

CITY OF RENSSELAER,
IN
COMMON COUNCIL,
Tuesday evening March 20th, 1923.
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 8:05 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.

<p>Alderman Quirk, " Lavery, " Kemmy, " Whalen,</p>	<p>Alderman Curran " McGowan, " Bailey, " Allen,</p>
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READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Whalen 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.

Rensselaer, N. Y. March 20th, 1923.

To the Hon., President and Members of the
Board of Aldermen, City of Rensselaer, N. Y.
Gentlemen:-

This is to notify your honorable body that the contract for the collection of garbage between the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. and J. T. May expires April 29th, 1923.

Yours very truly,

J. G. Salt, City Clerk,

Was received and ordered filed,

Rensselaer, N. Y. March 20th, 1923,

To the Hon., Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
Gentlemen:-

I would respectfully ask that the pay rate in this department for laborers be revised, At the present time all receive alike 37½ cents an hour. In other words a man who can do twice as much work as another receives the same pay, which is neither for the best interests of the service nor fair.

I would suggest, therefore, a re-rating of the men, separate them into two groups as "Labor First Class", and "Labor Second Class", the former to receive 45 cents per hour, and the latter 30 cents, which in the end should average about what is being paid at the present time.

Hoping that this matter may receive all due consideration,
I am,

Respectfully yours,

Alfred J. Kaufman, City Engineer.

Was received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-
CATIONS.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Mar 19th, 1923,

To the City Officials
of Rensselaer,

The Officers and Members of the E. F. Hart Hose Co, (Chemical No, 3,) wishes to extend to you their sincere thanks for your kind co-operation in joining with them in paying the last earthly respects to their beloved and deceased officer and Member James J. Hart Jr.,

Yours respectfully,

William J. Lyons, Secretary.

Was received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,		
10687,	Hickey & Connolly filing case for Health Officer	71.50
10688,	Hickey & Connolly Bond for City Marshal	5.00
10689,	Underwood Typewriter Co, adjusting Machine	1.39
10690,	Lang Stamp Works, Inc., supplies to City Clerk	2.85
10691,	N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls City Depts	61.29
10692,	John Aman supplies to Police & Fire Depts	24.90
10693,	William Gray repairs to Police & Fire Depts Mink's	9.35
10694,	Havens Electric Co, repairs & charging battery	1.63
10695,	Thos, H. Heritage supplies to fire dept	5.90
10696,	Henry Meurs supplies to fire dept	.85
10697,	R. G. Stewart Drug Co, supplies to fire dept	53.75
10698,	Hickey & Connolly filing case to Chief of Police	50.00
10699,	Thos, Fahey expanses of Police	2.80
10700,	Kapp's Garage supplies to street dept	15.18
10701,	The White Co, repairs to Street truck	1.60
10702,	The Sherwin-Williams Co, paint to street dept	.30
10703,	Lang Stamp Works supplies to City Engineer	1.50
10704,	Albany Welding & Boiler Shop one boiler plate	2.30
10705,	George Krauss shoes & rubbers to poor	5.00
10706,	Albany Hospital care of city poor	87.25
10707,	Homeopathic Hospital care of city poorm	102.00
10708,	Elmer B. Brockett provisions delivered to poor	20.50
10709,	P. G. Foshay provisions delivered to poor	36.00
10710,	P. G. Foshay provisions delivered to poor	36.73
10711,	Albany Hospital care of city poor	32.25
10712,	Thos, H. Heritage provisions delivered to poor	24.00
10713,	Thos, H; Heritage provisions delivered to Veterans	60.00
10714,	Thos, H. Heritage provisions delivered to poor	27.00
10715,	John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	20.00
10716,	Jas, D. McIntyre provisions delivered to poor	21.00
10717,	Joseph A. McGrath provisions delivered to poor	15.50
10718,	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	4.00
10719,	D. Shufelt repairs at City Bldg	11.65
10720,	Zepf Bros making signs for street dept	6.58
10721,	G. A. March shades for Chemical No, 4,	19.85
10722,	Zepf Bros Building snow plow for street dept	63.23
10723,	Zepf Bros repairs Truck & Chemical No, 3rd Bldg,	26.54
10724,	Homeopathic Hospital care of city poor	192.00
10725,	A. E. Bonacker provisions delivered to poor	13.50
10726,	Waugh & Berry coal delivered to poor	7.00
10727,	Hickey & Connolly premium on Burglary insurance	14.85

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

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,		
10649,	Ideal Disinfectant Corp, disinfectants	38.08
10650,	William B. McGee Venders plates	16.50
10651,	N. Y. Telephone Co, toll charges to Engineer	1.02
10652,	Morgan Spring Water Co, water to City depts	8.70
10653,	Hickey & Connolly printing tax books	100.00
10654,	Hiskey & Connolly supplies to city officers	26.50
10655,	Fred'k S. Bullent picking up hose	2.00
10656,	James Cooney picking up hose	2.00
10657,	Walter S. Pratt repairs to fire apparatus	97.89
10658,	John McIntoch picking up hose	2.00
10659,	Frank Mink picking up hose	2.00
10660,	William Doyle picking up hose	2.00
10661,	William P. Clifford supplies to fire autos	18.43
10662,	Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	4.00
10663,	Kapp's Garage storage of Truck No, 1,	3.00
10664,	Albany Southern R. R. gas & electricity to fire houses	46.00
10665,	E. A. Sherman meals to prisoners	.60
10666,	Albany Southern R.R. gas & electricity to Police dept	26.88
10667,	Wm, P, Clifford supplies to street autos	52.56
10668,	Albany Southern R. R. street lighting	795.50
10669,	Homeopathic Hospital care of City poor	33.00
10670,	Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to Veterans	34.00

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10671, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	7.00
10672, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to Veterans	72.00
10673, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	71.30
10674, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	8.00
10675, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to poor	2.00
10676, W. Yates Lansing wood delivered to poor	1.00
10677, James Lithgow provisions delivered to poor	8.00
10678, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	7.50
10679, Nellie M. Green nurse to city poor	45.00
10680, Alexander Corbat provisions delivered to poor	16.00
10681, Bailey & Parker coal delivered to poor	56.00
10682, W. D. Smith expenses of office	1.46
10683, Cote Bros provisions delivered to poor	6.00
10684, James Picken provisions delivered to poor	6.00
10685, A. E. Williams provisions delivered to poor	14.00
10686, A. E. Williams provisions delivered to Veterans	16.00

STREET PAYROLL.

Raymond Reed \$48.00 Henry Alguyer \$4.50 Chas, Eveleit \$3.00 William Hagan \$37.51 Peter Hart \$18.37 John McIntosh \$36.00 Thos, O'Donnell \$13.50

Alderman Whalen moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the Street payroll. Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Whalen, Curran McGowan, Bailey and Allen - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTIONS,

By Alderman Whalen,

Resolved, that the City Engineer be and he hereby is empowered to employ laborers for the different departments under his jurisdiction. That the laborers so employed shall be divided into two classes. Class A:- whose compensation shall be not less than (40¢) forty cents per hour and not more than fifty (50) cents per hour. Class B: whose compensation shall be not less than thirty (30) cents per hour and not more than forty (40) cents per hour. The classification of said laborers to be made by the City Engineer.

Ayes, McNalley, Quirk, Lavery, Kemmy, Whalen, Curran, McGowan, Bailey and Allen - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whalen,

Resolved that the Corporation Counsel be and he hereby is empowered and authorized to employ Milton J. Brooks for the purpose of assisting him in the controversy regarding the valuation of the Maiden Lane Bridge and Upper or Bath Bridge which valuation is made for the purpose of special franchise assessment. The compensation of Mr Brooks is not to exceed (\$30.00) Thirty Dollars per day.

Same to be charged to the fund of the Law Department covering witnesses.

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, Whalen, Curran, McGowan, Bailey and Allen - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whalen,

Resolved That Milton J. Brooks be and he hereby is employed as a special assistant to the Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation for the purpose of checking the valuations of the railroad property in the City of Rensselaer for the purpose of taxation. The compensation of Mr Brooks is not to exceed Thirt (30) Dollars a day and the compensation for the entire work is not to exceed the sum of Four hundred eighty (\$480.) Dollars,

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, Whalen, Curran, McGowan, Bailey and Allen, - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Whalen,

Resolved that the City Clerk be and he hereby is authorized and directed to purchase Two Gallons of Paint for use at the G. B. Mink and T. Claxton and Chemical Company No. 2,

The same to be a charge to the Fire Bldg 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, Whalen, Curran McGowan, Bailey
and Allen - - - - - 9

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

The Mayor spoke on excessive rents asked in the City, and stated that something should be done, he said that there was a bill in the Senate to curb this excessive rent problem, and as soon as this was passed the Board could take such action as they deemed fit to overcome the condition.

Alderman Kemmy moved that the City Engineer investigate and ascertain if the street light can be changed and placed in domes at Convent of Mercy driveway entrance.

Carried.

Alderman Whalen moved that the Commissioner of Assessment and Taxation be given permission to issue a permit to Mr Elliot to Build a Garage.

Carried.

Mr J. T. May who had contract for the collection of garbage in the City appear before the Board as per citation of last meeting.

The President stated that many complaints had been made as to the collection of garbage, and as Mr May was present he would be given the privilege of the floor to explain why collections had not been made.

Mr May Stated that he had done the best that could be expected under conditions, that on account of having new men, and the roads being impassable, on account of the snow, that he had done all he could do to make collections regular.

Alderman Whalen claimed that in the Fourth Ward there had been very little collections.

The President asked if any of the other Aldermen wished to speak on garbage collection conditions.

There being none he declared that order of business closed.

The Corporation Counsel reported that there were three amendments being prepared to present to the Legislature for passage.

Amendment 1:- Where the Charter now provides that streets of only 50 feet in width can be accepted by the City, the amendment would make it possible to accept streets of any width.

Amendment 2:- Election law to provide that City officers that are elected in 1925 to hold office for three years so that the General City election will come on the off year instead of the year when President and Governor are elected.

Amentment 3:- Changing the Board of Public Safety from three members to five members, the other two members to be the President of the Common Council and the Corporation Counsel.

Alderman Whalen 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 March 20th, 1923.

City Clerk.