

MEETING No. 10.

February 25th, 1918.

SPECIAL MEETING of Council held in the Council Chamber at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Evans, Ald. H. M. Martin, Esdale, Pheasey, Bush, Wilson, W. H. Martin, McCoppen, Kinney:

The Rev. F. E. Mercer presented a resolution passed at the public meeting held in the McDougall Auditorium on the 22nd instant supporting the recommendation to Council passed by the joint committee from the City Council and the Allied Trades with respect to the Fire Department.

Special Committee report No. 5 - Plebiscite re Fire Department - recommending as follows:-

"That the plebiscite be taken in the same polling divisions as arranged in Schedule "A" of Bylaw No. 6, being the same as last December election, and that in all respects the same conditions be observed.

"That the hours of polling be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"That the poll be held on the 4th day of March, 1918.

"That the City Clerk, C.E.K. Cox, be appointed Returning Officer.

"That Mr. D. J. Fraser be appointed Deputy-Returning-Officer.

"That the following scale of fees be paid:-"	
Deputy-Returning-Officer	... \$50.00
Asst. ditto 8.00
Poll Clerks 5.00

"That the question be submitted in the following form:-

"Do you support the stand taken by the City :	YES
"Council with respect to the Fire Department?":	OR
:	NO

"That Friday, March 1st, 1918, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon be the time, and the Mayor's Office the place, for appointing persons interested in favour of or opposed to the said plebiscite, to attend at each polling place.

MOVED Ald. Wilson ----- W. H. Martin,

That this report be adopted.

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AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That the words "Commissioners and" be inserted after the word the and before the word City in the question to be submitted.

MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- Wilson,

That we do now adjourn until 3 p.m. today.

CARRIED.

Council then adjourned.

Council resumed at 3 p.m. with the following members present:

His Worship Mayor Evans, Ald. Esdale, Pheasey, Bush, Wilson, W. H. Martin, McCoppen, Kinney; City Solicitor Bown.

The Mayor declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

It was agreed to add the words "of the electors" after the word "Plebiscite" in the first line of the report; and to also add the following clause:-

"That the Returning Officer shall declare the result of the voting at the Council Chamber in the Civic Block at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, March 5th, 1918."

MOVED Ald. Wilson ----- W. H. Martin,

That the report be now adopted.

AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That the words "Commissioners and" be inserted between the words the and City Council in the question to be submitted:

MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That we go into committee of the whole, with the Mayor in the chair, on this question.

L O S T:

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Bush ----- Esdale,

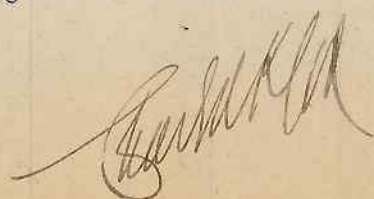
That the question to be submitted to the electors, be as follows:-

In the present circumstances are you in favour of giving the City Council a free hand in the appointment of a Fire Chief?

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The "Amendment" of Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen, was withdrawn, the "Amendment to Amendment" of Ald. Bush ----- Esdale, thus becoming the "Amendment":

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That after the words "Fire Department" in the question to be submitted, the following be added to the ballot:-

A vote of "YES" to be interpreted by the City Council to mean - "That the City Council was justified in dealing with the Fire Department in the way they did."

A vote of "NO" to be interpreted by the City Council to mean - "That all the members of the old Fire Department now out, be re-employed and that a Chief be appointed from their ranks":

The "Amendment to the Amendment" by Ald. Kinney --McCoppen, was put and declared LOST:

The "Amendment" by Ald. Bush ---- Esdale (changing the question to be submitted), was WITHDRAWN; leaving only the original motion:

AN AMENDMENT WAS THEN MOVED Ald. Esdale --- Bush,

That the report be adopted in full, with the following addition to the ballot:-

"YES" means that you support the Council. The firemen have agreed that in case the majority is in favour of Council they will call the strike off.

"NO" means that you do not support the action of Council, in which case the firemen will be reinstated and a Chief chosen from the old force:

AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS MOVED Ald. Kinney --- McCoppen,

A vote of "NO" to be interpreted by the City Council to mean - "That all the members of the old Fire Department now out, be re-employed and that a Chief be appointed from their ranks:

His Worship put the question as follows:-

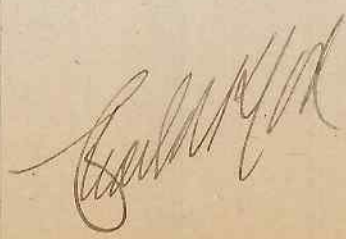
That the report be adopted in full, with the following addition to the ballot:-

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firemen have agreed that in case the majority is in favour of Council they will call the strike off:

A vote of "NO" to be interpreted by the City Council to mean - "That all the members of the old Fire Department now out, be re-employed and that a Chief be appointed from their ranks:

and declared same CARRIED.

Alderman Kinney asked that the vote be recorded:-

For -- Ald. Kinney, McCoppen, W.H.Martin and Wilson;
Against - Ald. Esdale, Pheasey and Bush:

MOVED Ald. Wilson ----- W. H. Martin,

That we now adopt the report as amended.

CARRIED.

Alderman Kinney asked that the vote be recorded:-

For -- Ald. Kinney, McCoppen, W. H. Martin and Wilson;
Against - Ald. Esdale, Pheasey and Bush:

The resolution passed at the public meeting held on the 22nd inst. and presented by the Rev. F. E. Mercer, was again submitted:

MOVED Ald. Bush ----- Wilson,

That in view of the investigation proposed to be held, that we do nothing with this request and that this resolution be filed.

His Worship was excused and left the meeting, the Chair being taken by the Deputy-Mayor, Ald. W.H.Martin:

AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That the majority report of the joint committee of the City Council and Allied Trades be received and that Council carry out the recommendations of the same.

AMENDMENT put and declared LOST and MOTION CARRIED:

Alderman Kinney asked that the vote be recorded:-

For the Amendment - Ald. Kinney and McCoppen;
" " Motion ----- Ald. Esdale, Pheasey, Bush and Wilson:

A draft form of resolution requesting the Honourable Mr. Justice Walsh to investigate the origin or probable origin of the fires leading to the destruction of property which

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occurred on the night of the 23rd and 24th February, was submitted, and the City Solicitor asked that he be authorized to proceed with the necessary arrangements:

MOVED Ald. Bush ----- Wilson,

That we recommend that Council at its next regular meeting to be held tomorrow evening approve of this resolution and appoint the Honourable Mr. Justice Walsh to conduct the investigation.

CARRIED.

MOVED Ald. Kinney ----- McCoppen,

That the City Clerk be instructed to provide, at the expense of the City, three halls for the holding of public meetings, one in the east part of the City, one in the west part of the City and one on the south side.

IT WAS AGREED that this motion be held over until regular meeting.

The City Clerk asked that an appropriation be authorized for the publication of the notice offering \$200.00 reward for information leading to the apprehension of any person guilty of incendiarism:

MOVED Ald. Bush ----- McCoppen,

That the advertisement referred to be authorized and the necessary appropriation approved.

CARRIED.

The City Clerk asked to be excused from further attendance at Council Meetings until after the taking of the plebiscite:

MOVED Ald. Wilson ----- Pheasey,


That Mr. Cox be excused from attending Council meetings until after the taking of the plebiscite and that Mr. Russell act in his stead.

CARRIED.

- Council then adjourned -



Mayor.



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