

EVENING SESSION,

(Adjourned Meeting)

8.10 o'clock,

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

May 6th, 1918.

The City Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment of April 29th, 1918.

At the above named hour there were present Controllers Murphy, Hines ~~and~~ Finlay and Taylor ~~and~~ Aldermen Kelly, Parker, Godwin, H. S. Colwell Hart, Day, Furness and Gillis.

Moved by Alderman Parker seconded by Controller Murphy that the time for meeting be extended until the arrival of His Worship the Mayor or until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed

8.20 o'clock, Roll called; present the above named together with His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen Macnab and Foley.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:-

Reports (6) Board of Control, as follows:-

Water Department Estimates.
Relief Advisory Committee
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
Current Over Draft \$316.210.00
Fire Department Re-organization.
Fire Department Tenders for Hose.

WATER DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The Council proceeds with the consideration of the Estimates for the Water Department for 1918-19 as submitted by the Board of Control to the City Council at its meeting April 29th, 1918.

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A report of the Board of Control submitting the said Estimates together with two reports from Controller Murphy relating to said Estimates and matters relating to the Water Department and a report from Controller Finlay in reply to Controller Murphy's reports are read.

The Estimates are read and considered item by item, as follows:-

<u>Shops.</u>	\$5,000.00	Passed.
Repairs and renewals on service	10,000.00	Passed
Repairs and renewals to hydrants	3,500.00	Passed.
Repairs and cleaning mains	1,500.00	Passed.
Inspecting and renewing valves	500.00	Passed.
Repairs to Pipe Houses	100.00	Passed.
Hardware	2,000.00	Passed.
Machine Work and Castings	2,500.00	Passed.
Stationery and blank books etc.,	1,000.00	Passed.

Water Meter Bills.

Moved by Alderman Kelly seconded by Controller Murphy that the Water Bills now sent out in duplicate, printed on both sides of the paper and perforated, be revised and the quantity ^{of matter} thereon reduced in order to curtail the cost of printing before the printing of any more Water Meter Bills is ordered. Motion passed.

Water Estimates continued.

Advertising	\$ 100.00	Passed.
Repairs etc., autos, waggons and harnesses	500.00	Passed.
Board of horses	550.00	Passed.

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Light and Power	100.00	Passed
Telephones	226.00	Passed
Meters and Parts	6,000.00	Passed.
Coal and truckage	1,000.00	Passed.
Workmen's Compensation Board Assessments.	700.00	Passed.
Explosives	100.00	Passed.

Salaries.

Assistant City Engineer 2,700.00

His Worship the Mayor asks permission from the Council to express his views in opposition to several of the increases in salary of Works Department Officials.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Alderman Kelly that His Worship the Mayor be permitted to address the Council from the Floor of the Chamber . Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor calls Deputy Mayor to the Chair.

The Mayor explains to the Council his views in opposition to increases in salary to certain of the Water Department Officials.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Taylor that the item "Salary Assistant City Engineer" \$2,700.00 passes.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that this Council recommend to the Board of Control that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer

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be placed at \$3,000.00 with the understanding that the Acting City Engineer is also to receive at the rate of \$300.00 per year out of the appropriation for the salary of the City Engineer. Amendment put and passed 11 voting for the same and 5 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.	Against it.
Controller Hines,	Controllers Mruphy
Aldermen McNab	Finlay
H. S. Colwell	Taylor
Gillis	Aldermen Guildford
R. B. Colwell.	Godwin. -5
Furness	
Kelly	
Foley	
Hart	
Day	
Parker -11	

Assistant Engineer DeWolfe (part)	1,160.00	Passed.
Clerk of Works	1,550.00	Passed.
Assistant Clerk of Works	1,150.00	Passed.
City Collector	200.00	Passed.
1st. Clerk Collector's Office	1,350.00	Passed.
2nd Clerk Collector's Office	750.00	Passed.
Stenographer in	600.00	Passed.
<u>Superintendent Water Department \$1,500.00</u>		

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Parker that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the salary be placed at \$1,550.00. Motion passed.

Assistant Plumbing Inspector ($\frac{1}{2}$)	650.00	Passed.
Meter Foreman	1,036.00	Passed.
Meter Readers (2 @ \$1032.00)	2,064.00	Passed.
<u>Meter Readers (2) @ \$980.00 \$1,960.00</u>		

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by

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Controller Hines that this item be pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman H. S.

Colwell seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell

that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that these salaries be placed at \$1032.00 each. Amendment put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 3 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment.

Against it.

Controller Finlay
Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day
Guildford -12

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Godwin
Parker-3

Asst. Water Inspector	984.00	Passed
Entry Clerk	984.00	Passed.
Interest	63,089.04	Passed
Sinking Fund	8,745.04	Passed.
Short Collection	1,000.00	Passed.
Discount	1,100.00	Passed.

Contingencies including
\$1800.00 for purchase
of a Pitometer and sur-
vey of the High Service
and \$1000.00 for a spec-
ial survey of the Dev-
astated District:

5,400.86

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by
Controller Hines that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Controller Finlay
seconded by Alderman Gillis that the item
Contingencies be referred back to the Board
of Control with the recommendation that the

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item be reduced ~~to~~ ^{by} \$1,600.00. Amendment put and passed unanimously.

Water Bill Reduction?

~~Moved by~~ Alderman Kelly asked for a report in detail showing the amount of reductions made in Water Meter Bills.

Special and Meter Rates.

Meter Rentals \$2,900.00

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that this item pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Kelly seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that this item be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the Board fix a minimum rate to water takers of \$6.00 per year. Amendment put and passed, 9 voting for the same and 5 against it as follows:-

For the Amendment

Against it.

Controller Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley -9

Controller Murphy
Finlay
Aldermen Day
Guildford
Godwin-5

Shops, Schools, Churches and Charitable Institutions	15,000.00 Passed
Factories, Laundries, Industries, etc.,	16,500.00 Passed.
Government Departments	23,000.00 Passed.
Domestic Meter Rates	19,000.00 Passed.
Houses under Bond	1,000.00 Passed.
Water for Building purposes steamers etc.,	2,400.00 Passed.

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Estimated Revenue	\$58,548.94	
Less estimated surplus Chap. 45 Act 1915	<u>5,000.00</u>	
	\$ 53,548.94	Passed.

The rate to be the same as last year. Passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn for fifteen minutes to enable the Board of Control to consider the items of the Water Department Estimates referred back to them. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.15 o'clock.

11.30 o'clock. The Council resumed its session pursuant to adjournment.

The Board of Control verbally reports that they could not agree on the recommendation of Council that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be placed at \$3000.00; that they had concurred in the recommendations of Council to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the Water Department to \$1550.00 and to place the salaries of the four Water Meter Readers at \$1032.00 each and to reduce the Water Department Contingent Account to \$3800.86; also that they would within thirty days make a recommendation to Council fixing a minimum rate for use of water, the said rate to be applied to accounts for water for the last six months of the present Civic Year.

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The verbal report is received and considered item by item:

Salary Assistant City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that the matter of the Salary of the Assistant City Engineer be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Motion ^{put and} passed 11 votes for the same and 3 against it, as follows:-

For the Motion

Controller Murphy
Hines
Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Furness
Kelly
Foley
Hart
Day

~~Guildford~~ -11

Against it.

Controller Finlay
Aldermen Guildford
Godwin. 3

With the consent of the Council the Board of Control meets on the floor of the chamber and verbally reports concurrence in the Council's recommendation that the salary of the Assistant City Engineer be placed at \$3,000.00

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell seconded by Alderman Foley that the report of the Board of Control be adopted and that the salary of the Acting City Engineer be placed at \$3,000.00 ^{he} ~~be~~ also to receive at the rate of \$300.00 out of the appropriation for salary of the City Engineer during the latter's absence from duty. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the balance of the verbal

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reports of the Board of Control be adopted and that the item Contingencies in the Water Department Estimates be placed at \$3346.86. and Motion passed.

RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Read report Board of Control re Relief Advisory Committee.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for Supplies City Home.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CURRENT OVERDRAFT FROM ROYAL BANK.

Read report Board of Control covering resolution ~~for a~~^{re} current overdraft of \$316.210.00 from the Royal Bank of Canada in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

The following resolution is submitted:

WHEREAS it is considered advisable for the purpose of defraying expenditures for which the taxes of the current year would, if now collected, be applied, that the City of Halifax do borrow under Section 346 of the City Charter, from the Royal Bank of Canada, an amount not exceeding thirty per cent, of the taxes for the current year;

AND WHEREAS the taxes for the current year amount to the sum of \$1,054.036.00

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Halifax do forthwith borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada the sum of \$316.210.00 to be applied for

Letter to ✓
Relief
Commission

City Home!

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*Cy. Treasurer
Auditor
Royal Bank
Canada*

defraying expenditures for which the taxes for the current year would if now collected be applied, to be repaid to the said bank out of the said taxes when collected, and that the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the City of Halifax to negotiate the said loan and to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax therefor."

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy and passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

Read report Board of Control covering joint report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re the re-organization of the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Macnab seconded by Alderman Gillis that the report be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that William Howley be appointed 1st Deputy Chief and James E. Keefe 2nd Deputy Chief.

Amendment put and lost 5 voting for the same and 9 against it, as follows:-

*Chief Finlay
Auditor*

For the Amendment

Aldermen Macnab
H. S. Colwell
Gillis
Furness
Kelly-5

Against it.

Controller Murphy
Finlay
Hines
Aldermen R.B. Colwell
Foley
Hart
Day
Guildford
Godwin-9

The original motion for the adoption of the reports is put and passed.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSE TENDERS.

Read report Board of Control covering joint report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department re tenders for 2000 feet of hose for the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell seconded by Alderman Guildford that the reports be referred back to the Board of Control with the recommendation that the tenders- of Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow for 2000 feet of "King" brand hose at \$1.15 per foot be accepted.

Amendment put and passed 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, as follows:-

For the Amendment

Against it.

Controller Murphy
Aldermen Macnab

Controllers Finlay
Hines
Aldermen Foley
Hart

H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell.
Furness
Kelly
~~Foley-~~
~~Hart~~
Day
Guildford
Godwin -10

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

The Council adjourns 12 o'clock.

MAYOR

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.