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MINUTES

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Vancouver Jan 3rd 1887

The First Meeting of the Council for the year 1887 was held in the Council Chambers on Monday Jan 3rd, 1887.

His Worship Mayor MacLean, presiding Aldermen Alexander, Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, Mannion, David Oppenheimer, Isaac Oppenheimer and Sanders.

After each Alderman had been duly sworn in by the Mayor to Council resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole with Alderman Hamilton in the Chair for the purpose of appointing Standing Committees for the ensuing year.

Moved by Alderman Lefevre that Standing Committees for the year 1887 shall consist of five members each with the Mayor as Ex Officio member of each. Carried.

Alderman Mannion moved that the Board of Works consist of Aldermen Hamilton, Humphries, I. Oppenheimer, Clark and Sanders. Carried.

Alderman Lefevre moved that the Finance Committee consist of Aldermen D. Oppenheimer, Lefevre, Lockerby, Alexander and Mannion. Carried.

Alderman Humphries moved that the Fire Water and Light Committee Consist of Aldermen Alexander, Mannion,

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Hamilton, I Oppenheimer and Sanders. Carried.

Alderman D. Oppenheimer moved that the Board of Health consist of Aldermen Lefevre, Clark, Humphries, Lockerby and D. Oppenheimer. Carried.

The Committee then rose to report.

Moved my Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Lefevre that Standing Committees appointed in Committee of the Whole receive the Sanction of Council. Carried.

Alderman Hamilton gave notice that he would at next council meeting introduce a By-Law for the appointment of Auditors for the City of Vancouver.

Alderman D. Oppenheimer gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he would move that a By-Law regarding the poles for electric lighting purposes be altered by requiring that the wires and Cross Arms be at least 35 feet above the Level of the Street.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer

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seconded by Alderman Lefevre that the City Clerk be instructed to communicate with the agents of the two incorporated companies for supplying the City with water and ask them to lay their respective plans before this Council either by writing or personally on or before the meeting of this council to be held on Monday evening the 10th inst. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman D. Oppenheimer that the names of those appearing first on the List of the Standing Committees appointed act as Chairmen of said Committees pro tem. Carried.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre that the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare a scheme for a general loan to be floated for improvement purposes generally and for starting up new debentures issued under the local improvement Clauses of our Charter provided the general debentures of the City can be floated at 6% par value at most. Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Monday Jan 10th 1887 at 7.30 P.M.

M.A. MacLean, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk