

PUBLIC HEARING.
Monday evening Feb 15th, 1926.

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Mayor James W. Adams, at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

THE
CALL
FOR
HEARING.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Feb 8th, 1926.

Mr J. G. Salt,
City Clerk,
Rensselaer, N. Y.
Dear Sir:-

Kindly give notice through the Official Newspaper that a public hearing will be held in the Common Council Chambers Monday evening Feb 15th, 1926, at 7:00 o'clock P. M. on a local law to amend chapter Sixty-nine of the laws of Nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the City of Rensselaer" in relation to the appointment and terms of office of the officers and members of the police department, and officers and employees of the fire Department.

Yours very truly,
James W. Adams, Mayor.

The Mayor directed the Clerk to read the proposed Local law. #2 A

A Local Law to amend chapter sixty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the City of Rensselaer" in relation to the appointment and terms of office of the officers and members of the police department, and officers and employees of the fire department.

Be it anacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

Section 1, Sections two hundred thirty-two, two hundred thirty three and two hundred forty-three of chapter sixty-nine of the laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the charter of the City of Rensselaer" are hereby superseded and anacted as local law, amended, respectively, to read as follows:

232. APPOINTEES OF BOARD. The board of public safety, shall within ten days after the adoption of this law appoint a chief of police in place of the present chief of police. The police and fire departments shall as to component parts otherwise remain as now constituted. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of chief of police, the assistant chief of police, the chief engineer of the fire department, the assistant chief engineers of the fire department, the board shall appoint in its discretion a person deemed by it suitable and competent to fill the same. The assistant chief of police, the chief engineer of the fire department and the assistant chief engineers of the fire department, shall each hold office during good behavior or until permanently incapacitated or unfit to discharge his duties. Provided however the board may appoint a chief engineer and two assistant chief engineers of the fire department, in place of any chief engineer or assistant chief engineer, during the month of January of any year.

233. RULES? ORDERS AND REGULATIONS. The board of public safety shall make and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, as may be reasonably necessary to effect a prompt and efficient exercise of all the powers conferred and the performance of all duties imposed by law upon each of the departments under its jurisdiction. It is authorized and empowered to make and adopt, promulgate and enforce reasonable rules, orders and regulations for the government, discipline, administration and disposition of the officers and employees and members of the police, health and fire departments, and for hearing, examination, investigation, trial and determination of charges made and preferred against any officer or employee of the said departments, for neglect of official duty, or incompetency or incapacity to perform his official duties, or some delinquency seriously affecting

his general character or fitness for the office, and may in its discretion punish such officer or employee found guilty thereof by reprimand, forfeiting and withholding pay for a specific time, by suspension during a fixed period, or dismissal from office, but during his term of office no officer or employee of said departments hereafter to be appointed shall be removed or otherwise punished for any other cause, or until specific charges in writing shall have been preferred against or served upon him and he shall have been found guilty thereof after reasonable notice, and upon due trial before said board, in the form and manner prescribed by law and the rules and regulations of the departments.

243. TERMS OF OFFICE. All members of the police department, except the Chief of police, and employees of the fire and health departments, subject to the power of removal hereinafter specified, shall hold their respective offices during good behavior until by age or disease they shall become permanently incapacitated to discharge their duties.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

The Mayor stated that if anyone present wished to speak against the Local Law they would be given the privilege of the floor.

There being none, The Mayor stated that if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the Local Law they would be given the privilege of the floor.

There being none, The Mayor declared hearing closed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of a ~~meeting~~ Public hearing held by the Mayor in the Common Council Chambers of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y. Monday evening Feb 15th, 1926.

J. G. Salt
City Clerk. B