

CITY OF RENSSELAER,

IN

COMMON COUNCIL.

Tuesday evening Jan 4th, 1921.

Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 8:45 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President Edgar C. Niles.

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

President Niles.

Alderman, Gardinier,
" McMahon,
" Conlin,
" Whalen,

Alderman Rosekrans,
" Whitman,
" Gibson,
" Youngmans,

Alderman Norman.

READING OF MINUTES.

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

Carried.

Alderman Norman moved that Alderman Rosekrans be appointed President Pro-Tem.

Carried.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Jan 4th, 1921.

To the Honorable, The Common Council,
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

I take pleasure in submitting my first message together with certain recommendations that I think it advisable to make at this time.

I am glad to state after a careful ~~personal~~ personal of the records of the head of the various departments that they have worked diligently in the discharge of their duties.

Rensselaer has enjoyed an era of unprecedented prosperity and as a city is maintaining the progress that we began more than twenty years ago and has been carried on with brief interruptions. Though this is true of the achievements of our city as a whole, credit is due proportionately to the different forces that have contributed to the present commendable result.

It is gratifying to know that our city has largely increased in the number of homes and that the school attendance is growing rapidly.

We should not be entitled to this prosperity as a municipality if each one of us had not given the best that was in us toward the management of our city affairs, to the end that we might make the city attractive to the home seeker and dweller, by protecting life and property, by furnishing pure water, by keeping our streets clean, by offering the best free educational privileges.

I take this opportunity to express to your Honorable Body my appreciation of the cordial relations during the past as the President of your body and earnestly hope, as Chief Executive, the past pleasant relations will continue during my incumbency.

FINANCE

The total debt of the City December 31st, 1920 was \$430,898.00 This amount is \$29,900.00 less than December 31, 1919, which represents bond payments.

During the year the total of the City was decreased as follows:-

Paid on Improvement Bonds	\$9850.00
Paid on Paving Bonds	9550.00
Paid on Fire Dept, Bonds	3000.00
Paid on School Bonds	4000.00
Paid on Coupon Bonds	3500.00

No Bonds have been issued since 1917.

The tax rate for the year ending July 1st, 1921 for each one Hundred dollars is \$4.09 including school tax. which is .49064 points higher than the preceeding year. The amount raised by tax for the ensueing year for the ~~maintenance~~ Maintenance of the City government is \$160,074.06. The Board of Education requires \$94,527.10 for our ~~xx~~ schools which shows an increase over the proceeding year on account of advance of salaries for teachers and the acquisition of property adjoining school No, 2.

City of Rensselaer Bonds Outstanding, December 31st, 1919 & Dec 31st, 1920.

Date of Issue	Names of Bonds	Amt. Issued	Amt. Paid	Date Final Payt.	Rate	Prin. Due Yearly	Int Due	Int Due	Amt. Due Dec 31, 1920
Aug 1, 1896	School No 3, Bonds	\$25,000.00	\$18,000.00	8-1-21	4%	8-1	8-1		\$7,000.
Feb 15, 1917	School No. 1, Bonds	114,400.00	12,000.00	1-1-46	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		98,400
July 15, 1903	Paving Bonds	105,000.00	48,000.00	7-15-38	4%	1-15	7-15		54,000.
Jan 15, 1904	Paving Bonds	39,000.00	16,000.00	7-15-39	4%	1-15	7-15		22,000.
July 1, 1904	Paving Bonds	19,725.00	14,725.00	7-1-24	4%	7-1	7-1		4,000.
Oct 30, 1908	Fire House & Site	6,000.00	5,500.00	10-30-20	4 1/2%	10-30	10-30		-
Oct 30, 1908	Fire Dept, Imp	8,500.00	5,500.00	10-30-25	4 1/2%	10-30	10-30		2,500.
Apr 30, 1909	Paving Bonds	17,945.60	9,945.60	4-30-27	4 1/2%	4-30	10-30		7,000.
Oct 1, 1909	Paving Bonds	17,017.52	10,017.52	10-1-26	4 1/2%	10-1	10-1		6,000.
July 1, 1911	G. Imp. Ref. Bonds	145,000.00	35,000.00	7-1-41	4 1/2%	7-1	7-1		105,000.
May 1, 1914	Wash. Ave Imp. Bonds	27,000.00	6,750.00	5-1-34	4 1/2%	5-1	11-1		18,900.
May 1, 1914	B-Way, Paving Bonds	11,000.00	2,750.00	5-1-34	4 1/2%	5-1	11-1		7,700.
Apr 14, 1915	Coupon Pav. Bonds	70,000.00	14,000.00	1-1-35	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		52,500.
Sept 15, 1915	Fire Dept Bonds,	10,000.00	8,000.00	1-1-21	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		-
Nov 24, 1915	Imp. Bonds	15,400.00	4,500.00	1-1-26	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		9,400.
Apr 1, 1916	Paving Bonds	39,500.00	6,500.00	1-1-36	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		31,000.
Oct 9, 1916	Improvement Bonds	15,498.00	6,000.00	1-1-25	4 1/2%	1-1	7-1		5,498.
									\$450,898.
									\$460,798.00

