

Clandenning, Sanders and McDonald Take Their Places on Council; McLaren, Haywood and McLeod Dismissed from Police Force – August 5, 1895

Newly-elected Aldermen appointed to the Committees on which the members who resigned occupied positions. S. Astell was refused a laundry license, and his application fee was returned.

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The Council met on Monday August 5th 1895.

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Present, His Worship, the Mayor, and Aldermen Shaw, Coupland, Gallagher, Queen, McPhaiden, James, Clandening, Edwin Sanders, Bethune, and Daniel G. McDonald.

The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From the City Clerk stating that Messrs James Clandening, Edwin Sanders and Daniel G. McDonald had been elected for Wards 3, 4 & 5 respectively to fill the vacancies on the Aldermanic Board in said wards.

Filed

From John McLaren tendering his resignation as Chief of Police

Moved by Alderman Coupland
Seconded by “ Gallagher

That the communication be referred to the Police Committee

Moved in amendment by Alderman Shaw
Seconded by Alderman McPhaiden

That his resignation be accepted.

Amendment lost; motion carried

From the Chief of Police reporting on the electric lights.

Filed

From the Chief of Police asking instructions as to the prosecution of parties who violated the Sunday Closing By Law previous to the decision of Judge Drake.

Referred to the Police Committee

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From A. E. Lees etal asking for a sidewalk at the cemetery.

Referred to the Board of Works

From S. Astell again asking for a laundry license.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Queen

That his communication be acknowledged and his money returned and that he be informed that it is not the Council's intention to grant him a license.

Carried

From F. P. Bishop, Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council asking that the beach at English Bay be cleared of rocks, buoys placed for the guidance of bathers and that a life boat be stationed at the bath house.

Referred to the Board of Works

From J. Twigg asking permission to move a wooden building from Lot 12, B. 6, 541 to Lots 7 & 8, B 13. 196.

Referred to the W & L Committee

From the City Treasurer submitting statement of unpaid accounts for clearing in D. L. 185.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From J. Carnahan etal asking that finer rock be put on Keefer Street

Referred to the Board of Works

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From M. G. McLean complaining about filthy water being run over his lots.

Referred to the Health Committee

From Geo Cassady & Co asking for the rocking of Smythe Street.

Referred to the Board of Works

From G. A. Roedde complaining about not getting fair play from the Library Board in competition with the News Advertiser.

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Queen

That the communication be sent to the Library Board

Carried

The following reports were received and read:

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday August 2nd 1895.

Present: Aldermen Brown, Coupland, and Gallagher

The following accounts were recommended for payment:

Wm Cargill etal Elections \$24.00

News Advertiser Supplies etc 42.70

Tax Collector Stamps 3.60

Communications

From G. W. Hobson, Secretary of the Board of Fire Underwriters stating that as the matter of cancelling the City's insurance was for the City's convenience the Board of Underwriters sees no reason why they should ask the head office to depart from their established rules.

Resolved that the communication be filed and that the present system of insurance remain in force.

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From H. Abbott asking the Council to name a date when his assistant Mr. Townley can meet the assessors to discuss the future assessments of the railway right of way.

Resolved that the communication be referred to the assessors with instructions to meet Mr. Townley in conjunction with the City Solicitor.

From Wm Gargill re: civic insurance.

Filed

From D. C. McGregor, Ceperley Loewen & Campbell and McFarland & Mahon stating certain policies held by them on the fire halls would expire on the 8th & 16th insts.

Referred to the Chairman to arrange

The contract of James Windebank for street scraping was submitted and approved subject to the bondsman being found satisfactory to the City Solicitor. The bond was fixed at \$5.00 and the Mayor & City Clerk authorized to sign the contract and affix the City Seal thereto.

The contract of F. Round for clearing acre in the cemetery was approved and the same authorized to be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk and the City Seal affixed thereto.

The City Solicitor submitted a draft of the agreement for the leasing of the race course at Hastings which as approved and the Mayor and City Clerk authorized to execute same and attach the City Seal thereto.

Resolved that all future contracts for clearing on the cemetery grounds have a clause therein providing for the completion of the work eight months after the execution of said contract.

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The Board then adjourned

Sgd Wm Brown
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Brown
Seconded by " Gallagher

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher
Seconded by " Coupland

That the following clauses of the Fire, Market & Police Committee laid over at the last meeting of Council be confirmed:-

Moved by Alderman Brown

That Chief McLaren, Sergeant Haywood and Officer McLeod for cause shown, as by the evidence taken in the Police Investigation before this Committee be discharged.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McPhaiden

That they be reinstated

Amendment lost; motion carried

Alderman Gallagher reported that he had suspended Officer Grady on June 28th 1895.

Moved by Alderman Coupland

That the suspension of Officer Grady be confirmed to date from June 28th 1895.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McPhaiden.

That he be reinstated

Amendment lost; motion carried

Carried

Motions

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Coupland

That the salary of J. W. McIntosh as police officer be paid at the rate of \$60.00 per month dating from June 29th 1895.

Carried

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Moved by Alderman Bethune

Seconded by " McPhaiden

That the following account be paid:

T. M. Thomas etal Labor \$900.55

Carried

Moved by Alderman Shaw

Seconded by " Clandenning

That J. W. Gibbons be paid \$212.89 estimate on sewer subject to be found correct by the City Engineer.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Gallagher

Seconded by " Coupland

That the Mayor sign a subpoena for any witness to cause his attendance before the police committee on the police investigation on being requested so to do by any member of the police committee.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Brown

Seconded by " Bethune

That the motion appointing members of the Council temporarily on Committees be rescinded and the members recently elected be appointed to the Committees on which the members who resigned occupied positions.

Carried

Notice of Motion

Alderman Gallagher gave notice that at next meeting of the Council he would introduce a by law to amend the Ward By Law.

The Council then adjourned

Henry Collins

Mayor

Thos F. McGuigan

City Clerk