

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th 1931 AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Acting Mayor Loutet
Alderman Anderson
Alderman Cartwright
Alderman Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Geo. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent

Moved by Alderman Anderson, seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Notice of meeting as read be confirmed.

A communication was read from the Acting Mayor instruction the Clerk to suspend the Ferry Superintendent, Mr. Chalmers, for refusal to comply with an order of the City Council, together with the following report submitted for the consideration and action of the Council.

“At a meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 31st, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED that a report be prepared and submitted to the Council giving the names of all deckhands who have been employed on the City Ferries, during the current year, setting forth their period of engagement, also if they were residents and ratepayers of the City at the time they were taken on the job or subsequently became such, and in each case state if the employee is married or single”.

On September 10th you telephoned Mr. Chalmers Superintendent of the Ferries asking why the report was not in, though you had previously written him the Council's instructions. He informed you that he did not intend to supply the report, and that as Superintendent it was his affair as to who was employed. You warned him that the Council had requested this report, and were entitled to get it, and he replied that you could inform the acting mayor that he, Mr. Chalmers, did not intend complying with the instructions of the Council.

I would point out that it is not for any official of the City to assume for what purpose a report is required, and I submit that in refusing this report the Ferry Superintendent has been guilty of insubordination.

The Ferry Superintendent admitted that he had refused to comply with the resolution of Council and urged in extenuation attention to other duties attached to this office.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that Mr. Chalmers, Ferry Superintendent, be and is hereby reprimanded for his action and by the same token is also reinstated and confirmed in the position he formerly held.

Moved by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that a memorandum be prepared setting forth the following requested particulars:

Name, Address, Condition, Dependants, Racial origin, Residence, Taxpayers, Length of service.

And that every person employed in the Ferry Department complete same through the Ferry Superintendent, for the information of Council.

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

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

E.H. BRIDGMAN
MAYOR