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MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF COUNCIL

A meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen was held in Residence adjoining Court House Vancouver at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday 12th May 1886. His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Griffith, Hemlow, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton, L.A. Hamilton and Northcott.

Minutes of last meeting read, adopted and signed by the Mayor.

Communication from A.W. Ross was read requesting the Council to petition the Dominion Government to Grant Reserve on First Narrows for a City Park.

Motion [7]

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Coldwell, that the Mayor be authorized to forward a petition to the Dominion Government through the Member for New Westminster District praying that the whole of that part of the Coal Harbour Peninsula Known as the Government Reserve or such part as in the wisdom of the Government they might see fit to grant, be Conveyed to the City of Vancouver for a Public Park. Carried

A Telegram was read from the Mayor of Nanaimo inviting the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vancouver to Nanaimo to take part in the Celebration of the twenty fourth of May.

Motion [8]

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Northcott that the Mayor and Council of Nanaimo be thanked for their kind invitation and be informed that as a body we cannot accept. Carried.

Communication was read from the Mayor and Council of New Westminster.

Motion [9]

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Balfour that resolutions be passed and forwarded to Mayor and Council of New Westminster thanking them for their Congratulations. Carried.

Report from the Fire, Water and Light Committee.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that the Report of Fire, Water and Light Committee be adopted as read. Carried.

Motion [10]

The Mayor stated that John Rooney declined the Office of City Clerk.

The following applications for City Clerk were then opened and read: - J. M. Spinks, J. Morrison, J. Penberthy, L.F. McGuigan, M.M. Picken, O.D. Sweet and G.F. Baldwin. Moved by Alderman Hemlow seconded by Alderman Griffith that L.F. McGuigan be appointed City Clerk. Yeas Aldermen Northcott, Coldwell, Griffiths, Hemlow, and Humphries. Six. Nays Aldermen Balfour, E.P. Hamilton, L.A. Hamilton, and Dunn. Four. Motion carried.

Motion [11]

Mr. L. F. McGuigan was declared duly appointed City Clerk.

By Law No. I presented by Alderman Northcott for adoption. Moved by Alderman Dunn, seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Council go into Committee of the Whole on By-Law. Carried. Alderman Northcott in the Chair. Moved by Alderman Balfour that Clause one of By Law appointing City Clerk be adopted as read. Carried

Motion [12]

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton that the blank in relation to Salary be filled in at the rate of Seventy five dollars per month. Carried. By-law read a second time and passed. By-law read a third time and passed. Committee then rose and took up the regular order of business.

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Dunn that the motion moved and carried at a meeting of the Council held on the sixth day of May which reads as follows:- That the Offices of City Engineer and Assessment Commissioner be Combined at a Salary of Seventy-five dollars per month" be and is hereby rescinded. Carried.

Motion [13]

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Hemlow that G. F. Baldwin be appointed Assessor for the City of Vancouver. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman Griffith that the Consideration of Bylaws be laid over till the next meeting of the Council. Carried

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Council do now go into the Committee of the Whole to Consider the Advisability of granting Permission for the sale of Spirituous liquors in the City of Vancouver and if it is considered advisable to pass resolutions authorizing the issue of such permits and regulations as the Council may prescribe.

Carried.

Resolution amended May 18th 1886.

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Griffith that the Mayor, Police Magistrate and City Clerk be appointed a board to issue permits.

Resolution amended May 18th 1886.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that permits be granted for the sale of liquor by Wholesale and Retail. And that the minimum quantity sold shall be 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 trade may be carried under the liquor license but no other business. Carried.

Resolution amended May 18th 1886.

Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Griffith that the price of hotel permits be fifty dollars and wholesale and retail permits twenty five dollars until the first of July next. Carried.

Resolution amended May 18th 1886.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Alderman Coldwell that Alderman Dunn be appointed treasurer for all Permit money collected until the granting of regular licenses. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Hemlow seconded by Alderman Griffith that the meeting adjourn to meet again in the same place on Thursday May 13th at 7:30 P.M. Carried.

Minutes adopted

M.A. MacLean, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk