

Police inquiry to be held - July 21, 1886

A committee was formed to investigate charges against Police Commissioner John Boulton. Two water tanks to be constructed, one at the intersection of Water & Cordova Streets, the other at Oppenheimer & Columbia.

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Vancouver July 21st 1886

The adjourned meeting of the City Council was held on Wednesday July 21st 1886 at 7.30 p.m. There was a full attendance present.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following accounts were handed in and referred to their proper Committees.

Account of F.W. Hart referred to Finance.

Account of S.T. Tilley referred to Finance.

Account of J. Miller referred to Finance.

Account of P. Gonsales referred to F. W. & L.

Account of Otton & McGregor referred to F. W. & L.

Account of J.B. Thornton referred to Police Comm.

Account of F.A. McFall referred to Police Comm.

Account of Joseph Huntly referred to B. of Works.

A Petition was read from Louis and Edward Gold praying for the removal of John Boulton Police Magistrate

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Caldwell that Aldermen Caldwell, Balfour, Hemlow, Griffith, and the Mayor be appointed a Committee to investigate the charges against the Police Magistrate, and report to this Council. Carried.

The police Magistrate furnished a Memo showing the no. of cases disposed of him and the fines imposed from June 10th up to July 14 making a total of \$15.8 received by him which was duly paid into the City Treasury.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour That the Police Magistrate be requested to pay to the Acting City Treasurer for the use of the City, the amounts received by him for

finer prior to the 10th June 1886. The council hereby agreeing to indemnify the said Magistrate against any Clauses threats by any other party. Carried.

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Caldwell that as in the Account of the Police Magistrate no mention is made of Costs Connected with the fines that he be requested to furnish a statement thereof for the information of the Council. Carried.

A Communication was read from Chas G. Johnson in reference to the Purchase of a safe by the City which was referred to Finance Committee. A petition was read from property owners on Hastings between Car [sic]. Moved by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman Balfour that the Petition of the property owners on Hastings street between Carrall and New Westminster Avenue be received and referred to the Board of Works. Carried.

The Board of Works sent in the following report – That as in as much as D.B. McIlroy refuses to Carry out the Contract for the Construction of the Hastings Street Tank on the grounds that he tendered for a tank to be Constructed on the Corner of Cordova and Abbot Streets And not on Hastings Street that he be released from his offer and that his deposit be returned and we recommend that the Council award the Contract to the next lowest tenderer Wm McPherson for the sum of \$358 without caulking and flooring.

And that we recommend the Council to accept the tender of Mssrs. McDonald and Cameron for the Construction of two tanks one on the Corner of Water and Cordova and the other on Oppenheimer Street near the corner of Columbia Avenue.

sgd L.A. Hamilton  
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Dunn that the Report of the Board of Works be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman Griffith that the Board of Finance be authorized to offer 2 ½ percent Commission to Brokers for floating City Debentures until otherwise directed by the Council. Carried.

The City Clerk was instructed to write to the Provincial Secretary in reference to the Keep of City prisoners.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Northcott that the City Clerk be authorized to communicate Provincial Government urging the necessity of an immediate decision regarding Lot 2, Block 2 Old Granville Town Site. Carried.

Alderman Balfour begged leave to introduce an insurance by-law which was read a first-time.

Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Northcott that the insurance By-Law that his By-law be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council. Carried.

The Finance Committee were requested to meet on Thursday at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman L.A. Hamilton that Mssrs Corbould and McCall be employed by the Council to give a written opinion as to whether Lot 4,15 Block 6, Old Granville Townsite reputed to be owned by the Methodist church are exempt from the local Improvement Tax to be levied for Certain improvements on Water Street. Carried.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Northcott that the Council can adjourn. Carried.

M.A. MacLean, Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan, City Clerk