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MINUTES

Vancouver Nov 29th 1886

The Council met on Monday Nov 29th 1886 at 7.30.p.m.

Present mayor MacLean (presiding) Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Coldwell, Dunn, Griffith, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton and L.A. Hamilton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Owen Hughes asking for an increase of salary and accommodation for himself and his helpmate.

Laid over.

From Geo. Dyer Hurdon asking for the position of assistant in the Hospital

Filed.

From Geo. F. Baldwin asking that all plans recorded in the Registry office be kept on file in the City Offices.

Referred to the Finance and Assessment Committee.

From the property owners on the South side of False Creek praying the Council to lay a two foot side walk from the False Creek Bridge Southward along Westminster Avenue.

Referred to the Board of Works with power to act on motion of Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Griffith.

From John Cluff (sic) praying the Council to grant him compensation for services rendered in connection with the jail and Civic offices.

Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and Finance Committee.

Reports

Board of Works

A full meeting of the Board of Works was held on Saturday November 27th 1886 at 2 o'clock, p.m.

The following accounts were considered and recommended to be paid.

WB Steek	4.00 to be paid out of ordinary expenditure
Edwin Ridd	13.50 to be paid out of ordinary expenditure
Wm. Chadwick	3.50 to be paid out of ordinary expenditure
G.W. Gibson	3.00 to be paid out of ordinary expenditure
A.J. Marks	15.50 to be paid out of Fund for City Hall
W.T. Whiteway	15.00 to be paid out of Fund for Fire & City Hall
Forbes and Linton	30.33 to be paid out of Fund for Fire & City Hall
Brunette Saw Mill Corp	9.50 to be paid out of Fund for Fire & City Hall
John A. Mateer	39.00 to be paid out of Fund for Fire & City Hall
J. Abrams	18.00 to be paid out of Fund for Fire & City Hall

We have considered the plan of the Cemetery submitted by the City Engineer and have instructed him to prepare Field Notes to be sent with the plan of Cemetery to W.S. Gore Surveyor General.

Regarding the petition of the Rev. Father Fay we would recommend that thirty dollars be granted for the construction of a Sidewalk from Hastings Street to Dunsmuir Street along Richards Street, such sum being sufficient to purchase plank, the petitioners agreeing to supply blocking nails and labor (sic) for laying of same.

The City Clerk having certified that a sufficient number of owners on Abbott Street had signed the petition referred to the Board of Works we beg to report in favor (sic) of such petition.

The City Engineer having certified that sufficient work has been done on Carrall and Cordova Streets to warrant the Council in handing over to the contractors the full amount of their contracts we beg to recommend that they be given their debentures; the settlement of the extras to be an after consideration.

In the matter of the application of Geo. Byrnes for permission to tear up the sidewalks and planking and dig a drain from his cellar on Water Street we would recommend that he be granted the privilege on condition that he comply with the provisions of the street by-law regulating buildings under construction and the tearing up of sidewalks and planking and that he deposit 20 dollars with the City Treasurer as a guarantee that he will perform all the obligations laid down in said by-law the said fund to be refunded to him when the street is made good,

the City Engineer being appointed to see everything carried out properly.

sgd L.A. Hamilton

Report adopted on Motion of Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell.

Accounts

Geo. Fisher, Ballot Boxes	25.00	Finance
Queen Bros., Teaming	39.50	B. of Works
John McGregor, Groceries	7.35	B. of Health
John McGregor, Groceries	10.25	Finance & Police
Robert Grant, coal oil etc.	4.75	Health.

By-Laws

A By-Law to authorize the raising of \$6500 by way of Debentures for the improvement of Oppenheimer Street was read a second time on motion of Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour.

The Council then went into Committee of the whole on motion of Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn with Alderman L.A. Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 20 and read over Clause by Clause after which the Committee rose to report By-Law No 20 as amended on motion of Alderman Dunn.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Cordiner

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that By-Law No 20 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication.

Carried.

A By-Law to raise \$10000 by way of debentures for the improvement of Hastings Street between Carrall Street and Howe Street read a second time on motion of Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton.

The Council went into committee of the whole on By-Law on motion of Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell with Alderman L.A. Hamilton in the Chair.

In committee the By-Law was numbered 21 and read over clause by clause after which the committee rose to report on motion of Alderman Balfour.

The By-Law was then read a third time on motion of Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that By-Law No 21 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk and a copy sent to the British Columbia Gazette for publication.

Carried.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn

that the following tariff of fees be adopted by this Council for payment of the officers and rent of polling places created by By-Law No 18

For Deputy Returning Officers \$8.00

in payment of the duties appertaining to their office.

For Polling Clerks \$3.00

For Rent of Room for Polling Place \$5.00

Carried.

Propositions were read from R.R. Giltner representing the Electric Light and Mr. Stanford representing the Gas Company re the lighting of the City.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Humphries

that the proposals for street lighting submitted to this Council from Mr. Giltner representing the Electric light and Mr. Stanford representing the Gas Company be laid on the table for six weeks.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Cordiner

that the offer of the Vancouver Gas Company to erect 50 cast iron street Lamps and Lanterns free of cost to the city be accepted the City to provide the Light said Lamps to be erected within 30 days.

Moved as amendment to the amendment by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Coldwell

that the proposals of Messrs. Giltner and Stanford be referred to the F.W. & Light Committee to consider and report to next meeting of Council.

Amendment to the amendment carried.

The Council then adjourned

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk