

Police Ask Collective Bargaining

City Police told City Council Tuesday night that they wish to engage in collective bargaining with the city on wages and other employment conditions.

Notice was received by Council in a registered letter from Red Rose Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police. The letter states:

"We are hereby requesting to enter into collective bargaining meetings for the purpose of discussing the terms and conditions of our employment, including compensation, hours, working conditions, retirement, pensions and other benefits."

Officer George J. Schreder, president, in his letter, requests that bargaining be started before July 1, to allow six months before the new city budget as required under a new state law.

Councilman Bernard V. Santaniello, head of council's health and safety committee, said the issues would be discussed.

The action by Red Rose Lodge is in conformity with legislation adopted by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Shafer implementing a constitutional amendment adopted by the electorate at the 1967 primary.

The legislation provides for firemen and policemen to choose collective bargaining agents and for binding arbitration.

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