

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD WITHIN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>, 1914 AT 8:30 P.M.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Irwin  
Alderman Vance  
Alderman Kennedy  
Alderman Fowler  
Alderman Philip  
Alderman Biss

Alderman Philip informed the members of the Council that Mrs. Gill had recently died; whereupon it was moved by Alderman Philip seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Council has heard with extreme regret of the death of Mrs. Gill, the aged and highly esteemed mother of Ex-Reeve Gill and desires to tender its sincere sympathy to Mr. Gill and his sister and to the members of their family in their bereavement.

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Philip and resolved that this Council has heard with extreme regret of the death of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President of the United States and desires to tender its sincere sympathy to President Wilson and the members of his family in their bereavement and that copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Consul at Vancouver.

Alderman Fowler directed the attention of the Council to the way in which the price of food stuffs has been raised within the last few days without any justification, but apparently being done on account of taking advantage of the war situation as an excuse, and recommended that the Dominion Government be memorialized in that regard. Moved by Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Philip and resolved, that this Council strongly depreciates the recent unwarranted and arbitrary increase in the price of staple articles of food, such as flour, sugar, etc, in North Vancouver and vicinity, which if permitted to continue and possibly extend to supplies generally, will add very materially to the already high cost of living and thereby impose an additional hardship on many of our citizens. We are further of the opinion that there is no plausible reason or necessity for any material increase in the price of food supplies in Canada, while there are many excellent reasons why there should be a considerable reduction in prices to a scale corresponding very closely to the reduced scale of wages and the products of labor generally; therefore, we beg to petition your Honour that adequate steps be taken by the Dominion Government to prevent abnormally high prices of food supplies in Canada, either by reasonable regulation of the prices charged by dealers or by such other means as the Government may determine.

Moved by Alderman Philip seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that a copy of the above resolution be sent by lettergram to the Honourable R.L. Borden, Premier of Canada, and a copy sent by mail to Premier McBride of the Province of British Columbia and Mayor of Vancouver, New Westminster and Nanaimo.

Moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that the minute contained in the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Council bearing date of

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1914, and adopted by the Council on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1914, relative to conducting a tax sale be amended as follows:

The date of the tax sale to be changed from September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1914 to September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

The following extra Gazette was received from the Honourable, the Provincial Secretary:

Victoria, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1914, 8 PM.

DECLARATION OF WAR BETWEEN THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND GERMANY  
(His Honour, the Honourable Thomas Wilson Paterson, the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, has been officially advised by the Honourable, the Secretary of State for Canada, that war has broken out with Germany.

By Command,  
Henry Esson Young, Provincial Secretary).

Moved by Alderman Fowler seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the above Notice form British Columbia Gazette be received and posted on the Notice Board at the City Hall.

Acting City Engineer Mr. Clucas, requested advice as to whether he would call for tenders for the supply of sewer pipe required for the Keith Road sewer from eh New School. Moved by Alderman Biss seconded by Alderman Fowler and resolved that the Engineer purchase the required amount of sewer pipe from a local firm at the best price possible.

Moved by Alderman Philip seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that His Worship, the Mayor and Alderman Kennedy get an undertaking from the Dominion Shipbuilding Engineering and Dry Dock Company that in the even to district lot 272 not being taken into the city, the company will pay the cost of installing a 6" water main from Henry Avenue to their works in district Lot 272 and that the laying of the pipe be proceeded with at once and rushed to completion.

Moved by Alderman Philip seconded by Alderman Vance and resolved that the BC Telephone Company be communicated with and their attention drawn to the fact that a definite agreement had been entered into between them and the Dominion Shipbuilding Engineering and Dry-dock Company in the presence of His Worship, the Mayor, and Alderman Philip and that the City is surprised to find that the Telephone Company has not carried out their part of the agreement and to request them to do so at once.

In response to call for Tenders for employers liability covering the City firemen the following were received:

North Shore Locators	75¢ per \$100 of wages
A.K. Evans	\$2.00 per \$100 of wages
D.C. McGregor & Co.	75¢ per \$100 of wages

Moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman Kennedy and resolved that the Tender of D.C. McGregor & Company for employers liability insurance on Firemen, be accepted.

At 10 PM it was moved by Alderman Vance seconded by Alderman Fowler that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed: William J. Irwin, Mayor