

A G E N D A

For the meeting of Council to be
held in the Council Chambers, Monday, March 12, 1956
at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 1956.

2. Unfinished Business:

1. A. W. Morrison Re: House Trailers

3. Correspondence:

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| 1. Purchasing Agent | Re: Tenders for grader blades |
| 2. Kirby & Murphy | Re: Tender for Gravel |
| 3. Ben's Farm Supply | Re: Application for retail license |
| 4. Chief Licensing Officer | Re: Application for retail license |
| 5. G.W. Ferguson | Re: Application to purchase property. |

4. By-laws:

1. No. 1865 - land sales 3rd reading.
2. No. 1866 - Snow removal by-law 3 readings.

LAND SALES _

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| John V. Bettenson | Old C.N.R. right of way | \$195.00 | nil |
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5. Reports:

1. Re: Weigh Scales
2. Minutes of Parking Committee, Feb. 29, 1956

6. New Business:

1. Payment of accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

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Dept. of Municipal Affairs,
Edmonton, Alberta,
March 7th, 1956.

Mr. J.A. Beveridge, P.Eng.,
City Commissioner,
City of Red Deer,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

Re: House Trailers

I have your letter of February 29th enclosing a copy of an opinion by Messrs. Kirby, Murphy, Armstrong and Beames, Solicitors, respecting the right of the City of Red Deer to tax and license house trailers.

Your letter requests our observation of the opinions given by the Solicitors.

In reply I would advise that a City may license a trailer or auto camp that is carrying on a business as such and may also levy a business tax against the trailer or auto camp but may not license individual trailers placed on a trailer court or auto camp.

If, however a business is being operated from a trailer, then the business carried on therein is subject to license and also to business tax.

Yours very truly,

A. W. Morrison,
Deputy Minister

NOTE: Recommend that any action in this matter be deferred until we have talked the matter over with our local trailer park operators and other interested parties.

J.A.B.

Kirby, Murphy, Armstrong & Beames,
Red Deer, Alberta,
February 24, 1956.

City of Red Deer,
City Hall,
RED DEER, Alberta.

ATTENTION: MR. E. NEWMAN.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Trailers.

In reply to the City's letter of January 12th in the above matter from Mr. Beveridge, we would advise as follows:

1. We are of the opinion that the City Act is the exclusive governing statute respecting assessment and taxation within the City of Red Deer, and we are convinced, after thoroughly perusing the said Act, that the City has no power to tax personal property in question, either for school purposes or otherwise.

Towns, Villages and Municipal Districts have such power under the Assessment Act, which Act is deemed to form part of the Town and Village Act and the Municipal Districts Act. Under the Assessment Act almost all goods and all chattels can be subject to a personal property tax for school and other purposes, but the Assessment Act has no application to cities.

2. Under Section 347 of the City Act, a City is given power to control and regulate all businesses carried on within the City, and to license any or all such businesses. Under Section 348 (3) it is provided that a license fee may be in the nature of a tax for the privilege conferred by the license, or for the purpose of raising revenue, and may be computed in any manner adopted by the Council. Under Section 364 (1) Council may license places of public accommodation and if such provision does not include trailer camps, the City under Section 347 may nevertheless license any business, whether or not such businesses are specifically provided for in the Act.

We are therefore of the opinion that Council may license Auto camps in such a way as to provide revenue for school purposes.

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We trust that you will find the foregoing satisfactory.

Yours truly,

KIRBY, MURPHY, ARMSTRONG & BEAMES

CORRESPONDENCE:

LETTER NO. 1

West Canadian Machinery Co. Ltd.,
231 - 9 St. N.,
LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

February 29, 1956.

Dear Sir:

Sealed tenders plainly marked as to contents will be received in the Office of the City Commissioners up until noon, March 7, 1956, for the supply of the following:

400 grader blades 6' x 6" x 5/8".

400 grader blades 6' x 6" x 1/2"

Complete specifications including Brinnell hardness is to accompany quotation. Tenders will be opened at the regular meeting of Council on March 12, 1956 in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Any vender wishing to be present may do so.

The lowest or any tender submitted will not necessarily be accepted.

Yours truly,

A. S. Krause,
Purchasing Agent.

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LETTER NO. 2

City of Red Deer,
City Hall,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Kirby, Murphy, Armstrong & Beames,
Red Deer, Alberta,
March 8, 1956.

ATTENTION: MR. A. S. KRAUSE.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Tender for Gravel.

We refer to your letter and enclosure of March 7th in the above matter.

Confirming the writer's recent telephone conversation with you, we are of the opinion that the tender would be construed to mean that any person submitting a tender would be tendering for both classes of gravel. We believe that the tender would be so construed by the use of the word "Supplier" used through the tender, and the way in which the tender itself reads.

Yours truly,
KIRBY, MURPHY, ARMSTRONG & BEAMES

LETTER NO. 3

5020 - 51 Ave.,
Red Deer, Alta.,
March 7, 1956.

Dear Sir:

Please forward a letter regarding Ben's Farm Supply, application for a Retail trade license to cover the operation of my intended business.

Thank you kindly for your early attention.

City Council,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Yours truly,
BEN'S FARM SUPPLY,
Ben Gauthier, Owner,

LETTER NO. 4

Government of the Prov. of Alberta,
Dept. of Industries & Labour,
March 5, 1956.

Mr. B. Gautier,
Ben's Farm Supply,
5020 - 51 Ave.,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 29th, we are herewith enclosing a form for making application for a Retail Trade License to cover the operation of your intended business.

You should have this form completed and returned to this office, together with payment of fees of \$10.00, and a letter from the City Council, setting out its views and opinions in this regard.

The license when granted will be continuing in nature and will not require to be renewed from year to year, nor will any further fees be payable, as long as the status of the license is in line with present Licensing Regulations.

Yours truly,
F. Baker,
For: G.J. Armstrong,
CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER.

LETTER NO. 5

Mr. C.E. Ross,
City Assessment Dept.,
City of Red Deer.

3622 - 41 Avenue,
Red Deer, Alberta.
March 8, 1956.

Dear Sir:

I would like to make application to purchase Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Plan K.

If this property can be purchased, I plan to erect a fireproof building, 46' x 125' at an approximate cost of \$30,000 for the purpose of a bowling alley and coffee shop. This business is now located in the Waskasoo Hotel but must be moved.

I would appreciate it if this request would be taken up with the City Council at their next meeting.

Yours truly,

G.W. Ferguson.

NOTE: Price \$9176.00.

Recommend approval subject to Parking Committee approval and subject to recommendation of Director of Planning.

R.W.

NOTE: O.K. subject to sale excluding 7 feet on front for set back as it is North of 52 Street. This type of development can create substantial parking demand and it is unfortunate that a location on the Highway has been selected but if the money is used to acquire parking space elsewhere I can see no objection.

D.C.

REPORTS:

re: Weigh Scales

We have checked with our City Solicitors and we find that it is not necessary for the City to own and operate weigh scales.

Mr. Harper is willing to set the scales up at his own expense in North Red Deer in a corner of Block M. He can operate said scales 8½ hours per day 6 days per week.

E. Newman

Minutes of the parking committee meeting, Feb. 29, 1956

The first meeting of the Parking Committee was held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall at 7.45 p.m., Feb. 29, with Alderman Hepworth in the Chair, and the following members present, - A. Allen, acting secretary, A. Horsley, J. Knight, R. Gish, C. Humber, T. Cornett, K. Munro, and D. Cole.

After considerable discussion, a number of recommendations were adopted. It was agreed that, in general, meters are necessary to regulate parking. Recommendation to the Police Committee - that cross walk signs be erected across Gaetz Ave. at 49 Street (north walk), and at 51 Street (south walk). A motion "that all meters which had been removed from Gaetz Ave. be put back" was lost by a vote of 4 - 5.

Recommendation - Two stop lights be placed on Gaetz Ave. - at 48 Street and at 52 Street. Carried unanimously.

Recommendations re meters - 1. "That meters be placed on 48 Street from 51 Ave. to 49 Ave., on both sides of the street." Carried unanimously. This would provide parallel parking except on the south side of the street between Gaetz Ave. and 51 Ave. which should be angle parking.

2. Meters should be placed on both sides of Ross Street between 49 Ave. and 48 Ave. Carried unanimously.

3. Meters should be placed on Gaetz Ave. both sides, from 48 St. to 47 St. Carried unanimously.

4. Meters should be placed on both sides of 49 Ave. from 49 St. to Ross St. Carried unanimously.

Recommendations re parking lots - 1. The post office parking lot should be paved and metered with 2 hour meters. 2. The lot next to the Motor Car Supply should be metered with 2 hour meters, but not paved. 3. The City should endeavour to combine its parking lot behind Loveseth's with that of Builders Hardware, and arrange for 2 hour parking, unmetered.

4. The City's lot next to Vellner's Garage should be properly laid out for angle parking, have 2 hour parking, and be closely supervised.

5. C.P.R. lot - That Mr. Cole be asked to lay this out for parking of trucks only on the East and South sides. Parking to be for trucks only from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

6. Lot on 52 Street, next to Clarke's Tire Service - Should be made available for free parking, with a sign indicating a 24 hour limit.

7. Lot next to Wiltshire Building - to be left as at present.

8. Area south of the Canadian Legion Building - recommended that the City negotiate with the Legion and other interested parties to try to develop this area for parking. All carried unanimously.

General Proposal - That a survey be made of smaller city owned lots, with a view to selling them and purchasing a large area which can be more efficiently used for parking. The meeting adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

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ADDITIONAL AGENDA

To City Commissioner
and City Council.

Report on proposed 55th Street Bridge

The advisability of rebuilding this bridge was raised by this Department in the Spring of 1954 when the length of road from 47th Avenue to 45th Avenue was put in the capital works programme for construction and again in 1955 when this length of road was included in our contract for construction and paving. On both occasions Council decided that with the protection of the retaining wall and the substantial sums already spent that the present facilities would have to suffice for the present time.

The present culvert

The present culvert lies on a natural bed of gravel, there are no concrete aprons at either end to prevent scouring under the culvert and as far as can be ascertained the head walls at each end have no proper footings or reinforcement.

It was installed in 19__ with consequences known to all.

Both head walls are now badly cracked and the water has undermined the culvert at each end. The extent of this undermining has not been ascertained.

The fill over the culvert, between the head walls was not compacted, but has now been compacted and overlaid with 12" of 2" crushed gravel to be followed by 4" of 3" gravel and 2" of paving.

If the culvert is to be retained, the existing head walls should be demolished and rebuilt and proper concrete aprons built at each end. This would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$5000. It would also be recommended that the culvert should be extended which would save the cost of demolishing the existing walls and would widen the bridge.

This culvert, however, will not carry maximum flows from the creek when the river is low nor regular spring or storm flows when the river is high. Any substantial expenditure on the present culvert is considered ill-advised.

The retaining wall adjacent to Mr. Lord's property

At our request we received a report from Mr. L. A. McManus, the Chief Bridge Engineer of the Highways Dept. on December 9th, 1955 in respect of this retaining wall.

The retaining wall was designed by and erected under the direction of the Highway Dept. at City expense in 19__ after the natural bank had been washed away by the creek flood.

The report states that the wall was designed to support 10 feet of backfill. The backfill now rises some 3 feet above the top of the wall and some 2 feet of the creek floor in which the piles were embedded has washed away, leaving an unsupported height of 15 feet. It was not intended there should be any fill above the top of the wall. This could cause a failure of the braces from the wall to the anchor piles. In addition a scour hole (which we have measured & found some 7 feet deep) has been created by the turbulence of the water leaving the culvert. This hole could increase in size and finally remove the support from a section of the wall and allow the whole bank in which the anchors are embedded to move toward the creek.

