

CITY OF RENSSELAER,  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL.  
Tuesday evening Feb 6th, 1923.  
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 8:10 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President Clarence McNalley.

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

		President McNalley,	
Alderman Quirk,		Alderman Curran	
" Lavery,		" Waugh,	
" Kemmy,		" Allen,	

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Curran moved that the minutes be adopted 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 W. D. Smith reported having expended for the month of January 1923, the sum of \$271.08 for the relief of the poor.

Charity Commissioner John J. Brophy reported having expended for the month of January 1923, the sum of \$193.35 for the relief of the poor,

Reports were received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,  
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-  
CATIONS.

Zepf Bros, No, 2, Fourth Avenue,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

ESTIMATE

Addition to rear of Mink Steamer Bldg, Total amount of Contract - - - - -	\$2217.72	
Allowed 90%,		
\$2217.72 X .90 -	\$1995.95	\$1995.95
Deduct previous payment		1440.00
Amount of this estimate		<hr/> \$ 555.95

Was received and ordered filed.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Feb 2nd, 1923,

To the Board of Aldermen,  
Gentlemen:-

Enclosed please find bill for stoppage of sewer 1314 Third Street, Rensselaer, Water ran in cellar away back to the heater and made some mess, house was filled with sewer gas, for three days, city main stopped up from Greenhalgh property, to Catherine Street and backed in cellar so send you this bill,

Yours truly,  
Louise Wood, 943 Broadway,

Was received and referred to the Law Committee.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Jan 31st, 1923.

Common Council,  
City of Rensselaer, N. Y.  
Gentlemen:-

The recent improvements to the eastern end of the Hudson Bridge has been the cause of the depreciation of my property located at 276 Broadway, account of the fact that the grade has been raised which practically shuts off the light from my living apartments. It will be necessary for me to have the windows broadened in order that I may get the desired light and which will dispense with a great expense of not having to have the gas light lit all day, and it will also be necessary for me to erect a new stoop.

Hoping that you will reimburse for the damages caused by

said improvement at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs Charlotte Burns,

276 Broadway, Rensselaer, N. Y.

Was received and referred to the Law Committee.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Feb 6th, 1923,

To the Hon, Mayor and Board of Aldermen:  
Rensselaer, N.,Y.

Gentlemen:-

In pursuant of a resolution passed by your honorable body I have attached hereto estimate by two competent Rensselaer builders on the proposed improvement to the rooms at lower police headquarters, and also minor repairs generally about the building.

Awaiting your careful consideration of the matter, I am,  
Respectfully,

Alfred J. Kaufman, City Engineer.

BIDS

Zepf Bros	- - - - -		
Extra new floor	- - - - -	\$55.00	\$233.45
George A. Patterson	- - - - -		204.05
Extra new floor	- - - - -	50.00	
Daniel Muller Painting	- - - - -		98.00

Was received and ordered filed,

Rensselaer, N. Y. Feb 1st, 1923,

Hon., Mayor and Board of Aldermen,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Relative to attached complaint, I would say that I visited the dumping ground in question and also took the matter up with the owner Mr A. E. Bonacker, who informed me that he had no desire to maintain a nuisance of any sort on his property, his sole aim being to form a roadway of ashes through his land and later on to cover it with some suitable road material, I saw no evidence of garbage having been dumped on the premises, but quite a few papers, some of which were being burned, in regard to the matter of loose papers he promised to keep them picked up and to dispose of them by burning.

Respectfully yours,

Alfred J. Kaufman, City Engineer,

Was received and ordered filed,

Albany, N. Y. Jan 26th, 1923,

Hon., Mayor and Board of Aldermen,  
Rensselaer, New York,

Gentlemen:-

The State Tax Commission had recommended a rate of 55% on special franchise values for the years 1923.

At the hearing on this case I appeared and in addition to the protest filed by the City, I filed an affidavit of Mr Brooks and an Affidavit of Mr Patterson setting forth the method which we expect to follow out for assessing the private owners for 1923 taxes.

The State Tax Commission has notified me that instead of making the rate 55% they have increased the same to 75% which means that the city will have the advantage of the 20% more on the amount of taxes collected from the corporations holding special franchise.

Very truly yours,

John J. Scully,

Was received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,		
10572,	Morgan Spring Water Co, water to city depts	9.30
10573,	N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls to city depts	49.87
10574,	J. W. Wickens supplies to fire & Police dept	21.11
10575,	C. L. R. Barnhart printing for City Treasurer	23.00
10576,	C. L. R. Barnhart printing for Com, of Taxation	6.50
10577,	C. L. R. Barnhart printing for Com of Taxation	43.50
10578,	Rensselaer County Bank insurance & registration Bonds	6.50
10579,	Wm, W, Gray repairs playgrounds & Chemical No, 2,	5.30
10580,	Hickey & Connolly supplies to City Engineer	4.90

10581, John E. Knapp removing limb of tree for Engineer	5.00
10582, Frank G. Groark auto removing snow	54.38
10583, Albany Southern R.R. Street lighting	795.50
10584, Thos, Sherwood Jr, teaming removing snow	46.00
10585, John Dunn teaming removing snow	56.00
10586, C. L. R. Barnhart printing for Engineer	6.50
10587, Jacob Herman teaming removing snow	8.00
10588, Zepf Bros supplies and repairs for Engineer	27.86
10589, John Aman supplies to City Depts	36.79
10590, Henry Meurs supplies to fire department	10.88
10591, Jacob Herman removing ashes from Truck No, 1,	4.38
10592, Boston Store bedding for fire dept	20.00
10593, Charles Clow picking up hose	2.00
10594, Waugh & Berry ice to City Departments	43.14
10595, Havens Electric Co, repairs to Battery	12.90
10596, Thomas O. Jones window shades for Chemical No, 2,	4.30
10597, Albany Southern R.R. Gas & electricity Fire Houses	42.10
10598, S. F. Hayward handles for Callahan Nozzle	4.34
10599, Albany Southern R.R. gas & electricity Ploice dept	22.24
10600, John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	20.00
10601, A. E. Williams provisions delivered to poor	14.00
10602, A. E. Williams provisions delivered to Veterans	24.00
10603, James Picken provisions delivered to poor	6.00
10604, James Picken provisions delivered to poor	6.00
10605, J. Marin provisions delivered to poor	10.00
10606, E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	10.00
10607, Lang Stamp Works supplies to Tax Commissioner	9.75
10608, Frank H. Reno coal delivered to poor	34.25
10609, Monthe Goode provisions delivered to poor	1.05
10610, Charles Goode removing snow for engineer	22.50
10611, Harry Manders team for fire dept	435.00
10612, Thos, Sherwood Jr, team for fire dept	435.00
10613, N. Y. Telephone Co, installing telephone engineer	8.00
10614, John J. Becker auto removing snow for engineer	26.25
10615, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	6.00
10616, Wm, P, Clifford supplies to fire autos	17.14
10617, Wm, B. Reagan postage & expenses of office	3.14
10618, Wm, P, Clifford supplies to street autos	68.79
10619, J. C. Raney provisions delivered to poor	68.50
10620, Mrs L. H. Curtiss fumigating	4.00
10621, Alexander Duff auto to Albany Hospital	3.00
10622, Charles N. Stewart medicines to city poor	11.10
10623, William Mineker removing snow from streets	63.75
10624, John McIntosh painting cell at Police Headquarters	8.00
10625, Zepf Bros extras to addition of Chemical No, 2,	209.62
10626, Cote Bros provisions delivered to poor	12.50

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

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,	
10542, N. Y. Telephone Co, service & installing telephone	7.40
10543, N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls City Depts	44.33
10544, C. L. R. Barnhart printing for city offices	6.00
10545, C. S. Pulman Co, supplies to Treasurer	2.60
10546, Fred Mergenthaler removing ashes Chemical No, 2,	10.48
10547, Fred Mergenthaler removing ashes Chemical No, 4,	11.02
10548, Fred Mergenthaler ashes Chemical No, 1, removed	7.20
10549, Matthew Gurnik cleaning windows City Bldg & jail	7.00
10550, Morgan Spring Water Co, water to City Bldg	10.80
10551, Western Union Tel Co, Time Service	4.50
10552, Lang Stamp Works supplies to City offices	52.05
10553, Lang Stamp Works supplies to Tax Commissioner	7.80
10554, Gold Coin Furnace & Machine Co, Manhole Cover	9.00
10555, Mac Sign & Adv Co, metal signs	12.00
10556, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire houses	4.00
10557, Henry Meurs supplies to fire dept	3.30
10558, Alexander Duff auto hire to Police dept	7.00
10559, Thos, Fahey expenses of Police	1.00
10560, Elmer B. Brockett provisions delivered to poor	26.00
10561, Wm, P, Clifford supplies to fire autos	21.70

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10562, A. E. Craig provisions delivered to poor	8.00
10563, Albany Hospital care of city poor	116.50
10564, John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	12.00
10565, L. Scheibly Sons provisions delivered to poor	108.50
10566, E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	10.00
10567, Arthur B. Cote provisions delivered to poor	18.00
10568, Ira M. Derrick provisions delivered to poor	14.00
10569, John Foust teaming for street dept	80.00
10570, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for tire houses	4.00
10571, Mrs Julia Linderman one case of Gold Dust	3.75

## STREET PAYROLL.

C. D. Cox \$40.50 John Carpenter \$33.00 Chas, Evileit \$34.50 William Hagan \$53.38 Charles Herman \$55.50 Peter Hart \$55.50 John Hofelich \$55.50 Fred Moody \$21.00 Howard Miller \$19.50 Edw, McCormick \$45.00 Lawrence McCormick \$12.00 Michael McEvoy \$16.50 Charles Oldenburg \$6.00 Thos, O'Donnell \$55.50 William Provo \$6.00 Alfred Provo \$19.50 Clarence Shaver \$27.00 Frank Salisbury \$35.00 Patrick Tobin \$39.00 Raymond Reed \$72.00 John J. Morrissey \$4.50

Alderman Curran moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the street payroll. Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavey, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Corporation Counsel John J. Scully stated that he had meet Mr Murphy of the Traction Company and he had informed Mr Scully, that he was trying to improve the service of the Company in the City, Report was received.

Corporation Counsel John J. Scully reported that back in 1910 the Boston & Albany R. R. brought proceedings for a refund of taxes on Herrick Street Bridge as being assessed in the Special Franchise, whereas, the Rail Road Company claim that tracks were laid before Herrick Street established as a street, and therefore claim refund of Taxes from 1910 to 1920 and 6% interest. Report was received,

REMOVAL OF SNOW  
IN THE  
CITY OF RENSSELAER.

The City of Rensselaer agrees to remove the snow on both sides of the tracks from the Broadway Viaduct to the City Building at the foot of John Street, and to make turn-outs from the City Building to the end of the line. The City also agrees to take care of partition St. except the corner of Broadway and Partition St. The City Will also make turn-outs on Washington St. and Columbia St.

The United Traction Company is to clean Third Street, one side from the end of the line to Catherine Street. To make turn-outs from Catherine St. to Partition St. To make turn-outs on Broadway between the end of the Viaduct and the Greenbush Bridge. The Company is to clear away the snow from the corner of Broadway and Partition St.

This mutual agreement divides up the snow removal on the street of the City that our covered by the rails of the United Traction Company. Was received and ordered filed.

Alderman Curran Chairman of Select Committee on Pension Fund reported that he Had the Law on Pension Funds, and asked for further time to co-operate with the Corporation Couhnel so that they could look up the State Pension Fund Law, The request was granted.

## RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Waugh,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay to John P. Powers Treasurer of the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association \$32.95 the same being 10% of the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax, This money is for the Firemen's Home at Hudson, N. Y.

Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Curran,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay to Zepf Bros, the sum of \$555.95 representing estimate No, 2, under their contract for building new addition to rear of City Building,  
Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen, - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Curran,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase one flat top desk from the State Prison Commission at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 the same to be a charge against the General Fund, Assessment and Taxation Account,  
I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered balance in the above mentioned fund to cover the cost of the expenditure authorized.

W. B. Reagan, City Treasurer,  
Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Lavery,

Resolved that the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to make the following transfers and reinstate his accounts as directed,  
From the General Fund Surplus Account, \$700. to the Police and Fire Fund, Police Account \$200. and to the General Fund, Assessment and Taxation Account \$500.

Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Kemmy,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to enter into contract with Mr George Zepf to the amount of \$240.00 for improving the rear room of the E. F. Hart Hose Building same to the a charge against the fire building fund. en

I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered balance in the above mentioned fund to cover the expenditure authorized.

W. B. Reagan, City Treasurer,  
Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Quirk,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby directed to enter into contract with Mr George Patterson the lowest bidder for making repairs to lower Police Headquarters, his bid being \$204.05 same to be paid from the Police Bldg Fund.

I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered Balance in the above mentioned fund to cover the expenditure authorized.

W. B. Reagan, City Treasurer,  
Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Wuagh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Kemmy,

Resolved that the Times Union published in the City of Albany, N. Y. is hereby designated as the official paper of the City of Rensselaer, to print all necessary minutes, resolutions and advertisements, any resolutions inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Quirk,

Resolved by the Board of Aldermen that Whereas, the Canal Board of the State of New York has unanimously approved of a canal terminal in our city at a point southerly from the Hudson Bridge; and

Whereas, no appropriation has been made for the prosecution of this work,

Resolved that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer petition the Legislature of the State of New York to enact the necessary legislation for the acquirement of the proposed site and the

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construction of a suitable terminal and the appropriation necessary therefor: and be it further

Resolved that the President be authorized to appoint a committee of this body to confer with our legislative ~~representative~~ representatives for the introduction of such measures in the Senate and Assembly at once and that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator John P. Ryan and Assemblyman Thomas Coleman.

Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Committee, Ald, Quirk, Lavery, Curran, Allen, Waugh. Adopted.  
The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Quirk,

Resolved that the City Assessor be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase a filing cabinet or fire proof safe for use in his office at a cost not to exceed \$160.00 the same to be a charge against the General Fund Assessment and Taxation Account.

I hereby certify that there is an unencumbered balance in the above mentioned fund to cover the cost of the expenditure authorized,

W. B. Reagan, City Treasurer,  
Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Curran,

Whereas the City Treasurer was empowered by resolution of this board to negotiate for a special Certificate of Indebtedness in the sum of Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety One Dollars and two cents (\$44,391.02) and

Whereas the Rensselaer County Bank has agreed to accept said certificate of Indebtedness in the form and manner described in the aforesaid resolution at the face value with interest at five (5) per cent:

Resolved that the Mayor and the City Clerk be and they hereby are authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver to the Rensselaer County Bank a Certificate of Indebtedness as designated in said resolution.

Ayes. McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Curran, Waugh & Allen - - - 7  
Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

#### Miscellaneous,

Dr. Nichols of the State Health Department being ~~present~~ present spoke on City Health nurse, stating the a Health Nurse should be paid \$1800. per year, and the use of an automobile to make calls, the Health Officer should have an office with a salary of at least \$1000. per year, with a desk and proper files, and also a clerk, he stated that to take care of the Health end of the city, the city should have a budget of about \$5000. in this department.

A vote of thanks was given Dr Nichols for attending the meeting and given the talk.

Alderman Curran moved that a committee with the Corporation Counsel and City Engineer be appointed to meet Herschel Roberts to take up numbering of Tax Map.

Carried.

The President appointed Aldermen Curran, Kemmy & Allen as such Committee.

Mr Herschel Roberts being present stated that Tax map nearly completed with the exception of about twelve parcels, and that he would have it finished by the next meeting.

Alderman Curran took the chair, President McNalley stated that several complaints had been made to him, that the Board should see that the garbage collection is made as called for in the contract.

Mayor Youngmans stated that if Mr May is called on the telephone about garbage not being ~~collected~~ collected, he will take care of same immediately, as he found so from experience.

Alderman Curran moved to adjourn,  
Alderman Quirk 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 Feb 6th, 1923.

City Clerk,

*J. G. Salt*