

CITY COUNCIL - #1-77

January 11, 1977

7:00 p.m.

The Inaugural Meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present - His Worship Mayor G. Parisien; Aldermen D. Armstrong, J. Pescod, A. Lebano, G. Cameron, F. Guindon, L. Keen, B. Lynch, G. Williamson, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc, D. Aubry and L.G. Lavigne.

National Anthem - Accompanied by Mr. Lawrence on the organ, Mr. D. Piche sang 'O Canada'.

Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance - Together with the Clerk, members of Council repeated the Declaration of Office and Oath of Allegiance.

Prayers were offered by His Excellency Bishop E. Larocque, Mr. D. Kaye representing the Jewish Community and Rev. D. Kinsman, Cornwall Christian Council.

Inaugural Address - Mayor Parisien delivered his inaugural address. He indicated that Council must work towards an orderly and efficient system of handling City business, that a rectification program on long standing problems such as the fly creek, boales drain and extension of municipal service be considered, that top priority be also given to the problems relative to the sewage disposal plan.

He continued by indicating that this community must continue its quest for new industry and expansion of existing ones. Also noted was the concern for commercial development such as the proposed expansion of the Woolco Plaza and the start of a regional shopping area on McConnell north. He concluded by stating that if the City is to remain progressive and vital, a happy medium must be found between progress and the ability of our ratepayer to pay the costs.

Invited Guests - Congratulations and best wishes were offered to the members of Council by Mr. G. Samis, member Provincial Parliament, Mr. J. Cameron, President-Elect Chamber of Commerce, Mr. R. Charbonneau, President, Service Club Council, Mr. G. Poitras, President, Cornwall & District Labour Council, Mr. G. Baron, President, Cornwall & District Construction Trades Council and Mrs. P. Duffy, President, Cornwall Senior Citizens Club. Mayor Parisien explained that he had been advised by Mr. Lumley, M.P. that he would be unable to attend the meeting.

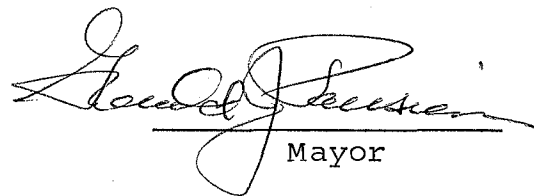
Comments City Council Members - Several aldermen expressed their hope and ambitions for this two year term of office. In particular Alderman B. Lynch stated that job creation would be one of his priorities along with the formation of an industrial development committee, a new tendering by-law and further consideration to reducing the size of Council. Alderman D. Armstrong expressed her hope that she would be able to help change the negative attitude of most Cornwallites to a more positive attitude. Alderman Lebano indicated that everyone must have faith in each other and hoped that the news media would accurately report the doings of Council.

Council Meeting - Moved by Alderman L. Keen and seconded by Alderman A. Lebano that the regular meeting of Council which was scheduled for Tuesday January 11th be rescheduled for Friday January 14th at 5:00 p.m. and that there be a two hour limit to same. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Clerk



Mayor

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