We have no water bonds,

R. A. Blakeman Jr.,
City Treasurer,
Rensselaer, N. Y.

COMPARISON OF TAX RATES per \$1.00 FROM 1915 to 1920.

Year	General City	School	Special City	Total Special Rate	Total General Rate
1915	1.78165	.80158	1.4385	2.24008	2.58323
1916	1.88653	.75396	1.66572	2.41968	2.64049
1917	2.15053	.894	1.8511	2.7451	3.04452
1918	2.25157	.91537	1.96340	2.87877	3.16694
1919	2.56545	1.0281	2.3483	3.3864	3.60355
1920	2.59939	1.4948	2.58461	3.87941	4.09419

Year	State and County Taxes.			Combined State & County Rate
	State Rate	County Rate	Special City	
1915	-	-	-	.01225179
1916	-	-	-	.00627968
1917	.00165339414	.0060629626	-	.00711635674
1918	.00141658404355	.00820840478569	-	.00962498882924
1919	.00157276544318	.0086872015057	-	.01025996694888
1920	.004160264315	.010528228933584	-	.014688493249084

R. A. Blakeman Jr.,
City Treasurer,
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Comparison of Valuation.

	1918-1919	1919-1920
Real property	\$5,446.280.	\$5,581.755
Special Franchise	732.525.	611,550.
Personal	135.000.	133.000.
G. A. R. Exempt	22,575.	23,075.
Church Exempt	279.400.	254.500.
Fraternal Exempt	17,100.	None Allowed by law.
City Exempt	158.100.	178,150.
	<hr/> \$6,790.980.	<hr/> \$6,782.030.

Under the State Law the City is allowed to bond itself up to 10% of the amount of the Real and Special Franchise Property.

R. A. Blakeman Jr.,
City Treasurer.

RECORD OF FIRES IN RENSSELAER, N. Y. FOR 1920.

Fred'k M. Salt, Chief.

- Jan 22, Box 51 - 12.05 A. M. out bell 12-35 A.M. Fire shanty N.Y.C. R.R. yard under Viaduct, Responded Chemicals ~~1-2-3-4~~ No truck, no bell received in Fire house, 1 Line of hose used Loss about \$100.00
- Jan 26, Box 27 - 2-45 P. M. out bell 4-15 P. M. Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1, responded Fire J. Reynolds 1638 Broadway 2 lines hose used Loss about \$500.00
- Feb 6, Box 25, 12-45 P. M. out bell 1-15 P. M. responded Chemical No, 4, No Truck or other apparatus a/c snow drifts slight fire Tibbitts Rooming House, No chemical or hose used.
- Mar 17, Box 49 and 46, 8 A. M. out bell 9 A. M. responded Chemical 1-2-3-4 Truck No, 1, Fire, Box car Tellers siding, Totally destroyed 1 line hose used dirty job, hose covered with Green paint or dye from contents of car Loss about \$3000.00
- Apr 19, Grass Fire Beverwyck Cemetery No, alarm phone call, to Chemic-al No, 4, L line hose used, No, Loss.
- Apr, 20, Box 61, 9-30 P. M. out bell 9-40 P. M. Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1 responded. False Alarm.
- May 7, Box 53, 4-20 P. M. out bell 5-15 P. M. Chicken coop back of Telephone Building Chemical 2-3 Truck No, 1, 1 Line hose used Loss about \$200.00
- May 7, Box 38, 7-20 P. M. out bell 9-30 P. M. Fire VanAllen Barn Third Ave, Totally destroyed, Chemical 1-2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded 4 lines hose used and 25 foot of ladder of Truck broken Loss about \$2000.00
- May 24, Box 51, 7 A.M. out bell 3-40 P. M. N.Y.C.R.R. Coal chute Hudson Island Totally destroyed Chemical ~~1-2-3-4~~ 1-2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded 4 lines of hose laid using all hose on Chemical wagons, 3 hooks and 3 lengths of hose destroyed, hooks broke hose burn't up Loss about \$400.000.00
- June 1, Box 42, 11-40 P. M. out bell 12-10 A. M. fire rubbish back of Sherwood Coal yard 2 hand extinguishers used Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, No Loss
- June 25, 7-50 P. M. out bell 8-30 P. M. fire Hudson Bridge flooring 1 line hose used Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded Damage Slight.
- June 8, Box 51, 3-10 A.M. out bell 5-50 A.M. Fire carload cotton yarn caused by hot journal Box car placed back of Y.M.C.A. L line hose laid, half of car damaged by fire and water other half by water Chemical 2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded Loss about \$3000.00
- June 8, Box 25, 6-30 P. M. out bell 6-50 P. M. fire flooring Hudson Bridge putnout by bridge employees no Chemical or hose used, Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded No Loss.
- June 10, Box 72 3-40 P. M. out bell 4 P.M. fire chimney 14 Forbes Ave out when apparatus arrived Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1, responded. Loss slight.
- June 10, Box 93, 9-40 P. M. out bell 10 P.M. Chemical 1-2-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False Alarm.
- June 16, Box 32, 12-05 A.M. out bell 2 A.M. Fire grocery Store and building 250 East Street Philip Congoca store, totally destroyed upper floor gutted by water Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded 2 lines hose used. Loss about \$7000.00

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June 16, Box 23, 11-15 A.M. out bell 11-50 A.M. Fire in mattress Mrs Dahn 438 Broadway Chemical 1-2-3 Truck No, 1, responded fire put out with chemical Loss slight.

June 18, Box 93, 10-20 P. M. out bell 10-50 P. M. Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False Alarm.

July 29, Box 51, 6 P.M. out bell 6-15 P.M. fire on Broadway, voiduct in flooring 1 small Chemical used Chemical 3-4 Truck No, 1, responded Loss slight.

Aug 4, Box 25, 5-05 P.M. out bell 5-30 P.M. fire, loft in barn back of Rensselaer House, 1 line hose laid Chemical 1-2 Truck No, 1, responded, Loss about \$1000.00

Sapt 3, Box 51, 3 P.M. out bell 4 P.M. Box car on N.Y.C.R.R. tracks back of Y.M.C.A. Chemical 2-3 Truck No, 1, responded 1 line hose laid, Loss about \$1000.00

Sept 18, Box 42 - 1 P.M. out bell 1-15 P.M. Chemical 2-3 Truck No, 1, responded, False Alarm.

Sept 28, Box 42, 9-20 P.M. out bell 9-40 Chemical 2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False Alarm.

Oct 10, Phone call 6 P.M. fire Green Street dump, Chemical 2 responded 1 line hose laid, No Loss.

Oct 13, Box 42, 7-15 P.M. out bell 7-30 P.M. Chemical 2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False alarm.

Oct 22, Box 42, 9-50 P. M. out bell 10-05 P.M. Chemical 1-2-3 Truck No, 1, responded, False alarm.

Oct 25, Box 46, 8-30 P. M. out bell 8-50 P. M. Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False alarm.

