

MEETING NO. 44

July 27th, 1922.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Bury, Ald. Adair, Weaver, Malone, Pratt, Blatchford, Richards; Commissioner Yorath, City Solicitor Bown.

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

MOVED Ald. Adair ----- Malone.

That we resolve into committee of the whole to consider the balance of Commissioners' Report No. 34. CARRIED.

Council resolved into committee with Ald. Adair in the chair.

Utility  
Departments

1. Submitting Comptroller's summary of revenue and expenditure for Utility Departments for month of June and first six months of the year. FILED.

Claim  
A.F.Melenius

2. Reporting claim of A. F. Melenius re use by the City of portion of his property, Lots 3, 4 and part 5, B.149, (88th Ave. and 109th St.) recommending that the Commissioners be instructed to acquire the property at an amount not exceeding \$500.00 plus \$60.00 being proportion of taxes which could be applied on the property used as a thoroughfare. REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Plank  
Walks

3. Submitting petition for plank sidewalks, 83rd Street between 119th Avenue and the north side Lot 19, B. 16, estimated cost \$355.00. REFERRED BACK TO COMMISSIONERS TO take up the question of constructing bituminous cinder walk.

Central  
Alta.  
Sanatorium

4. Central Alberta Sanatorium - Submitting statement of accounts rendered by the Department of Public Health against the City for maintenance of patients at this Institution; recommending that application be made to the Minister of Health that before a City patient is admitted into the Institution the application should be first approved by the City and if this is not possible under the present law that same be amended accordingly.

MOVED Ald. Richards -----

That this clause be adopted. AGREED.

Jasper  
Highway

5. Jasper Highway Day - Dealt with at meeting of July 24th.

The Deputy Mayor reported that two aldermen from Victoria, B.C. would be in Edmonton to present the medals to the "Pathfinder cars" on August 12th, and suggested that Council provide for their entertainment. - This was ruled out of order, to be taken up later.

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IT WAS AGREED to take up REPORT NO. 35

1. Capital Expenditures - reporting works approved by Council.

Capital Expenditures.

Watermains Authorized \$115,253.00  
Constructed 58,969.00

Water-mains

To be constructed under C. L. DeVall contract material and labor 54,468.00

Connections by Waterworks Dept. 1,816.00 \$115,253.00

Sewers

Sewermains Authorized 83,031.12  
Constructed or under construction 53,731.12

Not yet commenced 29,300.00 \$83,031.12

Isolation Hospital.

Isolation Hospital - Estimated cost \$140,000.00

It is hoped to commence the construction of the new Isolation Hospital about the first week in September.

McDougall Low Level Bridge

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Material is now on order and it is expected that the work of reconstructing the floor of this bridge will be commenced about the beginning of September.

As only a few of the applicants for watermain extensions covered by the DeVall Contract accepted by the Council at its last meeting, have up to the present undertaken to make use of the service when extended, it is recommended that this work be not commenced until the 1st September, and only then if in the meantime the Waterworks Department obtains a sufficient assurance that the extensions when made will be used by the applicants.

MOVED Ald. Weaver -----

That the recommendation be approved.

AGREED.

2. Submitting statement of Bylaws submitted to burgesses May 29th, same being disapproved:

Referred Bylaws

Power Plant \$ 75,000.00  
Telephone 250,000.00  
Gravelling Alberta Ave. 20,000.00  
Comfort Stations 12,000.00  
South Side Market 14,000.00

Further, that the Hospital Board have requested that a Bylaw be submitted for additional heating and laundry capacity, and additional accommodation for nurses, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. - Estimated cost \$80,000.00. IT WAS AGREED to take up this section item by item.



Power Plant \$75,000.00

MOVED Ald. Bury -----

Power  
Plant

That this Bylaw be resubmitted.

AGREED.

Telephone, \$250,000.

Telephone

MOVED Ald. Bury -----

That this Bylaw be resubmitted.

AGREED.

*Ald Blatchford requested to be recorded as voting against, see p 504*  
Gravelling Alberta Avenue, \$20,000.00

Gravelling  
Alta.Ave.

IT WAS AGREED that this amount be included in the 1923 current estimates, the work to be charged over a period of three years.

MOVED Ald. Pratt -----

That this item be struck out and the Bylaw be not resubmitted.  
AGREED.

Comfort  
Stations

Comfort Stations, \$12,000.00

MOVED Ald. Blatchford -----

That this item be struck out and the Bylaw be not resubmitted.  
AGREED.

South Side Market, \$14,000.00

South Side  
Market

MOVED Ald. Malone -----

That a Bylaw be submitted for the South Side Market and that we obtain a report from the Commissioners in the matter.

AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Blatchford -----

That this Bylaw be not resubmitted; that it be struck off the list.

AMENDMENT PUT and DECLARED LOST and MOTION CARRIED.

Hospital, \$80,000.00

R. A.  
Hospital.

MOVED Ald. Malone -----

That the Commissioners obtain a further report from the Hospital Board in the matter.  
AGREED.

On motion of Ald. Richards the committee rose, and Ald. Adair as Chairman reported recommending adoption of balance of Commissioners' Report No. 34 and Report No. 35 with amendments.

MOVED Ald. Adair ----- Richards.

That the report of the Committee of the whole be adopted.  
CARRIED.

MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Street  
Car fares

IT WAS AGREED that the notices of Ald. Pratt re Street Car Fares, pages 432 and 444 be further laid over.

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In accordance with notice given at meeting of July 24th, it was  
MOVED Ald. Pratt ----- Adair

Charter  
Amendment

That the Provincial Legislature be petitioned to restore to the burgesses the protection afforded to them by section 243 of the City Charter, and which may have been affected by section 19 of the Statute Law Amendment Act, 1922. LOST.

Ald. Pratt asked that the vote be recorded:

FOR: Ald. Pratt  
AGAINST: Ald. Adair, Weaver, Malone, Blatchford, Richards.

MOVED Ald. Adair ----- Blatchford

Gas  
Franchise

That this Council request the Utilities Commission and so record the request that the Utilities Commission investigate every phase of the statement of claim between the City and the Gas Company, dealing with the question of leases etc. and that the files laid on the table be turned over to them and that Judge Carpenter be requested to deal with the same and report to Council.

AMENDMENT MOVED Ald. Pratt ----- Blatchford

That before any reference is made to the Utilities Commission Mr. L. G. Huntly, Geological Engineer of Pittsburg, be instructed to make a report upon the Fabyan, Viking, or any other suitable gas fields where leases can be obtained for the use of the City, and that in the meanwhile no other negotiations be entered into with the Northern Alberta Natural Gas Development Company.

AMENDMENT PUT AND DECLARED LOST

Ald. Pratt asked that the vote be recorded:

FOR: Ald. Pratt  
AGAINST: Ald. Blatchford, Adair, Weaver, Malone, Richards.

MOTION PUT AND DECLARED LOST.

MOVED Ald. Richards ----- Pratt

That we take up the order of business - "Communications"  
CARRIED.

Wm. Cooke  
Lease of  
Lot 16, B.12  
Highlands

Wm. Cooke dated Beverly, July 25th, re lease of Lot 16, B. 12, Highlands, submitting claim for \$51.20, expense involved in preparing for building, the Council having declined to allow the lease to be executed.

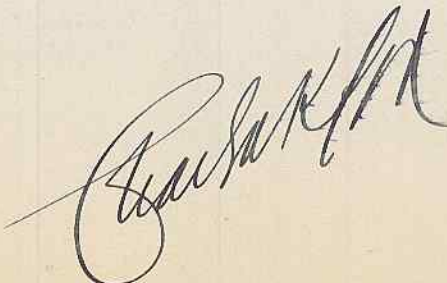
Mr. Cooke appeared in support of his application for recompense.

MOVED Ald. Blatchford ----- Weaver

That this be referred to the Finance Committee for report.  
CARRIED.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20

Union Canadian Municipalities Winnipeg.

Re application from Union of Canadian Municipalities that Council be represented at the Winnipeg convention, recommending that same be filed.

MOVED Ald. Weaver ----- Malone.

That this report be adopted.

CARRIED.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Relief of Unemployment, etc.

Submitting the following resolutions re Relief of Unemployment. and recommending approval by Council:

1. WHEREAS, on account of excessive capital expenditures in the past, Western Municipalities are not in a position to finance large capital expenditures in order to create employment during the winter months.

AND WHEREAS in the fall of each year a large number of men, usually unemployed, are sent from the East to the Harvest fields of Western Canada, who after the Harvest do not return but find their way to the large urban centres in the West, where owing to climatic and other conditions they are unable to find work and become a charge on the local community, although their maintenance is rightly an obligation upon the whole of Canada.

AND WHEREAS owing to the business depression and other causes there is likely to be in addition a large amount of unemployment in Western Canada during the coming winter, and it is desirable that the Dominion and Provincial Governments should create work at this time instead of as has often happened in the past, at the same time that employment is created by private enterprise.

(a) THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dominion and Provincial Government be urged to carry out public works during the coming winter which otherwise might not be commenced before the Spring and Summer of 1923;

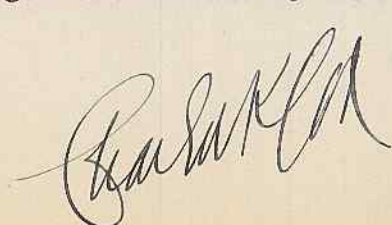
(b) AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian National Railway Company be requested to commence the construction in the City of Edmonton of subways, union depot, and extensions to yards this year, in order to relieve unemployment, instead of leaving same until the summer of 1923 or later date, when the employment situation will no doubt be relieved by private enterprise and capital

2. WHEREAS the Edmonton Automobile and Good Roads Association has petitioned the Provincial Government of Alberta for a road to be constructed connecting Edmonton and Vancouver by way of Jasper Park, making use of the existing and abandoned railway grades in this connection.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Edmonton strongly support this petition and urge that the Provincial Government take such action as will at least enable a commencement being made with this project during the coming winter, thereby relieving the unemployment situation.

3. WHEREAS there are a number of partly dismantled and unsightly brick and stone buildings on the site of the Penitentiary, in the removal of which a certain amount of very necessary employment would be created during the coming winter and the salvage from same should more than cover the cost of removal.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Justice be urged to make arrangements to carry out this work during next winter.





MOVED Ald. Adair ----- Pratt

That the report of the Committee be adopted and that further powers be granted, with instructions to draft covering letter embodying such other facts and arguments as they deem necessary. CARRIED.

Ald. Richards suggested that attention be called to the necessity of providing increased facilities at the South Side for the C. P. R.

MOVED Ald. Richards ----- Adair

That this be added to the duties of the Committee. CARRIED.

Jasper Highway Day. Presentation of medals

The Deputy Mayor again referred to the visit on August 12th of two Aldermen from Victoria, B.C. to present the medals to the "Pathfinder Cars" and suggested that Council provide for their entertainment.

MOVED Ald. Richards -----

That the Mayor be authorized to make suitable provision for their entertainment. AGREED.

Entertainment of South Dakota Press Association

The Deputy Mayor reported communication received from the Department of Immigration and Colonization Winnipeg, respecting delegation of the South Dakota Press Association travelling through Canada by special train, which will reach Edmonton August 28th. IT WAS AGREED that the Commissioners should cooperate with the Board of Trade in this matter.

Lease Lot 21 Blk. 62, R.L. 11, LeRoy Smith

In connection with the proposed lease of Lot 21, B. 62, R.L. 11 S.E. Corner 105th Street and Whyte Avenue to Mr. Leroy Smith for a filling station, which was referred to Finance Committee at meeting of July 24th. IT WAS AGREED that the committee be given power to act in the matter.

Gas Franchise

Ald. Pratt applied for leave of absence for the month of August, and suggested that the discussion of the gas question be deferred until all members of Council are present.

MOVED Ald. Pratt ----- Richards

That Council decide to not consider the gas question during the month of August. LOST.

Ald. Pratt asked that the vote be recorded:

For: Ald. Pratt, Richards  
AGAINST: Ald. Adair, Weaver, Malone, Blatchford.

License fee Canadian Circulation Co.

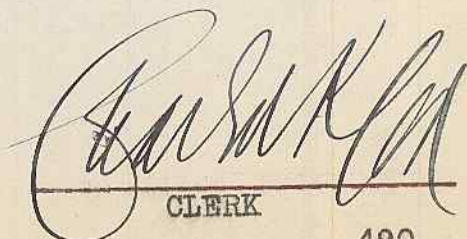
The Deputy Mayor submitted application to the Commissioners from the Canadian Circulation Company, protesting against their Solicitors for books and magazines having to pay a license fee.

MOVED Ald. Malone ----- Pratt

That this be referred to the Bylaws and Legislation Committee. CARRIED.

On motion of Ald. Pratt, Council adjourned.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK