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CITY COUNCIL DEALT WITH VARIETY OF BUSINESS IN DOUBLE SESSION TUESDAY

Street Signs to be Placed at Intersections—Grant to Wilmot Park Board and to Fredericton Exhibition—Lack of City Solicitor Discussed—Report Will be Made.

The City Council combined its committee meeting and its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night and finished both in good time, the council meeting being particularly brief. In committee the Council dealt with a number of important matters. The street committee was authorized to have all street intersections properly marked with signs of enamelled steel. A further step was taken toward erecting a permanent steamer warehouse by authorizing the Wharves Committee to call for tenders. A grant of \$600 was voted the Wilmot Park to defray extraordinary expenditures, and a grant of \$750 was voted Fredericton Exhibition Limited in lieu of light and water service. Some discussion took place about the lack of a city solicitor and a committee will report on the matter.

Report for Sidewalks.

Residents of Odell Avenue requested the construction of concrete sidewalks. It was decided to inform that that permanent sidewalk construction for this season had stopped, but that

the request would be filed for future action.

John A. Morrison, in a communication, informed the Council that the extension of the street lighting lines encroached on his property and suggested a conference on the matter.

The question was referred to the Light Committee.

Wilmot Park Grant.

Wilmot Park Board applied for an additional grant to defray unforeseen expenditures. A deficit of \$600 had been incurred. It also was time when a definite policy with regard to support of the Park be adopted.

On motion of Ald. Olts, seconded by Ald. Cooper, an additional grant of \$600 was voted.

A communication from Hon. P. J. Veniot advised this city that the Province had appealed to the N. B. Supreme Court from the decision of Mr. Justice Grimmer on the C. P. R. bridge at the Reversing Falls, St. John.

Discussion ensued on a suggestion that the city contribute a portion of

the expense of counsel to argue this appeal. Finally the matter was left with the Finance Committee, Legislation Committee and the Mayor.

N. P. McLeod of St. John again wrote concerning his claim for damage sustained by his car in collision with a city team. It was decided to give Mr. McLeod opportunity to confer with the Street Committee on the matter.

Office of City Solicitor.

Mayor Reid drew attention to the fact that this city lacked a city solicitor, none having been appointed.

Ald. Feeney said there had been many regrettable departures from the original city charter. Originally the intention was that the City Clerk should be a lawyer. A competent legal authority was absolutely necessary.

It was suggested that the matter be left to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Feeney and Ald. Smith objected to the matter being left to a committee, and on the motion of Ald. Cooper the committee was instructed to report.

Mayor Reid drew attention to the necessity for temporary quarters for the Well Baby Clinic during the time of removal from York street to permanent quarters. On motion a portion of the City Council Chamber was placed at the disposal of the clinic.

Grant to Exhibition.

Ald. Olts introduced the matter of the city lighting the exhibition grounds under the city's rate. Ald. Olts advocated this action as assistance to the Exhibition. Some members expressed preference for a limited grant towards the Exhibition instead of lighting the grounds and extending the water system to the grounds.

After discussion it was decided to make a grant not to exceed \$750, to cover light and water as suggested.

Steamer Warehouse.

Ald. Feeney brought up the matter of erecting a permanent warehouse on the wharf used by the Crystal Stream S. S. Co. The Company, he said, had agreed to pay seven percent upon the investment in such a building. His own opinion was that brick or concrete should be used. The cost,

he believed, would be about \$1,700.

On motion of Ald. Cooper, the Wharves Committee was authorized to call for tenders for the erection of such a warehouse.

To Get Street Signs.

Ald. Cooper drew attention to the fact that many street intersections were without signs. The newer streets never had had them and the older streets had had them removed.

On the motion of Ald. Feeney, seconded by Ald. McKnight, the Roads and Streets Committee was instructed to have signs at each street intersection. Enamelled steel signs will be used, similar in appearance to the few now in position.

Old Burying Ground.

Ald. Cooper drew attention to the fact that the Old Burying Ground did not receive the attention which it deserved.

Mayor Reid said that the city should undertake the complete renovation of the cemetery. It was shameful to let this place remain as it is.

There also was discussion on the necessity of regulating the street system between Regent street and the University grounds. Mayor Reid said that a Street Commission with powers should be created before any more dwellings were erected in this section.

Ald. Cooper reported that the Street Committee had decided to make no change in regard to the Gray Street sidewalk.

Meeting of Council.

The Council then went into session in Council Chamber.

Ald. Dickson, for the Municipal Home Committee, reported an expenditure of \$871.03 at the Home and \$110.40 on outside relief, a total of \$981.44. On his motion a check for \$250 was ordered to issue in favor of the commissioner.

Tax Collections.

Ald. Clark for the Finance Committee, reported tax collections in August, 1923, totalling \$174,002.95, and in August, 1922, totalling \$166,929.26.

Auditor's Report.

The report of the City Auditor on expenditures for August, 1923, was passed as follows:

Sewer	\$ 66.15
City Hall	280.71
Entertainment Account	75.00
Contingent	421.16
Admin. of Justice	742.02
House Connections	6.47
Municipal Home	248.40
Insurance	20.00
Street Light	745.04
Wharves	30.94
Public Works Ordinary	123.70
Concrete Walks	2,008.78
Fire Dept.	305.14
Roads and Streets Ordinary	4,245.34
Water Dept.	1,993.28
Total	\$11,312.07

The Truth of It.

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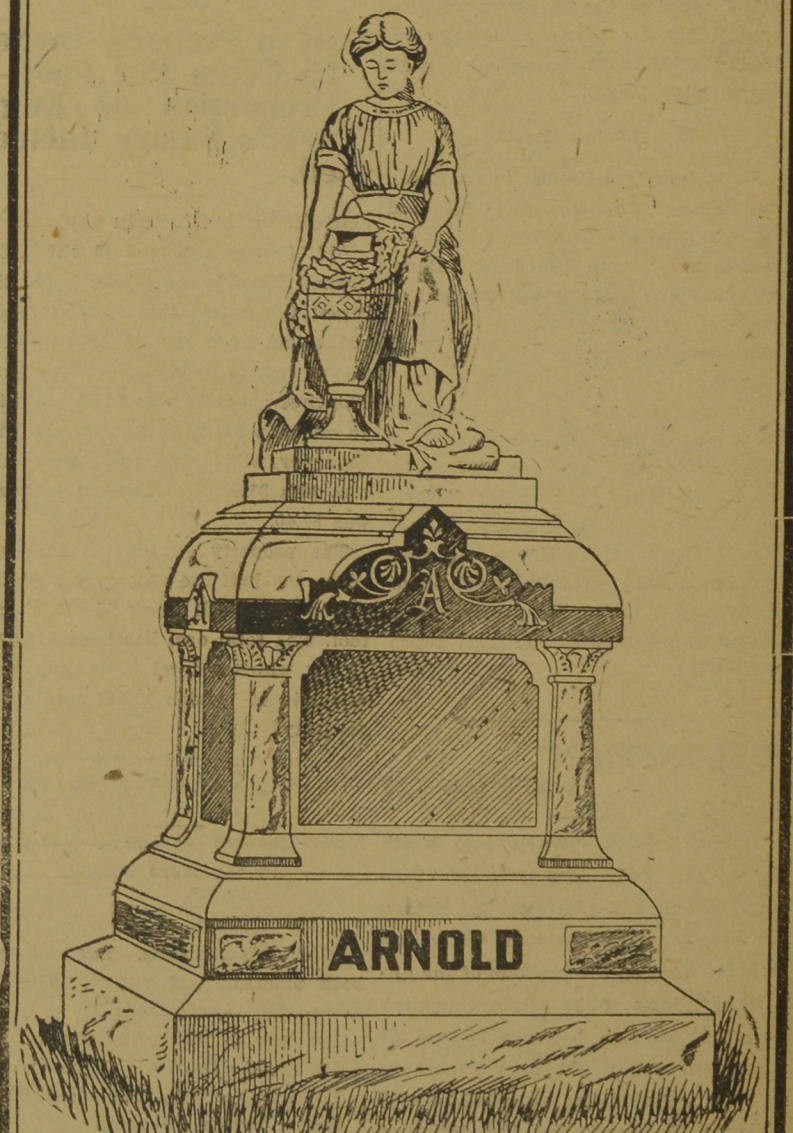
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