

Water, fuel to be held ready for fire engine at each wharf - August 13, 1886

"To have everything in readiness in case of sudden fire" tanks to be placed on each of the two City wharves, each tank large enough to hold 200 gallons of fresh water. Near each water tank to be set a locked coal bin containing half a ton of coal.

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Vancouver Aug 13th 1886

A Meeting of the Council was held on Friday August 13th 1886 at 7.30, pm.

Present His Worship the Mayor presiding Aldermen Balfour, Cordiner, Dunn, Griffith, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton, L.A. Hamilton and Northcott.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and adopted.

A telegram was read from the Chief Comr. of Lands & Works appointing 11 a.m. Monday as the hour for receiving deputation from Vancouver.

A petition signed by F.B. McDonald and others was read praying for the prevention of the building of a slaughter house on the South Side of False Creek.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the Chief of Police to take immediate steps in the matter.

The Following accounts were received.

Pioneer Lumber Corp. \$27.56 F. W. L.
Plence & Co. 2.62 F. W. L.
Carpenter Work 15.50 F. W. L.
Munro Miller 75.00 Finance.

Reports

The Following Reports were read.

The Board of Police Commissioners met on Tuesday August 10th 1886 and have examined the following accounts referred to this Board by the Council which are found to be correct.

Joseph Huntly, Keep of Prisoners \$216.50
Message to Dr. Tren 00.25

Grant & Arkell, Goods 16.50
E.S.Scoullar, Bucket and Cup 1.12
Wm. Morseby, Carting Shorty 5.00
Total 239.37

And we ask the Council to place that amount to our Credit in order to pay the said amounts and also fifty dollars extra for use of Chief of Police as an emergency fund making in all 289.37.

In the Matter of Jail accommodation we have taken no action in the matter pending the success of the Committee appointed to raise funds.

Moved by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman Humphries that the report of the Police Commissioners be adopted as a whole. Carried.

The Fire Water and Light Committee met on Thursday August 12 at 8 o'clock, p.m. and submit the following report.

We have received the following accounts which after being satisfied as to their correctness we recommend to be paid.

Wm. Anderson 1.25
Plence & Co 6.75
J.W. Palmer 10.00
Thos. Phillips 1.25
Berry & Rutherford 25.00
Thos. Dunn & Co 85.05
Templeton & Co 1.50

In order to have everything in readiness in Case of sudden fire we would recommend to the Council the advisability of placing two tanks on each wharf in the City capable of holding 200 gal. each of fresh water for the use of the engine, and coal bins containing half a ton each of coal at every fresh water tank such bins to be supplied with a lock and key.

It would also be advisable to furnish the firemen with one or more hand carts with barrels attached to that in case of the fresh water supply giving out such deficiency could be more readily supplied.

J.R. Northcott
Chairman

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Report of the Fire Water and Light Committee be adopted as a whole. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Dunn that the Special Committee appointed to negotiate a loan for ordinary expenditure for the current year of \$8000.00 be empowered to borrow the same from a Chartered Bank, Corporation, Firm, or Private Individual.

And that they be authorized to negotiate for a further loan of \$4500 pending the issue of Debentures for the Water Street improvement.

Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Humphries that the Cab By-law be read a second time and that the reading of the title be Considered as the reading of the whole bill.

Carried.

The By-law was read a second time after which the Council went into Committee of the whole with Alderman Dunn in the Chair.

In Committee the By-law was named By-Law No 8 and read over Clause by Clause after which the Committee rose to report the By-law was amended.

On Motion of Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Northcott By-law No 8 was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that By-law No 8 be engrossed signed and sealed by the Mayor and Clerk, and a Copy sent to the B.C. Gazette for Publication.

Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

M.A. MacLean
Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk