

CITY OF RENSSELAER,  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL.  
Tuesday evening May 2nd, 1922.  
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 9:15 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President pro-tem Charles Rosekrans,

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

Alderman Gardinier,	Alderman Rosekrans,
" McMahon,	" Whitman,
" Whalen,	" Norman,

Mayor Meurs read resignation of Edgar C. Niles.,  
Alderman McMahon moved that the resignation be accepted.  
Carried.

Alderman Gardinier moved that an officer be sent out with instructions to bring other members of the Board.  
Carried.

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Gardinier moved that the minutes be adopted as printed subject to correction.  
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 H. C. Johnson reported having expended for the month of March 1922, the sum of \$253.50 for the relief of the poor.

Charity Commissioner H. C. Johnson reported having expended for the month of April 1922, the sum of \$196.00 for the relief of the poor.  
Reports were received and ordered filed.  
Albany, N. Y. April 30, 1922.

The Common Council,  
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.  
Honorable Sirs:-

It is with extreme regret that, thru force of circumstances, I am severing my official connection with your honorable body. Please accept my sincere thanks for the loyal co-operation and support offered me by yourselves during my tenure of office. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you, and my one desire now is that there may remain with each of you as kindly a thought toward the writer, as exists with him toward each of you, and toward you as an official body.  
May your official efforts continue toward the attainment of the betterment of the city, and my wish for each of you personally is for continued success and happiness.  
Yours very sincerely,  
Edgar C. Niles.

Was received and ordered filed.

REPORT  
OF

The Collection of State and County Taxes in Rensselaer, N. Y.  
For the year 1921.

Warrant as charged December 15th, 1921.	
Ward No, 1, - - - - -	\$12,542.05
Ward No, 2, - - - - -	13,647.23
Ward No, 3, - - - - -	2,465.53
Ward No, 4, - - - - -	15,301.41
Ward No, 5, - - - - -	2,880.70
Ward No, 6, - - - - -	6,239.19
Ward No, 7, - - - - -	6,116.93
Ward No, 8, - - - - -	7,503.41
Ward No, 9, - - - - -	12,837.40
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	\$79,533.85
Corrections	
Added to rolls Ward 8, Page 7, Line 38	.60
Total to be collected (Corrected warrant)	<hr/> \$79,534.45

Total collected-- - - - - \$77,193.46  
 Total uncollected Tax returned to Co, Treas. \$ 2,340.99  
 Total Corrected Warrant - - - - -\$79,534.45  
 Total Paid to Co, Treas \$77,146.64  
 2% held by City on the amount uncollected returns 46.82  
 Total - - - - 77,193.46  
 1921 Stm & Co, Tax ret'd. to co Treas \$ 2,340.99(unpaid)  
 No tax has been reported paid at the Office of the County Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted.

Dated at Rensselaer, N. Y. R. A. Blakeman Jr.,  
 April 15th, 1922. City Treasurer, Rensselaer, N. Y.  
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 Troy, N. Y. April 20th, 1922.

To Whom it May Concern:-  
 To the best of my knowledge and belief, the above statement is true and correct and corresponds with the books in this office.  
 Harry A. Lewis,  
 County Treasurer, Troy, N. Y.

Was received and ordered filed.  
 Rensselaer, N. Y. May 2nd, 1922.  
 To the Honorable President & Members of the Board of Aldermen,  
 Rensselaer, N. Y.  
 Gentlemen:-

The following is a true and correct copy of resolution as passed by the Board of Public Safety of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. at a meeting held Monday May 1st, 1922.  
 By Commissioner Blakeman,  
 Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to send a communication to the Common Council at its meeting to be held May 2nd, 1922, requesting permission to have the City Building decorated during "OLD HOME WEEK" at a cost not to exceed \$25.00  
 Yours very truly,  
 J. G. Salt, Clerk of Board.

Was received and ordered filed.  
 Rensselaer, N. Y. May 1st, 1922.  
 Common Council, Rensselaer, N. Y.  
 Gentlemen:-

On March 31st, 1922 the city received a check from the Albany Southern R. R. Co., for \$123.52 being a refund of overcharge on electricity furnished Municipal Buildings, contract rate 10¢ per K.W.H. energy billed at 12¢ per K.W.H. from June 1920 to November 1921 inclusive, with service charge of \$.50 per month included from February 1, 1921 to November 30, 1921.  
 Recapitulation.

Mink Steamer Building	\$15.74
Hill Hook & Ladder Co. Building	28.58
Chemical No. 4, Building	32.04
Ring Building	22.74
Hart Hose Company Building	24.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$123.52</b>

On April 5th, 1922, the city received another check for \$411.12 being a refund for four (4) lights on High Street beyond the city line which are paid for by private consumers but which are connected to the Street Light System.  
 Full details of these refunds are on file in this office.

Very truly yours,  
 R. A. Blakeman Jr, City Treas.,  
 Was received and ordered filed.  
 Rensselaer, N. Y. April 24, 1922.

Board of Aldermen, Rensselaer, N. Y.  
 Gentlemen:-  
 We, the undersigned taxpayers of the City of Rensselaer, State of New York, owning property on the street known as Broadway in the above City, bordering on and within the blocks of said street which are to be re-paved, do hereby protest to the cost and laying of the curbing being made an individual tax assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

Hazel F. Bronk, Dr. J. F. Reilly, Thos. F. Mahar, Mary E. Mahar,  
 Jas. Maloy, M. Ellenbogen, Louis Bonacker, Louisa J. Kirsch,  
 Joseph Kirsch, Mrs Ellen Mullin, Wm. A. Bonacker, John J. Sullivan,  
 Thomas Young, E., B. Jordan,  
 Was received and ordered filed.

#### PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,		
9734,	Burroughs Adding Machine Co, maintenance Adding Machine	7.55
9735,	William B. McGee Venders plates	13.75
9736,	John E. Quinn assisting City Engineer	75.00
9737,	Joseph Green supplies to City offices	4.90
9738,	M. Gurnik cleaning windows City Bldg & jail 3 months	21.00
9739,	R. B. Wing & Sons one American Flag	6.00
9740,	Albany Southern R.R. Co Street Lighting	792.42
9741,	Geo. L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	60.00
9742,	John Foust teaming for street dept	65.00
9743,	Chas. A. McGinness supplies to Street dept	46.86
9744,	Buddington Sharpe supplies to Street auto	2.37
9745,	Fred G. Kapp supplies to Street dept	36.13
9746,	Albany Southern R.R.Co, gas & electricity Police Dept	18.84
9747,	Bailey & Parker coal delivered to Police Sta No,1,	13.50
9748,	Fred M. Cohn tires for Chemical No, 1,	179.50
9749,	R. G. Stewart Drug Co, supplies Fire Dept & Poor	63.95
9750,	Albany Southern R.R. Co, gas & electricity fire dept	25.20
9751,	Henry Kalvelage picking up hose at J. Farrell fire	2.00
9752,	H. M. Cox picking up hose at J. Farrell fire	2.00
9753,	W. N. Card picking up hose at J. Farrell fire	2.00
9754,	The Gamewell Fire Alarm & Tel, Co, test Clock	176.84
9755,	Chas. A. McGinness supplies to fire dept	4.35
9756,	Wm. P. Clifford supplies to fire autos	20.79
9757,	Louis Cohen provisions delivered to poor	10.00
9758,	The Child's Hospital care of city poor	1.50
9759,	E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	9.00
9760,	John E. Loy provisions delivered to poor	1.50
9761,	Waugh & Berry coal delivered to Veterans	21.00
9762,	Bailey & Parker coal delivered to Veterans	14.00
9763,	Mrs Phoebe A. C. Stewart expenses to poor	2.00
9764,	John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	25.00
9765,	Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	7.00
9766,	Waugh & Berry coal delivered to poor	49.00
9767,	State Hospital care of city poor	22.14
9768,	St. Peter's Hospital care of city poor	67.16
9769,	John S. Hall coal delivered to poor	10.65
9770,	John S. Hall coal delivered to poor	28.00
9771,	George Krauss shoes for poor	5.00
9772,	Chas. Kaufman provisions delivered to poor	10.00
9773,	Chas. Kaufman provisions delivered to poor	28.50
9774,	Frank H. Reno coal delivered to poor	35.00
9775,	Cote Brothers provisions delivered to poor	17.00
9776,	Fred G. Kapp supplies and work on fire autos	105.35
9777,	James E. Scully expenses of office	21.74

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

Carried.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,		
9686,	N. Y. Telephone Co, tolls & exyension Court & Clerk	1.06
9687,	N. Y. Telephone Co, tolls for Mayor	.14
9688,	N. Y. Telephone Co, service to Clerk & Treasurer	5.50
9689,	The Rensselaer Club rent for Primaries 1921,	5.00
9690,	Joseph Green supplies to Clerk & Treasurer	11.25
9691,	W. L. Coughtry Co, supplies to City Engineer	5.50
9692,	Humane Society prosecution fees	10.00
9693,	William DeMyer City officers Bonds	25.00
9694,	The George Paper Corporation one case toilet paper	16.28
9695,	John E. Quinn assisting City Engineer	125.00
9696,	C. L. R. Barnhart printing for City Judge	10.00
9699,	Chas. A. McGinness supplies to Street dept	53.05
9700,	Morgan Spring Water Co, water to City Bldgs	6.30

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9701, Henry Meurs expenses for stamps	2.00
9702, Daniel Muller painting & papering at jail & Chemical	4 31.53
9703, Western Union Tel Co, Time service	4.50
9704, N. Y. Telephone Co, service to City Engineer	3.00
9705, Austin Western Road Machine Co, grader	230.00
9706, Austin Western Road Machine Co, Broom brace & equip	4.76
9707, The Fairbanks co, concrete mixer	383.20
9708, Albany H&W & Iron Co, rool box Street dept	3.00
9709, Geo, L. Wiltse & Son teaming for street dept	66.00
9710, N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls fire houses	26.54
9711, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding fire houses	4.00
9712, W. L. Schupp & Sons repairs to fire apparatus	3.38
9713, S. F. Hayward & Co, supplies to fire dept	71.25
9714, The Goold Co, tires for Chemical No, 2,	136.14
9715, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	4.00
9716, Chas, A. McGinness supplies for fire dept	5.25
9717, Chas, W. Gray repairs & materials at Truck No, 1,	29.04
9718, Havens Electric Co, terminals to fire dept	.48
9719, N. Y. Telephone Co, service to Chief of Police	2.00
9720, N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls Police Dept	5.28
9721, William E. Burns picking up hose at Ninth Street fire	2.00
9722, E. S. Jennings A&W chairs for Police Dept	28.05
9723, L. Scheibly & Sons provisions delivered to poor	78.50
9724, E. J. Keefe provisions delivered to poor	22.00
9725, John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	20.00
9726, Ira M. Derrick provisions delivered to poor	24.00
9727, E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	9.00
9728, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to Veterans	10.00
9729, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to poor	36.00
9730, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to poor	16.00
9731, Alexander Duff auto hire transportation of poor	16.00
9732, Mary E. Patten provisions delivered to poor	10.00
9733, C. W. Calkins expenses of office	1.50

## STREET PAYROLL.

William Hagan \$3.00 John Hofelich \$12.00 C. D. Cox \$23.25  
 Frederick Moody \$27.00 Clarence Shaver \$26.25 Fred Rabe \$32.25  
 Chas, Seeley \$26.25 J. H. Grabe \$21.00 Geo, Ellis \$32.25  
 Chas, Eiveliet \$23.25 Howard Miller \$20.25 C. D. Butler \$30.00  
 Henry Alguyer \$26.25 Gilson Hayford \$12.00 William Lampman \$32.25  
 Engelbert Holstein \$30.00 Chas, Oldenburg \$20.25 Isaac Benson \$4.50  
 Alderman Gardinier moved that the report of the Auditing Committee  
 be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the Street payroll.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
 Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

## ORDINANCES.

Alderman Gardinier moved that the Ordinance providing rules and  
 regulations for Garage's as passed by the Board be rescinded.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
 Adopted.

The President declared motion duly adopted.

Alderman Gardinier moved that a recess of twenty minutes be taken.  
 Carried.

## ORDINANCE PASSED.

By Alderman Gardinier,

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING GARAGES,  
 PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL.

The City of Rensselaer, in Common Council, ordains as follows:-  
 Section 1- No person firm or corporation shall, from this date, con-  
 struct or permit to use of any building or structure within the City  
 for the purpose of a public, private or commercial garage unless used  
 for this purpose at the time this ordinance becomes effective, with-  
 out first obtaining permit therefor, from the Mayor, as hereinafter  
 provided.

Section 2- No person, firm or corporation shall locate, build or con-  
 struct in the City a public, private or commercial garage without the  
 consent of the Common Council approved by the Mayor; such consent to  
 be evidenced by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a  
 majority of the members elected to each part of the Common Council.

Section 3- Any person, firm or corporation proposing or intending to locate, build or construct in any residence street or other district a garage, as before mentioned, shall file with the City Clerk for presentation to the Common Council, a verified petition, the proposed location of such building or structure by street and number, or other specific designation or description; The dimensions of the land upon which such building or structure is proposed to be constructed; the size and general character as to materials and construction of the building or structure, and the distance of the same from each of the streets in the block or square within which such building is proposed to be erected or such business carried on. Such petition shall also state whether it is proposed to store, keep for sale, or give away in such building or upon such premises, any oil or volatile liquid of an inflammable nature.

Section 4- The City Clerk shall present such petition to the Common Council at its next regular meeting and an appropriate committee be named to investigate the facts in said petition and a public hearing arranged in such a manner as provided for such public hearings for ordinances in the City Charter. The Public hearing may be dispensed with on the petition for private garage if the committee in its discretion, so deem it necessary.

Section 5- No garage shall be built nearer than ten feet to adjoining property owners dwelling, unless such garage shall be constructed of brick, concrete or other non-combustible materials but in no case shall a garage be built within thirty feet of the front line of any lot in a residential section, unless such front line faces a street upon which in that particular block no residence face or having residences thereon the building shall be built as far from the line as possible.

Section 6- Automobile garage regulations.

Every garage must at all times conform to the following regulations.

- (a) No gasoline shall be allowed to remain in any open can or open receptacle of any kind in or about the garage.
- (b) No gasoline shall be put into or taken out of any automobile where there is an open light.
- (c) No gasoline shall be used for motive power in any garage other than in the engine of an automobile.
- (d) No stove, forge, torch or other flame or fire shall be permitted in any garage, except in the office, retiring room or repair shop.
- (e) All lighting shall be by incandescent electric lights, with all electric switches and cut offs permanently located at least four feet above the ground.
- (f) All electric motors that are not actually a part of any vehicle shall be located at least four feet above the floor.
- (g) All lockers in automobile garage shall be constructed entirely of non-combustible material in such manner as to permit ready inspection and shall be ventilated.
- (h) No smoking shall be allowed inside of any public garage. A notice in large letters "NO SMOKING" shall be displayed in a conspicuous place and manner on the floor and at the entrances to every public garage.
- (i) All waste and rubbish must be kept at all times in metal receptacles fitted with a tight cover.

Section 7- A private garage or station is the place or storage of one or more automobiles owned and used exclusively by an individual resident of the City of Rensselaer for his private use, or the place of joint storage automobiles owned and used exclusively by not more than three individual residents of the City of Rensselaer for their private use not exceeding five automobiles in number.

A commercial garage or station is the place of storage of one or more business automobiles or commercial trucks, or self-propelling vehicles, owned and used by not more than one person, firm or corporation.

A public garage or station is any building or structure used for the storage of one or more automobiles or other self-propelling vehicles not within the class above mentioned.

A residence district, within the meaning of this chapter, is the territory or district within 500 feet in a direct line in every direction from the nearest part of the building proposed or intended to be located, erected or constructed as a private, commercial or public garage in which district or territory more than half the existing buildings are used wholly or partly for residence purposes.

To take effect immediately.  
Approved as to form  
May 2nd, 1922.

James E. Scully,  
Corporation Counsel.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared ordinance duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Whitman,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to grade and cinder chestnut Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets work to be started immediately.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman, & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Norman,

Resolved that the resignation of Edgar C. Niles as President of the Common Council be and the same is hereby accepted and be it further

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to forward to Mr Niles a letter of appreciation of his services as President of this body during his term.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Norman,

Whereas, the office of President of the Common Council has become vacant by the resignation of Edgar C. Niles be it

Resolved that Charles T. Rosekrans of 11 Columbia Street be and he is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Edgar C. Niles, as President of the Common Council..

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Norman,

Resolved that Charles W. Noyes of 4 Aiken Avenue be and he is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Charles T. Rosekrans as Alderman of the First Ward.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whalen,

Resolved that permission is hereby granted to Smith O'Brien to erect a gasoline tank and pump in front of his premises at 1237 Broadway, said work to be done in a manner satisfactory to the City Engineer.

Resolved that the said pump and tank will be removed forthwith on notice to remove same from the Common Council.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whitman,

Resolved that the Board of Public Safety expend not to exceed \$25.00 for the purpose of decorating City Building during "OLD HOME WEEK" the same to be a charge against the Municipal Building Fund.

Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Gardinier,

WHEREAS, Section 87 of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer and State of New York provides the raising by tax of the sum of \$100.00 for the purpose of providing for the due and proper observance of Memorial Day and;

WHEREAS, the sum of \$100.00 for the raised for the above mentioned purpose, no therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay to Henry Meurs, Mayor, the sum of \$100.00 for the due and proper observance of Memorial Day as provided by the Charter of the City and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to issue a good and sufficient Warrant to the City Treasurer for the payment of the same and the said \$100.00 shall be a charge against

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the General Fund, G. A. R. Account.

I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered balance in the above mentioned fund to cover the cost of the expenditure authorized. Ayes, Gardinier, McMahon, Whalen, Rosekrans, Whitman & Norman - - 6 Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Whitman moved to adjourn till Friday evening May 5th, 1922, at 8:00 o'clock P. M.  
Alderman McMahon 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 May 2nd, 1922.

*J. G. Saet*  
City Clerk.