Oct 26, Box 93, 9-30 P. M. out bell 9-50 P. M. Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False alarm.

Nov 3, Box 23, 9-30 P. M. out bell 10-50 P. M. fire empty frame house 438 Washington Street partly burned Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded 2 lines hose laid, Loss about \$1500.00

Nov 9, Box 42 - 10 P.M. out bell 10-15 P. M. Chemical 1-3 Truck No, 1, responded False alarm.

Nov 10, Box 72, 12-30 A.M. out bell 12-50 A.M. Chemical 2-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False Alarm.

Nov 20, Box 53, 2 A.M. out bell 2-15 A.M. Chemical 2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded, False alarm.

Dec 1, Box 51, 7P.M. out bell 7-20 P.M. fire oil rool N.Y.C.R.R. round house out when department arrived, Chemical 2-3-4 responded, Damage slight,

Dec 7, Box 49, 8-15 P. M. out bell 11-30 P. M. fire M. Angelo South Street barn and back of house barn totally destroyed with contents and back of house partly burned Chemical 1-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded 2 lines hose laid, damage about \$2000.00

Dec 22, Box 56, 1-10 P. M. out bell 1-45 P. M. Fire E. Scheibly house 95 Partition St, fire caused by oil heater over turning large chemical tank used, Chemical 2-3-4 Truck No, 1, responded, Loss about \$200.00

F. M. Salt,

Chief of Fire Department.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Dec 31st, 1920.

To the Honorable, The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer,
Rensselaer, New York,
Gentlemen:-

Pursuant to Section 37 of the City Charter of the City of Rensselaer, I herein transmit to you the annual report of Arthur B. Lanphier, Corporation Counsel.

I wish at this time to lay particualar stress upon certain matters set out in the report of the Corporation Counsel, and especially point out to you the manner in which the interests of the City have been guarded by the Law Department under the direction of Arthur B. Lanphier, our Corporation Counsel. You can see from his report that the claims presented against the City for the past year have been numerous, and in spite of all that, the amount paid by the City has been exceptionally small. In this particular, I wish at this time to extend my appreciation to the Corporation Counsel for the splendid manner in which he curtailed the expenses of the administration in the handling of claims, such as indicated by his report.

I wish also to urge ~~you~~ upon you that you see to it that the litigations now pending against the Rensselaer Water Company and the Albany Southern Railroad Company are pushed to the very limit in the hope that the City may be able to obtain water at a reasonable rate as well as gas and electricity.

The hearing with reference to the United Traction Company is, as set forth in the report of the Corporation Counsel, of great

concern to the people of the City of Rensselaer. The Corporation Counsel in his report has advised us that up to date the Commission has sustained his contention and I hope that the new administration, and especially the Law Department, will exert their utmost efforts in an endeavor to see that the work so ably handled by Arthur B. Lanphier, our Corporation Counsel, will be continued.

Yours very truly,

John Hall.

Albany, N. Y. Dec 31st, 1920.

Hon., John Hall,
Mayor of the City of Rensselaer,
Rensselaer, New York,

Dear Sir:- Pursuant to Section 37 of the City Charter of the City of Rensselaer, I herewith submit the annual report of the Department of Law for the year ending December 15th, 1920:-

NUMBER OF MEETING ATTENDED:

Common Council - - - - -	20
Board of Public Safety - - - - -	3
Conference with mayor and mother city officials - - - - -	18
Board of Education & conferences with members of Board Education- - - - -	5
NUMBER OF TRIALS; HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS IN COURT AND BEFORE COMMISSIONS- - - - -	15

AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN SUITS AND CLAIMS PRESENTED BECAUSE OF DEFECTIVE CONDITION OF STREETS? SIDEWALKS? SEWERS AND THE LIKE - \$17,795.23
AMOUNTS ALLOWED IN CLAIMS AS AGAINST THE ABOVE INDICATED \$250.00

