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MINUTES

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The Council met on Monday July 21st 1890.

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

Moved by Alderman Garden
Seconded by Alderman Fox

That Alderman Browning be appointed Chairman during the absence of the Mayor.

Carried

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the Tully Boyce and Mayor Hilbert in reference to the Nanaimo strikers.

Filed

From the Deputy Provincial Secretary acknowledging receipt of resolution of Council re school grounds.

Filed

From B. T. Rogers acknowledging receipt of resolution re cutting down Boundary Avenue in rear of the Sugar Refining Grounds.

Filed

From Geo Nesbit et al praying for the grading of Homer Street between Davie and Drake Streets.

Referred to Board of Works

From the City Solicitor giving an opinion re the Survey of Streets

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Referred to the Board of Works

From the City Solicitor re the test to the Sugar Refinery Lots.

Referred to Finance Committee

From the City Solicitor re the petition of the Lulu Island & Land Improvement Co. to run a Street Railway over certain streets in the City.

Filed

From the City Solicitor advising the City how to have lane closed in Block 74. District Lot 196.

Filed

From John Leask, City Auditor, submitting Auditor's Report for April May and June 1890.

Filed.

From the Royal City Planing Mills Co. threatening to apply for an injunction unless a draw was put in Cambie Street Bridge.

Filed

From Shirley Keating, asking payment for expenses incurred in connection with a search party by order of the Chief of Police.

Referred to Police Committee

From H. F. Keefer requesting the Council to extend the sewer to the end of the lane in Block No 196.

Referred to the Board of Works

From Cruden & Robertson asking Council to lower the water pipes on Princess St.

Referred to the Board of Works

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From D. Costumel asking Council to remit the taxes on the Vancouver Mfg & Trading Co's property.

Referred to Fianance

From Strathearn & Palmer offering to run out Victoria St. at \$10.00 per day.

Filed

Reports

Finance

No. 19

The Finance Committee met on Friday July 18th 1890.

Present Aldermen Browning Garden and Costello.

We beg to recommend:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

F. W. Hart, Carpets	\$35.00
S. T. Tilley, Stationery	27.00
Telephone Co. Rents	23.00
Provincial Government Schools	2159.00
A. St. George Hammersley, Law Costs	64.42
H. Hemlow, 2 Months' Salary	120.00

2. Re D. J. McDonald's Communication re repairs to City Wharf.

"This Committee being informed that the work done by D. J. McDonald upon the City Wharf was executed by order of the City Engineer in accordance with an understanding arrived at with Mr. Oppenheimer, as representative of the Wharf Company, who promised that in the event of the Wharf not being purchased by the City, he would see that the cost of repairs would be made good by the said Company. It is resolved that Mr. McDonald's account be forwarded to Mr. Oppenheimer for settlement in accordance with

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this agreement."

3. The Communication from the Barbers re closing their Shops on Sunday was received and referred back to Council, as the matter does not come under the jurisdiction of this committee.

4. That the City Clerk be instructed to call for tenders for the printing of the City Charter and By-Laws.

5. That the City Clerk be instructed to notify the Vancouver Improvement Company that the City is prepared to pay them the purchase money on the land purchased as a site for the Sugar Refinery; as the money is not bearing interest the City will not be expected to be liable to the Co for interest after this date..

Sgd J. M. Browning
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Garden
Seconded by Alderman Costello

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried

The Board of Works met on Thursday July 17th 1890.
 Present Horne, Sentell, Costello, Doering and Browning.
 We beg to recommend: -

1. That the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Vancouver Water Works Co and Gas Co., advising them to lower their pipes on Oppenheimer and Princess Streets, in the meantime and if the City finds that it is liable they will be repaid.

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2. That a Committee composed of Aldermen Costello, Horne and Doering be appointed to examine into the request of H. L. Ceperley Secy of the Vancouver Street Ry Co re extension of their line to Ninth. Av.
3. That the grades on Richards & Seymour Street Crossing Hastings St. be lowered.
4. That the City Clerk be instructed to write to Fairbanks & Co and others to ascertain the prices of Market Scales.
5. That the City Engineer be instructed to fill and gravel the Site for the fountain and have it Securely placed.

6. That the following accounts be paid:-

Davis & Taylor Painting Fountain	\$25.00
R. H. Wallace Placing P.O. Box	\$1.25
Murray & Fraser, Oppenheimer St.	485.10
John C. Murchie, Lansdowne St.	54.68
Leatherdale & McDonald, North Arm Road	50.85
S. L. Tilley Stationery	3.75
Van Gas Co. Barrels	15.00
Urquhart & Morris, Keefer St.	81.69
John Costello, Powell St.	115.00
Wm. Tierney, Davie St.	380.25
W. Gibbons, Westminster Av.	31.07

7. That the following contracts be awarded:-

Westminster Av Grading	McDonald & Lloyd
“ “ Sidewalk	D. McTavish
Cambie St Sidewalk	McDonald & Lloyd
Keefer St Grading	H. Connacher
Homer St “	John Telford
Davie St “	do
Haro St “	Wm Tierney

8. That the contractor working on Robson St between Jervis & Broughton Streets

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also get the contract for grading said Street from Broughton to Nicola as the cutting on the one is required to fill the other.

9. That tenders be called for the construction of a six ft sidewalk on Helmcken St. from Richards to Homer and that the sidewalk on Homer Street be extended 100 feet e southerly from Helmcken St.

10. That the City Engineer examine and report upon the necessity and cost of painting Granville Street Bridge and on repairing the wings, and also the cost of thoroughly repairing the North Arm Road South of Granville Street Bridge (foot portion).

11. That John Brenton's salary be increased to \$65 per month.

12. That tenders be called for the erection of a six ft sidewalk on Hamilton Street between Hastings and Dunsmuir Streets, money to be taken from some other part of the Ward.

13. That Howe Street be graveled to Georgia St about 260 ft with gravel taken from the west end of Hastings Street.

14. That the box drain on Hornby Street be curtailed and a box drain laid on Davie St. from Howe to Granville.

15. That the Chairman of the Board of Works be authorized to engage the services of Messrs Strathern & Palmer to run the line of Victoria Street.

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The Engineer reported that he had arranged with Messrs Boyd and Clandenning to grade Centre St full width at 90 cts per ft which arrangement was confirmed by the Board.

Sgd J. W. Horne
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Doering
Seconded by Alderman Costello

That the Report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried

The Police Committee met on Tuesday July 15th 1890.

Present Aldermen Costello, Carroll, Sentell and Mason.

We beg to recommend: -

1. That the following accounts be paid: -

S. T. Tilley, Stationery	\$1.00
R. E. Green, Interpreting	2.50
John Scuitto, Supplies	131.93
Leatherdale & Company, Buggy	5.00
D. J. McLean, Towels	2.10
Van Volkenburgh & Bro., Meat	40.40
Mrs. A. E. Forbes, Nursing	10.00
L. Forwell, Milk	2.76
Robert Clark, Suit	14.50
H. McConney, Drayage	1.00
H. McDonnell & Co. Salts	.20
Dr. Beckingsale, Evidence	2.00
M. G. McLeod, Fares	17.50
Wm Murphy, Clothing	12.00
C. Nelson, Drugs	1.25
G. L. Allan, Shoes	1.20
W. J. Smith, Drayage	.50
M.A. Harvey, Hack hire	5.00

2. That Rule 48 of the Police Regulations

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Be so amended that members of the Police Force be allowed all rewards offered by persons outside the arrest of Criminals and runaway Sailors.

Sgd. M. Costello
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Doering
Seconded by Alderman Sentell

That the Police Committees Report be adopted.

Carried.

Crematory Report

The Crematory Committee appointed by Council to select a site for such purpose, met in the City Hall on Tuesday July 15th 1890.

Present Aldermen McLeod (Chairman) Carroll & Sentell

Several sites supposed to be suitable for crematory purposes were discussed but no decision was arrived at, the Committee considering it prudent to go around and view the sites before making a final selection.

The Chairman took the matter in hand and interviewed several property owners on False Creek and vicinity and would report to Council that the Site offered by Messrs Hayes & McIntosh, in compunction with Van Volkenburg & Bros. in Block 90 264 is most suitable and would recommend its selection.

Such site would be about 100 feet square and can be secured free provided it is used for all times for the purpose granted, if not the property to revert to the grantors.

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And further, that the slaughter houses of Mssrs Hayes and McIntosh and Van Volkenburgh Bros be allowed to remain in their respective locations, conditional on their being kept in accordance with the Health By-Law and to the approval of the Health Inspector.

Sgd. Malcolm McLeod
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Garden
Seconded by Alderman Sentell

That the Report of the Crematory Committee be referred back to the Said Committee for reconsideration.

Carried.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Horne introduced two By-Laws

- (1) To appoint Police Committee
- (2) To define the Authority and limit the powers of the Police Committee

Which were read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman MacLeod
Seconded by Alderman Sentell

That the question of providing a place for Crazy George to locate his shanty on be referred to the Police Committee for action thereon.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Doering
Seconded by Alderman Horne

That a committee consisting of Aldermen Costello, Garden, Mason and Doering be appointed a Committee to wait upon the City

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Solicitor re the Survey of Certain Blocks in 200A and vicinity.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Garden
Seconded by Alderman Costello

That a Committee composed of Aldermen Sentell, Horne and McLeod be appointed to take into consideration the Petition of the Barbers re Sunday Closing.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Fox
Seconded by Alderman Sentell

That the Board of Works be authorized to place a clock in the Market Tower, at a cost not to exceed six hundred dollars provided sufficient remains over out of the Market appropriation.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Horne
Seconded by Alderman Garden

That the following Board of Works labour account be paid:-

B. Romang et al 193.00

Carried

Moved by Alderman Doering
Seconded by Alderman McLeod

That acting upon the advise [sic] of the City Solicitor , that the City Engineer be instructed to locate the Streets in 30 2, according to the registered plan, without regard to the stakes, as at present placed.

Withdrawn

Moved by Alderman Garden
Seconded by Alderman Carroll

That the report of the Board of Works be laid over one week in
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each case after being read for the Consideration of the Council before final action is taken thereon.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McLeod
Seconded by Alderman Costello

That the Report of the Board of Works be in every case referred to a Committee of the Whole, to be considered clause by clause.

Motion lost, Amendment carried

The Council then adjourned.

D. Oppenheimer
Mayor

Thos. McGuigan
City Clerk