

Women's & Children's hospital to go ahead – Apr 6, 1891

The anticipated arrival of the S.S. Empress of India from the Orient to be celebrated with a performance by the City Band and an address to the officers and passengers. Mayor David Oppenheimer absent. The Board of Works to have plans prepared for a Women's and Children's Hospital and sent to the City Clerk's office by April 25th.

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Vancouver, April 6, 1891

The Council met on Monday, April 6, 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brighthouse, Carroll, Scoullar, Godfrey, Templeton, Hobson, Brown, McDowell and Doering.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by Alderman Hobson

That Alderman Scoullar be appointed Chairman.

Carried

The following communications were received and read:

From Wm. Webster, Manager of the Union S.S. Co., giving the notice required by the Council as to dumping on the Wharf, and asking to be indemnified from expenses caused by any action from the Health Inspector.

Referred to Health Committee

From J.M. Browning asking whether it was the intention of the City to execute the lease of the Recreation Grounds.

Referred to Finance Committee

From John D. Ronald, asking the City to purchase another steam engine.

Referred to F.W. & L. Committee

From F.W. Mills et al asking that 7th Avenue from Quebec to Ontario Street be cleared and graded.

Referred to the Board of Works

From W.P. West giving ground report and asking for some rough lumber.

Referred to Police Committee

From the Market Clerk furnishing his usual weekly report.

Filed

From the Chief of Police furnishing his weekly report on the street lights.
Filed

From the City Solicitor asking that the slaughter house cases be withdrawn and requesting that he be consulted before law suits are go on with. [sic]
Referred to Finance and Health

From Drake, Jackson & Co., asking that 7th Avenue be graded from Centre Street to the site of the proposed hospital.
Filed

From R.H. Alexander et al asking that the petition for an investigation into the Engineering Department be considered.

Moved by Alderman Brown
Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse
That the communication be filed.
Carried

From his Worship the Mayor, asking that the arrival of the s.s. Empress of India be celebrated in a fitting manner.
Filed

From the press reporters asking for more light at the table.
Referred to F.W. & L. Committee

From H.S. Gilmour et al asking that Nelson Street be improved from Granville to Bute Street.
Referred to the Board of Works

The following reports were received and read:

Market No. 5

The Market Committee met on Friday, April 3rd, 1891.

Present: Aldermen Godfrey, Templeton, Brown and Brighthouse.

It was recommended:

1. That the time for receiving tenders on the Market Hall exit be extended to Friday, April 17, 1891 at noon.
2. That the Chairman be instructed to ascertain what it will cost to light the basement of the Market and to put it in condition for drilling purposes, and further, if the work can be done at a reasonable figure, that he be empowered to put it into order if the place is acceptable to the volunteers.

Signed A. Godfrey, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brighthouse
Seconded by Alderman McDowell
That the report of the Market Committee be adopted.
Carried

Finance No. 9

The Finance Committee met on Friday, April 3, 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brown, Scoular, Hobson and Doering.

It was recommended:

1. That the following accounts be paid:

The Daily Telegram, Printing \$101.45

S. Brighthouse) 16.00

John McDowell) Expenses to Victoria in connection with 16.00

Wm. Templeton) Water Works amendments 13.00

A. Godfrey) 13.00

G.A. Roedele, Tax Books 49.50

C.P. Telegraph Co. 4.95

C. Nelson, Toilet paper 4.00

2. That Harry Hemlow be appointed to assist in the preparation of the Tax book and voters list at a salary of \$60.00 per month until the completion of the work.

Signed:

Wm. Brown, Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey

Seconded by Alderman Doering

That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Carried

Works No. 9

The Board of Works met on Thursday, April 2nd, 1891.

Present: Aldermen Brighthouse, Brown, Templeton and De Pencier

It was recommended:

That the tender of G.F. Slater be accepted for the furnishing of common lumber for corporation purposes @ \$9.00 per m ft delivered.

All petitions for street improvements were laid over.

Signed: S. Brighthouse, Chairman

Moved by Alderman McDowell

Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

That the report of the Board of Works be adopted.

Carried

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded by Alderman McDowell

That the following labour account be paid:
B. Romang et al \$105.55

Carried

Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded by Alderman Doering
That \$400.00 be granted by Council to celebrate the arrival of the S.S. Empress of India at this Port.

Lost

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Brown
Seconded by Alderman Brighthouse
That the City Council engage the City Band as its contribution towards the proposed demonstration on the arrival of the Empress of India, the first of the new line of Pacific steamers at the City Wharf, and further that an address be prepared and presented to the officers and passengers.

Amendment carried (5-3)

Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by Alderman Brown
That in the cases of which the Solicitor has written to this Council regarding the convictions now under appeal, the advice of said Solicitor be followed with regard to withdrawing convictions.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McDowell
Seconded by Alderman Carroll

That the request of the ladies in charge of the Women's Hospital be granted and that the Chairman of the Board of Works be authorized to have plans and specifications for the work required prepared at once; such plans and specifications to be in the City Clerk's office by noon on Thursday, the 9th instant and that the tenderer approved of by the Chairman of the Board of Works shall begin the work at once and have same completed on or before the 25th day of April instant.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Templeton
Seconded by Alderman Godfrey

Whereas it is deemed expedient and necessary that the City of Vancouver should have for the use and benefit of its Citizens a wharf or wharves and landing place on the water front of said City

And whereas at the present time the only available water front is occupied by private individuals to the detriment of the City's interests in such relation

Therefore be it resolved that this Council do forthwith give notice in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Vancouver City Incorporation Act and amending Acts to all parties interested in the premises, that proper application will be made under said Acts for the due appointment of Arbitrators to fix and determine the price or compensation to be allowed by this City for any and all property that may be needed by this Council for the proper construction and maintenance of a public wharf or wharves and for the necessary approaches thereto.

And be it further resolved that the grounds, property or parts of properties needed by this Council and which it is intended shall be expropriated for the purposes and in the manner above set forth includes and comprises:

1st The extension of Cambie Street north to deep water, including any wharf or other structure now comprised within the proposed extension.

2nd The extension of Abbott Street north full width to the outer northern limit of the present existing wharf.

3rd The extension of Carroll Street north full width to the outer or northern limit of the structure now erected on the continuation of said street.

4th The extension of Columbia Avenue full width to a point in line with the outer limit of the City Wharf produced easterly until it intersects Westminster Avenue produced northerly.

5th The extension of Westminster Avenue northerly through lots 43 and 44 in Block 1 in district lot 196, thence northerly until it intersects an easterly and westerly line running from the outer limits of the present City Wharf produced easterly.

And be it further resolved that all proper and legal notices to all interested be drawn up and served by the proper officials in conformity with our Act of Incorporation in respect of the subject matter of this resolution.

Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

Alderman Templeton gave notice that he would introduce a By-Law at next meeting of Council to open up and extend the northern ends of Cambie, Abbott and Carroll Streets; also to continue to deep water the northern ends of Columbia, Westminster and Gore Avenues.

The Council then adjourned.

John McDowell, Acting Chairman

Thos. F. McGuigan
City Clerk