

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THURSDAY THE 28th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 1911
AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor McNeish, presiding
Alderman Henderson
Alderman Dick
Alderman Smith
Alderman Biss
Alderman Kittson

Mr. Joseph P. Dubberley made application for sewer connection to Lot 8, resub of Lot 4, Block 20, D.L. 548.

On motion of Alderman Dick, the City Engineer was instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of constructing a branch sewer to the line of the street to connect the property in question with the sewer laid on Chesterfield Avenue, and that upon Mr. Dubberley depositing the estimated cost of the work with the City Treasurer that the branch sewer be laid to the property under supervision of City Engineer.

Sydney Jefferd made application for sewer connection to premises at corner of Forbes and 15th Street. On motion of Alderman Kittson and Alderman Dick similar action was taken as above.

R. Fawcett made inquiry regarding damage done to his property by Contractors by blasting in lowering the grade of 2nd Street. The City Clerk was instructed to consult with the City Solicitor regarding Council's liability in such cases and report.

Mr. A.R. Steacy, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees asked for a grant of \$100.00 to be expended in the reception and entertainment of B.C. School Trustees while in convention in Vancouver first week of November. Surrounding Municipalities had made similar grants. On motion of Alderman Biss and Alderman Henderson \$100.00 was voted for this purpose.

Mr. Ramano of Messrs. Romano, Pinto & Co. was heard re the Company's claim of \$988.65 balance due on St. Patrick's Avenue storm sewer contract. Regarding the \$450.00 deducted for not completing in time Mr. Romano stated that delay had been caused by sewer pipe Contractors not being able to deliver all the pipe at one time.

Regarding the \$538.65 for extra excavating at Alder Street, Mr. Romano stated that during the progress of the work he received instructions from the City Engineer to alter the grade at Alder Street by two feet. This necessitated extra excavating and timbering in a wet trench and as a result it was alleged a cave in occurred. The work was done under forced account and cost \$468.65. City

Engineer Hanes was heard. With regard to the \$450 deducted fro not completing in time the Engineer stated that the Contract should have been completed 1st June 1911 and that after allowances had been made for rainy days, 15 days over time at \$30.00 per day was deducted or \$450.00.

Romano Pinto & Co. had never asked for an extension of time but on the other hand has assured the Engineer in writing that they would finish on time.

Re claim of \$558.65 for extra excavating at Alder Street the Contractors had already been allowed and paid \$152.00 for this work which together with \$144 for lumber which had never been returned to the City made a total of \$296.00 to be deducted from \$538.65 leaving only \$242.65 in dispute.

Mr. Romano confessed ignorance of having been allowed anything for extra excavating and in view of such a varying difference of opinion between the Contractor and Engineer the Council decided to adjourn the hearing until next meeting and instructed the Engineer to bring down the plans and specifications and a complete statement as to accounts and other matters pertaining to the contract and Mr. Romano was asked to attend the adjourned hearing.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: Wm. McNeish, Mayor