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CITY OF RENSSELAER,  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL.  
Tuesday evening Feb 16th, 1926.  
Regular meeting.

The Council convened at 9:00 o'clock P. M. and was called to order by President A. E. Williams.

the roll being called the following answered to their names.

President Williams.

Alderman Smith,  
" Sedgwick,  
" Behan,  
" Hardt,

Alderman Yonkers,  
" Greenalch,  
" Tidd,  
" Johnstone,

Aldeman Bont.

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman Greenalch 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 and ordinances passed at the last meeting of the Board.  
Report was received.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Feb 16th, 1926.

Hon, President, and Members of the  
Board of Aldermen, City of Rensselaer.

Sirs:-

The Corporation Counsel, together with the undersigned, attended a conference of the United Traction Officials with the Mayors and representatives of the various communities served by the United Traction Company, which was held at Mayor Hackett's office, at Albany, February 8, 1926. The purpose of the conference was to notify the various city officials of the intention of the United Traction Company to petition the Public Service Commission for an increase in fare on all its lines, from a straight fare of seven cents to a straight fare of ten cents, they to provide, however to sell tokens at the rate of thirteen for one dollar, which would amount to 7.69 cents per ride.

The traction company officials submitted a statement covering the years 1922 to 1925 inclusive, showing that they were not earning sufficient revenue under the present seven cents fare to meet their expenses.

Since that conference, the United Traction Company have filed a petition with the Public Service Commission asking for an increase in fares as stated above. They will, of course, be compelled to prove to the Commission that they are entitled to the additional fare. Our city, and, no doubt, the other communities served, will have representatives at the hearing, and I believe will oppose any increase in the fare, and I feel that this course should be followed out by our City.

Trusting I will have your co-operation in this matter, I am  
Respectfully,

Jas, W. Adams, Mayor.

Alderman Greenalch moved that the report of the Mayor be received and ordered filed.

Carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,  
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUN-  
ICATIONS.

CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
State New York.

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

To the Honorable, The Common Council.

The regular mid-winter conference of city and village officials will be held in the City Hall. Albany on Thursday, March 11, with

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Morning and afternoon sessions. The Advisory Committee is now arranging the program which will provide a profitable conference for the officials of every city and first class village in the State. This program will be sent to you within a few days.

The mid-winter meeting will be held at the same time and in connection with the New York State Motor Vehicle Safety Congress and exhibit. This will afford municipal officials an excellent opportunity to inspect safety device and to get the latest ideas about traffic regulation.

The Legislature has now under consideration several important matters which vitally affect the interests of every city and village. There are still others to be presented. You and the other members of your administration should know about these so that you can discuss them with the representatives of your district in the Legislature, and at the same time cooperate with the other cities and villages in advocating beneficial legislation and in opposing measures detrimental to the best interests of the urban population.

The advisory committee is planning for a thorough discussion of these important matters, including bills now before the Legislature affecting cities and villages, health campaign, school financial problem, preparation of home rule Laws, revenues from a gasoline tax, proposed changes in the village law and special franchise assessments.

Very truly yours,

William S. Hackett. President.

By W. P. Capes, Secretary.  
Was received and ordered filed.

EASTERN NEW YORK UTILITIES CORPORATION.

Rensselaer, N. Y. Jan 25th, 1926.

Mr John F. Salt, City Clerk,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We received your letter of Jan 22nd, in which you notified us that we must comply with a resolution passed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer at meeting held Tuesday evening Jan 19, The resolution was by Alderman Sedgwick.

This resolution places a great deal of responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the fire alarm system of Rensselaer upon this company and while the value of the work that it would require us to do is comparatively small, nevertheless we cannot accept the responsibility that the resolution imposes upon us.

We are maintaining poles in the city and giving the city every courtesy of occupying our poles by wires that are more or less a menace on account of the condition in which they are maintained and we are subject to a certain amount of responsibility by reason of the location of wires for the operation of the fire alarm system.

We cannot accept this responsibility that you ask us to assume much as we would like to accommodate you.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hewes, Vice President.

Was received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Bill No,

13328, Morgan Spring Water Co, water to city depts	13.80
13329, N. Y. Telephone Co, service & tolls to city depts	88.60
13330, N. Y. Telephone Co, service to Treasurer	6.00
13331, F. D. Sargent supplies to Tax Commissioner	12.45
13332, George Krauss boots to fire and street depts	12.00
13333, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	6.00
13334, Geo A. March cleaning cloths for fire dept	1.75
13335, F. C. Huyck & Sons blanket for fire dept	6.50
13336, William Nealon Jr, Service during snow storm Chem 3	45.00
13337, George J. Zepf repairs at Truck House No, 1,	7.00
13338, James E. Hudson Jr, service during snow storm Chem 4	45.00
13339, Wm, C. Tompkins washing blankets for fire dept	1.00
13340, Central Auto Radiator Co, Ford Radiator Core	13.00

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13341, Hazen G. Berry assisting Supt of Fore Alarm	6.75
13342, Henry Meurs supplies to fire dept	9.59
13343, Edwin C. Maggs auto to Police dept	4.00
13344, Peter Foust teaming for street dept	70.00
13345, The White Company valve plug	1.30
13346, Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	3.60
13347, Smith O'Brien gas to Street dept	3.40
13348, A. E. Bonacker sand to street dept	21.25
13349, Blakeslee Lumber Co, Lumber to street dept	.60
13350, Finch & Ostrander chloide for streets	9.00
13351, Standard Oil Co, road oil street dept	279.95
13352, Wm, Rivenburg rent to poor	30.00
13353, W. Yates Lansing coal delivered to poor	19.00
13354, W. Yates Lansing coal delivered to Veterans	8.00
13355, W. Yates Lansing coal delivered to Veterans	6.50
13356, Alexander Duff auto to County House	6.00
13357, Joseph A. McGrath provisions delivered to poor	5.00
13358, Hyman Cornblutt provisions delivered to poor	8.00
13359, Hyman Cornblutt provisions delivered to poor	15.00
13360, Peter Roppel provisions delivered to poor	43.50
13361, peter Ropple provisions delivered to Veterans	20.00

Aldermen Greenalch moved that all bills be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Carried.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Auditing Committee reported the following bills correct.

Bill No,	
13296, J. F. Munger bond of Treasurer & Corporation Counsel	1337.21
13297, C. L. R. Barnhart printing for City Treasurer	12.00
13298, Geo, Paper Corporation Obliwon toilet paper	12.50
13299, Geo, A. March cheese cloth City Bldg	.50
13300, J. W. Wickens supplies to fire & Police depts	28.23
13301, Charles Morgan supplies to city depts	42.60
13302, Eastern N.Y. Util Corp gas & electricity Fire dept	72.10
13303, Sarah J. McArdle washing bedding for fire dept	6.00
13304, United Filling Station supplies fire dept	7.90
13305, Wm, B. McGee badge for Chief of fire dept	5.00
13306, Jacob Herman ashes from fire houses	5.80
13307, Henry Meurs supplies to Fire Dept & City Bldgs	16.35
13308, Eastern N.Y. Util Corp gas & electricity Police dept	34.68
13309, Arthur Brusco auto service to Police dept	8.00
13310, United Filling Station supplies to Police dept	12.58
13311, J & B. VanAcker repairs to street dept autos	45.04
13312, Garrett B. Farrell trucking for street dept	72.00
13313, Henry Meurs supplies to street dept	5.00
13314, United Filling Station supplies to street dept	16.42
13315, Townsend Fur & Mch Shop Co, basin grate	14.08
13316, Eastern N.Y. Util Corp electricity to St & Bldgs	1053.82
13317, Burton S. Craig milk delivered to poor	59.07
13318, James Picken provisions delivered to poor	8.00
13319, A. B. Cote provisions delivered to poor	30.00
13320, Frank H. Reno coal delivered to poor	41.50
13321, E. J. B. Murray rent to Veteran relief	10.00
13322, Madeline Brophy expenses of office	5.00
13323, Dominick Tagliento provisions delivered to poor	12.00
13324, Charles Kaufman provisions delivered to poor	53.00
13325, John A. Knox provisions delivered to Veterans	13.00
13326, John A. Knox provisions delivered to poor	24.00
13327, L. Scheibly Sons ptovisions delivered to poor	72.00

STREET PAYROLL.

Clarence Hutchinson \$62.40 James Murray \$36.00 Mickael McEvoy \$26.00  
 John Maloy \$44.00 Clarence Shaver \$30.00 John Rabitt \$42.00 Howard  
 Miller \$30.00 Fred Moody \$19.50 John Burns \$28.00 K. Farrell \$30.00  
 Edward Farrell \$28.00 Charles Herman \$31.60 Chris VanGilder \$32.00  
 John McEvoy \$20.00 Charles Eveleit \$13.50 George Jirkham \$22.00  
 Lawrence McCormick \$12.00

Alderman Greenalch moved that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and bills allowed and ordered paid also the street payroll.

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Greenalch, Yonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 10

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

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RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Greenalch,  
 Resolved that the Board of Public Safety be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have cases made for the fire alarm tapes in the fire houses, the cost of the five cases not to exceed \$150.00 and to be a charge against the Police and Fire Fund, Fire Building Account.  
 Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Greenalch, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont - - - - - 10  
 Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,  
 Whereas it became necessary for the City Engineer to tear down barn in the rear of 508 East Street, of account of it's dangerous condition, as the roof had fallen in leaving the sides about to fall on adjoining property.  
 Resolved that the action of the City Engineer in demolishing the said barn be and the same is hereby approved, and the cost be charged against the property.  
 Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Greenalch, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont - - - - - 10  
 Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Behan,  
 Resolved that the united Traction Company be requested to place a signal or device to designate a to the location of the Bus, whether it is south or north, this signal or devise to be placed at or near the transfer station to enable passangers who wish to transfer to the bus to know in which direction they may expect it coming from.  
 Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Greenalch, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont - - - - - 10  
 Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Greenalch,  
 Whereas the Congress has approved the deepening of the Hudson River from Hudson, N. Y. to the lower bridge between Albany and Rensselaer upon certain conditions of local participation, and  
 Whereas the legislature has by law created the Albany Port District and the Albany Port District Commission and has clothed it with power to construct and operate a port for the benefit of the cities of Albany and Rensselaer and the surrounding region upon certain conditions of co-operation on the part of the said two cities, and  
 Whereas said Albany Port District Commission has caused to be prepared certain plans for the development of port facilities to be located respectively on the Albany and Rensselaer sides of the River, and  
 Whereas it is necessary before submitting these plans to the Federal authorities to receive the approval of the municipal authorities and their formal action looking to participation in the enterprise in accordance with the conditions included in the enabling law passed by the legislature, now therefore be it  
 Resolved that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rensselaer approves and hereby does approve the plans submitted on behalf of the Albany Port District Commission, and be it further

Resolved, that the Board of Aldermen hereby declares its intention to provide the necessary funds in co-operation with the City of Albany to carry out such plans, in the following amounts:

First year . . . . .	\$15,000.
Second Year . . . . .	15,000.
Third Year . . . . .	25,000.
Fourth year . . . . .	25,000.
Fifth year . . . . .	45,000.

The President stated that on the question if any one present ~~wish~~ wished to speak on the resolution before it's passage they would be given the privilege of the floor.

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Mr Henry Meurs was given the privilege of the floor, and urged the passage of the resolution as he stated that as representative of the Chamber of Commerce he had attended the conferences with the Albany Port District Commission, and thought that was Rensselaer's opportunity to expand and that if they did not grasp this opportunity of an Albany and Rensselaer Port that would be known the world wide, and it would be always regreted,

Mr George Zepf President of the Chamber of Commerce asked that the resolution be adopted.

Mr A. J. Kaufman a Member of the Albany District Port Commission explained to the Board what the port would bring to Rensselaer, in not only the port but also industries, and complimented Mr Meurs in his stand for the passage of the resolution.

The President directed the Clerk to call the roll on resolution.

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Greenalch, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 10

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Greenalch moved to adjourn.

Alderman Johnstone seconded.

Carried.

*J. B. Salt*  
City Clerk.