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MINUTES

Vancouver April 4th 1887

The Council met on Monday April 4th 1887 at 7.30. P.M.

Present Alderman Clark, Hamilton, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, Mannion, David Oppenheimer and Sanders.

Alderman L.A. Hamilton was appointed Chairman in the absence of the mayor on motion of D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Hall and Goepel, giving it as their opinion that they were not entitled to pay ten dollars for inspection for a Retail Licence.

Laid on the table for consideration.

From Thos. Quann asking relief for Neil Nicholson, and D. McLeod.

Referred to the Health, and Relief Committee with power to act.

From Leamy and Kyle and others praying the Council to build a two foot sidewalk from the South Side of False Creek bridge along the shore of False Creek to Leamy and Kyle's Mills.

Referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

Accounts

F.W. Hart, Chimneys	\$7.85	F.W.L.
G.L. Allan, Shoes	3.00	Police
B.C. Book-store, Stationery	3.45	Finance
John M. Stewart, prisoners	\$91.50	Police
S.T. Tilley, Stationery	\$5.00	Finance

George, An Indian, Wood	6.00	Health
A.J. Mathison, Hauling	4.00	B. of Works
J.B. McKim, Fixing Crossings	49.50	B. of Works
E.S. Scoullar & Co.	13.40	F.W.L.

Reports.

Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met on Friday April 1st 1887 at 3. P.M.

The following Report is submitted.

We would respectfully ask the Council to make the following appropriations to the Finance Committee for the Current year.

To Salaries of City Officials	\$12600.00
To Printing of City By-Laws	\$250.00
To City Printing and Advertising	\$500.00
To Stationery	\$250.00
To Coal and Coal Oil	\$300.00
To Furniture for City Offices	\$350.00

We recommend the payment of the following accounts:

Robert Couth, Coal	\$28.00
W.C. Bell, Rubber Stamp	\$2.50
F.W. Mitchell, Teaming	\$1.00
Thos. F. McGuigan, Summons	\$3.00
A. Mathison, Printing	\$3.75
H.A. Berry, Ballot Boxes	\$3.00
Telegraph Service	\$11.80
Returning officers	\$45.00
Daily News	\$68.92

D. Oppenheimer

Chairman

Adopted Clark - Mannion.

Health.

The Board of Health met on Friday April 1st 1887 at 2. P.M.

The following Report is submitted.

We have examined the following accounts and recommend their payment:

Abrams & Co, Coffins	\$14.00
Abrams & Co, Bedding	\$35.05
Dr. McGuigan, Inquests	\$20.00
P. Gannon, Meat	\$16.74
H. McDowell & Co.	\$20.30
W. Ashford, Milk	\$5.00
R.K. Williamson	\$1.00
Tallersalls Stables	\$3.00
H.A. Berry	\$2.00
George, An Indian	\$15.00
Owen Hughes	\$6.50

Geo. H. Lockerby

Chairman

Adopted Mannion - Clark.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre that the account of Dr. McGuigan re enquiry into the death of Simon Hiesburgh be referred to City Solicitor for his opinion as to the City's liability in the matter and also as to its liability on Inquests.

Carried.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Wednesday March 30th 1886 (sic) at 2.P.M.

The following Report is submitted.

In accordance with the wishes of Council we have called for tenders for the grubbing and grading and ditching of Howe Street from Georgia Street to the Bluff and the building of a sidewalk six feet wide thereon.

Also for the grubbing, grading and ditching of Homer Street between Cordova and Georgia Streets, and the laying of two six foot sidewalks thereon.

We have instructed the City Engineer to have Hastings Street in front of Post Office filled up to grade.

The Moodyville Saw Mill Company having offered to plank that portion of Cambie Street North of Water Street, on the condition that the City would grub and ditch the same we would recommend that tenders be called for and the work proceeded with at once.

In reference to the petition of Louisa Wilson re the removal of the brick in front of her property on Water Street we have instructed the Chief of Police to notify the owner to have them removed at once.

We have also granted permission to Louisa Wilson to dig a drain from her house to the Hastings Street Gutter.

The City Engineer has been instructed to drain the Stagnant water from the lane South of the Burrard Hotel, from the lanes between Hastings and Dupont Streets and from the low land on Oppenheimer Street between Gore Avenue and Westminster Avenue.

The City Engineer having certified that Stephenson and McCraney had completed their contracts on Cordova Streets and Columbia Avenue we would recommend that the be paid therefor. (sic)

In reference to the petition of J.G. O'Rourke for plank and spikes to lay a two foot sidewalk from Westminster Avenue to Dunlevy Avenue, along Hastings Street we would suggest that the planks taken up on Westminster Avenue be utilized for that purpose and sufficient spikes bought to put sidewalk down; the petitioners agreeing to supply the labor. (sic)

We have instructed the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of Dupont Street between Carrall Street and Westminster Avenue and Harris Street between Westminster Avenue and False Creek and call for tenders therefor, which action we trust will be approved of by Council.

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of A.J. marks for \$165.00 for painting the addition to the City Hall and recommend also that Budlong and Cook be granted \$30.00 for fixing Front Street.

R. Clark.

Acting Chairman

Adopted D. Oppenheimer - Mannion.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Mannion,

that account of Robert Grant amounting to \$90.55 be paid.

Carried.

By-Laws.

By-Law No. 29 read a third time and passed on motion of Alderman David Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Lefevre.

A By-Law for regulating Streets and Sidewalks and the traffic thereon was read a Second time on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman David Oppenheimer.

Moved by Alderman Mannion seconded by Alderman Lefevre that By-Law be referred to Board of Works for consideration. Carried.

Notice of Motion.

Alderman David Oppenheimer gave notice that he would at next regular meeting of Council introduce a By-Law empowering the City to strike a rate for the current year.

Moved by Alderman Sanders seconded by Alderman Lefevre

that the Board of Works call Engineers who have submitted reports on Sewer before them, enquire as to their experience in the construction of sewers and report to this Council.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned

Richard Alexander

Chairman

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk