

CITY OF RENNESLAER,  
IN  
COMMON COUNCIL,  
Tuesday evening June 22nd, 1936.  
Adjourned meeting.

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

The roll being called the following answered to their names.

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|                 | President Williams, |                   |
| Alderman Smith, |                     | Alderman Yonkers, |
| " Sedgwick,     |                     | Greenaleh         |
| " Behan,        |                     | Tidd,             |
| " Harst,        |                     | Johastnae.        |
|                 | Alderman Bont.      |                   |

READING OF MINUTES.

Alderman 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.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS,  
REMONSTRANCES AND COMMUNI-  
CATIONS.

1742 Fifth Street,  
Rensselaer, N. Y. June 19th, 1936.

Hon, James W. Adams,  
Mayors Office,  
Rensselaer, N. Y.  
My dear Mayor:-

Until today I was under the impression that the trolley line in Rensselaer would soon no longer operate and the running of busses instead was only a matter of time, I had been given to understand that the traction company regardless of its having been permitted to remove its trolleys lines from Aiken Ave. and upper Broadway with the idea that its other lines in the city were to remain would only have to await the formalities of action by the city authorities before it could proceed to operate busses only over the entire city. In fact I was told the proposed change had practically been settled in advance.

Today I signed a petition asking to have the trolley service retained. As a taxpayer in one of the recently improved streets, assessed according to frontage, and also as one who this year has had his valuation raised and did not file an objection, even though as you may recall I visited the city building on one of the grievance days to learn that action the assessors had taken, I respectfully urge that the present trolleys be retained.

I am employed in Albany and have used the trolleys daily for over fifteen years to travel back and forth. Trolley service was one of the reasons I purchased a home in this city and while the service may not be ideal, I much prefer it to busses. Any busses I have tried here and in other cities as well, do not have sufficient seat or aisle room. Since there are no large retail stores here one frequently finds it very necessary to carry packages and luggage also from Albany and there are no buses that provide space for the passenger to carry luggage, and, too often persons are obliged to get out of busses to let others out by reason of not any room to pass in the aisle.

Let the traction interests add as many busses or bus lines as may be needed in sections that are not now properly served but by all means retain our present trolley lines. Last winter clearly demonstrated that the trolley is more reliable than the bus.

The cost of paving may enter into the question, but one way or the other, it will not break the city nor the Traction Company,

nor the citizens who pay both the taxes and the car-fare the losses in the last street car strike were survived by the street railroad people and the trolley patrons stood the extra expense of riding in the jitneys.

The safety of the public is more secure in the conveyance operated on rails than it is in a rubber tired vehicle skidding on wet slippery pavements. SAFETY FIRST. Retain the trolleys.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert G. Savage.

Was received and ordered filed.

To the Honorable Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, N. Y.

The Undersigned Citizens and Tax Payer's of the City of Rensselaer, hereby protest against the proposed action of the United Traction Co, to suspend operation of trolley service in the City of Rensselaer and hereby respectfully request that your Honorable body refuse the request of the said United Traction Co, to suspend the trolley service and replace same with the Bus Service.

Signed, by 110 Petitioners in the Eighth Ward,  
Was received and ordered filed.

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Signed by 174 Petitioners of the Sixth Ward,  
Was received and ordered filed.

Amendment to Bus ordinance,  
By Alderman Greenalch,

Amend Section 5 to read as follows:

Section 5. The "Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc". or its successors or assigns or the operators of said motor vehicle or bus line shall at times carry personal and property liability insurance for the protection of their passengers and the public in the sum of not less than twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in some solvent surety company authorized to do business within the State of New York.  
Ayes, Greenalch and Behan - - - - - 2  
Noes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Hardt, Vonkers, Tidd, Schastone and Boat, - - - - - 8

The President declared resolution duly lost.  
Amendment to Bus ordinance,.

By Alderman Greenalch,

Amend Section 4 to read as follows:

Section 4. This ordinance is granted upon the express condition and agreement upon the part of the Capitol District Transportation Company Inc., its successors or assigns, that a system of transfers interchangeable with the United Traction Company its successors or assigns, shall be instituted and maintained so as to give the same transfer privileges interchangeable to the passengers of each said companies, and that said system of transfers shall entitle passengers of the said Capitol Transportation Company, Inc., to the same transfer privileges as are now possessed by passengers of the United Traction Company on its Rensselaer lines serving the territory which shall be served by the said Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., and that said system of transfers shall; entitle passengers of said United Traction Company to the same privileges, on the line of the Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., serving said territory as are now possessed by said passengers on the Rensselaer Lines of the United Traction Company, and in no event shall an additional fare or fee be charged any of said passengers by reason of the issuance of any transfer; that the rate of fare for one continuous ride, including transfer privileges shall never be in excess of the rate of fare in effect on the lines of the United Traction Company in the City of Rensselaer and Albany.

Ayes, Greenalch and Behan, - - - - - 2  
 Nces, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and  
 Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost,

The President declared ordinance duly lost.

Amendment to Bus Ordinance,

By Alderman Greenalch,

Amend by inserting therein a new section to be known as Section  
 4-A.

Section 4-A. The number of motor vehicles employed in the opera-  
 tion of the lines of said Company in the City of Rensselaer and bet-  
 ween the City of Rensselaer and the City of Albany shall be twenty-  
 two (22) and the operation on the streets herein stated, and continued  
 easterly to Tenth Street and Forbes Avenue shall be upon a basic sched-  
 ule of nine (9) minutes, rush hour service five (5) minutes, and upon  
 such further schedule as the traffic from time to time may demand.  
 Each vehicle so operated shall be provided with an emergency rear  
 exit, and pneumatic tires on all wheels.

Ayes, Greenalch and Behan, - - - - - 2  
 Nces, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and  
 Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost,

The President declared resolution duly ~~adopted~~ lost.

Amendment to Bus Ordinance,

By Alderman Greenalch,

Amend by inserting therein a new section to be known as Section 4-B

Section 4-B. The consent hereby granted is so granted upon the  
 express condition that the poles, wires and all other paraphernalia  
 including ties and rails now being used in the operation of the trolley  
 line of the United Traction Company over and along that portion of the  
 streets herein described from Broadway and partition Street to Third  
 Street to Catherine Street shall be removed from said streets when the  
 said streets are paved or repaved; also upon the further condition that  
 the poles, wires and other paraphernalia now being used in the opera-  
 tion of the trolley line of the United Traction Company over and along  
 Broadway, and Third Street northerly from Catherine Street, shall be  
 removed from said streets and the said streets shall be placed in at  
 least as good state and condition as they now are, whenever directed so  
 to be done by the Common Council, within thirty (30) days after written  
 notice to the United Traction Company of such action so to be taken:  
 all of said work so directed to be done by the United Traction Company  
 and hereinbefore referred to shall be performed at the expense of the  
 United Traction Company, and under the supervision of the City Engineer  
 and said work shall be subject to his approval.

Ayes, Greenalch, and Behan, - - - - - 2  
 Nces, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and  
 Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost,

The President declared ordinance duly lost.

Amendment to Bus Ordinance.

By Alderman Greenalch,

Amend by inserting therein a new section to be known as Section 4-C

Section 4-C. The said consent hereby granted is so granted upon the  
 further condition that the said Capitol District Transportation Comp-  
 any, Inc., or its successors or assigns, shall at its own expense  
 clear snow and ice from the route or routes covered by its bus line or  
 lines so as to maintain an open space in the streets or highways upon it  
 its routes sufficient to accommodate operation in both directions, so as  
 as to maintain its regular schedule, and further that the said corpora-  
 tion will cooperate with the City in keeping open crosswalks along its  
 routes which may become blocked by said clearing of snow and ice.

Ayes, Greenalch and Behan - - - - - 2  
 Nces, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Hardt, Yonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and  
 Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost.

The President declared resolution duly lost.

Amendment to Bus Ordinance,

By Alderman Greenalch,

read Section 5 to read as follows:

Section 5. The consent hereby granted shall be and continue for a period of twenty (20) years, and shall not become operative unless the said Transportation Company accepts the same subject to all the conditions herein contained within ten (10) days from the serving of notice of the passage of this ordinance on said Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., and said acceptance shall be in writing and shall be filed with the City Clerk.

Ayes, Greenalch and Behan, - - - - - 2  
Noes, Williams, Smith, Selgwick, Herdt, Tonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost.

The President declared ordinance duly lost.

ORDINANCES PASSED.

By Alderman Smith,

Ordinance giving the consent of the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer for the operation of a motor vehicle or bus line in, over, upon, through and along the following streets on said City; Broadway from the easterly end of the Hudson Bridge to Partition Street, to Third Street, to Washington Avenue in either direction on the route or routes named.

The City of Rensselaer in Common Council doth ordain as follows:

Section 1. The City of Rensselaer hereby consents to the operation of a motor vehicle or bus line by the "Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., or its successors or assigns in, over, upon, through and along the following streets in the City of Rensselaer, namely, Broadway from the easterly end of the Hudson Bridge to Partition Street, to Third Street to Washington Avenue to either direction on the route or routes named.

Section 2. The maintenance and operation of said motor vehicle or bus line shall be in compliance with all the requirements and obligations imposed by the provisions of the charter of the City of Rensselaer and this consent is granted upon the express condition that the provisions of the Public Service Commission Law and the Transportation Law of the State of New York thereto shall be complied with,

Section 3. The "Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc.," or its successors or assigns or the operators of said motor vehicle or bus line shall at all times carry personal and property liability insurance for the protection of their passengers and the public in the sum of not less than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) Dollars in some solvent surety company authorized to do business within the state of New York.

Section 4. This ordinance is granted upon the express condition and agreement upon the part of the Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., its successors and assigns, that a system of transfers interchangeable with the United Traction Company, its successors and assigns, shall be instituted and maintained so as to give the same transfer privilege (interchangeable) to the passengers of both companies, and upon the further express condition and agreement on the part of the Capitol District Transportation Company, Inc., that the rate of fare for one continuous ride including transfer privilege shall always be the rate of fare in effect on the lines of the United Traction Company.

Section 5. The consent hereby granted shall be and continue for a period of twenty years.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Ayes, Greenalch and Behan, - - - - - 2  
Noes, Williams, Smith, Selgwick, Herdt, Tonkers, Tidd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 8

Lost,

The President declared ordinance duly lost.

RESOLUTIONS.

By Alderman Greenalch,

Whereas, this Common Council duly entered into a contract with the Eastern New York Utilities Corporation for the lighting of the streets in this city, and

Whereas, said contract contains a covenant permitting the City of Rensselaer, through its Common Council at its discretion, to

Increase the candle power of the lights used to illuminate said streets and

Whereas, in the judgement of the Common Council, it is deemed necessary to increase the candle power of the lights on Broadway from Third Avenue to the Viaduct on said Broadway and from the end of the granite pavement on Broadway north to Washington Avenue, and on Washington Street from Columbia Street north to Creek Street, and on Columbia Street from Broadway east to the intersection of Aiken Avenue and Columbia Street, and on Partition Street from Broadway east to Third Street, and on Third Street north to Washington Avenue, in connection with the improvements now being made, and to place in or install ornamental fixtures and posts or standards which it is privileged to do under its contract with the Eastern New York Utilities Corporation, Now therefore be it

Resolved that the Common Council declare its intention and it does hereby declare its intention to have installed ornamental poles and fixtures on Broadway from Third Avenue north to the Viaduct on said Broadway and from the end of the Granite pavement on Broadway north to Washington Avenue, and on Washington Street from Columbia Street north to Creek Street, and on Columbia Street from Broadway east to the intersection of Aiken Avenue and Columbia Street, and on Partition Street from Broadway east to Third Street, and on Third Street north to Washington Avenue, and to direct the Eastern New York Utilities Corporation to lay its wires under ground between these points in connection with this said improvement and to increase the candle power of the lights on the above named streets from Sixty candle power to 200 cpw power, and be it further

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to prepare plans and specifications for ornamental poles to be placed in or on the above named streets, and said plans and specifications be placed in the hands of the City Clerk for presentation to this Common Council at its next regular meeting, and be it further

Resolved, that the said expense of this improvement be paid for out of moneys derived from the issuance of bonds of this city at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$14,500.00

Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Yonkers, Greenalch, Ridd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 8

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Greenalch,

Whereas, This Common Council has declared its intention to direct the Eastern New York Utilities Corporation to place certain wires to be used in connection with the new ornamental fixtures for the proposed new lighting system on Broadway from Third Avenue north to the Viaduct north to the Viaduct on said Broadway and from the end of the granite pavement on Broadway north to Washington Avenue, and on Washington Street from Columbia Street north to Creek Street, and on Columbia Street from Broadway east to the intersection of Aiken Avenue and Columbia Street, and on Partition Street from Broadway east to Third Street, and on Third Street north to Washington Avenue, underground, and be it

Resolved, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, in the name of the Common Council to direct the eastern New York Utilities Corporation to place the wires to be used in connection with the above mentioned improvement underground in that section of the street named in this resolution and be it further

Resolved, that the cost of said improvement be borne by a general assessment against all the property of the City and be funded out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds for street improvements.

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

Adopted.

The president declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Smith,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have a new Cornice placed on the King Mine Compant Building, cost of same not to exceed \$500.00 and to be a charge against the Fire Building Fund.

Thereby certifying that there is an unencumbered balance in the above mentioned Fund to cover the cost of the expenditure authorized.

Katherine B. Sanderson,  
Ayes, Williams, Smith, Sedgwick, Behan, Hardt, Tonkers, Greenalch,  
Tidd, Johnstone and Bont, - - - - - 10

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Johnstone,

Resolved, that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to reconstruct sewer at the foot of Central Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00 the cost of the same to be a charge against the sewer fund.

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

Katherine B. Sanderson, City Treasurer.

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

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

By Alderman Johnstone,

Resolved that the City Engineer be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to have a new floor laid in the office of the City Clerk, at a cost not to exceed \$50.00

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

Katherine B. Sanderson, City Treasurer,

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

Adopted.

The President declared resolution duly adopted.

Alderman Greenalch moved to adjourn,  
Alderman Behan seconded.

Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings of a meeting held Tuesday evening June 22nd, 1936/

*J. G. Saut*  
City Clerk.