Recommendations of the Chief Bridge Engineer are that backfill be placed on the Creek side of the wall comprising large rocks or concrete similar to that already in place. This backfill to be at a slope of not more than 2:1 and to be at least up to the bottom water of the wall. The scour hole should be filled with similar material.

I am of the opinion, having observed the present deflections of the wall after such a relatively short time, that the anchors have already moved and that it is doubtful whether anything less than banking up the wall to half its height will prevent movement from continuing. It would not be possible to bank the wall up to this height however with the creek in its present location as the flow would be seriously obstructed by such fill. Furthermore, as far as I can ascertain no provision has been made for drainage or weep holes which can accelerate the pushing out of the wall.

If rock or concrete is to be used for back sloping the wall, the only source is broken up old sidewalks or concrete from old bridges. The entire abutments from the 53rd Street bridge and 43rd Street bridge were placed along the foot of the wall and it is difficult to see from where adequate material of this type could be obtained to carry out the work suggested by the Chief Engineer except at very high cost.

The Sewer Syphon under the Culvert

The sewer syphon under the culvert is a single pipe and not properly designed to cope with either maximum or minimum flows. Present tests (December, 1955) show 2.6 cu. ft. per second maximum flows and 0.27 cu. ft. per second minimum flows. As numerous catch basins are connected to our sanitary sewers the flows during rainy periods would substantially exceed 2.6 cu. ft. per second.

Although no trouble has so far been experienced with this syphon, it is possible that difficulty may occur in the future which might be serious.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the existing culvert be removed, the creek diverted, the retaining wall banked up to half its height and a new bridge and syphon installed to the East of the present culvert for the following reasons.

1. New head walls are required on the existing culvert together with concrete aprons at each end to cost not less than \$5,000.
2. It is questionable (I submit) whether the protective measures proposed by the Chief Bridge Engineer will permanently save the retaining wall or parts of it from collapsing for which the City would be fully liable. This collapse would be mainly because of the type of construction and the overloading of the backfill and not due to the effect of the creek.
3. The existing sewer syphon could easily cause trouble in the future due to its improper design.
4. If the existing culvert is replaced by a bridge in the same location, thereby widening the water flow, it will be even more difficult to retain materials against the foot of the wall.

A. Estimated Cost of Bridge in new location

1. Acquisition of 60 foot right of way across Lot 1 immediately south of 55th Street, plus, the purchase of the land to the South of the right of way.

say \$2,000

Note: To fill the whole of this land between the bank and the present creek bed to make it suitable for lots would require about 4 - 5000 cubic yards of material which could be expected to cost from \$1500 - \$2500. The two lots which would thereby be made available might total \$3000 - \$5000. The value of the whole land below the bank should therefore be worth in the neighborhood of \$2000.

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| 2. Precast Concrete bridge 68' span X 45' carriageway with 6' sidewalk on Northside -- 3468 sq. ft. @ \$8. | \$27,750 |
| 3. Relaying proper sewer syphon under new bridge | 5,000 |
| 4. Excavation of new creek bed. | 2,500 |
| 5. Removal of existing culvert, fill, and earth fill against Mr. Lord's retaining wall. | 2,500 |
| 6. Contingencies including expenses in connection with two gas mains (5%) | 2,000 |
| | \$41,750 |
| 7. Engineering and Supervision @ 10% | 4,175 |
| | <u>\$45,925</u> |

B. Estimated Cost of bridge in location of present culvert
(existing syphon to remain)

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| 1. Bridge as in 2 above. | \$27,750 |
| 2. Removal of existing culvert, etc. as in 5 above. | 2,500 |
| 3. Contingencies as in 6 above. (5%) | <u>1,500</u> |
| | \$31,750 |
| 4. Engineering and Supervision @ 10% | <u>3,175</u> |
| | <u>\$34,925</u> |

Difference in cost -- land \$2000
New syphon 5000
New creek bed 2500
Contingencies 500
Supervision 1000
\$11,000

SUMMARY

It is recommended that the additional cost of \$11,000 is warranted for re-locating the creek as it will permit a faster disposal of the water to the river and thereby reduce backing up, it will avoid any possibility of City liability for the collapse of the existing retaining wall, and it will correct the somewhat precarious situation now existing in respect of the sewer syphon.

This work could not be carried out until after the frost is out of the ground, but an early decision as to Council's wishes is desired in order to programme this work in detail.

Submitted for consideration.

Denis Cole,
City Engineer

CANADIAN LEGION

British Empire Service League

March 10th, 1956

Red Deer City Council,
Red Deer, Alberta.

Dear Sirs:-

A month ago my severance pay came to an end, and I am beginning to feel the strain on my budget.

I am eighty-one years of age, and spent 42 years of that time on the pump station supplying water to the City without a failure, and think that with regards to my age that you Gentlemen could see fit to carry me on for a longer period.

Hoping that you may take a kindly view to my situation.

I am,
Yours truly,

"Charles Thompson"

NOTE:

Thompson & Taylor received one years wages spread over 3 years. This amounted to 2,310 for Thompson(\$70.05/month) which terminated in January, 1956. Taylor received \$3,051.36 at the rate of \$84.76/month and this terminated in August, 1955. The problem is how many other former employees we would have to consider.

J.A.B.

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March 6th, 1956.
Dic't March 5th.

Mr. J. A. Beveridge,
City Commissioner,
City Hall,
RED DEER, Alberta.

Dear Jim:

RE: George Everitt and the Provincial
Training School

Below are the particulars of the proposal that we received to day from Mr. & Mrs. George Everitt regarding the possible re-location of their residence from it's present location to one that would be reasonable close to 40th Avenue, around 51st, Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Everitt thought that the following would be a fair proposal in exchange for the property that they presently own, which is along side of some Government buildings at the Provincial Training School.

1. They would require 3, 50 foot building lots, on one of these lots, the utilities would be pre-paid.

2. They would require that the buildings be moved from the old location and placed in the condition that was at least equal to what they had before the removal operation. In other words, this removal operation would include such items as setting up the heating system again, etc, etc.

3. That they would have sidewalks provided around their house that would be equal to what they now have in their present location. This sidewalk would go at least to the street.

4. They expect a cash settlement in lieu of landscaping, etc, of \$4,500.00.

We told Mr. & Mrs. Everitt that we would discuss this with you and likely that it would be presented to the Government for their consideration. In the meantime, we are anxious to put on paper that we discussed with Mr. & Mrs. Everitt and we are sending them a copy of this letter.

Yours truly,
"Ellis A. Johnstone."

c.c. Mr. & Mrs. G. Everitt.

P.S. Mr. Everitt refers to a commitment of the City and/or the Gov't to maintain a highway to his place. Would you please check this?

Recommendation

1. A plan be drawn up for the land immediately North of the Alton Block.

2. Check on sewer grades and surface drainage to be made by the City Engineer.

3. From the above we could determine the amount the City can afford to pay for the land (from which we would deduct the estimated \$7500 compensation Mr. Everitt requests)

4. When the information has been received it should be turned over to the Housing Committee for consideration.

We have already been told by the builders that land in this area is very desirable.

J.A.B.

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Red Deer, Alberta, March 12, 1956

Minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held in the Council Chambers on Monday, March 12, 1956 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor McAfee; Aldermen Fletcher, Allen, Hepworth, Horn, Johnstone and McRobbie; City Commissioner, J. Beveridge; City Clerk, E. Newman; City Engineer, D. Cole and Assistant City Engineer, N. Deck.

The minutes of the regular council meeting of March 5, 1956 were declared adopted as transcribed.

The 1956 budget was discussed and the mill rate was set at 64 mills by the following resolution:

"Moved by Alderman Johnstone, seconded by Alderman Allen that our mill rate for 1956 be set at sixty-four mills. This rate to be subject to 10% discount for payment if the payment or payments qualify for this discount. . . .

Further, for 1956 in the event there develops an operating surplus, this surplus to be set up as a cash Depreciation Reserve to be retained as such for a future capital requirement." CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

The letter from Mr. A. W. Morrison, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, re house trailers was given considerable discussion, and the Commissioners are to study this matter further and a meeting will be called with the trailer court operators.

Correspondence:

The tenders for grader blades were opened and they are referred back to the Purchasing Agent for a full report and his recommendations together with the recommendations of the City Engineer.

The letter from Kirby and Murphy re gravel tenders was ordered filed.

The request from Ben's Farm Supply for retail license to operate Ben's Farm Supply was agreed to by the following resolution:

"Moved by Alderman Horn, seconded by Alderman Allen that Ben's farm supply be granted a Retail license to cover the operation of his business." CARRIED.

The application from Mr. G. W. Ferguson and his request to purchase the property known as Lots 9 and 10, Block 12, Plan K was referred back to the Commissioners, who will discuss this matter with the Atlas Lumber Company. Mr. Ferguson will be notified that no decision has been made at the present time.

By-laws:

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Horn that a by-law to provide for the cleaning of snow and other debris from sidewalks in the City be now read a first time and be entitled by-law No. 1866.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Horn that a by-law No. 1866 be now read a second time and be referred to Committee of the Whole.

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The Council then resolved into Committee of the Whole to consider by-law Nos. 1865 and 1866. The Chairman declared these by-laws approved.

Moved by Alderman McRobbie, seconded by Alderman Fletcher that by-law No. 1865 be now read a third time and do finally pass any rules to the contrary notwithstanding, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same in Open Council and affix the corporate seal thereto.

Moved by Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Horn that by-law No. 1866 be now read a third time and do finally pass any rules to the contrary notwithstanding, and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign same in Open Council and affix the corporate seal thereto.

The following land sales were authorized:

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Reports :

Council's decision regarding the weigh scales was to retain them for now and further study is to be given to the new rates which were imposed quite recently.

The Parking Committee minutes were thoroughly discussed, and it was agreed that these minutes together with council's remarks be referred to our Police Committee and that Alderman Hepworth be invited to attend the next meeting of the afore said committee to discuss these points with them. The minutes were generally agreed to by City Council, but these changes are to be implemented on a progressive basis, and the following notations were made regarding the various items as they were discussed.: The recommendation for two stop lights on Gaetz Avenue at 48th and 52nd streets -- before this installation was made it was suggested that a traffic count and an expert's opinion be obtained. With regard to item No. 2 - meters between 49th and 48th Avenues on Ross Street, that the four car spaces in front of the City Hall be set up as 10-minute free customer parking similar to the setup in front of the Post Office. Regarding the Post Office Parking Lot, it was agreed that a portion of this lot be metered by 5-hour meters and a portion with 2-hour meters. Regarding the lot next to Clarke's Tire Service, council agreed that Clarke's Tire Service should be purchased and the city be authorized to spend up to \$5,000 for this project.

Accounts were passed for payment as listed on page

Additional Agenda:

The City Engineer's report regarding the 55th Street bridge was ordered tabled as it was thought that more information be requested from a bridge expert. However, it was agreed that as a temporary measure, the City obtain large quantities of rock to help hold the existing retaining wall, and that this rock be placed before spring breakup.

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The request from Mr. Charles Thompson for continuation of his severance pay was referred back to the City Clerk who was instructed to obtain from Mr. Thompson a picture of his present financial circumstances.

The report from Alderman A. Johnstone regarding Mr. George Everitt and the P.T.S. was ordered tabled until the P.S. at the foot of his letter was checked.

New Business:

A Public Works Program Committee composed of Alderman McRobbie and Alderman Horn was established with a view to investigating our 1956 construction programs.

Council felt that before by-laws were presented to them, other than regular land sale by-laws, they should be placed on the agenda so that council have an opportunity of studying them.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

READ AND CONFIRMED IN OPEN COUNCIL this 26th day of March, A.D. 1956

Mayor

City Clerk