

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH, 1920.

Present: His Worship Mayor Vance
Alderman Evans
Alderman T. Irwin
Alderman W.J. Irwin
Alderman Morden
Alderman Townsley
Alderman Watson

The Minutes of Regular Meeting of Council, held December 15th, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held December 22nd, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held December 29th, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Morden adopted.

The Minutes of Adjourned Meeting of Council, held December 31st, 1919, copies of which had been supplied each of the Aldermen, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Robert Patterson, 215 - 19th Street East, calling attention to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk on the South side of 19th Street, between Lonsdale and St. George's Avenue.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the above complaint of Robert Patterson, with respect to dangerous condition of the sidewalk on 19th Street East, between Lonsdale and St. George's Avenues, be referred to the Engineer with power to act in the matter.

From Captain Sparks of the Fire Department, being report for the month of December 1919, of fires, with risks, insurance and losses. Filed.

From R. Barron, stating that owing to having received employment outside of the City, he would be unable to take advantage of the Loan to build a house under the "Better Housing Scheme" and wished to be relieved of the obligation. Laid on the table.

From J.G. Farmer, CMC, North Vancouver, stating that a communication with reference to the state of the road to the North Vancouver Cemetery has been referred by the District Council to the Incoming Council, with a recommendation that the City Council be approached with a view to joint action in the matter.
Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From Captain Sparks of the Fire Department, begin the 9th annual report of the Fire Department, fro the year ending December 31st 1919. Referred to the Fire and Light Committee.

From John B. Allan, Second Street West, requesting permission to hang up a small receptacle for holding literature at the Ferry.
Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the request of Mr. Allan to hang up a small receptacle for holding literature, at the ferry wharf, be granted, the Superintendent to instruct Mr. Allan where to install his receptacle for literature.

From J.W. Clark, Superintendent, B.C. Soldiers Settlement, requesting information as to the amount required by the City under the Better Housing act, in addition to the \$55,000.00 already granted.
Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council, to be dealt with early in the year.

From George Campbell, Secretary, Board of School Trustees, stating that it will be satisfactory to the School Board, to be afforded an opportunity of meeting with the Board of Health, at a date subsequent to January 5th, when questions relating to infectious diseases as they affect the Schools, may be considered. Filed.

From the City Assessor, dated December 31st, returning the Assessment Roll for the year 1920, also reporting that the assessment notices have all been sent out. Total assessment of land \$10,834.74; net assessment of land \$9,894,337.74 subject to School tax \$10,309,447.74. Filed.

From Mrs. D.E. Wilson, applying for a sidewalk to be laid to her property on 27th Street, property being Lot 9, Block 230A, DL 546.
Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the above application of Mrs. D.E. Wilson for a sidewalk, be referred to the Engineer with power to lay a three plank sidewalk at a price not to exceed \$5.00. If the above amount is not sufficient, the Engineer to refer the matter back to Council.

From Lieutenant R.F. Ely, stating that his property, being South ½ of Lot 11, Block 29, DL 548, and Lot 12 less the West 10 feet, Block 29, DL 548, were sold at tax sale in September, notwithstanding that the Collector had been advised in 1917 y his Solicitors, Barnard, Robertson & Company of Victoria, that Lieut. Ely claimed relief under the "War Relief Act".

Lieutenant Ely also enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. Kyle, City Collector, dated February 19th, 1917, in acknowledgment of said notice claiming relief,

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that Whereas Lieutenant R.F. Ely through his Solicitors, Messrs. Barnard, Robertson and Company, had notified the City Collector in February 1917, claiming relief for Lieut. Ely under the War Relief Act, and the City Collector had evidently neglected or omitted to withhold said property from tax sale,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT owing to a manifest error having been made, in including the South half of Lot 11, Block 29, DL 548 and Lot 12 less West 10 feet, Block 29, DI 548, in the tax sale, that the taxes as they appeared upon the Collector's Roll

prior to such sale, be restored to the said Roll, and thereafter the same shall be deemed to be delinquent taxes and the tax sale costs be remitted.

From the Vancouver General Hospital, being notice of admission of Balsamo Jovianni and report thereon by the Police Department, stating that patient has an allowance of \$1.00 per day from a Society.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Hospital accordingly and file the notice.

From A.M. West, City Engineer, submitting the annual report of the Engineer's Department for the year 1919.

Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that the above report of the City Engineer be received and referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

The Ferry Superintendent submitted his annual report in connection with the ferries.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above report be received and referred to the Ferry Committee.

From the Ticket Sellers and Weigh Scale Attendant, making an application for an increase of 40% in their Salary.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole Council.

From the Public Utilities Commission, advising that if any change in the rates existing on March 29th, 1919, is contemplated, the approval thereof by the Public Utilities Commission, is required

Ordered filed

From the Board of Police Commissioners, enclosing the report of the Police Department on the street lights for the month of December 1919.

Referred to the Treasurer to check up the light account.

From the Board of Police commissioners, enclosing an account from the Catholic Children's Aid Society, amounting to \$116.64, attached thereto being a letter from the City Solicitor, suggesting that an offer be made to the Society of \$50.00 in full of their claim against the City, without prejudice. Referred to Motions.

Prices were received from Houghton & Evans, Vancouver and Geo. H. Hewitt Company for supplying 450 Dog Tags. Both tenders being equal and Messrs. Houghton & Evans having offered to take back any old unused tags and make an allowance thereon, it was moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the tender of Messrs. Houghton & Evans, be accepted.

