

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 1931 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

His Worship Mayor E. H. Bridgman  
 Alderman Anderson  
 Alderman Brown  
 Alderman Cartwright  
 Alderman Huggett  
 Alderman Wilson

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the recommendation of the Ferry Superintendent respecting the award of contracts for material and supplies for the City Ferries be adopted – excepting the item of paint which is referred back – and that the business be and is hereby awarded to the following firms in the quantities and at the prices set opposite their respective names:

COMMODITY	FIRM	QUANTITY	PRICE
Sanitary Wiping rags	Paine Hardware Ltd.	One ton	10 cents per lb.
Boiled Linseed Oil	Paine Hardware Ltd.	One Barrel	77 cents per gal.
Electric Lamps	Paine Hardware Ltd.	Not stated	40-60W 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents each 100W 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents each
Manila rope	Paine Hardware Ltd.	Three Coils	20 cts. Per lb.
Zinc Plates	Fleck Bros. Ltd.	120 plates	7 cts. Per lb.
“Onliwon” Toilet Paper	Shoemaker, McLean & Veitch	15 cases	\$11.25 per case
Deck Brooms	Saul-Wright Brush Co.	6 doz.	\$8.20 per doz.
Window Brushes	S. E. Buell	3 dozen	\$14.75 the lot
Paint Brushes	S. E. Buell	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ dozen	\$18.15 the lot
Brilliant Shine	Vancouver Supply Co. Ltd.	10 cases – 24 pints each	\$57.00
Bon Ami	Vancouver Supply Co. Ltd.	1 case pints	\$2.40

Mayor E. H. Bridgman in welcoming those present outlined the position in which the City finds itself in with a reduced assessment and a certain increase in the tax rate. The Council in its efforts to obtain some relief for the taxpayer wished to discuss with the Ferry staff and other accredited Guild representatives the reducing of salaries – based on an exemption of the first \$1000.00 and a ten per cent reduction over and above that amount. This reduction would apply to all Civic employees including Schools and Police and if a charge was to be made it would become effective at April 1<sup>st</sup> 1931.

Alderman Anderson wished it to be clearly understood that the Council had not voted on the question and that all of the members of Council might not be unanimous in their desire to reduce salaries.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the National Association of Marine Engineers local stating that at a meeting of the directly interested members employed by the Ferries the following resolutions had been passed and were later unanimously endorsed at the regular meeting of local Council No. 7.

- (1) Resolved that application be made for the renewal of the agreement with the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver on the same terms and conditions as heretofore applied to the respective Engineers of Steam Ferries, in preceding agreement.
- (2) Resolved that application be made for a corresponding Schedule of Pay for the Engineers of the Motor Ferry "Washington" as heretofore applied to Steam Ferries.
- (3) Resolved that in the event of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver deciding to purchase or build a new Diesel Ferry, that the Engineers of the Steam Ferries be privileged to secure motor experience in order to maintain their seniority of service.

Moved by Alderman Brown, seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Council proceed to deal with clauses two and three.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the request made in resolution numbered two be granted – namely that the pay of the Engineers on the motor ferry "Washington" be on the same scale as applies to Engineers on the Steam Ferries.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that resolution number Three be adopted – subject to the applicants passing the required examinations in a manner satisfactory to the Ferry Superintendent.

Mr. A. Goodland of the Canadian Merchant Service Guild (Inc), Mr. W. H. Donaldson of the Federated Seafarers Union and Mr. E. Read of the National Association of Marine Engineers, were heard and submitted lengthy arguments to show why wages should not be reduced on the Ferries.

Reference was made by the Speakers mentioned to the increased duties and responsibilities of the crews – the schedule of pay being Coastwise in character – Anticipated profits on the operation of the system – As a matter of policy other Corporations had not reduced wages – On account of conditions being abnormal the intention to ask for a general increase in wages by the Associations concerned had been withdrawn.

His Worship the Mayor addressed the Ferry employees through their organizations to consider some method of assistance to relieve a difficult situation – Suggesting that if the present agreements were to be adopted in the general interest an arrangement could be arrived at amongst the employees whereby the proposed cut might be deducted from the salary cheques as a contribution towards providing work for the Unemployed among whom are many ratepayers of the City.

His Worship further suggested that representations be made to the Provincial Government by the organizations concerned, requesting that no further inroads be made into the amount of the Government grants and that the Government deal with the matter of relief appropriations to the Municipalities in as liberal a manner as possible.

Messrs. Goodlad, Donaldson and Read thought there would be no hesitation on the part of their respective organizations in petitioning the Government along the lines suggested.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that disposition of the matter be delayed and the organizations notified when the Council has arrived at a decision.

A letter was read from the local Union of International Association of Firefighters protesting against a proposed reduction of the salaries of the members in the Fire Department.

Mr. McDonald, Provincial Secretary, was heard and referred to the low fire loss in the City – the hazardous nature of a fireman's occupation and reiterated arguments already heard as to why a reduction in wages should not be made. He promised the support of the Trades and Labour Council in petitioning the Provincial Government to lay no further burden upon and relieve in some measure those that are already placed upon Municipalities.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the question of Firemen's salaries be laid over for later consideration.

From Fred Fowler on behalf of himself and four other newspaper men who complained that on the evening of Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> there was no 7:20 p.m. Ferry from North Vancouver, with the result that each of the complainants had lost one day's pay through the lack of transportation being available as advertised.

The Ferry Superintendent explained that in changing over a lapse of forty minutes must take place at one of the terminals. On the night in question the "Harbour Princess" had tied up and the change over was taking place at the time the complainants happened to be waiting for a Ferry.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that the "Harbour Princess" be kept on the run until 8 p.m. and the change over effected at that time – The Superintendent to post notices accordingly – subject to no liability for delays accidental or otherwise.

Alderman Anderson formally advised that a complete set of blue prints of the "Washington" would be required by the Steamboat Inspector at the time of inspection. The Superintendent stated that a blue print was turned over with the ship, it was not to scale, however, but it had been accepted by the Inspector at the time of passing the vessel for temporary permit. Separate blue prints were required for the Mid-ship section – Deck plan – and general profile.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that application be made to the Puget Sound Navigation Co. for the required blue prints following enquiry by the Superintendent from the Steamboat Inspector if any other documents or plans not in possession of the City are required at the time of inspection.

Following later discussion it was moved by Alderman Huggett, seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the whole question of salaries be laid on the table and the Mayor arrange a personal conference with the School Board.

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Wilson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

E. H. Bridgman  
MAYOR