on said projects as provided by Chapter 636 of the Law of 1956 as amended, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

November 21st. 1962

Approved as to form and sufficiency

James S. Millea  
Corp. Counsel

Alderman *Buono* moved that all bills and payrolls be referred to the auditing committee. The City Clerk reports that the Street Payroll, Water Dept Payroll, Improvement Fund Payroll and City Bills, Water Dept. Bills audited by the committee amounted to Water Dept. Payroll \$930.81, Street Dept. Payroll \$4,781.26 and Improvement Fund Payroll \$512.32 and City Bills \$6,263.53 and Water Dept. Bills \$3,612.33, Improvement Fund Bills \$1,525.88

Alderman *Buono* moved seconded by Alderman *Stewart* that the Payrolls and bills be allowed and ordered paid.

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