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MINUTES

Vancouver May 9th 1887

The Council met on Monday May 9th 1887 at 7.30. P.M.

Present His Worship Mayor MacLean presiding, Aldermen Hamilton, Humphries, Lefevre, Lockerby, Mannion, D. Oppenheimer and Sanders.

The minutes of last regular and special Meetings were read and adopted.

Communications

From Thos. C. Sorby asking that electric poles be removed from in front of entrance to Hudson's Bay Co. Store.

Referred to the Board of Works with power to act.

From J. Lowe, Secretary of the Minister of Agriculture acknowledging receipt of letter re Immigrant Sheds.

Filed.

From Fraser & Leonard acquainting Council that they had been appointed agents for Woven Hose Company and asking for a share of the Council's patronage in the fire apparatus line.

Referred to the F.W.L. Committee.

From C.G. Tatlow offering on behalf of the Vancouver Improvement Company certain blocks for park purposes, for \$6750.00

Referred to the Board of Works.

From Tomkins Bros. claiming 5.50 for interpreters fees.

Police Commissioners

Reports.

Fire Water and Light.

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Saturday May 7th 1887 at 2 P.M. and beg to report that they have considered the application of A.W. Cameron Fire Engineer for an increase of salary but have deferred recommending any action in the matter until a full meeting of the Board.

The following accounts were recommended to be paid.

Thos. Dunn & Co. \$3.11

E.P. Hamilton \$4.00

Tye & Co. 60c

sgd Jos. Mannion

Acting Chairman

Report adopted.

Police Commissioners

The Police Commissioner met on Monday May 9th 1887 at 11.A.M. and report that they have considered the advisability of appointing an additional number to the Police Force for taking charge of the Chain Gang and would recommend that applications be called for to be received up to Monday next and that an officer be appointed from the applicants.

In order that a more vigilant scrutiny may be exercised over police Court receipts they would recommend that a Police Court Clerk be appointed who will be required to attend at Police Court, take down evidence, receive fines paid into Court and keep account of prisoners committed.

The following accounts are recommended for payment.

John M. Stewart to Boarding prisoners in March and April \$210.00

Thos. Dunn & Co, Shovels etc \$8.05

A.J. Matheson, teaming \$4.00

G.L. Allen, Brogans \$3.00

W.K. Williamson 50c

Jack Lack, Special Police \$5.00

Robt. Elliott, Special Police \$8.75

Queen Bros., Staging \$6.00

J.M. Stewart, Mattresses 7.00

Tye & Co., Nails \$1.75

sgd Jas. Mannion

Chairman

Report adopted.

Board of Works.

The Board of Works met on Saturday and Tuesday May 7th and 3rd respectively and report that as Mr. Mohun has offered to make working plans and all necessary details, specifications, bills of quantities and all other things necessary for the proper making of construction contract for the sewerage of the City of Vancouver bounded on the East by Columbia Avenue, on the South by Hastings Street, on the West by Cambie Street and on the North by Water Street for 2 1/2 per cent of the cost of the Work and will superintend the construction of the works if proceeded with for a further 2 1/2 per cent and \$100.00 for making a plan on a scale of 50 feet to an inch showing all the houses and out buildings built within the above boundaries he supplying all his assistants the City to furnish all necessary stationery and office for him to draw his plans in we recommend that his offer be accepted and the work proceeded with at once.

The question of material will be considered and reported to Council after the plans have been completed.

The City Engineer has been instructed to examine and report on improvements petitioned for on Hastings Street East and to arrange to fill in street in front of Mrs. Wilson's House to a proper level.

We recommend that Dunsmuir, Barnard, and Harris Streets be improved and that tenders be called for same at once.

We would also recommend that a box drain be constructed on Abbott Street between Hastings Street and Water Street to drain low lands.

Tenders

The tenders for the improvement of Block 48 for recreation grounds were opened as follows.

William Harkins Lump sum \$310.00

Howat and Sicily Lump sum \$650.00

James Hartney per acre \$260.00

We recommend the acceptance of the tender of William Harkins.

The following accounts are recommended for payment.

Wm. Harkins, estimate on Powell Street \$7957.00

W.T. Whiteway, Architect Fees \$57.50

Oldfield and Glenn \$7.00

Moodyville Saw Mill Co. \$56.18

Hastings Saw Mill Co.	\$158.52
W.C. Muir	\$10.25
Tye & Co.	\$11.15

A final estimate in favor (sic) of Messrs. Stephenson and McCraney for contract on Oppenheimer Street amounting to \$6032.76 certified by the City Engineer is herewith attached and we recommend that same be paid as in full of account therefor.

sgd L.A. Hamilton

Chairman

Report adopted Lefevre - Lockerby.

Motions.

Moved by Alderman D. Oppenheimer seconded by Alderman Hamilton,

Whereas a great calamity has befallen the inhabitants of the City of Nanaimo whereby through an explosion in one of the coal mines in that City a large number of the Citizens have lost their lives, leaving a number of widows and orphans unprovided for,

Therefore be it resolved that the Citizens of Vancouver through the Council do extend their sincere sympathies to the Citizens of Nanaimo and more particularly to the bereaved,

That a sum of \$500.00 be transmitted by this Corporation on behalf of the citizens of Vancouver to the Bank of British Columbia to be placed to the credit of the Nanaimo relief fund,

And that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City of Nanaimo.

Carried.

By-Law.

A By-Law to authorize the guaranteeing of the interest on the bonds of the Coquitlam Water Works to the amount of 280,000 @ 3 per centum per annum was introduced and read a first time.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Lockerby.

Council went into Committee of the Whole and By-Law on motion of Alderman Lefevre seconded by Alderman Sanders with Alderman Hamilton in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was numbered 36 and read over clause by clause together with agreement connected therewith and passed.

The Committee then rose to report By-Law and agreement as passed in Committee on motion of Alderman Lefevre.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton seconded by Alderman Lefevre,

That the Coquitlam Water Works Company deposit with the City Treasurer the sum of four hundred dollars the same to be forfeited by the Company to the Corporation to meet the costs of obtaining Mr. Schussler's opinion and the expenses of submitting this By-Law to the people in the event of failure on their part to deposit the amount of Bond money as agreed upon.

Carried.

By-Law.

A By-Law to fix the polling places, appoint Returning Officers and fix the time for holding a poll on By-Law guaranteeing the interest on the bonds of the Coquitlam Water Works Company was introduced and read a first time.

By-Law read a second time on motion of Alderman Hamilton.

Council went into Committee of the Whole on By-Law with Alderman Lefevre in the Chair.

In Committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause and numbered 37.

The Committee rose to report By-Law as passed in Committee.

By-Law was then read a third time and ordered to be engrossed and gazetted.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk