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MINUTES

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Vancouver March 3rd 1890.

The Council met on Monday March 3rd 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Carroll, Garden, Horne, Fox, Sentell, Costello, McLeod, Mason and Docring.

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Costello. That Alderman Horne be appointed Chairman in the absence of the Mayor. Carried.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From J. H. Carlisle, Chief of Fire Brigade informing Council that the Fire Alarm was ready for testing. Referred to F. W. & L. Committee.

From H. B. Small, Department of Agriculture acknowledging resolution of Council re Quarantine Station at Vancouver. Filed.

Mrs. E. Salsbury re the building of a wing to the City Hospital. Referred to Board of Health.

From J. A. Mara, M. P. acknowledging receipt of Communication re Quarantine Station at Vancouver. Filed.

From Geo Stevens in reference to Electric Bells in City Hall. Referred to Finance Committee.

From Wm. Power et al in reference to the

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construction of a sidewalk on the West side of Granville St. Referred to Board of Works.

From J. W. Armstrong et al praying for the improvement of Homer St. Referred to Board of Works.

From D. J. R. Cameron resigning the position of police officer. Filed.

From J. J. Blake asking Council to pay over $139.98 said to be due J. M. Stewart ex-chief of Police for salary. Referred to Police Committee.

From Messrs Leamy & Kyle asking the City to bear half of the cost of constructing a bridge across False Creek from the foot of Cambie Street. Referred to the Board of Works.

Reports

Finance No 6

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 28th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Garden, Fox, Costello and Mason.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the sum of two thousand dollars be placed to the credit of the Mayor to be expended in paying the expenses of his office and if any balance remains unexpended that it remain in the City Treasury.

2. That the following accounts be paid:

Black & Wilkinson Livery, $18.20

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G. Hamersley, Refund $200.00
News Advertiser, Envelopes 6.00

3. As instructed by the Council this Committee has looked carefully into the charges made against Alderman Horne by a correspondent in the World Newspaper and finds that Similar transactions as those charged to him have been passed by the Board of Works and approved by the Council and that it sees nothing more irregular in the payment of the account for laying a foot path in front of his block on Cordova Street than there was in several other cases.

The Minutes of the Board of Works, Police, F. W. & L. & Health Committees were read and approved.

Sgd. J. M. Browning, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

F. W. & L. No 3

The F. W. & L. Committee met on Wednesday Feb 26th 1890.

Present Alderman Fox, Carroll, Garden and McLeod.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

Crowder & Penzer	$111.10
Tye & Co.	4.35
Creighton & Fraser	15.40
Fewster & Co.	2.50
Scuitto & Co.	16.25
Godfrey & Co.	14.00
Van City Foundry	1.50
R. C. P. Mills Coy	21.31

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E. S. Scoullar & Co.	$84.47
C. G. Johnson	50.00
Middler & Powe	3.00
A. T. McNab	2.50
R. Rutherford	67.50
P. P. Gendrean	2.00
Telephone Co.	16.00
Chas. E. Berry	157.00
Van Elec Ill Coy	275.55
H. H. Jones	12.00
Henry Arkell	7.63
Wilson & Blackie	31.00
Vancouver Water Works Co	47.05

2. That Mr. Blair be appointed Callman in place of Albert Cates who is hereby discharged.

Sgd. J. M. Fox, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the Report of the F. W. & L. Committee be adopted. Carried.

Works No 6

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 27th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning, Horne, Sentell and Costello.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the application of G. H. Dawson as Assistant City Engineer receive the favorable consideration of Council and that if required that he be appointed at a salary of $75.00 per month, Services to commence not later than the 1st of April.

2. That Mr. E. Mohun be requested to attend a meeting of the Board of Works on

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Wednesday the 5th March at 10:30 A.M and have all plans and estimates relating to the Sewerage System as well as any statements which he may think it advisable to have so that the Committee may thoroughly understand the condition of affairs.

3. That the City Engineer be authorized to put up a cattle shed in the City Pound as soon as possible, cost not to exceed $35.00.

4. That contractors tendering for City work from this date will be required to enclose with their tenders five percent of the amount of their contract either in cash or by a marked cheque as hereafter any money at the credit of any contractor will not be considered as a deposit.

5. That Robert Hemphill be appointed Pound Keeper at a Salary of thirty five dollars per month he to furnish a horse and devote his whole time to the business and retain all fines collected.

6. That Robert Hemphill's account for $20.00 be paid for cutting trees along Hastings Street East provided he has done the work to the satisfaction of the City Engineer.

7. That the following accounts be paid:

McDonald & Barton Streets	$612.63
H. Connacher Streets	47.22
V. St Ry Co. Westminster Av. Bridge	790.00
W. C. Muir Streets	102.90
Queen Bros. Livery	4.00
D. J. McDonald, Pendrell St.	69.56
A. D. McDonald, Melville St.	297.17
Geo J. Cary, Shelving	3.00
Van City Foundry	25.38
Vancouver Gas Co.	21.00

Sgd. I. W. Horne, Chairman

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Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Sentell. That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

The Committee appointed by Council to investigate the tenders on the East Park clearing met in

the City Clerk's Office on Wednesday February 26th 1890.

Present Aldermen McLeod, Garden, Fox and Carroll.

Alderman McLeod was appointed Chairman.

All of the tenders were produced and examined.

Your Committee finds that the tender of Messrs McDonald & Barton is irregular for the following reasons:

1. That although the names of the sureties were furnished no description of property owned by them was given.

2. That although an order was given to the City Clerk authorizing him to retain sufficient deposits out of the monies due on certain contracts, still the Board could not say from the facts before then, whether the liabilities for labor and material in the performance of the works would not exceed the amount coming to the contractors and which would be a first lien on the City Treasury.

Sgd. Malcolm McLeod, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the documents now presented to the Council, purporting to be a report by a Special Committee appointed to investigate and report upon the letting of a contract for clearing

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a certain portion of the East End Park, having been made without due consideration, none of the members of the Board of Works having been heard, which Board was alone able to fully explain all the circumstances relating to the matter and furnish the evidence upon which the contract was awarded to Barton & McDonald.

The conclusions arrived at are therefore based entirely upon ex-parte evidence and are incorrect, unjust and tend to convey the erroneous impression that the said award was wrongly made.

Be it therefore resolved that the said Report be not received. Motion lost 3.6

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman McLeod. That the report be adopted. Carried.

Police No 3

The Police Committee met on Tuesday February 25th 1890.

Present Aldermen Costello, Carroll, Sentell and Horne.

We beg to recommend:

1. That Roland McNeil be appointed on the regular police force at a salary of $60.00 per month in place of A.C. Stewart who declines to Act, such appointment to date from the 18th February 1890.

2. That the following accounts be paid.

V. W. Haywood, Fares	$3.00
M. G. McLeod, Fares	5.00
Thos. Dunn & Co. Oil	1.75

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3. That the resolution passed by the Police Committee on the 14th of September 1889, requiring John McLaren, Sergeant of Police and V. W. Haywood, W. D. Haywood, and J. I. Abray Police Officers, to pay into the City Treasury certain rewards received by them from Her Majesty's ships in July last for arresting runaway sailors, be cancelled in so far as it relates to arrests made while such officers were off duty but that they be required to pay over all amounts received for arrests while on duty.

Sgd. M. Costello, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McLeod, seconded by Alderman Fox. That Clause 3, relating to cancellation of resolution re fines be struck out. Lost.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Mason. That the Report of the Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Police Committee be adopted. Carried.

Health No 4

The Health Committee met on Tuesday February 25th 1890.

Present Aldermen Horne, Carroll and McLeod.

Alderman Horne was appointed Chairman.

We beg to recommend:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

W. J. Taylor, Burials	$14.00
H. E. Langis, Examinations	10.00
Van Wfg & Stg Co. Ren	7.50
Hong Sing, Washing	30.00
Crowder & Penzer, Coal	32.00

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P. P. Gendren $15.50

The Board met again on Saturday March 1st 1890.

Present Aldermen Mason, McLeod and Fox.

We beg to report that we have examined into the tenders for the supplying of drugs to the City Hospital and find H. McDowell & Coy's tender the lowest and would recommend that they be awarded the contract.

Sgd. W. H. Mason, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Fox, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That the Report of the Board of Health be adopted. Carried.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the City Engineer be authorized to hire labourers to clear the crossings through the City. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Costello. That the Fire, Water and Light Committee be instructed to report at the 2nd regular meeting of Council in what position the contract stands regarding the lighting of the City and at what state the streets will be lighted in accordance with said contract. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Mason. That the resignation

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of D. J. R. Cameron as Police Officer be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Costello, seconded by Alderman Garden. From and after this date the City will not be responsible for the payment of any sidewalk laid down in front of new buildings other than the price allowed for building ordinary sidewalks throughout the City and any party or parties laying a sidewalk other than the ordinary sidewalk will do so at his or their own expense. In all cases the permission and approval of the City Engineer must be obtained so that grade and class of foot path may be given and approved.

Any sidewalk that has been laid previous to this date without such permission and approval, payments shall not be allowed. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Garden, seconded by Alderman Carroll. That a committee consisting of the mover, seconder, Alderman Horne, Alderman McLeod and Alderman Mason, be appointed to confer with the C. P. R. authorities so as to learn the possibilities of getting Pender St. extended

across their premises to Dupont St. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Docring. That the following account for labor be paid:

P. Atkinson & H. Blyth et al Labor 61.30

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk