

**MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1917.**

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance  
Alderman Wright  
Alderman McBain  
Alderman Barclay  
Alderman Irwin  
Alderman Morden  
Alderman Clark

A letter was read from A.C. Sutton, City Solicitor, with respect to the mode of procedure in appointing a Special Assessor.

A letter was also received from Mr. Sutton, City Solicitor, advising in the event of an entirely new assessment being made of or 1918, or in event of the assessment for the present year being adopted for 1918, how such a course would be affected by the provisions of Section 37 of the 1916 Amendment to the Municipal Act.

Mayor Vance stated that in discussing the matter of the 1918 assessment with Mr. Lane, the present assessor, he had stated that he was prepared to resign as assessor, in the event of the Council deciding to appoint a special assessor, but that Mr. Lane's written resignation had not been received.

In order to overcome the difficulty it was moved by Alderman Wright seconded by Alderman McBain that Mr. H.T. Devine be appointed assistant assessor for the purpose of making the 1918 assessment. Upon the vote being taken there voted for the motion Alderman Wright Alderman Irwin and Alderman McBain and against the motion Alderman Clark Alderman Morden and Alderman Barclay. Mayor Vance gave his casting vote against the motion and his reasons for the same.

At 10:30 it was moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the time of Council be extended.

Moved by Alderman Barclay seconded by Alderman Clark and resolved that the City Assessor be and is hereby instructed to prepare the Assessment Roll for the City for the year 1918, by adopting the Assessment Roll of the City for the present year, 1917, which such amendments and alterations as are provided for by subsection 2 and subsections (a), (b), and (c), of Section 205 of the Municipal Act, which amendments and alterations the Assessor is hereby instructed to make, and that he shall commence such Roll forthwith and shall, so soon as he has made such amendments and alterations as provided by said subsections of said Act, advise the Council thereof. Alderman Wright Alderman McBain and Alderman Irwin voting against.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that the Council in Committee, having carefully considered the work and duties necessarily incident to the office of Police Magistrate of this City, is of opinion that the salary of the present incumbent, L. Watts Doney, should be increased from Fifty to Sixty-five dollars per month, the increase to date from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 1917.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable, the Attorney General, with a request that the salary of the police Magistrate be increased accordingly.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that Alderman George A. McBain, be and is hereby appointed Acting Mayor during the absence of Mayor Vance at the Convention of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Irwin and resolved that in the opinion of this Council the 5% commission which the Collector is allowed to add on the amount due on property being sold for arrears of taxes, is unreasonable and constitutes a hardship upon ratepayers, and that the Municipal Act should be so amended that Municipalities would not have authority to impose this commission.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that representation be made to the Provincial Government requesting an amendment to the act accordingly;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for submission to the Union and for the Union's endorsement of this resolution.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue pay cheques as per the pay rolls submitted by the City Engineer and the Health Officer for pay roll for the two weeks ending October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917.

Moved by Alderman McBain seconded by Alderman Wright and resolved that the Engineer be authorized to attend the Tax Sale of the District of North Vancouver for the purpose of bidding in the South East ¼ of DL 1465 for water shed purposes, and that the limit of such bid be \$200.00 and that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue a cheque for this purpose to an amount, not exceeding \$200.00.

Moved by Alderman Clark seconded by Alderman Barclay and resolved that the Council adjourn. Whereupon the Council adjourned.

Signed:       George A. McBain, Acting Mayor