Reports and recommendations by the Finance, Ferry, Board of Works, Waterworks, Fire and Light, Parks and Boulevards, Health and Police Committees on due accounts were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the Meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts to the amounts following:

Finance \$1570.06 + \$1697.41	\$3,267.47
Ferry \$10,879.02 + \$1,071.09	\$11,950.11

Board of Works	\$417.69
Waterworks	\$134.26
Fire and Light	\$1,100.05
Parks & Boulevards	\$17.04
Parks & Boulevards (Health)	\$185.95
Parks & Boulevards (Police)	\$55.35

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that Warrant No. 295 being an adjustment of account as between the various Committees, be and it is hereby authorized.

The Report of the Ferry Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 22nd, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Watson, seconded by Alderman Townsley, adopted.

The Report of the Board of Works Committee as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 22nd, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman W.J. Irwin, seconded by Alderman Evans, adopted.

The Report of the Committee of the Whole Council as contained in the Committee's Minutes of December 22nd, 1919, was read and on motion of Alderman Evans, seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin, adopted.

Alderman Thomas Irwin reported that a Mr. Barrow, living at the corner of Winch and 15th Street, had interviewed him with reference to installing water to his property, that Mr. Clucas had reported earlier in the year in connection therewith, and at that time it had been deemed unwise to make the connection owing to the excessive cost. Moved by Alderman T. Irwin seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that Mr. Barrow be advised that the City regrets being unable to install water to his premises at the present time, owing to lack of funds.

Mayor Vance reported having attended a meeting at Vancouver with respect to telephone rates, it appearing that the Telephone Company has never had its rates authorized by the Government or Utilities Commission, and that a letter had been forwarded to the Dominion Government, requesting the withholding of approval of the rates, until the Municipalities had been furnished with copies of proposed scale. Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the above report of the Mayor be received.

Alderman W.J. Irwin reported having interviewed the Wallace shipyards with respect to employment for North Shore men and that Mr. Wallace had advised that a preference is being given North Shore returned soldiers.

The Committee consisting of Mayor Vance, Alderman W.J. Irwin and Alderman Watson was instructed to interview the Wallace Shipyards with respect to a satisfactory arrangement about employing North Shore residents.

Alderman W.J. Irwin also suggested that the matter of a building scheme should be taken up with any possible Loan Companies or even the Government, in order to provide more housing accommodation.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that in accordance with a suggestion contained in a letter from the City Solicitor, dated December 8th, forwarded to this Council by the Board of Police Commissioners, THAT the Catholic Children's Aid Society be offered \$50.00 as settlement in full of their account, against the City, for the maintenance of Gordon mason, without prejudice.

Moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that the account of Peter Stewart, Chief Constable, amounting to \$309.10 which had been approved and passed for payment by the Board of Police Commissioners, be paid. Alderman Watson voting against.

The Clerk reported that it would be necessary to register and license the fire apparatus. Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the necessary steps be taken to register and obtain licenses for the three pieces of apparatus.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman T. Irwin and resolved that the Ferry Superintendent be authorized to arrange for the necessary annual overhaul of the Ferry boats when convenient.

Moved by Alderman Watson seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that the necessary arrangements be made to hold the annual civic meeting in the K.P. Hall on Monday, January 12th at 8 p.m. and that a notice thereof be inserted in the North Shore Press.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman W.J. Irwin and resolved that the application of Mr. R. Barron to be relieved of his obligation to take up the loan of \$2,650.00 of Better Housing Funds, be and is hereby granted.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that a former resolution of this Council, setting \$3,150.00 as the maximum Loan to any one individual, out of Better Housing Funds, be rescinded and that \$3,500.00 be set as the maximum Loan to any one individual, contingent upon his owning site upon which the house is to be erected, and that such site has a frontage of not less than 50 feet.

Moved by Alderman Townsley seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that Mr. Christie Cao of 216 - 18th Street East, be granted a loan of \$2,500.00 out of Better Housing Funds.

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Townsley and resolved that Mr. A. Aitken Gray be granted a loan of \$3,500.00 out of Better Housing Funds, contingent upon his having title free from encumbrance of the Lot upon which he intends erecting a house.

Moved by Alderman W.J. Irwin seconded by Alderman Evans and resolved that Mr. F. Norminton be advised that contingent upon his producing title to a lot free from encumbrance, of at least 50 feet frontage, that the City will increase his allocation from \$3,150.00 to \$3,500.00 providing he makes the necessary arrangements to start building within 45 days, otherwise in all fairness his allocation will have to be withdrawn, and allocated to some other applicant.

Mayor Vance, Alderman Morden, Alderman W.J. Irwin, Alderman Townsley, Alderman Watson, Alderman T. Irwin and Alderman Evans, all referred to the harmonious manner in which the proceedings of the Council had been carried out during the past year, and complimented His Worship Mayor Vance on the impartial manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the Council and Committee meetings.

Alderman Morden, Alderman W.J. Irwin and Alderman Townsley also referred to the satisfactory manner in which the members of the various Departments of the City had carried out the wishes of the Council, and performed the work allotted to them.

His Worship Mayor Vance referred in felicitous terms to the manner in which he had been supported during the past year by the members of the Council.

At 10:35 p.m. it was moved by Alderman Morden seconded by Alderman Watson and resolved that this Council do now adjourn, to reconvene in the Council Chamber, city Hall, on Monday, January 12th, 1920, at 7:00 p.m.

Signed: G.W. Vance, Mayor