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CITY COUNCIL #26 - 75

July 28, 1975
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of City Council was held this evening with the following members present - Acting Mayor K. Bough; Aldermen A. Lebano, F. Guindon, L. Keen, R. Pearson, R. Aubry, G. Samson, A. LeBlanc and B. Lynch.

Adoption of Minutes - Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the meeting of July 14th be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Samson, seconded by Alderman Keen that the minutes of the meeting of July 21st be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Aubry, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of July 7th be adopted as received. Carried

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Council of July 14th be adopted as received. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that Mr. Neil Burke be asked to appear before Council regarding the proposed airport at Summerstown. Carried.

Communications and By-laws - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Aubry that Council go into Committee of the Whole and that all communications, petitions and by-laws be referred to that committee and that By-laws No. 1842 to 1849- as listed - be given first reading -

1842 - to auth. the construction of a sanitary sewer on Laflin from Oran Ave. to Lot 73 of R.P. 240

1843 - to auth. the construction of a sanitary sewer on Briar Hill from Martha to Elgin

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- 1845 - to auth. the construction of a sanitary sewer on Alguire from Alma to Briar Hill
- 1846 - to auth. the construction of a sanitary sewer on Cadeb St. from Lot 1 R.P. 237 to Lot 9 R.P. 237
- 1847 - to auth. the construction of a sanitary sewer on Grace St. from McKenzie to Patrick St.
- 1848 - to amend zoning by-law by defining "Home for the Aged" and to allow parking for these Homes
- 1849 - To auth. signing lease with Minister of Public Works - Potash Point

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Resolutions -

- #50 - City of Orillia - favouring new legislation for the Bail Reform Act and control of firearms

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Keen that the resolution be endorsed. Carried

- #51 - City of Cornwall - authorizing Mayor or Chief Administrator and Commissioner of Finance or Comptroller to sign cheques or other negotiable items with the Toronto-Dominion Bank

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc the the resolution be approved. Carried

Communications -

- 1 - Johnson & Higgins Willis Faber Ltd. - requesting permission to review our insurance program

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the letter be filed. Carried. Alderman Keen declared his interest and refrained from discussing or voting on the matter. As an elected representative, Alderman Aubry stated there might be a saving of money and he felt the proposal of this company should be reviewed.

- 2 - Director of Public Works and Comptroller - making a recommendation for tender #46-75 - Prefabricated Semi-Circular Steel Building

Moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the recommendation be approved. Carried

3 - Chief Administrator - reporting on the feasibility of the City setting up its own power utility

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the letter be filed. Carried

4 - Commissioner of Development - reporting on road construction in the East Industrial Park

Moved by Alderman Pearson, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the report be approved. Carrier

5 - Commissioner of Development - reporting on a joint use roadway for transit facility and Domtar

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the report be approved, subject to obtaining a legal opinion. Carried

6 - Stenan Developments - requesting permission to erect signs at Lynwood and Second Streets and Brookdale Ave. across from the Grant Subdivision

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lynch that permission be deferred until such time as the proposed Signs By-law is presented for approval by Council. Carried

7 - Ministry of Housing - confirming the award of a contract for 35 Family Housing units to M.H. Rollins Const. Ltd.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman LeBano that the letter be filed. Approved

8 - Director of Planning and Comptroller - recommending that Mr. V. Archambault be awarded Tender #48-75 - demolition of building, at a total lot price of \$1,475.00

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Aubry that the recommendation be approved. Carried

9 - Director of Public Works & Comptroller - recommending that Cornwall Gravel Co. Ltd. be awarded Tender #37-75 - asphalt repaving on Brookdale

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Ald. LeBano that the report be approved. Carried

10-City Clerk - reporting on the proposed dog control by-law

Moved by Alderman Aubry that the proposed dog by-law include the following - 1) a pound fee of \$10.00; 2) license fee schedule of 1st male/spayed female \$5.; 1st female \$20.; 2nd male \$10. and 2nd female \$40.00. There was no seconder. Moved by Alderman Lynch that the by-law, as circulated, be passed with the pound fee to be \$10.00. There was no seconder. Moved by

Alderman Lebrano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the proposed dog by-law include a pound fee of \$5.00; license fee schedule of 1st male/spayed female \$6.00 - 1st female \$8.00 - 2nd male \$7.00 - 2nd female \$10.00; the words 'may seize' and 'may restore' are to be changed to 'shall seize' and 'shall restore'; sect. 11 is to include the provision that animals shall be offered for research before being disposed of. Carried.

11 - Commissioner of Development - reporting on a survey of water supply at Eamer's Corners

Mr. Meikle reported that an agreement was made with one of the property owners at Eamer's Corners to replace the existing pump with a deep well installation. As a result, the quantity of water from the well had increased. However, Mr. Meikle suggested that this experiment be carried out for a longer period of time in order to obtain more information. Alderman Guindon stated he would like to see the City deliver free, or at cost, water to those in need. After some discussion, it was moved by Alderman Keen, seconded by Alderman Lynch that the matter be deferred until such time as all the petitions are signed; a cost estimate is determined to know the amount that would have to be provided in next year's capital budget and if any assistance is available from other levels of Government. Carried

12 - Director of Public Works - reporting on Lemay St.

Moved by Alderman LeBlanc, seconded by Alderman Lynch that Lemay Street be re-opened in accordance with the report of the Director of Public Works and the recommendation of the Chief Administrator. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Pearson that the street be re-opened after approval is received from the Ministry designating this road as a "no truck route". There was no seconder to the amendment. The motion carried.

13- Cornwall House Builders Assoc. - expressing hope that the City will draw upon its membership and other concerned community organizations to form an advisory panel for the purpose of formulating a land banking policy and also that the City petition the Minister of Housing for extensions of O.H.A.P. to Cornwall

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Samson that the recommendations of the Chief Administrator be approved. Carried

14 - Cornwall Planning Board No. 6-75

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Lebano that the report be adopted as presented. Carried. The Planning Director is to make available to each member of Council a copy of the proposed Signs By-law for comments.

COUNCIL

The chairman of the Committee of the Whole reported to Council the actions of the committee, including the second reading of the by-laws and the recommendations for enactment.

Committee of the Whole - Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc that the Committee of the Whole report be adopted. Carried

By-laws - 3rd reading -

Moved by Alderman Guindon, seconded by Alderman Pearson that the by-laws, listed on the agenda for third reading, be taken as read a third time and finally passed. Carried

Notice of Motion -

resolution from Ald. Lebano pertaining to welfare recipients -

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Keen that the resolution, as tabled, be adopted by Council. The motion was withdrawn. Alderman Lebano indicated he will re-word the resolution to be presented to Council.

resolution from Ald. Lebano pertaining to capital punishment -

Moved by Alderman Lebano, seconded by Alderman Samson that the resolution, as presented, be adopted. Aldermen Aubry, Keen and LeBlanc agreed with the resolution in that the laws of the land should be upheld or such legislation repealed. Aldermen Lynch and Guindon, voting against the motion, stated

they do not feel the death penalty is an effective deterrent and do not accept revenge, but feel that the life sentence should be increased.

resolution from Ald. Lynch re welfare recipients -

Moved by Alderman Lynch, seconded by Alderman Guindon that the resolution be adopted as presented. An amendment to the motion was made by Alderman Aubry that the Federal Government be incorporated into this resolution, provided all other welfare systems be abolished. There was no seconder. The motion carried.

New or Unfinished Business -

Alderman Lebano commended Mr. Si Miller for converting the former Miller property on Pitt Street north of 9th Street into a passive park and placing a few picnic tables on the property.

Garbage Collection - Alderman Lebano stated that people should not be subjected to the type of garbage service they have been receiving lately. He suggested the contractor improve the service or the new contractor commence operation at this time.

Bob Turner roof - Referring to the leaky room at the Bob Turner Centre, Alderman Lebano was informed by the Chief Administrator that tenders have been called for renovations to the roof.

Newark & 15th St. - Mr. Ismaily advised Alderman Guindon that the solicitor is looking into the matter of the 33ft. given by the City to each abutting property owner and the claim that a proper severance was not obtained from the Committee of Adjustment, when Newark St. was closed at 15th St.

Truck rentals -The Chief Administrator is to look into the operation of rental of vehicles on the west side of Pitt St. between 9th St. and 11th St. Mr. Ismaily explained that in 1969 the zoning of this area was changed from Commercial to Industrial and that no one, at that time, objected to the rezoning.

Curbing machine - Alderman Guindon asked that close inspection be made of the work where the new curbing machine is being used, as he does not feel a 1/2" mark will allow sufficiently for expansion.

Transit strike - Alderman Guindon asked for a report to Council on increase granted last year to McDonald Transit when, he contended, a cost-of-living bonus was to be given the bus drivers. He suggested that a meeting of Council be held to try and resolve the transit strike. He noted that schools will be opening shortly and the City should be able to provide service to the Boards at this time.

Memorial Park - Alderman Keen commended administration for general improvements made in Memorial Park, which park is being used by senior citizens and tourists.

Telephone survey - Alderman Keen referred to a survey conducted by Bell Canada which indicated that more calls could be handled at the workshop in the noon hour if another person was on duty.

Regatta Committee - Alderman Lynch commended the Regatta Committee and trusted that this event will become a yearly one. Noting that three events were held on that weekend, he suggested Alderman Aubry bring to the attention of the Chamber of Commerce the possibility of staging only one event each weekend in the summer.

Industrial information - Alderman Lynch asked that future reports from the Director of Economic Development contain statistics on recent plant shut-downs and lay-off of personnel.

Bob Turner Centre - As mentioned earlier by Alderman Lebano, Alderman Lynch referred to the delay in repairs to the roof at the Bob Turner Centre, which renovations were recommended two months ago by the Director of Recreation. He noted that there is a major event at each arena this weekend which will make it impossible to reschedule the tournament at the Centre to the Arena, in case of inclement weather. He pointed out that if the work is not completed until mid September there could be a delay in ice time this year.

L.I.P. Grants - The Chief Administrator assured Alderman Lynch that the City will be taking advantage of L.I.P. grants, with the availability of money being one thing that will have to be considered. He stated he would welcome input from Council members.

Civic Complex manager - Referring briefly to the duties of the civic manager, the Chief Administrator advised that Council will make the final selection for a Civic Complex manager.

Minimum Standards By-law - Replying to Alderman Lynch, the Chief Administrator stated that no prosecutions have yet come before the courts on the Minimum Standards By-law. Alderman Lynch asked for reports to keep Council informed.

Bell Junk Yard - The Chief Administrator advised Alderman Lynch that he gave instructions to a Department Head to commence legal action against Mr. Bell, in his operation of a junk yard.

City advertisements - The Chief Administrator informed Alderman Samson that Council adopted a policy that notices of a critical nature, but not all notices, would be inserted in the Cornwall Weekly News.

Bell Canada - Alderman Samson referred to the very poor condition that Bell Canada is leaving the boulevards in after carrying out underground installations along Montreal Road, Lefebvre and Gardner Streets.

Anti-poverty group - Asking for information as to the work being carried out by the Anti-poverty group, Alderman Lynch stated he would ask Mrs. McMillan to invite Alderman Samson to the next meeting.

Bell Canada - Mr. Meikle assured Alderman LeBlanc that Bell Canada is responsible for restoration of City property after it has completed underground installations. He suggested that any complaints of this nature be submitted in writing.

Curbing - Alderman LeBlanc asked if the City intends to put in new curbing on the west side of McConnell now that this work has been completed in front of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. He complained that people are parking on the boulevards with the gravel being thrown on McConnell Ave. Administration is to look into the matter, with consideration being given to negotiating with the School Boards.

Regatta Committee - Alderman Aubry asked that the Mayor, on behalf of Council, extend congratulations for a job well done to the Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Committee and Regatta Committee. The Chief Administrator pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce intends to make a report to Council.

Model of the City - At the request of Alderman Aubry, the Chief Administrator will submit a report as to costs, etc. for the construction of a model of the City to be used when making reference to certain areas of the city.

Parking on 2nd St. - The Chief Administrator advised that, possibly at the next meeting of Council, a report will be presented with respect to the elimination of parking on 2nd Street.

Garden plots - Alderman Aubry referred to an editorial in a local newspaper suggesting the use of City land to be used for garden plots. He noted that the writer might take this as a project for the community, asking that they communicate with him and forward the information to this council for consideration.

Sylvania Electric - Acting Mayor Bough notified Council that Automatic Electric will not be replacing Sylvania Electric. The building is now for sale and the Director of Economic Development has been so notified.

L.I.P. Grants - Acting Mayor Bough stated that he had been talking to Mr. Lumley, who is very anxious to receive projects from the City. Municipalities are to be given first priority

Bicycle paths - Acting Mayor Bough stated that general approval has been received from Ontario Hydro and the Seaway Authority for a bicycle path on the south side of the canal bank to the Seaway property and up around the Hydro Dam. He will endeavour to have the project incorporated under the L.I.P. program.

Minimum Standards By-law - Acting Mayor Bough asked that the Minimum Standards By-law be enforced. Pointing out that he gets a number of complaints, he noted that if a case went to the Courts then we would get a ruling. He asked that Administration follow through on any complaints received.

R. O'Neil
Clerk

W. St. Bough
Acting Mayor