

# City plans changes for firehouse

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NEW BRUNSWICK — The first floor of the Remsen Avenue firehouse will be turned into combined police and community rooms in the near future.

City Business Administrator Stanley Marcinczyk said about half of the first floor would be used as a community facility, the rest for some police operations.

The city boarded up Firehouse No. 4 on Dec. 1 after giving residents only two weeks' notice.

Residents protested the closing and organized a community group that subsequently held meetings with the mayor.

Marcinczyk said the city had approximately \$20,000 available to convert the first floor of the old firehouse into three offices and a community room.

Personnel from traffic, crime prevention and some juvenile operations would be moved from the

Memorial Parkway police headquarters to Remsen Avenue, giving police headquarters more room for the time being, said Marcinczyk.

Another proposal to move the city inspection department into the second floor of the firehouse has been dropped, said Marcinczyk.

The city is negotiating with the U.S. General Services Administration to buy the post office on Bayard Street for city office space to relocate offices such as the building department.

In other business yesterday, the city council adopted an ordinance which appropriated \$1.2 million to build the Quentin Avenue storm and sewer system.

Using a state grant, the city also authorized \$600,000 in bonds for the project.

The council also approved a \$105,000 bond ordinance to finance a new computer system for three departments. Last month, the council awarded a \$105,000 contract to Burroughs Corp. of Bloomfield to computerize the city's water, finance and tax departments.