

No additional City layoffs needed, Committee finds – November 14, 1892

A meeting of all the standing committee chairs found that no additional staff can be reduced past the three Engineering department employees already laid off. A new City Solicitor will be hired in the new year at a fixed yearly salary.

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Vancouver, November 8th 1892.

The Council met on Monday November 14th 1892.

Present His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Anderson, Collins, Scoullar, McCraney, Franklin, Odlum, and Gavin.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

The following communications were received:-

From T. H. Robson asking the City to pay over \$9.60 due to G. A. Fraser + co.
Referred to the Finance Committee

From Henry W. Walden etal asking that Hastings Street near Raymur be repaired.
Referred to the Board of Works.

From H. Abbott, asking for a revision of the water rates.
Referred to the F. W + L. Committee

From C. Campbell Johnson complaining about the neglect of the Health Inspector.
Referred to the Health Committee

From John McLaren reporting on the Electric Lights
Files

From Major Whitaker etal asking for an electric light at the corner of 13th Av and Ontario St.
Referred to the F. W + L. Committee

From W. J. Gallagher, stating that he was not responsible for the delay in printing the City Charter
Referred to the Finance Committee

The following Reports were received and read:-

Health Committee.

The Health Committee met on Tuesday November 8th 1892.

Present Alderman McGuigan, Gavin and Collins

It was recommended:-

1 That the Board of Works be requested to put a box drain in on 14th and 15th Avs to abate the nuisance caused by an overflow from the cow sheds of Mr. Ellison.

2 That the following accounts be paid:-

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Hudson's Bay co. Supplies \$11.00

John McDowell " 1.50

H. H. Layfield + co " 3.50

M. A. Harvey. Hack hire 21.00

E. Clough. Express 12.50

Ideal Grocery. Supplies 53.75

Palmer Bros. " 27.91

D. Burton Hack hire 12.75

W. Towler Repairs 4.00

A. Rourke + Jarvis Supplies 3.00

R. V. Winch " 4.00

McIntosh + co. " 68.75

Herrett + co. " 47.99

A. Linton Boat hire 45.00

S. T. Tilley + son Supplies 4.00

Dr. Ferguson Mental Examination 5.00

Dr. Bell-Irving " " 5.00

J. P. Blake. Supplies .80

do do " 11.05

Pioneer Steam Laundry Washing 39.04

Summers + Orrell Supplies 8.20

Devine + co. " 12.42

Daily Telegram " 14.75

C. W. Hutchings " 19.25

Palmer Bros. " 3.00

F. W. Hart. " 6.00

McLennan + McFeely " 1.20

Tye + co. " .65

F. W. Hart. Burial 10.75

Wm Urquhart Supplies 4.75

G. L. Allan " 23.00

A portion of M. A. Harvey's account by Dr. Herald was struck out.

sgd to J. McGuigan

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odium

That the Report be adopted.
Carried
F. W + L. Committee

The F. W + L. Committee met on Wednesday November 9th 1892
Present Aldermen Franklin, Mills + Scoullar.

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It was recommended:-

1 That the following accounts be paid:-

W. P. Turner et al. Labor. \$878.45

B.C. Iron Works Co. Supplies 592.31

Van Elec Ry + L Co. Lights 1342.07

C. M. Howley Suppliers 50.00

Thos Veitch Delivering pipes 466.20

A. Blyth et al Labor 695.95

Sinclair + Ballantyne Supplies 5.00

2 That Alderman Mills and Scoullar be appointed a committee to purchase another team of horses to be placed in Mount Pleasant Fire Hall.

3 That the City Engineer write to ascertain the prices of meters.

4 That tenders be invited for boring test holes for a tunnel North of the First Narrows.

5 That the Electric Light on the corner of Seaton + Thurlow Streets be changed to the corner of Thurlow and Eveligh Streets

6 That the following electric lights be added to the present system:-

one at the corner of Nelson and Homer Streets

“ “ “ “ Richards + Smithe “

“ “ “ “ Ninth + Ontario “

“ “ “ “ Sixth + Quebec “

sgd. J. L. Franklin

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by “ Odlum

That Clause 4 be calling for tenders for the boring of holes be referred back to the Committee.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by “ Gavin

That the Report as amended be adopted

Lost Carried

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Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Collins
That Clause 2 relating to the purchase of a team of horses be referred back.
Carried

Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Collins
That the Report as amended be adopted.
Carried

Board of Works

The Board of Works met on Wednesday November 9th 1892.

Present Aldermen McCraney, Gavin, Scoullar and Franklin.

It was recommended:-

1 That the Inspector on Sewer contract No 7 and the contractor be notified to send in particulars in writing as soon, as possible, as to the accident of Leatherdale + Smith.

2 That the City Engineer be instructed to have a Survey made of 185 to ascertain the number of acres yet remaining to be cleared and report at the next meeting of the Board.

3 That as the contract for the delivery of Sewer pipes has not yet completed that the percentage retained be not returned yet.

4 That the Street Inspector be instructed to give S. H. Parkes and Geo Meadows old plank as soon as possible for use on 7th Av.

5 That the following accounts be paid:-

Van Elec Ry + Light Co. Tickets 5.00

Thos. Veitch Express hire 17.60

Palmer Bros. Supplies 5.88

E. Buse Lumber 136.73

B. C. Mills " 7.95

E. Kingcombe blue printing 5.00

H. Lomas etal. Labor 312.15

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Communications from W. H. Kendall and J. Wolfe received and filed.

sgd H. P. McCraney

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Franklin.

Seconded by " Odlum

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 11th 1892.

Present Aldermen Anderson, Collins and Odlum.

It was recommended:-

1. That the following accounts be paid:-

C. P. Telegraph Co. Telegrams \$25.73

C. P. R. Co. Ticket 1.50

Ideal Grocery. Supplies. 4.75

S. Suckling Engrossing 10.00

2 That a committee consisting of Aldermen Anderson and Collins be appointed to investigate and report upon the Communication of the B. C. Cooperate and Jute Co re free water and exemption from taxation.

Communication from the City Solicitor re the printing of the City Charter filed for reference.

sgd. R. A. Anderson

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Odlum

Seconded by " Franklin

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Free Library Committee

The Committee appointed to confer with the Free Library Committee met that Body on Saturday November 5th and again on November 12th and report as follows:-

The present reading room being found

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inadequate for the purpose a subcommittee consisting of Chairman Brown, Alderman Alderson and J. Balfour Ker were appointed to select a more suitable room and they found a suitable room at the Y. M. C. A. who will be willing to rent the said room, size 70 ft by 43 ft for the sum of \$500.00 per year. This would also require additional attendance and light and it is roughly estimated that it will require an additional sum of \$1000.00 per annum granted to the Free Library

sgd R. A. Anderson

" J. L. Franklin

Moved by Alderman Scoullar

Seconded by " Collins

That the Report be filed for reference.

Carried

Special Committee

The Special Committee, composed of the Chairmen of the different standing Committees of the Council appointed for the purpose of ascertaining where the working staff of the different departments in the City Hall might be reduced met in City Hall on Monday the 14th inst at 10 a.m.

Present Aldermen Franklin (in the Chair) Collins and McCraney

After interviewing the heads of the departments it was found that it was impossible to make any reduction and still preserve the efficiency of the staff.

The City Engineer during the past week has discharged three of his men and the balance retained are absolutely necessary to carry on the work in hand.

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sgd J. L. Franklin

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Anderson

That the Report be received and the Committee discharged.

Carried

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Introduction of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum

That the amendments to the Pound By-Law be introduced and read a first time

Carried

Moved by Alderman Franklin

Seconded by " McCraney

That the Cubic Air By-Law be introduced and read a first time.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Odlum

That the Rules be suspended and the Pound By-Law read a second time.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Collins

Seconded by " Scoullar

That the Council go into Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Pound By-Law.

Carried

Alderman Collins was appointed Chairman.

In committee the By-Law was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete with amendments.

Motions

Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Gavin

That the City Solicitor be notified that his services in his present arrangement will not be required after the 31st of December next that that Finance Committee be empowered to report on the engagement of a Solicitor at a fixed salary.

Said sum to cover all legal business required by the City; no extras to be allowed except actual court

disbursements.
Carried

The Council then adjourned
F. Cope
Mayor
Thos. McGuigan
City Clerk