

Four lots donated for Vancouver City Hall by D. Oppenheimer - August 2, 1886, 7:30 pm

Four building lots accepted as a gift from Mr. David Oppenheimer as the site for City Hall and Civic offices. C. M. Morris decided on as City Engineer. Salary fixed at \$60 per month plus room in the Fire Hall.

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Vancouver Aug 2nd 1886

The Council met on Monday August 2nd 1886 at 7.30 P.M. All the members being present but Alderman Hemlow.

The Minutes of last meeting were adopted.

A Communication was read from G.F. Baldwin Assessment Commissioner notifying the Council that he had completed the assessment.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that the Communication of G.F. Baldwin be referred to the Finance Committee for Consideration. Carried.

Communication of Corbould and McCall read and referred to Finance Committee.

A tender was received from Gideon Robertson for a safe for the City and a communication from Chas. G. Johnson informing the Council that he had ordered safe No 3 through Mr. Waite of Victoria.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman L.A. Hamilton that the Communication of G. Robertson and C.G. Johnson be referred to the Finance Committee.
Carried.

A communication was read from P. Emalins Irving Deputy Atty General regarding the Keep of City prisoners which was referred to Police Commissioners.

An Application for Treasurer was read from Robert J. Woods.

Moved by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman L.A. Hamilton that all applications for City Treasurer be referred to the Finance Committee to Report to next meeting of the Council.
Carried.

Reports

The following is the report of the F. W. L. Committee.

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock p.m. and submit the following report.

We have received the account of E.G. Prior for ten dollars for pails and shovels furnished by him to this Corporation which we recommend to be paid.

In the matter of the salary for Engineer which the Council left for our consideration we would judge that \$60 a month with room in Fire Hall would be sufficient.

We have read over the applications for Engineer and would recommend the appointment of E.G. Morris to the position being in our opinion from our knowledge of the man most capable to fill the position.

sgd J.K. Northcott
Chairman

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on Report of F. W. L. Committee with Alderman Balfour in the Chair.

After considering the report Clause by Clause the Committee rose to report.

Moved by Alderman Humphries seconded by Alderman Gardiner that the report of the F. W. L. Committee be adopted as a whole. Carried.

Report of Special Committee appointed by Council to decide on lots for Council Chambers from the two sites offered by Mr. Oppenheimer and friend.

This Committee met at 11 o'clock. Present His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Balfour, Caldwell, Cordiner, Northcott & Hemlow. His Worship the Mayor was elected to the Chair and H. Hemlow was elected secretary; after carefully going over the ground it was moved by Ald. Balfour that we accept lots 11, 12, 13 & 14 Block 3 in the land known as Lot 85 acre tract. Moved that this decision be brought before the Council and Passed as a final decision.

sgd. H. Hemlow
Secretary

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton that the report of the Committee appointed to select site for City Hall be adopted and that this Council do hereby accept Lots 11, 12, 13 & 14 in Block Three (3) subdivision of Lot 196 as the site for City Hall and Civic offices.

Carried.

The following accounts were sent in.
Fred Johnston \$16.00 Board of Works
Wm. Sutherland 4.00 Board of Works
Wm Walton 16.00 Board of Works
John Walton 16.00 Board of Works
Henry Neilson 15.00 Board of Works
Joseph Huntly 102.50 Police Comr.
H. Lewton 6.75 Finance Com.
H.S. Phillips 1.25 F.W.L. Com.
Berry & Rutherford 25.00 F.W.L. Com.

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

That the Finance Committee submit to the next regular meeting of Council a report of the estimates necessary as near as may be to defray the expense of the City government during the current year Classifying the different objects of the City government.

Also statement of the amount necessary to meet obligations and contracts entered into by this Corporation on estimate to cover cost of work proposed by the various Committees, Stationary & miscellaneous supplies necessary for contingencies.

Also an estimate of the revenue likely to be derived from all sources up to 31st December. And a statement showing receipts and expenditures to 1st August 1886.

Carried.

Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday at 4 o'clock P.M.

M.A. MacLean

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk