

Seized gambling funds to be used for Mayor's social service fund – December 3, 1894

The City Engineer will examine what repairs are needed to the Market Hall and then lease holder Mr. Beattie must make the repairs within fourteen days of discovery. The City's Police and Fire Committees merge, as do the Light and Water Committees. Better ventilation to be provided for the Operating Room at the City Hospital. \$126.50 recovered in a gambling raid given to the Mayor for a Secret Service fund.

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Vancouver December 3rd 1894

The Council met on Monday December 3rd 1894. Present His Worship, the Mayor and Aldermen Shaw, Salsbury, Queen, McDowell, McCraney, McPhaiden, Wm Brown, C.L. Brown and Bethune. The Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Communications

From Wulffsohn & Bewicke asking for a cheque for paving in front of the Thomson Ogle Block, Hastings Street.

Referred to Board of Works

From W. L. Smith et al asking that some action be taken towards having the wages paid for work done on the Reservoir.

Referred to the Water Committee.

From A. G. Ferguson, Chairman of the Park Commissioners asking that \$2000.00 be retained out of Purdy & Williams Contract to be applied towards repairing the Park Road.

Referred to the Water Committee

From John Wolf asking for credit on his license.

Filed

From W.T. Steward asking for a share of the Contract for installing the electric lights.

Referred to the F & L Committee

From Mrs Mary Hodgson etal asking for a side walk on Princess St at Block 76,

Referred to the Board of Works

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From Bridges & Hunter asking for repairs to the Alleyway between Richards and Seymour Streets.

Referred to the Board of Works

From M G. McLeod License Inspector asking what action to take regarding the collection of the license from the Tramway Co.

Referred to the Finance Committee

From H. Hackett again calling attention to the condition of the lane between Richards & Seymour Streets.

Referred to the Board of Works

From John McLaren reporting on the electric lights.

Filed

The following Reports were received and read.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met on Friday November 30th, 1894,
Present Alderman Salsbury, McDowell, McPhaiden and Wm Brown.

Communications

From R.D. Askins and the Texas Lake Ice Co. asking for free water and exemption from taxation in consideration of their erecting Ice and Refrigerating Works.
Resolved.

That they be given water at 15 cents per 1000 gallons and their improvements be exempt from taxation if approved by the ratepayers.

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A deputation from the Improvement Company waited upon the Board in reference to Lots 1,2,3,7 & 8, 13, 48, DL, 181 and endeavored to get a reduction on the price fixed by the Committee.

No Action Taken.

Resolved:

That the work recommended by the Board of Works to be done on Manitoba and Columbia Streets be not proceeded with as there are no funds for that purpose.

Resolved:

That the Provincial Legislature be asked to place the following amounts in their estimates: General Hospital \$5000. Women's Ward \$1000, Fire Department \$500.00

From the Secretary of the Free Library Board asking for the balance of their appropriation.

Laid over for one week,

From John Wolf asking time on his scavenger license.

Request not granted.

From Mrs Webster asking that Lot H Block 19 264 belonging to the Alexandra Hospital be exempted from taxation.

Laid over.

From P. Carey asking that the money paid in by him on account of Frontage tax be placed to his credit on account of water.

Filed.

From E.B Morgan asking for the refund of 8.00 taxes over paid on Lot 6, B 86 196.
Referred to the Assessor for report.

From the City Auditor furnishing report for October.
Filed

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Resolved

That the City Clerk be instructed to again call for tenders for the purchase of the electric light debentures such tenders to be received up to Friday December 14th at 3 P.M.

The following accounts were recommended for payment

A.J. Paterson Clerical work 36.00

J.J. Cowderoy clerical work 12.50

H.M. Henderson clerical work 60.00

Diplock + cl. Supplies 33.40

Rand Brs.. Insurance 10.00

J.J. Bamfield Insurance 10.00

Sgd W.F. Salsbury

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " Salsbury

That the report be adopted.

Carried.

Fire and Light Committee

The Fire and Light Committee met on Monday December 3rd, 1894,
Present Aldermen Shaw, Queen, McCraney, Wm Brown and Bethune.

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown,

Seconded by " McCraney,

That Alderman Bethune be appointed Chairman.

Carried

The City Solicitor was instructed to draw up an agreement between the BC Iron Works Co. and the City for the installation of an electric light plant.

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Moved by Alderman McCraney

Seconded by " Shaw.

That Lot 1 in Bock 25 and lots 11 & 12 In Block 22, 196 be purchased as a site for the Power House, price \$7500.00 on terms to be arranged.

Sgd Alex Bethune

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Queen
Seconded by " McDowell
That the Report be adopted.
Carried.

Police Committee

The Police Committee met on Wednesday November 28th 1894.
Present Alderman C.L. Brown, McPhaiden and Wm Brown.
The following accounts were recommended for payment:
Van Gurney Cab Co. Cab\$1.00
C.S. Philp Supplies 7.57
F. Filion Supplies 17.69
D.J. McLean & Co. Supplies 25.20
McDonald Brs Drayage 2.00
P.W. Kennedy Moiety 12.50

Communications

From Wm Brand, Secretary of the City Band asking if Mr Beattie is required to furnish free light to the Band Room under the terms of his lease of the Market.

Resolved.

That he be informed that Mr. Beattie is not obliged to furnish the Band free light.

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From J.A. Reid, Pound keeper furnishing monthly report.

Filed

From W.D. Ross giving the names of the parties who annoy him.

Referred to the Chief of Police to look after the parties complained of and if necessary to bring them to justice.

Resolved.

That the City Engineer be instructed to make an examination of the Market Hall and prepare a detailed report of the repairs required, that Mr. Beattie be notified to make these repairs and on his failing to do so within 14 days after being notified that his lease of the Market be terminated.

Resolved

That the water supplied to the Pound House be charged to the Police Department.

Resolved.

That the Members of the Police Force be required to insure on the same principle as the Firemen.

Resolved.

That the sum of \$126.50 paid in by the Chief of Police from the proceeds of a raid on a gambling den be paid to the Mayor to be disbursed as a Secret Service fund.

sgd C.L Brown

Chairman

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " C. L. Brown

That the Report be adopted.

Carried

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Health Committee

The Health Committee met on Tuesday, November 27th 1894.
Present Alderman McDowell, McPhaiden, Wm Brown and C.L. Brown.
The following accounts were recommended for Payment:
J.R. Graham Chimney Sweeping \$3.00
Champion & White Scavenging 7.00
A.C. Lumfries Labor 2 00

A communication was received from D. Tunstall asking to be appointed a member of the Hospital Staff.
Resolved that his request be granted.

Resolved that the City Clerk be instructed to get one hundred copies of the Milk Vendors By-law with amendments printed.
Resolved that the acre plots in the cemetery staked out by the City Engineer be apportioned as follows:
Sections one and two. Coombs etal,
Three E Meyers
Four R. McCullough
Five D. McCoury [?]
And that the City Clerk be instructed to have the contracts drawn up by the City Solicitor signed by the parties receiving the allotments.

Resolved
That the City Engineer be instructed to provide better ventilation for the operating room at the City Hospital.
A report was received from the Milk Inspector which was filed.
Sgd John McDowell,
Chairman

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Moved by Alderman McPhaiden
Seconded by " C.L. Brown
That the Report be adopted.
Carried
Introduction of By-Laws
Moved by Alderman McCraney
Seconded by " Queen
That the Rules be suspended and leave granted to introduce a By-Law to amend the By-Law No. 215,
Carried
The By-Law was read a first time.

Motions

Moved by Alderman C.L. Brown
Seconded by " Bethune
That the Chain gang be sent as early as possible to make the two pieces of streets mentioned in the Finance Committee Report in Ward 5.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " C.L Brown

That the Water Works payroll for two weeks ending November 26th and amounting to \$369.65 be passed and paid subject to the approval of the Water Committee.

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " C.L Brown

That in the opinion of Council the following changes should be made in the Committees:

That the number be Five instead of Six

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That the Police and Fire be assigned to a Committee and Water and Light to a Committee

Carried

Moved by Alderman Wm Brown

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That a Committee be appointed to interview the Chief Post Office Inspector on his arrival in this City.

Carried

The Mayor appointed Alderman Wm Brown, Salsbury and McCraney.

Consideration of By-Laws

Moved by Alderman McCraney,

Seconded by " C.L. Brown

That the Rules be suspended and the amendments to By-Law No 215 read a second time.

Carried

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

It was read over clause by clause and reported to Council as complete.

It was then read a 3rd time on motion of Alderman McCraney seconded by Alderman C.L. Brown.

Notice of Motion

Alderman Wm Brown gave notice that at the next meeting of Council he will introduce a By-Law to amend the Procedure By-Law in conformity with the resolution passed tonight amalgamating certain Committees.

The Council then adjourned until Tuesday the 4th at 8 P.M.

Ths F McGuigan, City Clerk

R.A. Anderson Mayor