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MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting

The council met in the usual place on Tuesday May 18th at 7:30 p.m. Present Aldermen Coldwell, Cordiner, Griffith, Humphries, L.A. Hamilton, E.P. Hamilton and Northcott.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Northcott that Alderman Coldwell take the Chair in the absence of the Mayor. Carried.

The minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

A communication was read from "The Royal City Planing Mills Co." asking permission to lay a ten inch water pipe from Lot 16 Block 42, 200A along Scotia Street to Lansdowne Avenue, thence to Westminster Avenue, thence to Prior Street, thence to Tide Water.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Northcott, that communication be referred to Board of Works Committee. Carried.

His Worship the Mayor arrived and took the Chair.

On suggestion from His Worship the Mayor, it was moved by Alderman Hemlow and seconded by Alderman Coldwell that the Board of Works Committee meet in the Council Chambers on Thursday May 20th at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Coldwell that By-Laws No. 1 and 2 appointing City Clerk and Assessment Commissioner introduced by the mover on the 12th May be withdrawn and leave granted and leave be granted to introduce a General By Law for the Appointment of City Clerk, Assessment Commissioner, Engineer, Police Magistrate and Treasurer in lieu thereof. Carried.

By Law No --- for the Appointment of City Clerk, Assessment Commissioner, Engineer, Police Magistrate and Treasurer introduced by Alderman L.A. Hamilton and read for the first time.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Hemlow, that By-Law be known as By-Law No. 1. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Coldwell that By-Law be read a second time. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Coldwell that Council go into Committee of the Whole on By-Laws. Carried.

In Committee of the Whole the clause relating to the appointment of Treasurer was struck out. Clause relating to the payment of officers was amended to read that salaries be paid to such officers on the second Saturday after the expiration of the month for which the salary is due.

Committee rose to report on by-law as amended.

By-Law No 1 introduced as amended.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Northcott that By-Law No. 1 be read a third time. Carried.

By-Law read a third time and passed.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Griffith that By-Law No. 1 be engrossed signed by the Mayor and Clerk, sealed, and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication. Carried.

Motion No [16]

Moved by Alderman Griffith that resolution carried at a meeting of the council on the 12th of May which reads that the Mayor, Police Magistrate and City Clerk be appointed a Board to issue permits contemplated in such resolutions to such applicants as they may consider fit and proper to receive the same" be amended to read as follows "That the Mayor, Police Magistrate and City Clerk be appointed a Board with power to issue permits for the sale of Spirituous, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors within the limits of the City of Vancouver, to such applicants as they may consider fit and proper to receive the same. All such permits to expire on the 29th day of June 1886. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries that resolution passed on the 12th of May which reads as follows: That the granting of Permits be restricted to hotels having twelve rooms with the dimensions of each room in accordance with that set forth in the Charter" be amended to read as follows "That such permits be confined to hotels having not less than twelve separate bed rooms provided with the necessary furniture and bedding for the reception of guests, but even such room shall possess the following requirements: -

1. Each of such rooms shall contain at all times 384 cubic feet of space for each person occupying the same.
2. Each of such rooms shall have a window made to open at least two feet square. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that resolution passed in Council on the 12th of May which reads: - "That permits be granted for the sale of liquors by Wholesale and Retail, and that the minimum quantity sold shall not be less than three half pints and that such liquor or any part thereof shall not be consumed on the premises and that the cigar trade may be carried on under the liquor license but no other business" be amended to read "That permits be granted for the sale within the City by wholesale or Retail, or spirituous fermented or other intoxicating liquors and that the respective minimum quantities to be sold shall be as follows,

For Wholesale permits not less than two gallons or one dozen reputed quart bottles,

And for Retail permits not less than three half pints,

And that such liquor or any part thereof shall not be consumed on the premises.

And that the cigar and tobacco trade and articles pertaining thereto may be carried on in connection with such liquor business,

But no other goods wares or merchandise shall be sold or dealt in on the premises for which the permit is granted. Carried.

Moved By Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Griffith that resolution passed at meeting of council on the 12th of May which reads as follows, "That the price of Hotel permits be fifty dollars and Wholesale and Retail permits, twenty five dollars until the first of July next" be amended to read as follows: - "That the fees for such permits shall be as follows:

Hotel Permits - \$50.00

Retail Permits - \$50.00

Wholesale Permits - \$25.00"

Carried.

Mr. Pedgrift here discussed the question of equipment for his Volunteer Fire Brigade but no action was taken in the matter by the council.

Alderman Coldwell gave notice that he would ask that a By-Law be passed by this council providing for the election of officers of the Fire department be held semi-annually, and that members of the Fire department be exempt from Poll Tax and from Jury or Military duties during the continuance of active service or membership.

Motion No [17]

His Worship, the Mayor stated that he had received a communication from the I.O.O.F. of Chilliwack inviting the Mayor and Aldermen to be present at their celebration on the 24th of May. Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that while thanking them for their kind invitation we regret that we cannot attend as a body at their celebrations. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Northcott that council adjourn to meet on Tuesday May 25th. Carried.

M.A. Mac Lean, Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan, City Clerk

Adopted.