

First meeting of Council - May 10, 1886

First Council established, committees established. Joseph Huntly took minutes at this meeting. Purchase of Fire Apparatus referred to the Committee on Fire, Water, and Light until the next meeting. Meetings to take place in the residence adjoining the Court House until a suitable quarters can be found.

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Minutes

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The First Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Vancouver was held in the Court-Room, Vancouver on Monday May 10th 1886 at 2 o'clock P.M.

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His Worship, the Mayor, Mr. M.A. Maclean presiding. Present Alderman R. Balfour, L.A. Caldwell, P. Cordiner, T. Dunn, J. Griffith, J. Humphries, H. Hemlow, E. P. Hamilton, L.A. Hamilton, and J. Northcott.

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The above named Aldermen were duly sworn in by His Worship, the Mayor and their declarations of Office filed by the Clerk.

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His Worship the Mayor in a brief address declared the Board duly organized and outlined the method of procedure in the business likely to come before the Board immediately.

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[1]

Moved by Alderman L. A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Hemlow that Joseph Huntly act as City Clerk pro tem.

Carried.

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The following applications for City Clerk were read by the Clerk and submitted to the Board: - John Penberthy, I. Morrison, Thos. F. McGuigan, M.M. Picken, J. Rooney, O.D. Sweett, G.F. Baldwin.

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Moved by Alderman Dunn Seconded by Alderman Cordiner that a City Clerk by appointed pro tempore to enable the Board to become acquainted as to Applicants' Suitability. Motion withdrawn.

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Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman E.P. Hamilton

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that Geo. F. Baldwin be appointed City Clerk pro tempore. Motion lost - Yeas 2, Nays 8.

Moved by Alderman Hemlow seconded by Alderman Griffith that Thos. F. McGuigan be appointed City Clerk pro tempore. Motion lost - Yeas 3, Nays 7.

Moved by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman Dunn that J. Rooney be appointed City Clerk pro tempore. Amendment - lost. Motion lost.

Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Hamilton that previous questions be reconsidered before appointing Clerk Salary to be fixed. Motion carried.

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[2]

Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Balfour that Salary of City Clerk for this year do not exceed Seventy five dollars per Month. Carried - Yeas seven, Nays three.

Moved by Alderman Hemlow seconded by Alderman Griffith that Thos. P. McGuigan be City Clerk at a Salary set by prior motion. An Amendment to motion by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Northcott that John Rooney be appointed.

An Amendment to the Amendment by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Hamilton E.P that Geo. F. Baldwin be appointed.

Amendment to Amendment - Lost Yeas 2 Nays 8
Amendment - Yeas 5, Nays 5

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[3]

Mayor gave Casting vote in favour of the Amendment and John Rooney was declared City Clerk at a Salary of Seventy five dollars per month.

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Applications for License Commissioner

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were read from W.J. Gravely, R. Nuttall, and L. Gold.

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[4]

Application of John Boulton for position of Police Magistrate was considered and on motion of Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Caldwell that he be admitted to the position. Carried.

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Applications were read from Mr. McCammon, J.P. Lawson, and Albert J. Hill for the position of City Engineer.

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Moved by Alderman Northcott that the Offices of City Engineer and Assessment Commissioner be combined as a Salary not to exceed Seventy five dollars a month. Carried.

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Application for Assessment Commissioner J. McGregor and Reginald Nuttall. Moved by Alderman Balfour seconded by Alderman Hemlow that action on this Matter be deferred. Motion Carried. Yeas 7, Nays 3.

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Moved by J. Humphries seconded by Alderman Griffith that J. McGregor be appointed Assessment Commissioner.

Motion lost - Yeas 4, Nays 6.

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Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Cordiner that the Offices of City Engineer and Assessment Commissioner be combined and that the applications be opened and ready before proceeding further.

Carried.

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[5]

Moved by Alderman E.P. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Cordiner

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that J.P. Lawson be appointed to the combined offices of City Engineer and Assessment Commissioner.

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Moved an Amendment by Alderman Northcott seconded by Alderman L.A. Hamilton that A.J. Hill be appointed.

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Moved an Amendment to the Amendment by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Coldwell that Mr. McCammon be appointed.

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Original motion carried by the Casting vote of the Mayor.

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Moved by Alderman L.A. Hamilton seconded by Alderman Northcott that Police Applications be referred to Board of Police Commissioners. Carried.

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Upon suggestion of his Worship the Mayor the Board went into Committee of the Whole with L.A. Hamilton in the Chair and the following Standing Committees were appointed: -

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Finance and Assessment

Aldermen Dunn, Balfour, Humber and Coldwell

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Health

Aldermen Griffith, Humphries, Hamilton E. P. and Cordiner.

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By Laws

Aldermen Dunn, Balfour. L.A. Hamilton and Coldwell

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Board of Works

Aldermen L.A. Hamilton, Humphries, E.P. Hamilton and Griffith

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Fire, Water and Light Committees

Aldermen Cordiner, Northcott, Humber and Balfour

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Committees here rose, His Worship resuming the Chair. It was moved by Alderman Coldwell Seconded by Alderman Humphries that the matter of the proposed Fire Apparatus be referred to the Committee on Fire, Water and Light to be reported at the next Meeting. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Coldwell seconded by Alderman Cordiner that meetings of Council be held hereafter in Residence adjoining Court House till suitable quarters can be found. Carried.

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Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Griffith that we do now adjourn till Wednesday May 12th at 7:30 P.M. in Residence adjourning Court House. Carried.

Minutes Accepted

M.A. MacLean, Mayor

J. Huntly, City Clerk pro tem