

CITY COUNCIL NO. 6-70

March 10, 1970.

A Regular Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present: His Worship Mayor N. Kaneb; Aldermen L. Gauthier, R. Carrara, A. Clement, R. Brunet, D. A. Fawthrop, D. Webster, F. Guindon, G. Cameron, K. Bough, A. M. Lebano, J. Pescod and M. Holden.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Council minutes of a meeting held February 26th be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Fernand Loiselle - Application for gasoline permit -

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Mr. Fernand Loiselle's name be added to the list of persons to receive a gasoline permit to allow the sale of gas at 428 Eleventh Street West. Unanimously adopted.

2. Royal Canadian Legion, John McMartin Memorial Branch

297 - Lotteries - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the John McMartin Memorial Branch 297 of the Royal Canadian Legion be granted approval and permission to apply to the Department of Financial and Commercial Affairs for a licence to operate, within the City, lotteries for the year 1970. Unanimously adopted.

3. Ontario Housing Corporation - Public Meeting, March 11th -

Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Clement that the letter be filed. Unanimously adopted.

4. St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valleys Health Unit - Space in Nativity Building - Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that the letter be referred to the Public Works Committee. Unanimously adopted.

5. A. T. C. Industries - Address-O-Graph Equipment - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the Address-O-Graph machine be donated to the A. T. C. Industries to be used in the local workshop. Unanimously adopted.

Mayor Kaneb welcomed representatives of C. B. C. Television from Ottawa and other local citizens who are in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Fire Hall Tenders - Mr. Lawrence Shaw, representative of the Building Trade Union, stated that, from the local press, he noticed that the contract for the building of a Fire Hall is about to be awarded to J. R. Couture Limited with J. A. Sauve Construction Limited being the second lowest tender and John Entwistle Construction Limited, the third lowest tender. He stated that Mr. Couture is not a member of the building trade and Mr. Sauve has not signed an agreement this year. Members of the delegation present here this evening, Mr. Shaw stated, wish to ask City Council to award the contract to a Company which belongs to the Union. He went on to say that, if the tender is awarded to a non-union contractor, the union is prepared to take further action. Replying to Alderman Pescod, as to the difference of \$16,800.00 between the lowest and third lowest tender, Mr. Shaw contended that, based on the dollar factor, the

bid was at non-union rates. Mr. Adams pointed out that the three lowest bids are all from Cornwall people and, as far as he is aware, all building trades are local. In support of his request, Mr. Shaw presented a copy of minutes of a Council meeting of the Town of Hawksbury, indicating that, after the contract was awarded for the building of a City Hall, the Council of that Municipality had passed a resolution whereby no pickets are to be placed on the job or the contract becomes null and void. He asked Council to consider passing a similar resolution at this time. Various members of Council expressed their opinion which showed that they were all in general agreement with the opinion as expressed by Alderman Pescod that Council represent everyone in the City of Cornwall and cannot, at the expense of one segment of the population, favour another section; and that of Alderman Cameron that Council cannot throw away \$17,000.00 and not answer to the taxpayer.

Mr. George Harrop, as a representative of labour, stated that, if the City awards the contract to J. R. Couture Limited, the local union will put a picket line on the job and request co-operation from Local 234 for help and assistance. Mayor Kaneb assured the labour group that Council has, at all times, endeavoured to improve the unemployment situation here and he reviewed the efforts made by Council in trying to get on the Incentive Program. A Task Force, appointed by Honourable J. Marchand, has visited the City and is expected again this week to study local problems.

Mr. Wilfred Oliver, as union representative, stated that, if the City is going to disregard this problem, then the City is

asking for trouble. Mayor Kaneb stated that this Council and the Industrial Officer are prepared to work with the President of the Labour Council to discuss any problems.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Committee Report No. 3-70 - Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Webster that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Insurance Committee Report No. 1-70 - Moved by Alderman Fawthrop, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Centennial Choir - On behalf of Council and all citizens of Cornwall, Mayor Kaneb congratulated Mr. Brian McCartney and members of the Centennial Choir who brought such wonderful honours to our City by placing first in a recent competition held in Toronto. At the request of Council, the Choir gave a beautiful rendition of "Cape St. Marys", one of the selections given by the group at the Kinsmen Festival in Toronto. Members of the Choir signed the City's Golden Book and each one was presented with a pin. Mr. McCartney spoke briefly of the Toronto Festival and thanked members of Council for inviting them to this evening's meeting.

