

City Hospital staff reappointed, slaughterhouses all "in order" - Feb 8, 1892

Complaint received from Philip Fewster of his being ill-treated at Police Court. Miss Swan reappointed as Matron at the City Hospital at \$50 a month and allowed an assistant at \$15. W.G. March appointed as hospital cook and Frank Humphries as porter at \$30 a month each. Alderman McGuigan and Gavin reported that they had visited the Slaughter houses and crematory with the mayor and found everything in order there being no smells. Mrs. Broderick paid \$28.80 by the Health Committee for shirt making. Final purchase of the Vancouver Water Works Company to take place at City Hall February 29, 1892.

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Vancouver Feb 8th 1892

The Council met on Monday Feb 8th 1892.

Present His Worship the Mayor , and Aldermen Anderson, Connon, Collins, McGuigan, McCraney, Odium, Franklin, Mills & Gavin.

The Minutes of last meetings were read and adopted.

The following communications were received

And read:

Alderman Connon stated that he did not vote for the Trades License By-Law.

From J.C. McHagan protesting against the manner in which the printing and advertising contracts were to be awarded.

Filed

From Locksley Lucas asking for the Market Hall at the lower rate.

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Gavin

That the Market Hall be not granted to Locksley Lucas at the lower rate.

Carried

From the Market Clerk reporting on the receipts for the week.

Filed

From C.C. Morrell, asking for permission to erect a building for storing oil on the corner of Alexander St and Columbia Av

Referred to G.W. & H. Committee.

From A.M. Robertson secy to the Hospital Board reporting that the tender of Atkins & Atkins was the lowest on the drugs.

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman Anderson.

That the tender of Atkins & Atkins be accepted, as recommended by the Medical Board.

Moved in Amendment by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Franklin
That the tenders be referred back to the

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Medical Board for reconsideration and that 100 drugs be taken instead of 20.

Amendment last motion carried

From Geo. Gale & Son asking the City to purchase Lawson Tait Beds.

Referred to the Health Committee

From Walter C. Graveley asking the City to review the Insurance on the City Library.

Moved by Alderman Odium

Seconded by Alderman Gavin

That the Insurance on the Library be renewed and that the amount be deducted from the Library Grant.

Carried

From A. McDonald et al asking for the grading of Grove Av.

Referred to Board of Works

From F.C. Cotton in reference to the City printing and advertising

Filed

From the City Solicitor asking for \$100 for special jury fees in Pritchard vs the City

Moved by Alderman Gavin

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the amount be paid to him.

Carried

From John Brenton et al asking for the grading of Lansdowne Street.

Referred to Board of Works

From C.W. Murray making award in case of Powell Street Lots the amounts being as follows:

S. Sheppard \$360.00

WHC Gallagher \$310.00

E.C. Britton \$260.00

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman Connon

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That the award be accepted, and the amounts paid

Carried

From C.W. Murray asking for his fees for above.

Referred to Finance Committee

From the City Solicitor stating that the City was not liable to Walgres for damages

Filed

From the Editor of the Enquirer stating that a change would be made in his paper.

Filed

From A.E. Beck giving judgement of court in Brown vs Blair.

Referred to Finance Committee

From Park Commissioner Fallow asking \$5,000.00 for Stanley Park.

Referred to Finance Committee

From Phillip Fewster complaining of his being ill used in the Police Court;

Referred to the Police Committee

From G. M. Chase that asking for a sidewalk on Keefer St.

Referred to Board of Works.

From Robert Border et all asking the Mayor to call a public meeting re City Contracts

Referred to the Mayor

From the City Solicitor stating that the Telephone Co was not entitled to compensation for loss debenture printing.

Filed

From the Chief of Police reporting on Electric Lights.

Filed

From Mr H. Buttler et al asking for the grading of Princess St and an electric light

Referred to F.W.H. & Board Works.

From Mr. H. Condell asking to be allowed to excavate under Homer Street.

Referred to Board of Works

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From A.W. Scoullar resigning his position as Alderman

Moved by Alderman Frankin

Seconded by Alderman Gavin

This his resignation be accepted

Carried

From the City Solicitor submitting draft of a petition re amendment of City Charter

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the Mayor be authorized to affix the Seal of the Corporation to the amended petition and that it be presented to the Honorable Mr Speaker and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, at the earliest possible date.

Carried

From the City Solicitor presenting draft of petition to be presented to the Speaker of the Legislature re opposing private companies from using the waters of Capilano River and Seymour Creek.

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by Alderman Mills

That the Mayor be authorized to affix the Seal of the Corporation to the annexed petition and that it be presented to the Honorable Mr Speaker and the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia at the earliest possible date

Carried

From the City Solicitor stating that the matter of taxes on Vancouver Water Works property would be settled at the time the works are taken over.

Filed.

The following reports were received and read:

F W & H Committee

The F W & H Committee met on Thursday

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February 4th, 1892

Present Alderman Franklin, Connon, Mills and McGuigan

It was resolved that Messrs Doherty & Sarnia be requested to send sample of 6 inch by draut and value, the City to purchase the same if contract for the whole quantity is not awarded.

Moved by Alderman Connon

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That Mr Ralph Medson be appointed Inspector for the cast iron pipes and special castings now under contract for the City of Vancouver by Messrs Bell Irving and Paterson at a salary of \$5 per day and necessary travelling expenses.

That the following account be paid:-

C.H. Ratcliffe Printing Etc. \$14.40

Sgd J.L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That the Report be adopted

Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday February 5th 1892

Present Alderman Anderson, Collins, McGuigan, Odium and Mills.

It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid: -

Leatherdale & Smith Livery \$10.00

W. J. Jackson, Alexandra Hospital \$230.00

Gardson & Mayne, Alexandra Hospital \$100.00

Gurney Cab Co. Livery \$1.20

C.P. Telegraph Co. Telegrams \$133.20

T.O.G.T Mt Pleasant Print \$5.00

Telephone Co. Print \$22.80

Bank of B.C. Insurance on Bonds \$1316.06

Carswell & Co Law Book \$1.00

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News. Advertising. Advertising etc \$22.21

2 That \$1000.00 be placed to the credit of the School Board in the Bank of Montreal.

3 That Miss Bowes be informed that while the Council is in sympathy with her object re orphan's Home, they feel that those most deeply interested should first take the initiative before coming to Council.

4 That the Board of Works be authorized to proceed with Street ward up to \$10,000 pending the compiling of the Estimates and that the paid amount be deducted from the said Estimates.

5 That the printing and advertising contracts be awarded to the Telegram Co.
Sgd. R. A. Anderson
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum
Seconded by " McGuigan
That the report be adopted as read.
Carried
Nays Franklin & McCraney

Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Wednesday Feb 3rd 1892.
Present Alderman Anderson, Collins, McGuigan, Odlum, and Gavin
It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:
M.S. Rose Pipe Laying \$25.00
Champion & White Scavenging \$53.90
Russell McDonald & Co Supplies \$9.30
R.C. Winch Supplies \$14.68
John Scuttio Supplies \$58.87
Mrs. Broderick Shirt-Making \$28.80

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H. Eligh Milk \$43.67
A.H. Thomas Mental Examination \$5.00
Haley & Sutton Supplies \$2.10
J.P. Blake \$10.60

2 That W.G. March be appointed cook for the City Hospital at a salary of \$30.00 per month. The Engagement to be made subject to immediate dismissal without notice.

3 That Frank Humphrey be appointed porter for the City Hospital at a salary of \$30.00 per month dating from the time of his employment by the matron.
This engagement to terminate at the pleasure of the Council on Summary notice.

4 That the Mayor and Alderman McGuigan and Gavin be appointed a Committee to interview the owners of the Slaughter houses to ascertain if Satisfactory arrangement can be made with their regarding the removal of the house or abating the present nuisance and that the City Solicitor be asked to give his assistance to the Committee.

5 That Miss Swan be permitted to engage an assistant at \$15.00 per month subject to immediate dismissal if necessary.

6 That hereafter the matron be required to report to the Board in writing any complaint she has to make either in regard to her assistants or otherwise

7 That Miss Swan be re-appointed Matron of the City Hospital at a salary of \$50.00 per month dating from the 1st of January 1892.

8 That the following accounts for watching

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A.Laurwill \$4.50

J.B. McLeod \$8.00

John York \$3.00

9 That the Health Committee hold its regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at 10 A.M. & 4 P.M. alternately.

Sgd W.J. McGuigan
Chairman

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Thursday February 8th 1892.

Present – Alderman McCraney, Connon, Franklin, Gavin and Scoullar.

It was recommended:

1 That all lanes where sewers are needed be included in this years estimates for grading.

2 That the following Works petitioned to be included in this year's estimates:

(a) Lanes in Block 87.185 & Block 30.185

(b) Lanes in Blocks 90 & 91. 196 (C) Princes Street from Campbell to Hawks as from Princess to Hastings.

3 That the form of permits be altered so that hereafter the monies will only be received by the City Treasurer.

4 That Mr Woodward be notified that this Board cannot see its way to pay him for the earth placed on Harris St.

5 That the City Engineer be authorized to have

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The sidewalk constructed past the Presbyterian Church Mt. Pleasant

6 That J.M. Browning C.P.R. Land Commissioner be communicated with and asked for the use of the Block of land facing on Carrall Street on the East Hastings St on the north and the railway track on the West for storage purposes.

7 That the Finance Committee be asked to place the sum of \$10,000 to the credit of the Board of Works to be expended for street improvements until the final Estimates are made up.

8 That the Finance Committee be asked to make an appropriation to the Alexandra Hospital sufficient to cover the amount of the unexpended portion of the \$2,000 granted last year.

9 That E.C. Britton be awarded the contract for the construction of a sidewalk on Granville Street south and 7th Av

10 That the following accounts be paid :-
Leatherdale & Smith Hack hire \$10.00
W.H. Fraser Wing to Hospital \$850.76
Van Foundry Granville Street Bridge \$10.00

A number of petitions were referred to the City Engineer and Street Inspector

Sgd H.P. McCraney
Chairman

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by Alderman Gavin

That the report be adopted.
Carried.

Alderman McGuigan and Gavin reported that they had visited the Slaughter houses and crematory with the mayor and found everything in order there being no smells.

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Resolved
That the Report be received and the Committee discharged.
Carried.

Motions
Moved by Alderman Franklin
Seconded by Alderman McCraney

That this Council give the necessary sanction to Michael Costello to allow him to build under the sidewalk at the corner of Keefer Street and Westminster Avenue on the same conditions as allowed to other applicants.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Connon
Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That it is desirable that this City should have a Militia Corps, the city having a population of young men who are desirous of joining the same and therefore resolve that the Minister of the Militia be requested to grant the necessary authority to the Deputy Adj. General to make the necessary arrangements to the carrying out of the request of the citizens of the City of Vancouver
Carried.

Moved by Alderman Collins
Seconded by Alderman Gavin

That a Special Committee to be composed of Alderman Connon, McGuigan, Franklin, Mills and Odum be appointed to examine the By-Laws that has passed the first reading and report at the next meeting.
Carried

Moved by Alderman Gavin
Seconded by Alderman Franklin

That notice be given to the Vancouver Water Works Company that the City of Vancouver will be prepared

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On the 29th day of February 1892 at 12 o'clock at the City hall. Vancouver, to pay the purchase money for the system of water Works, plant and property of the Company in accordance with the Vancouver Water Works Company's Act 1886, amending Act 1891, the award of the arbitrators thereunder and the agreement entered into between the Water Works Co and the city dated the 2nd day of November 1891.

Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by Alderman Gavin

That the following account be paid:

H. Lomas et al Labor \$252.60

Moved by Alderman Connon
Seconded by Alderman McGuigan

That application be made to the Provincial Government for a grant of \$2000.00 for the Fire Department and \$8000.00 for the City Hospital.

Carried
The Council then adjourned

F. Cope
Mayor

T.F.S. McGuigan
City Clerk