

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 1913 AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Hanes
Alderman Pilling
Alderman Kennedy
Alderman Wheeler
Alderman Williams
Alderman Vance
Alderman Allan

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the 18th instant copies of which had been previously furnished to each member of the Council were taken as read and on motion adopted.

The Minutes of Committee of the Whole of the 21st instant were read and on motion adopted.

At the conclusion of the reading of Minutes the Mayor stated that it would be necessary to elect the new City Clerk by ballot. The ballot was spread and resulted in J.F. Collins being elected in. Moved by Alderman Allan seconded by Alderman Kennedy that J.F. Collins be engaged as City Clerk at a salary of \$150.00 per month. Carried.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Wm. Henderson, Resident Architect re vacating the quarters now occupied by the City for police offices. Referred to unfurnished business.

Re cement sidewalk in front of new Post Office. Moved by Alderman Wheeler seconded by Alderman Allan and resolved that the City Engineer be instructed to proceed with the construction of sidewalk around Post Office at once.

From Forbes Waddell re City gas proposition. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Coates & Hancock re City gas proposition. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Victoria Machine Depot Agency re City gas proposition. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From D. Morris re City gas proposition. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

From Ducane Dutcher & Co. re construction of a Municipal Power plant. Filed and the Clerk was instructed to reply that we are not in a position to do anything along those lines at present.

From McLaughlin Carriage Co. re sign on Corner of Lonsdale and Esplanade. Referred to Board of Works.

From Jane McDowell re vacancy for stenographer or typist. Filed and the Clerk instructed to answer that there are no vacancies at present.

From Chas. Gross re condition of dampness surrounding his property on the south side of Lots 14 & 15/163/271, also requesting that the City give him access along the lane to the rear of his property. Referred to Lanes Committee.

From J. Kirkland, Caretaker, Waterworks Intake, requesting a leave of absence from Sept. 1st to Sept. 14th. Referred to Waterworks Committee.

From A.M. West, City Engineer stating that the macadamizing of Queensbury and St. David's Avenues was finished and First Street macadamizing was finished with the exception of the north side from Lonsdale to Chesterfield. Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the Engineer proceed to make the necessary assessment for the local improvements.

From C. Talbot Haslam, Acting Clerk stating that he found no authority in the Minutes for signing the lease for the premises at present occupied for City Hall and Offices. Moved by Alderman Allan seconded by Alderman Wheeler and resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk be instructed to sign the lease forthwith.

From the City Treasurer re Bylaw No. 257 stating that the Debentures are required to be issued within three months from the final passing of the Bylaw. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition from several citizens residing on 27th Street south side, east of St. George's Avenue requesting that a sidewalk be built along said street. Referred to Board of Works.

From the City Treasurer re sale of local improvement Bonds, with a suggestion that they be printed and placed in the Treasurer's Office for Sale in \$100.00 amounts over the counter. Referred to Finance Committee.

A.M. West, City Engineer, presented a plan re subdivision of Lot 13/131/274. Moved by Alderman Allan seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the plan be approved as presented.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance (Board of Health), Board of Works (Local Improvement), Waterworks, Fire & Light and Parks Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairman and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance (Board of Health)	\$66.00
Board of Works	1206.35
Board of Works Local Improvement	174.90
Waterworks	289.45
Fire and Light	4.00
Parks	106.60

Progress estimates certified correct by the City Engineer were passed for payment as follows:

Howes Proctor Co.	3 rd St. Macadam from Keith Road to Queensbury Avenue	\$122.98
Howes Proctor Co	2 nd St. Macadam from Forbes Avenue to St. David's Avenue	1262.04
Howes Proctor Co	Lonsdale Avenue Macadam from waterfront to 19 th Street	154.91
Howes Proctor Co	1 st Street Macadam from Forbes to St. David's Avenue	3721.12
Howes Proctor Co	Esplanade Macadam from Lonsdale to Forbes Avenue	52.67
Howes Proctor Co	St. George's Avenue Macadam from Esplanade to 3 rd Street	330.94
Howes Proctor Co	St. David's Avenue Macadam from Crescent Street to 3 rd Street	245.71
Howes Proctor Co	St. Andrew's Avenue Macadam from Esplanade to 3 rd Street	319.29
Howes Proctor Co	Lonsdale Avenue Macadam from 19 th Street to City Limits	511.40
Howes Proctor Co	Queensbury Avenue Macadam from 3 rd Street to City Limits	2198.23
Howes Proctor Co	St. Patrick's Avenue Macadam from Crescent Street to 3 rd Street	102.18
Howes Proctor Co	Mahon Avenue Macadam from Esplanade to 3 rd Street	431.31
Howes Proctor Co	Rodgers Avenue Macadam from Esplanade to 1 st Street	70.74
Howes Proctor Co	Chesterfield Avenue Macadam from Esplanade to 3 rd Street	330.16

All Howes Proctor Co. accounts were passed for payment and the cheque to be made out and referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

The report of the Parks Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 21st instant was read. Alderman Allan objected to Section 2 of the report and

requested that it be struck out as he could not favor it as it read. The section in question reads as follows:

“Recommended that the Superintendent of the Parks be placed under the jurisdiction of the Council and the motion that he be under the jurisdiction of the Parks Committee passed on July 21st, 1913 be rescinded.”

Moved by Alderman Pilling seconded by Alderman Wheeler and resolved that the Minutes of the Parks Committee be adopted as read. Alderman Allan dissenting.

The report of the Finance Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 21st instant was read and on motion adopted as amended. The amendment being the striking out of,

“Recommended that we call for bids on all the local improvement and general debentures that are ready and advertise same in the same papers as previously.”

The report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 21st instant was read and on motion adopted as addendum. The amendment being that “on 15th Street” be inserted between the words “gutter” and “where” in the second line of the second clause in the Minutes.

The reports of the Waterworks and Lanes Committees as contained in the Committee's Minutes of the 21st instant were read and on motion adopted.

Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Pilling and resolved that the Chief of Police be allowed to place before the Council the different propositions he had in view for a Police Station and Police Offices. After considering the several propositions as presented by the Chief of Police it was moved by Alderman Wheeler seconded by Alderman Allan and resolved that the Foreman Building, 122 First Street, West, be engaged as a Police Station at a rental of \$75.00 per month, and that Chief Davies proceed to have the necessary alterations made at once and to get what money he could from the owners of the property for the repairs necessary to be made.

Two notes from the Bank of British North America amounting to \$44,749.47 covering the General over-draft at the Bank was presented. Moved by Alderman Wheeler seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the Mayor, City Clerk and Finance Committee be authorized to sign the notes amounting to \$44,749.47 to cover the amount of present overdraft of Bank of Bank of British North America.

Moved by Alderman Allan seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that Wm. Henderson, Resident Architect be advised by the City Clerk that the Council are taking steps to vacate the premises at present occupied by the Police Offices at once.

Moved by Alderman Allan seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that the purchase of fractional lots 15 and 16/134/274 for school purposes be left in the hands of the Mayor and Alderman Vance.

Moved by Alderman Kennedy seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that Alderman Pilling be appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of His Worship Mayor Hanes.

On motion Mr. Jos. Smith was allowed to address the Council in support of petition for extension of sidewalk on 27th Street.

Council thereafter adjourned.

Signed: George S. Hanes, Mayor