Dominion Tape - Mr. Payette, on behalf of Local 810 International Chemical Workers, pointed out to Council that the strike at Dominion Tape is going into its third week. Asking assistance from the City, Mr. Payette handed to each member of Council, a list of questions indicating wage conditions that

exist at this plant. Alderman Carrara stated that he had visited the strike area and spoke to both persons picketing and persons living nearby and , in his opinion, the citizens should support the people on strike and see that they get justice. He read from an article in the Ottawa Journal, which reported that, between 20 to 25 members of our local Police Department had gone to the strike area on Friday in order to permit a truck to enter. Alderman Carrara stated that there appeared to be no reason for the police being called as there was no violence but only peaceful picketing and he suggested that police should not be used as strike breakers. He recommended that an impartial committee be set up to find out the facts. Answering Alderman Gauthier's suggestion that a conciliator be called in, Mayor Kaneb stated that he had called Mr. Buchanan, Business Agent of the Union, to offer his office in order to bring both parties together. It was the general opinion of members of Council that, while the wage rate at the plant seems inadequate to live on, at least part of the problem is due to the neglect of the government to increase the minimum wage rate and Council felt that more pressure should be brought to bear on the Federal Government. Alderman Lebano reminded all those present at the meeting of a resolution passed by City Council requesting a government subsidy to be paid to people working for sub-standard wages. Alderman Clement stated that the rate paid by industry is not dependent on Council. The City will try to get any industry to locate here with a wage rate to be supplied to the industry when locating in the City. It is then up to the Company and its employees. He suggested that the

Federal, as well as the Provincial Governments, should be petitioned for a higher wage rate as Quebec is our biggest competition.

At this point, Mayor Kaneb recognized Miss Beth Davidson, President of the Labour Council.

Mr. Wilfred Oliver suggested that rather than the Union asking for a meeting, the Mayor could call a meeting for a certain date and time and he felt sure that the Mayor would get the co-operation of the Union.

Mayor Kaneb thanked Miss Davidson, Mr. Payette and others present from the Company for coming to Council and assured them of Council's interest in their problems.

REPORTS

Progress and Planning Report No. 3-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Report re Widening of Second Street from Marlborough to McConnell Avenue Tender No. 3-70 - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Pescod that Cornwall Gravel Company Limited be awarded the tender for the widening of Second Street from Marlborough Street to McConnell Avenue at a price of \$63,826.80. Alderman Lebano voted against the m

Report re Fire Hall Tender No. 5-70 - Moved by Alderman Cameron, seconded by Alderman Fawthrop that the tender for the construction of a new Fire Hall be awarded to J. R. Couture Limited at a price of \$227,700.00.

An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that Council defer granting the awarding of the tender for the construction of a new Fire Hall until we have received the opinion of the City Solicitor. Voting against the amendment were - Aldermen L. Gauthier, R. Carrara, R. Brunet, D. A. Fawthrop, D. Webster, G. Cameron, K. Bough, J. Pescod and M. Holden. The amendment was defeated.

Voting against the motion were - Aldermen F. Guindon and A. Clement. The motion carried.

Raisin Region Conservation Authority Activities Report for 1969 - Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

RE #24-70 - Town of Timmins - Pension funds made available to Ontario Housing

Moved by Alderman Carrara, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the resolution from the Town of Timmins be endorsed. Unanimously adopted.

RE #25-70 - To petition the Department of Highways for subsidy under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act on expenditures made in 1969.

Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the Mayor and Clerk petition the Department of Highways for subsidy under the provisions of the Highway Improvement Act on expenditures made during the year 1969 in the amount of \$588,753.26. Unanimously adopted.

BY-LAWS

By-law No. 857 - To grant an annual retirement allowance payable monthly to Edward Osler

Moved by Alderman Pescod, seconded by Alderman Bough that the by-law be read a First and Second Time. Unanimously adopted.

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Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Webster that the by-law be read a Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed. Unanimously adopted.

Farm Lands - Alderman Cameron inquired as to whether it is possible for a citizen, not being the owner of the farm property, to object to the tax reduction within 14 days after the mailing of the notice to the property owners.

NEW BUSINESS

Ontario Motor League - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the City support the brief submitted by the Ontario Motor League to the Canadian Transport Commission opposing any relaxation in the present regulations which prohibit Sunday trucking. Unanimously adopted.

Door to Door Salesmen - Alderman Brunet informed Council that a salesman had called at his home the other evening and, when asked to produce a City licence, it became apparent that the man had not obtained one. It was suggested that salesmen be made aware of the City by-law and that the citizens be reminded, when approached by salesmen, to ask for a card, signed by the Mayor and Clerk.

Alderman Bough pointed out the protection now afforded citizens under the Consumers Protection Act, whereby a person may rescind, within 48 hours, any order signed by them.

Snow Removal - Alderman Brunet asked if a by-law could be passed, requiring owners of private businesses and homes to remove snow from their property, which often causes a

run-off onto adjoining lands. He particularly cited a service station at the intersection of McConnell Avenue and Montreal Road.

Police Department - Alderman Brunet asked that consideration be given to having the Police Department operate from a section of the Gonzaga School, St. Columban's Hall, Knights of Columbus or the YM-YWCA. All these buildings are centralized and he felt that the Police Department should be placed in an existing building where a large financial savings could be realized.

Fire at Brennan's Corners - Alderman Brunet noted that 50 percent of the debris has been removed from the area where the recent fire was at Brennan's Corners and suggested that possibly the owners of the land should be asked to complete the clean-up.

Street Cave-In - Alderman Brunet stated that the other day, he had occasion to phone the Engineering Department because of a street cave-in at the intersection of Ninth and Cumberland Streets due to a leak in the waterline. He felt that a similar condition could arise at the corner of Sixth and Cumberland Streets. Inquiring as to who is responsible, Mr. Adams stated that the City can do the work and bill the contractor.

Rules and Procedures - Referring to Section 14 of By-law No. 1794, 1965, Alderman Brunet inquired under what authority, a number of aldermen could leave the Council Chambers when he was speaking. The Mayor stated that he had agreed to their leaving their chairs. Alderman Brunet then contended that

the Mayor was responsible for this infringement to Section 14 of By-law No. 1794, 1965.

Alderman Brunet noted that this evening, the Mayor deviated from his recent practice of asking the aldermen at the first part of the meeting, what subjects they intended to discuss that evening. The Mayor replied that he was trying to speed up the proceedings of Council when this policy was put into effect but, tonight, there were other orders of business on the agenda and delegations were waiting to be heard.

City Bonspiel - Mayor Kaneb extended thanks to the staff, organizing the bonspiel held last Saturday, and all those who had participated. He congratulated Alderman Lebano as being the winner of this year's event.

Bandshell - Alderman Guindon inquired as to when the City might expect to have a bandshell. Alderman Webster noted that two possible suggestions have been put forth - a portable one which could be in use this summer or, if the Lions Club erected a permanent structure, he understands they are prepared to build as soon as park space is made available to them.

Accumulation of Snow - Alderman Guindon referred to a fire hazard that is created when snow is allowed to accumulate on the balcony of two and three storey buildings, thus blocking off one of the exits.

Building on Fortier Avenue - Mr. Ravary asked that a residence, in very poor condition on Fortier Avenue, be condemned

and demolished. He stated that the premises have been inspected by the Board of Health who have sent in a report to the City. It is now up to the Municipality to take some action.

Old Sewers - Alderman Cameron asked that the Public Works Committee study the possibility of having sewers, that have been built 20 years and over, replaced upon application by the people using them rather than a direct cost to the City. He suggested that the same policy be used in building waterlines and sidewalks, etc.

Retirement of City Employees - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Pescod that the Administrator review the present policy regarding pensions paid upon retirement to City employees. Unanimously adopted.

Interim Tax Billing - Alderman Lebano suggested that a short letter be included with the interim tax bill which would explain this new tax billing method.

General Hospital Building - Replying to Alderman Lebano, Mayor Kaneb stated that conditions arising from the recent building at the General Hospital have improved. There is a convection heating system in the ceiling which creates a draft. A definite improvement has been noted within the last ten days and the work is to be completed in the spring.

Mechanical Street Sweeper - Alderman Holden referred to a tender for a three wheel mechanical street sweeper, which was presented to Council at its last meeting and deferred at that time. He stated that he was of the opinion that, if

purchase of a sweeper is delayed any longer, we are not likely to get delivery until September and the price could be up from six to eight percent. It was thus moved by Alderman Holden, seconded by Alderman Gauthier that we reconsider this question. The motion was defeated.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Gauthier, seconded by Alderman Bough that Council adjourn into Committee of the Whole.

Following a meeting of Committee of the Whole, Council reconvened.

Committee of the Whole Report No. 6-70 - Moved by Alderman Clement, seconded by Alderman Cameron that the report be adopted as received. Unanimously adopted.

Adjournment - Moved by Alderman Bough, seconded by Alderman Webster that Council adjourn.


Clerk


Mayor