(In connection with the said amount of \$250.00, I beg to say that \$150.00 of the same was paid contrary to my expressed wish and desire. This does not include the amount paid in satisfaction of the Judgement obtained by Mary D. Raymond against the City of Rensselaer, which case was tried this year but was pending since the former administration and was made a part of my previous report.)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS DRAWN AND APPROVED - - - - - 104

In this connection I beg to call specific attention to the ordinance drawn and approved relating to street openings. This ordinance is of prime importance to the City of Rensselaer and an effort should be made to see that its provisions are more fully enforced. If so, the City of Rensselaer will be saved thousands of dollars each year in the nature of unnecessary expenses heaped upon the City because the City is called upon to make repairs made necessary by street openings. The same ordinance provides a penalty, which penalty should be enforced to bring about the results desired by the enactment of the ordinance.

At this time, I desire to call your attention to matters in the hands of the Law Department which are of more than usual importance and which have, during the past year, required the expenditure of a great amount of time and attention. In particular, I beg to call to your attention at this time the matter of the case of the Rensselaer Water Company against the City of Rensselaer which is now pending in the Supreme Court of Rensselaer County.

The matter was set for trial for the trial term of the Supreme Court of Rensselaer County which began on the second Monday of October 1920, but disposition of the same did not take place by reason of the fact that Hon. Wesley O. Howard, Justice of the Supreme Court, stated to me and to Mr Thomas F. McDermott, Attorney for the Rensselaer Water Company, that he did not feel that he should dispose of the case of the Rensselaer Water Company against the City of Rensselaer by reason of the fact that he was personally acquainted with Mr West, the President of the Company, and also had, some years past, been the attorney for that Company. Justice Howard also presided at the December term of court and no opportunity was given for the disposition of the case. The matter could have been transferred to another court, that this I objected to, feeling that in as much as the City Charter of the City of Rensselaer provided that actions and proceedings against the City should be brought in the County of Rensselaer, I was unwilling to waive that provision of the Charter. The outcome of this litigation will decide the reasonableness or the unreasonableness of the charge now made for water in the City of Rensselaer.

In this connection, I beg also to advise that there is another action against the Rensselaer Water Company brought by the Board of Education of the City of Rensselaer, in which action it is also requested that a reasonable rate be fixed for the furnishing of water

to the City of Rensselaer and its consumers. There is at the present time pending before the Public Service Commission of the Second District an attempt by the United Traction Company to increase fares to ten cents. The case, although closed, as far as the presentation of evidence is concerned, is still awaiting the decision of the Commission. At the hearing before the Commission, I contended that the Public Service Commission of this district was without jurisdiction to fix and determine the rate of fare in and for the City of Rensselaer by reason of the fact that the rate of fare in the City of Rensselaer was controlled by the franchise of April 27, 1897 and the franchise of January 31, 1903. I also called the attention of the Commission to Chapter 358 of the Laws of 1905 entitled "An Act for the regulation of fares of electric railroads in and between the cities of Rensselaer and Albany, New York, and to provide for the issue of transfer tickets thereon." The Commission upheld my contention, after which decision by the Commission, the United Traction Company asked permission to submit a brief upon the question as opposed to my contention. I then requested the privilege of filing brief in opposition to that of the United Traction Company, a copy of which brief is on file and may be examined by you. The final decision of the Commission has not as yet been announced, but I have no reason to believe that the Commission will reverse itself, and it will then be incumbent upon the City to see to it that the United Traction Company carries out the provisions, as are just and proper.

The matter of the application of the Albany Southern Railroad Company to increase the rates for gas and electricity and for a service charge is still pending before the Public Service Commission. I have taken the necessary steps for the proper presentation of the case in addition to the advising of the employment of experts in the matter. What further steps will be taken in the matter depends upon the decision of the Commission after the case is completely closed before the Commission. The next hearing is set for February 15th, 1921.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the courtesies extended to me from time to time by the various heads of the departments and especially the Chief of Police, the City Clerk and the City Treasurer. I express herein my utmost appreciation of the great consideration and assistance which I have received from you as mayor of the City. I have always realized that you have had numerous problems and tasks placed upon you by virtue of your office, and in spite of all, found time to give consideration, encouragement and support in the handling of many intricate questions, which was properly the work of the Law Department.

Yours very truly,
Arthur B. Lanphier.

Alderman Rosekrans moved that reports be received and ordered filed.
Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR,
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CITY
OFFICERS.

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

Report was received,

Charity Commissioner J. E. VanValkenburgh reported having expended for the month of December 1920, the sum of \$294.75 for the relief of the poor.

Charity Commissioner Henry C. Johnson reported having expended for the month of December 1920 the sum of \$181.00 for the relief of the poor.

Reports were received and ordered filed.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, Jan 4th, 1921,

To the Members of the Common Council,
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:- Pursuant to Section 77 of Chapter 69 of the Laws of the State of New York, entitled "The Charter of the City of Rensselaer, I hereby designate and ~~appoint~~ appoint Aldermen Harvey Younghans and Charles V. Gibson, as members of the Auditing Committee.

Very truly yours,

Henry Meurs, Mayor.

Alderman Rosekrans moved that appointments be received and ordered filed.

Carried.

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Rensselaer, N. Y. Dec 31st, 1920.
To the Hon., President and Members of the Board of Aldermen
Rensselaer, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

I hereby tender my resignation as Supervisor of the Third District in the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. the same to take effect immediately.

Yours very truly,

John Selley Jr.,

Alderman Rosekrans moved that resignation be accepted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Jan 4th, 1921,

Mr Gardinier,
Alderman Seventh Ward,

I do hereby make complaint to you of the condition of the street light and poor effect, from which I and several others receive from this light on account of it blocked off. from the street and sidewalk. I know of five (5) people falling now in front of P. Foshay and my lot and it is a menace to pedestrians in present condition.

Thanking you for an early consideration, I am

Yours very truly,

G. E. Stilan, 1405 Broadway,
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Alderman Gardinier moved that the Albany Southern R. R. Co, be directed to remove all shades from Street lights.

Carried.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,

8255, Max Ellenbogen provisions delivered to poor	45.00
8256, W. H. Cornell provisions delivered to poor	42.00
8257, Floyd W. Shufelt removing fountain	2.50
8258, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	8.00
8259, Wm, P, Clifford supplies to street auto	8.50
8260, Wm, P, Clifford supplies to fire autos	35.58
8261, Jas, J. Rigney cinders furnished & delivered St, dept	303.00
8262, Jas, J. Rigney cinders furnished street department	7.00
8263, Thomas Young supplies to fire dept	3.65
8264, Thomas Fahey expenses of police	1.05
8265, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to Veterans	16.00
8266, Frank H. Reno coal delivered to poor	58.00
8267, Riverside Lodge K of P rent for primary & elections	35.00
8268, J. F. Munger Bond of Treasurer & insurance Chem, No, 4,	291.13
8269, A. E. Vraig provisions delivered to poor	28.00
8270, John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	22.00
8271, John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	20.00
8272, C. D. Butler assisting City Engineer	3.00
8273, Jacob Herman removing ashes from Truck House	8.00
8274, Homeopathic Hospital care of city poor	72.50
8275, Colson, Brice & McCann imnutes for Corporation Counsel	6.60
8276, Charles McGinness supplies to City Engineer	35.85
8277, Charles McGinness supplies to fire department	14.62
8278, John E. Loy provisions delivered to poor	39.00
8279, Geo, L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	24.00
8280, Ira M. Derrick provisions delivered to poor	16.00
8281, R. G. Stewart Drug Co, supplies to city depts	26.50

Alderman Rosekrans moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,

8220, Morgan Spring Water Co, spring water City Depts	6.90
8221, Orin Potter team hire for City Sealer	10.00
8222, Chalker Towel supply towels to City offices	17.00
8223, Thos, Fahey traveling expenses to Troy,	.60
8224, J. B. Lyons printing and supplies to City Treasurer	92.00
8225, J. B. Lyons printing for City Clerk	58.50
8226, O. S. Pulman Co, supplies to City Offices	1.75
8227, J. B. Lyons printing & supplies to City Treasurer	28.50

8228, Colson, Brice & McCann minutes Corporation Counsel	21.60
8229, M & S. Radiator Service Inc, repairs to radiator	7.75
8230, Geo, L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	72.00
8231, Thos, Heritage kerosene for fire department	1.15
8232, Geo, Layman watching fire & picking up hose	5.00
8233, Frank C. Scranton watching fire & picking up hose	5.00
8234, Cotrell & Leonard police caps	40.50
8235, The Seagrave Company 1 trussed wall ladder	65.00
8236, Geo, P. Allen inspector on soldier vote	5.48
8237, William Quinn inspector on soldier vote	5.48
8238, Daniel J. Steller inspector on soldier vote	5.48
8239, William F. Virgil inspector on soldier vote	5.48
8240, St, Margaret's House & Hospital care of city poor	417.21
8241, E. J. B. Murray rent for veteran relief	9.00
8242, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	21.75
8243, George Krauss shoes & rubbers to poor	5.00
8244, A. H. Drake provisions delivered to poor	22.50
8245, Thos, H. Heritage provisions delivered to Veterans	10.00
8256, Thos, H. Heritage provisions delivered to poor	54.00
8247, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to Veterans	21.75
8248, A. H. Drake provisions delivered to poor	10.00
8249, R. A. Blakeman Jr, expenses of office	25.85
8250, J. W. Wickens supplies to city departments	26.80
8251, C. D. Butler assisting City Engineer	9.00
8252, J. W. Wickens photographs for Corporation Counsel	10.50
8253, Geo, W. Finkle Mason work for street department	19.40
8254, L. Scheibly Sons, provisions delivered to poor	47.50

STREET PAYROLL.

William Hagen \$27.00 Chas Whitman Sr, \$12.00 Clarence Shaver \$3.00
 Frederick Rabe \$13.50 August Rabe \$13.50 Gilson Hayford \$7.50
 Chas, Eiveleit \$3.00

The Auditing Committee did not approve of bill No, 8218 of the Rensselaer Water Co, in the sum of \$24.75 and Bill No, 8219 of the Rensselaer, Water Co, in the sum of \$797.08.

Alderman Rosekrans moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the street payroll Ayes, Niles, Gardinier, McMahan, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman, Gibson, Younghans and Norman - - - - - 10

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Law Committee.

Alderman Gardinier of the Law Committee asked that further time granted the committee to report on claim of A. H. Carter.
 Request was granted.

RESOLUTIONS.

Alderman Whitman ■

RESOLVED, that Foyle Robinson of No, 121 Third Avenue, this city, be and he is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of John Selley as a member of the Board of Supervisors from the Third District of the City of Rensselaer.

Ayes, Niles, McMahan, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman, Gibson, Younghans and Norman - - - - - 9
 Noes, Gardinier - - - - - 1

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Gardinier moved to refer back to communications,
 Carried.

Alderman Gardinier moved to amend motion by inserting, (~~shades~~ only such shades to be removed which actually obstruct thoroughfare. - - - - - 3
 Ayes, McMahan, Whalen and Younghans - - - - - 3
 Noes, Niles, Gardinier, Conlin, Rosekrans, Whitman, Gibson & Norman-7

The President declared amendment lost.

The President called for vote on original motion.

Ayes, Niles, Gardinier, McMahan, Conlin, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman, Gibson, Younghans and Norman - - - - - 10

The President declared original motion adopted.

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Miscellaneous.

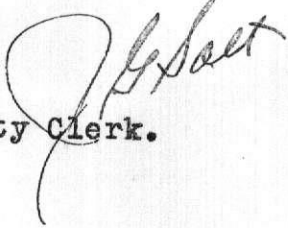
Alderman Gardinier moved that the Engineer correspond with the City electrician in Pittsfield, Mass to ascertain the cost of installing signals on fire alarm boxes as used in that city.

Carried.

Alderman Rosekrans moved to adjourn.
Alderman Whitman seconded.

Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. held Tuesday evening January 4th, 1921.


City Clerk.