

Mayor Oppenheimer's \$500 expense account called into question – June 22, 1891

The firemen allowed use of the Market Hall July 1 without charge. Alderman Godfrey to obtain a flag for the building. The Finance Committee disallows Mayor's account of \$500 to the Coquitlam Water Works after "having examined the papers and records of Council" Similarly, the Board of Works disallows K. T. Ceperley's account, as "no memoranda exists in the minutes". The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. To be allowed to "enter the city over certain streets" and to have the streets graded for them.

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Vancouver June 22nd 1891

The City Council met on Monday June 22nd 1891 at 8 P.M.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Brighthouse, Carroll, Scoullar, Godfrey, Templeton, Hobson, Brown and Doering. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received and read:

From W.C. Coverley et al petitioning for the improvement of Tenth Av from Westminster Road to Westminster Av.

Referred to the Board of Works.

From D. McRae applying for a position on the Police Force.

Referred to the Police Com.

From Thos. H. Tracy stating that he had started for Vancouver.

Filed

From the City Auditor submitting his report for April and May.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Market Clerk furnishing his weekly report.

Filed

From John T. Williams et al petitioning for the removal of the fire limits from part of Block 53.541.

Referred to F.W&H. Committee

From the Chief of Police reporting on the street lights.
Filed

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From W.B. Ross complaining about the conduct of officers McKeown and Gibson.
Referred to the Police Committee

From S.T. MacIntosh, Secy to the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Com. asking for permission to enter the City over certain streets and also requesting that they be opened up.
Referred to the Board of Works

The following reports were received and read:-

Crematory.

Vancouver June 22, 1891
To the Mayor and Council
Gentlemen

Your Committee appointed to select a site for a Crematory beg leave to recommend the erection of the Crematory at the south end of Gore Avenue on the shore of False Creek and would recommend that the Co. be asked to proceed at once with the work, also that the burner should be erected about fifty feet from the present bank at the foot of the avenue, which would leave ample room for stabling and sheds for garbage plant.

Signed on behalf of Committee.
Sgd. Wm Templeton
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Carroll
Seconded by " Scoullar
That the report of the Crematory Committee be adopted.
Carried

Market
No. 7
The Market Committee met on Friday June 19, 1891.
Present Aldermen Godfrey, Templeton and Brown.

Communications

From the Trustees of Zion Church asking for a reduction in the rent of the Market Hall for their Sunday services.

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Resolved

1. That until further notice the rent be \$18.00 per month for the use of the Market Hall Sundays only for Zion Church Congregation.
2. That Alderman Godfrey be authorized to get a flag for the Market Building.
3. That the firemen be granted the use of the Market Hall on the night of July 1st free of charge.

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

E. S. Scoullar and Co. cleaning stove pipes etc. \$4.10
Palmer Bros. fuel 7.00
Rose & Marshall repairs 4.35
sgd. A. Godfrey
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded " De Pencier
That the report of the Market Committee be adopted.
Carried

Finance
No. 18

The Finance Committee met on June 19, 1891.
Present Aldermen Brown, Scoullar, Hobson and Carroll.
It was resolved:

1. That the resolution in reference to the removal of the huts and other buildings on the foreshore be referred to the Council.
2. That after having examined the papers and the records of the Council in reference to the Mayor's account for \$500.00 re the Coquitlam Water Works the Committee cannot find any authority that would lead them to recommend the payment of the account.

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The following accounts were recommended for payment:

C. P. Telegraph Co. Telegrams \$21.88
Telephone Co. telephone 6.80
sgd. Wm. Brown
Chairman

The resolution referred to in clause one was produced and read but no action was taken toward having it passed.

Moved by Alderman De Pencier
Seconded by " Templeton
That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.
Carried

Works

No. 18

The Board of Works met on Thursday June 18, 1891.

Present Aldermen Templeton [in the chair], Brown and Godfrey.

It was recommended:

1. That G.W. Lawrence's communication re automatic flush tanks be acknowledged stating that the subject will be referred to the new City Engineer on his arrival.
2. That the communication from the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. asking to enter the City over certain streets be referred to the Council for discussion and an expression of opinion.
3. That the receipt of the telegram from J.E. Baker of New Whatcom be acknowledged with thanks.
4. That the account of Wm. Crickmay and the Vancouver City foundry be laid over to be examined and reported on by the Street Superintendent.

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5. That the petition of H. Abbott re the drainage of Richards and Seymour Streets be reported on by the Street Superintendent.
6. That the communication from H. W. Kent re telephone poles be referred to the Street Inspector.
7. Re K.T. Ceperley's account:- As no memoranda of this matter exists in the minutes the Board of Works does not see its way to comply with Mr. Ceperley's request.
8. That Thomas Stephenson be appointed temporarily to attend to outside work until the arrival of the new City Engineer the appointment to date from the 1st of June.
9. That the following accounts be paid:
J.T. Slater Lumber \$140.41
Hayden & Walker Boat hire 3.00
J. Romang et al Ry fares 1.40
10. That the application from W.P. Parsons applying for the position of Sewer Inspector be filed.
11. That the communication from J.W. Morrison re Water Street be laid over pending the arrival of the new City Engineer.
sgd. S. Brighthouse
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Templeton

That the Council go into Committee of the Whole on the report.

Carried

Alderman Brighthouse was appointed Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by " Scoullar

That Mr. Forin, Solicitor for the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. be permitted to address the Committee

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in support of the application made by the Co. to enter the City over certain streets, etc.
Carried.

Mr. Forin then came forward and addressed the Committee in support of the application.
The Aldermen then discussed the advisability of granting the Company permission to enter the City over certain streets and of having such streets graded for them.

It was then moved by Alderman Hobson
Seconded by Alderman De Pencier
That this Committee report to Council favourably upon the petition of the Tramway Co. and that the matter be referred to the Board of Works for the preparation of details.

Carried
Moved by Alderman Templeton
That the Report of the Board of Works be recommended to the Council for adoption.
Carried

The Committee then rose and reported the Report as complete without amendments.

It was then adopted unanimously.

Introduction of By-Laws

Alderman Templeton introduced a By-Law to amend the Fire Limit By-Law, which was read a first time.

Wm. Fowler appeared before the bar of the Council and asked what was being done in regard to the removal of the slaughter house.

The Mayor stated that the matter was in the hands of the Solicitor.

Motions

Moved by Alderman Godfrey
Seconded by " Templeton
That the following accounts be paid:

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K. Lomas et al	Labour \$143.25
Leary & Kyle	Cambie St. Bridge 480.00
Bank of B.C.	Commissions 20.15

Carried

Moved in amendment by Alderman Scoullar
Seconded by Ald. Hobson
That the accounts be referred to the Finance Committee.
Withdrawn

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Hobson

That the By-Laws to regulate plumbers be read a second time.

Carried

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the By-Law with Alderman Scoullar in the Chair.

Several clauses of the By-Law were read over after which it was moved by Alderman Templeton

That the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Carried

Move by Alderman Templeton

Seconded by " Hobson

That the Council adjourn to Wednesday June 24th at 8 p.m.

Carried

D. Oppenheimer

Mayor

Thos. F. McGuigan

City Clerk