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MINUTES

Vancouver August 23rd 1886

The Council met on Monday August 23rd 1886 at 7.30 p.m. All members being present except Alderman Hemlow.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

The following Communications were read.

From John Haggerty proposing to gravel the streets at \$2.00 per cubic yard referred to the Board of Works.

T.B. Mangan praying for permission to erect slaughter house on his property within the city, referred to Health Committee.

John Dougal praying for permission to build his house eight inches on Abbott Street.

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that John Dougall be allowed the full width of his lot on the South East Corner of Abbott and Cordova Streets by encroaching eight inches on Abbott Street and that a certified copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the City seal attached be given to Mr. Dougall. Carried.

From McDonald and Cameron asking two hundred and twenty three dollars and seventy three cents for extra work done on Water Street, referred to the Board of Works.

From Chas. A. Coldwell praying for permission to dig a drain along his lot on Abbott Street to tap the City drain on Water Street, referred to the Board of Works.

From Geo. F. Baldwin City Treasurer offering Mr. William Martin as his Bondsman, referred to Finance Committee.

Alderman L.A. Hamilton sent in a schedule showing the proportions in which the Assessment to defray the cost of the improvements on Water Street is to be made on the various portions of the real estate benefited thereby.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that the Schedule prepared by Alderman L.A. Hamilton re assessment of Lots on Water Street receive the sanction of this Council.

Carried.

Petition from Alex. C. Perry drawing the attention of the Council to a pool of stagnant water near his premises on Carrall Street and praying the Council to Cause the removal of the same, referred to the Board of Works.

Accounts.

The following accounts were read.

G.T. Baldwin	\$15.00	Finance Committee
W.H. Ellis	15.00	Finance Committee
W.H. Phillips	25.00	Finance Committee
Vancouver Herald	52.80	Finance Committee
Leonard West	1.25	F. W. L. Committee
James Watties	1.25	F. W. L. Committee
Robt. Cumming	1.25	F. W. L. Committee
Callaway	3.00	F. W. L. Committee
Forbes & Luiton	12.75	Police Commissioners

Report of the Board of Works.

The Board of Works met in Committee on August 20th and beg to submit the following Report.

On the Certificate of Ald. E.P. Hamilton acting for the City Engineer that the tanks contracted for by Messrs. McDonald and Cameron are completed the Mayor was authorized to issue his warrant on the Treasurer for payment to Messrs. McDonald and Cameron an amount equal to 90 percent of the gross amount of their contract; this being in accordance with the wishes of the Council as expressed at the last meeting.

L.A. Hamilton

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Northcott that the Report of the Board of Works be adopted as a whole.

Carried.

The attention of the Board of Works was directed to the advisability of erecting approaches to the several tanks in the City.

A letter was read from Mr. Ward Manager of the Bank of British Columbia agreeing to furnish the City of Vancouver ten thousand dollars.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn that inasmuch as the Bank of British Columbia have agreed to advance by way of a loan \$10,000.00 that the Chairmen of the

various standing Committees with the Chairman of the Police Commissioners be a Committee to revise the estimates sent in by the various Committees and to report to this Council a scheme for the best expenditures of that contemplated loan. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Cordiner, that this Council instruct the City Engineer to prepare a plan of a wharf at the Northern extremity of Carrall Street in this City running to deep water and extending Easterly and Westerly 500 feet and that the said plan be deposited in the office of the Minister of Public Works and that a duplicate of such plan be deposited in the Land & Registry Office for this district and that notice of an application to be made by this Council to the Governor in Council for leave to Construct such wharf be inserted in the Canadian Gazette in the Vancouver News and in the British Columbian for one month and that at the termination of that time an application be made to the said governor in Council for leave to Construct said wharf.

Carried.

His Worship the Mayor called a Meeting of the Chairmen of the different Committees for 3 o'clock on Thursday.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for tenders according to the plans and specifications of the City Engineer for the Construction of a Fire Hall and Civic buildings, such tenders to be received up to Thursday Noon.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Ald. E.P. Hamilton Reserved that False Creek being navigable water upon the shores of which there are already large milling establishments, a lime Kiln, lumber yards while a foundry and other Commercial enterprises of importance to the development of this City are in Contemplation and which establishments and enterprises will be dependent upon the unobstructed navigation of False Creek, this Council recommend that no privilege be granted to any individual or Corporation to obstruct the navigation of said Creek by the Construction of any bridge or other work unless provided with a suitable draw as will admit the passage of all vessels.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable (sic) the minister of Public Works and the Honorable (sic) the Minister of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa. Carried.

Alderman Balfour asked for six weeks leave of absence which was granted after which the Council adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk