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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Kent, Sedgewick, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Sweeney, Wilson, Mac Gillan, O'Mullin, Cad. Mac Innes, and O'Bryan.

The City Council was summoned to appoint a Revisor of Electoral Lists in place of Alderman Hesselin. To consider Drafts of Two Acts prepared by His Honor the Recorder and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held 30th December 1884 which were confirmed.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman of Committee of City Prison submits a report in reference to a/c against the City Prison for Dec. 1884.

Alderman Sedgewick, Chairman submits report from Committee of Laws & Privileges in reference to letter from Revisors of City Charter

His Worship the Mayor submits resignation from Alderman Hesselin as Revisor of Electoral Lists for Ward No Two.

Also a communication from His Honor the Recorder covering Drafts of two Acts prepared under resolution of Council.

Report Committee of City Prison on a/c.

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with a/c for the month of December 1884.

When the following resolution No one is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of the same in all \$110⁶¹/₁₀₀ Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman O'Bryan which resolution on being put is passed.

Report Committee of Laws & Privileges on City Charter.

Read Report from Committee of Laws & Privileges on letter from Commissioners for revising City Charter.

The Committee on Laws and Privileges submit the following report.

The Committee have considered the letter of the Revisors of the City Charter referred to them by the

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City Council and approve of the suggestion of the Revisors that proof sheets of the work as it progresses be printed and submitted to the Council from time to time.

The Committee recommend that an arrangement be made at once with the printer for the City to strike off forty copies of such proof sheets as corrected by the Revisors.

That the proof sheets be then sent to the members of the Council. His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder; and that the same with any suggestions or amendments the Committee or such officers may think necessary be then submitted to the next Council meeting for approval; and after approval be engrossed for submission to the Legislature at its next session.

That the costs of this extra printing be defrayed out of the Contingent Account and that the price per page be first fixed with the printer doing the work.

Yours &c

Robt. Sedgewick.
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Byrne the said report is received and adopted.

Resignation
Ald. Hesselin
Revisor of
Electoral Lists

Read Resignation of Alderman Hesselin as Revisor of Electoral Lists for Ward No Two.
On Motion of Alderman McSweeney seconded by Alderman Sedgewick the said resignation is accepted.

Communication
on Recorder.

Read Communication from His Honor the Recorder covering Drafts of Two Acts prepared by him under resolution of Council.

Draft of An Act.

Read Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1864 Entitled "An Act concerning the City of Halifax and the Acts in amendment thereof."

Draft of An Act.

Read Draft of an Act to authorize a loan for the City of Halifax.

Appointment
Ald. Spelman
Revisor of
Electoral Lists.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McSweeney. Alderman Spelman is appointed the Revisor of Electoral Lists in place of Alderman Hesselin resigned.

Draft of An Act
re City
Treasurers Salary

Read Draft of An Act to amend Chap. 81 of the Acts of 1864 in re City Treasurer's Salary
On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman O'Byrne the same is passed and directed to be published and engrossed and sent to the Honorable the Legislature at next Session for approval.

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Draft of An Act
rel to water supply
and repairs to
city Prison.

authorize a loan for the city of Halifax in re supply of water and
repairs to city Prison

Read Draft of An Act to

On Motion of Alderman

O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Mac Gillan the same is
passed and directed to be published and engrossed and sent to the
Honorable the Legislature for approval.

The same is

On Motion of Alderman Sedg-

-ewick seconded by Alderman Stephen,

"The Council Adjourn"

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Sedgewick, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Sweeney, Sheakston, Mac Bellan, O'Mullin, Cad, Mac James, O'Bryan, and Taylor.

The City Council was summoned to consider a communication from Minister of Inland Revenue Ottawa in reference to threatened seizure of petroleum. To consider legislation necessary for purchase of Government property Belle Lane and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held 13th January instant which were confirmed.

Alderman Mac Bellan, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board in reference to proposed interception of Sewerage through H. M. Dockyard.

Alderman Sedgewick, Chairman submits a Report from the Committee of Citizens Free Library in reference to general state of the funds &c.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Letter from E. Miall Esq. Commissioner of Inland Revenue in reference to storage of petroleum and naphtha.

Also a Letter from His Honor the Recorder in reference to prosecution of John Kipper in re license petition

Also a Letter from Alderman Mac Dougall resigning his office as Alderman for Ward No Two.

Also an Account from the Board of Public Charities for support of Poor Asylum and Hospital paupers to 31st Decr. 1884.

Also an Extract from Minutes of the Board of Fire Wards in reference to the purchase by the Council of a new Steam Fire Engine and Hose.

Also a Return from City Collector of Taxes, of Taxes collected in December 1884 and also of Water Rates collected in Decr. 1884.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Sedgewick the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

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Read Report from the Board

Report Board of Works in re sewerage
H. M. Dockyard.

of City Works in reference to proposed interceptions of Sewerage through H. M. Dockyard property.

On Motion of Alderman Mac Bellan seconded by Alderman Sedgewick The same is referred to His Honor the Recorder to report on.

Report Library Committee

of the Citizens Free Library in reference to present condition of the Library its funds and its equipments &c.

Read Report from Committee

Letter Commr. of Inland Revenue.

Commissioner of Inland Revenue in reference to the storage of petroleum, naphtha &c

Read Letter from E. Miall Esq.

Letter Recorder in re prosecution of John Kipping.

the Recorder in reference to prosecution of John Kipping for forgery of names to petition for license.

Read Letter from His Honor.

Sweeney seconded by Alderman O'Mullin The same is referred back to Committee on License to consider.

On Motion of Alderman Mac

Extract Minutes Board Fire Wards.

Board of Fire Wards asking the purchase by Council of a new Steam Fire Engine and Hose.

Read Extract from Minutes of

Resignation of Mac Dougall as Alderman Ward Two.

Duncan Mac Dougall of his position of Alderman for Ward No Two.

Read Resignation of Alderman

Mac Bellan seconded by Alderman Stephen The said resignation is accepted.

On Motion of Alderman Mac

Account from Board of Public Charities

of Public Charities for the support of paupers in Poor Asylum and Hospital to 30th Decr. 1884.

Read on Account from Board

Taylor seconded by Alderman Cad The same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

On Motion of Alderman

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Letter Commr. of Inland Revenue in re storage of petroleum and naphtha.

Commissioner of Inland Revenue in reference to storage of petroleum and naphtha.

Read Letter from E. Miall Esq.

(For papers see file)
No one is introduced.

When the following resolution

Resol. appointing Committee to consider the matter of the storage of petroleum.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Sedgewick, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Bellan, Cad and O'Bryan, with His Honor the Recorder be appointed to take into consideration the matter of the storage of petroleum and report to this Council at the next meeting some feasible plan whereby the present difficulty may be overcome.

Resolved that a Committee consist-

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Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Taylor at a previous Meeting.

ol. rel. to
ing city
n other
tures &c.

Resolved that the city Treasurer be directed to notify the holders of city Prison Debentures viz: \$27,500 at 6% and \$9000 at 5 1/2%. Also the holders of Provincial and city Hospital Debentures viz: \$36,000 at 6% that these amounts will be paid off at first of September next, and the usual notice be inserted in the papers advertising for the city asking tenders for the amount above mentioned to be loaned in city Consolidated Debentures of 25 years or Consolidated Stock. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman McJames which resolution on being put is passed.

Read following resolution submitted by Alderman Longard at a previous Meeting.

ol. rel. to
Collectors
ny.

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be authorized to prepare the draft of an Act authorizing the payment of a portion of the city Collectors Salary out of the funds of the Water Department. Moved by Alderman McSweeney seconded by Alderman McJames which resolution on being put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against it.

The following resolution No 4 is next introduced.

ol. rel. to
in
No Two.

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to issue a proclamation directing an Election be held in Ward No Two to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Alderman McDougall which was this day accepted by the Council and that the said Election be held on Monday the Ninth day of February next. Moved by Alderman Spelman seconded by Alderman Sedgwick which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman McSweeney seconded by Alderman Sedgwick, Alderman Spelman is appointed Presiding Officer for holding said Election.

ol. Presiding
in Ward

Read Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire Wards in reference to the purchase of new Steam Fire Engine and two thousand feet of Hose with a Bangor Extension ladder.

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d of Fire
de in re
Steam Fire
ine &c.

Extract from Minutes.
Board Fire Wards.
January 19th 1885.

Resolved that the Board represent to the city Council the urgent need of a new and improved Steam Fire Engine in addition to the three now in use as it is

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felt that three are not sufficient to successfully cope with such a fire as threatened the City on Tuesday last as should another fire have occurred the Department would have been helpless in case the water supply had failed. They would ask the Council to take immediate steps to procure a new Steam Fire Engine with as little delay as possible.

Further Resolved that the Council be requested to purchase two thousand feet canvas jacket hose and one Bangor extension ladder (fifty feet) passed

A True Extract
R. L. Suttiffe
Secy.

When the following Resolution

No 5 is introduced.

Resolved that the Extract of the Report of Board of Fire Wardens be referred to the Committee of Public Accounts together with the Chairman of Board of Works and the Chairman of Board of Fire Wards to report on at the next Meeting of the Council a scheme for providing funds to carry out the same. Moved by Alderman Cad seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

Report Committee on Library in re condition of Library, its funds &c.

Read Report from Committee of the Citizens Free Library in reference to general condition of the Library, its funds &c.
(For report see file)

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the first Sub Section or clause of recommendation in reference to a change in the name of the Library is adopted.

Read Second clause in reference to giving Notice to Librarian of a retirement of his position on 1st May next.

When on Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman O'Byrne the above clause with the balance of the report is deferred for further consideration at next meeting of Council

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Spelman,

"Council Adjourn"

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Rent, Sedgewick, Pearson, Spelman, Stephen, McC Sweeney, Wilson, Sheakston, McC Lellan, O'Mullin, Shand, Cad, McC Innes, O'Bryan, Longard and Taylor.

The City Council was summoned, to receive the returns of Election in Ward No Two, And report of His Honor the Recorder in re interception of Sewerage in Ho. No. Dockyard, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of the Meeting held 20th January 1885 which were confirmed.

Alderman McC Lellan, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits an Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works in reference to sale of brick building South Ferry Wharf.

Also a Report from the Board of City Works in reference to the Railway Siding. (Gotton Factory)

Alderman Taylor, Chairman of Committee of Public Accounts submits a Report from that Committee on the Extract from Minutes Board of Fire Wardens in reference to purchase of a Steam Fire Engine and Hose &c.

Also a Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to accounts with the Merchants Bank on Water Loan and other matters.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits a report from Committee of City Prison on the accounts for January 1885.

Alderman McC Sweeney, Chairman submits report from Committee of License on the matter of license prosecutions &c.

Alderman Spelman submits a report in reference to Won Election in Ward No 2 on Monday the 9th inst.

Alderman Sedgewick submits a report from Committee of Laws & Privileges in reference to the Bill to obtain a loan for widening Bells Lane.

His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from G. J. Fluck in reference to his appointment as Inspector of Elections.

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His Worship the Mayor submits a report from Committee in reference to interview with the Hon. Provincial Secretary in reference to license funds. &c

Also Report from His Honor the Recorder on the interception of Sewerage through H. M. Dockyard.

Also report from City Clerk in reference to accounts for Committee of Public Accounts.

Also a Return from the City Collector of Rates & Taxes and Water Rates collected in the month of January 1885.

The Mayor stated that the Committee on the petroleum storage had had several interviews with Dealers and the matter was in good shape for settlement a Memo from Messrs Harrington and Duffield on behalf of the Dealers was in his possession and it was proposed to lay it before the Council after routine business was over.

On Motion of Alderman Spelman seconded by Alderman O'Mullin The "Order of the Day" was suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Committee of City Prison on a/c.

Read Report from Committee of City Prison with accounts for the month of January. Where the following resolution No One is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the City Prison Committee be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of same in all \$107.26. Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Cad which resolution on being put is passed.

Extract Minutes Board of City Works in re sale of brick building - Market Wharf

Read Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works in reference to sale of brick building on Market Wharf.

Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works Feby. 2nd 1885.

The Chairman reported that under the present aspect of affairs he thought that the time and circumstances were favorable for the disposal of the City brick premises on South Ferry at foot of George Street. On Motion the Chairman is hereby authorized to request the City Council at its next meeting for the requisite power and permission to enable this Board to advertise for tenders for purchase of said premises.

A True Extract

J. B. Johnston.
Clerk of Works.
Geo. Mac Bellan.
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On Motion of Alderman McCollow seconded by Alderman Spelman The said Report is received and adopted.

Report Board of City Works.

Read Report from Board of City Works in reference to proposed transfer of the Cotton Factory Railway Siding.

Report Committee of Public Accounts.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire Wards on purchase of Steam Engine & Horse &c.

Report Committee of Public Accounts.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to Bank a/c with Merchants Bank for interest on Water Loan and other matters.

Report Committee on License.

Read Report from Committee on License in reference to license prosecutions and other matters.

Report Committee on Laws & Privileges in re property Belle Lane.

Read Report from Committee on Laws & Privileges in reference to transfer and sale of property Belle Lane.

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The Committee of Laws and Privileges beg to submit for the approval of the Council a draft of An Act to be applied for at the next Meeting of the Legislature authorizing the City of Halifax to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$7000 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ for the purpose of purchasing property to enlarge and widen Belle Lane: the said draft Act having been prepared in accordance with a resolution of Council of the 23rd May 1884.

Robt. Sedgewick.
Chairman.

Draft of An Act in re property Belle Lane.

Read Draft of An Act to authorize the City of Halifax to borrow a sum of money not exceeding \$7000 for the purpose of purchasing property to enlarge and widen Belle Lane.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman The said Report is adopted and the Draft of the Act as read is approved, passed and directed to be engrossed published in the papers and sent to the Honorable the Legislature for their approval.

Report Recorder in re Sewerage Ho. Ms. Dockyard.

Read Report from His Honor the Recorder in the matter of the interception of Sewerage through Ho. Ms. Dockyard.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Wilson The same is referred back to the Board of City Works for their information.

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Report from
Ald. Spelman

Letter Geo. J. Thuck

Report in re
License Law.

Report City
Clerk in re a/c

Spelman in reference to the Non Election in Ward No Two on the 9th inst.
one of the Inspectors of Elections.

Committee appointed to wait on the Honorable the Provincial Secretary in reference to License Law.
with accounts for Committee of Public Accounts.

Read Report from Alderman
in Ward No Two on the
9th inst.
Read Letter from George J. Thuck

Read Report from the Comm-
tee appointed to wait on the Honorable the Provincial Secretary

Read Report from City Clerk
with accounts for Committee of Public Accounts.

Office of City Clerk.
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To His Worship the Mayor
and City Council

Gentlemen

I have the honor to report for
the consideration of Committee of Public Accounts the following
Stationery a/c
Contingent a/c

A & W. Mac Donlay	\$ 229.10	Chas. Amund 3 a/c	\$ 13.50
		Hex. Gas Light Comfy.	3.00

Yours &c.

Thos. Rhind.

City Clerk.

On Motion of Alderman
Taylor seconded by Alderman MacInnes the same is referred to
Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

On Motion of Alderman Mac
Sellan seconded by Alderman Spelman the "Order of the Day"
is suspended to introduce the following resolution.

Resolved that the City Treasurer
be requested to provide for the information of the City Council the
income and expenditure of the Water Department for the years 1882.
1883 and 1884. Moved by Alderman MacSellan seconded by Alderman
O'Byrne which resolution on being put is passed.

"Order of the Day" taken up.

Report Aldm.
Spelman Presi
ding Officer re
to non Election
Ward One.

Spelman. Presiding Officer in Ward No Two in reference to Non
Election for Alderman on the 9th inst. At here the following Resolu-
tion No 3 is introduced.

Whereas in consequence of the
refusal of George J. Thuck and John Sullivan two of the Inspectors
of Election appointed for Ward Two to attend the Polling Place on
the 9th February the Election for an Alderman could not be held
on that day.

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Resol. rel to Election in Ward Two

Resolved that the Election for an Alderman to fill the vacancy in Ward Two be held on the 19th day of March next and that the usual Notice thereof be published by His Worship the Mayor. Moved by Alderman Spelman seconded by Alderman Cad which resolution on being put is passed.

Resol. rel to Inspectors of Elections for Ward Two.

The following resolution No 4 is next introduced.

Resolved that Messrs G. J. Fluck and John Sullivan Inspectors of Elections appointed for Ward No Two having neglected or refused to act at the Election for said Ward on the 9th instant be each requested to state to this Council within one week from the date hereof what excuse if any he has why he failed to attend at such Election as such Inspector and that the question of the validity of such excuse be determined at the next Meeting of this Council. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Spelman which resolution on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Shand that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

The Report of the Library Committee the next on 'Order of the Day' is laid over until the next Meeting by request of the Chairman Alderman Sedgewick.

Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Stephen that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost 7 voting for the same 9 against it.

Report Committee on License

on License (First Clause)

Read Report from Committee

seconded by Alderman Bongard Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney that said clause be adopted.

seconded by Alderman O'Bryan in amendment that the whole subject be deferred until the next Meeting of City Council amendment put and passed.

Moved by Alderman Sheakstan seconded by Alderman Stephen that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost 7 voting for 8 against it.

Report Committee Public Works on subject of purchase of Fire Engine. sale of Engine houses & other property.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to the Extract from Minutes of Board of Fire Wards on the subject of purchase of Steam Fire Engine and sale of Engine Houses and other property.

Committee Room

City Building

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A Meeting of the Committee

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February 10th of Public Accounts held to-day Present Aldermen Sheakston, Rent and Taylor Chairman, Also Alderman McC Bellow, Chairman of Board of Works and Alderman Cad, Chairman of Board of Fire Wardens.

The Extract of the Board of Fire Wardens Minutes referred for consideration to this Committee was taken up and carefully discussed. when it was agreed to report to the Council as follows:

As the Central and Gerish Street Engine Houses are situated away from the most valuable portions of the City; and on such elevated positions that great danger is incurred in getting the Engines down hill to a fire any where near the wharves or any of the lower streets; and as the buildings although expensively and thoroughly erected are more elaborate and costly than is required for Engine houses. This Committee recommends that these two Engine Houses be advertised and disposed of at an early day. and that two hand engines and other apparatus that is not now made use of by the Department be also advertised and sold. Also that the proceeds realised from these sales be expended in such uses for the convenient and efficient requirements of the Fire Department as may be considered and decided on as most advisable by the City Council.

Also that the Mayor be requested to take steps to ascertain the cost of the latest style of an efficient engine complete as well as the hose and ladder asked for by the Fire Wardens and report the result of these inquiries to the Council.

The Committee also ask that further time be allowed them to further consider this important subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Wm Taylor.
Chairman.

Read First Clause.
No 5 is introduced.

When the following resolution

Resol. rel to
Engine Houses
on Brunswick
St. and Gerish
St.

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an Act to enable the City to sell and give the necessary Deeds for the Engine Houses on Brunswick Street and Gerish Street the proceeds of the same to be used only for replacing Engine Houses and such uses for the convenient and efficient requirements of the Fire Department as may be decided on by the City Council. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

Read Second Clause in reference to the Mayor ascertaining the cost of the most improved and efficient Steam Fire Engine as well as hose and report to the Council.

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On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Longard the said clause is adopted.

The following Resolution No 6

is next introduced.

Resolved that all the City Bills submitted to the Legislature at its last Session which failed to pass in whole or part be referred to the Committee of Laws & Privileges with a view of reporting to the Council as to the advisability of submitting them again to the Legislature at its approaching Session. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Taylor which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman Theakston seconded by Alderman O'Bryan

"The Council Adjourn"

Resol. rel to
City Bills
which failed
to pass at the
last Session of
the Legislature

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"Evening Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this Evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Sedgewick, Pearson, Spelman, Stephen, Mac Sweeney, Sheakston, Mac Bellan, O'Mullin, Cad. Mac Innes, O'Bryan, Leonard O'Bryan and Taylor.

The City Council was summoned to consider a portion of the Revised City Charter. To consider Reports laid over from last Meeting and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held 10th February 1885 which were confirmed.

Alderman Mac Bellan Chairman of Board of City Works submits a report from the Board in reference to letting City Market Building.

His Worship the Mayor submits a partial Report from the Committee on Dry Dock with Draft of An Act in amendment to previous Act.

Also report from Special Committee in reference to storage of petroleum.

Also Petition from George J. Sinclair and others a Committee of Insurance Association in reference to change in Assessment of Insurance Companies.

Also Letter from His Honor the Recorder covering Draft of An Act to provide for the sale of Engine Houses.

Also a Letter from George J. Luck as to his excuse for not serving as an Inspector of Elections

Also a Letter from John Sullivan on the same subject.

Also the Licensing Districts of the City of Halifax as prepared by Chief Assessor for publication and information of Liquor Dealers.

Also a Letter from Secretary of Board of Fire Wards covering sundry accounts against Fire Department.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Council that His Honor the Recorder had received a telegram from Ottawa stating that the suit of Walker vs The City of Halifax in re appeal had been dismissed by The Supreme Court of Canada.

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On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up and read the papers handed in.

Report Board of Works in re letting main flat of Market House.

Read Report from the Board of City Works on the advisability of letting the main flat of Market House.

Office of Commissioners.
Board of City Works.
Feb. 16th 1885.

The Board of City Works beg leave to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration the advisability of being placed in a position whereby they could let for a number of years the main floor of the City Market Building, and it is on motion decided to recommend to the City Council that a Bill be prepared to transmit to the Legislature for the necessary power so to do

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. McCollan.
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Spelman that said report be received and adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill in connection with the same.

Report Committee on Dry Dock with draft of an Act.

Read Report from Committee on Dry Dock with Draft of An Act in reference to the same.

City Engineers Office.
13th February 1885.

To His Worship the Mayor.

Sir

At a meeting of the Dry Dock Committee held yesterday the following resolution was passed unanimously and ordered to be forwarded to you to be laid before the City Council.

"Resolved that the Committee request the City Council to apply to the Local Legislature for an amendment to the Local Act in re Dry Dock, Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1881 so as to empower the City to assess for a sum not exceeding \$5000 per annum for 20 years if the dock is built in the Harbor of Halifax outside of the City limits."

Your Obedient Servant.

E. H. Keating.

Secretary to the Committee.

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On Motion of Alderman

O'Byrnes seconded by Alderman Stephen the said Report is adopted. the said Bill passed and ordered to be published in the papers advertising for the City engrossed and presented to the Legislature for their approval.

Read Report of Special Com-

Report Comm-
tee on petroleum
Committee on the Storage of Petroleum.

Read Letter from Edward

Letter Edwds.
McYall. Commr. of Inland Revenue Ottawa.

Read Letter from Messrs.
Harrington & Lawson and others Dealers in petroleum naphtha.

Letter Harrington
& Lawson others.

Read Letter from J. S. Shatford
Agent of Standard Oil Company with reference to Storage of
Petroleum

Letter J. S.
Shatford.

Read Draft of Ordinance in
reference to above.

Letter Geo. I.
Sinclair others. Sinclair and others Committee of Fire Insurance Co's Associa-
tion in reference to present Assessment Law on Fire Insurance
Co's and a change of Law.

Read Letter from George I.

Letter Recorder

the Recorder covering Draft of An Act for to provide for sale of
Engine Houses.

Read Letter from His Honor

Revised Copy
of Licensing
Districts. Licensing Districts in the City of Halifax as prepared by the
Chief Assessor.

Read the Revised Copy of

Sweeney seconded by Alderman Longard Resolved that the same
be adopted and published in the papers advertising for the City.

On Motion of Alderman McC

Letter Secty
Board of Fire
Wards covering
a number of
acs. of Board of Fire Wards covering a number of accounts due by the
Fire Department submitted for the consideration of the Committee
of Public Accounts.

Read Letter from the Secretary

Longard seconded by Alderman Spelman the same is referred
to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

On Motion of Alderman

Letters J. Mc.
Sullivan and
G. J. Fluck.

Mr. Sullivan excusing himself for not serving as an Inspector of
Elections on the 9th inst. and Mr. Fluck on same subject.

Read Letter from Mr John

Letter from
Librarian of
Citizens Library

Creed, the Librarian of Citizens Free Library.

Read Letter from Samuel

Sedgewick seconded by Alderman MacInnes The said Letter is
directed to be taken up when the Report of Committee Citizens
Library is taken up for consideration.

On Motion of Alderman

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Alderman Taylor moves seconded by Alderman Sheakston that No 5 item on the "Order of the Day" be taken up. (objected to.)

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Act to consolidate and amend the Act relating to City of Halifax

Amend the Act relating to City of Halifax being put is passed.

on being put is passed.

following Resolution No One is introduced.

Resol. rel to altering the present limits of the several Wards.

Resolved that a Committee consisting of Aldermen Sedgewick, Spelman, Stephen, McClellan, McCInnes, and O'Bryan, be appointed to take into consideration the necessity of altering the present limits of the several Wards of the City and report at the next Meeting of Council a scheme if thought desirable whereby a more equitable distribution of the representation may be arrived at. Moved by Alderman O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Sheakston which resolution on being put is passed.

The following Resolution No 2 is next introduced.

Resol. rel to boundaries of the various Wards

Resolved that the Committee appointed to report on the boundaries of the various Wards of the City also ascertain the exact boundaries of the City as a whole and report the same to this Council with any recommendation they see fit to make with reference to the enlargement of the City. Moved by Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman McCInnes which resolution on being put is passed.

Read Clause 5th of the Consolidated Act which on motion passed.

On Motion of Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman McCInnes the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up report from License Committee. The same is read and the following resolution is introduced in lieu of the adoption of the first clause.

Resol. rel to liquor license law.

Resolved that the Law requiring license holders who desire to renew their license and are required to get a majority of Rate Payers in their respective districts to sign petitions for the same be repealed and His Honor the Recorder prepare a Bill therefor to be sent to the Legislature

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Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Pearson to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the

Licence Committee be referred back to Committee with a view of examining the Licence Law of Ontario and the provisions of the Canada Liquor Licence Act in order to report to this Council a Bill based on such Acts which may be recommended to the Local Legislature for adoption in relation to the City it being expressly understood that nothing in such proposed legislation shall diminish the revenues heretofore derived from Licences for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Sheakston which amendment on being put is passed.

Resol. rel to forming a new liquor license Act.

On Motion of Alderman

Resol. rel. to City Bills.

Stephen seconded by Alderman Sedgewick Resolved That the Committee of Laws & Privileges with His Honor the Recorder and Alderman Taylor be a Committee to watch the progress of the City Bills in their passage through the Legislature at its next Session.

On Motion of Alderman

O'Bryan seconded by Alderman Taylor The Council adjourn until Friday evening at 8 P.M. to proceed with the consideration of the Revised Charter. Motion passed.

"Council Adjourn"

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"Evening Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Rent, Sedgewick, Pearson, Spelman, Stephen, McC Sweeney, Wilson, Theakston, McC Lellan, O'Connell, Cad, McC James, O'Byrne, Longard and Taylor.

The City Council was summoned to proceed with the consideration of the City Charter as Revised and the transaction of other business

Minutes of Meeting held on the 17th February read and confirmed.

Alderman McC Sweeney, Chairman submits report from License Committee.

Alderman Taylor, Chairman report from Committee of Public Accounts with a/cs passed.

Alderman Sedgewick, Chairman of Special Committee in reference to the boundaries of several Wards submits a report on that subject.

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter from David Barry, Supervisor of Measures of Coal notifying the Council of two vacancies.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Byrne the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Committee on License in re change in law &c

Read Report from Committee on License in reference to change in the law and also in reference to the endorsement of last year.

The Committee on Licenses having considered the papers bearing on the application of John Sheeping for a license to sell liquor beg to report that having examined into the matter they are of opinion that the persons whose names are alleged to be forged have a remedy in the Police Court in the first instance and that it is their duty to make complaint before the proper authority to have the party or parties alleged to have committed the forgeries punished.

There was no proof submitted to the Committee that a forgery was committed by any one and it is not the duty of this Committee to hunt for evidence or investigate crimes that come within the duties of the paid officials of the City.

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The Committee also state that the oath prescribed to be taken by persons desiring licenses is such that it is impossible to comply with its conditions without committing perjury. The person taking the oath is obliged to swear that the persons who sign the petition are ratepayers and known to him as such. He submit that he cannot swear any one is a ratepayer unless he see him pay his rates, and this feature of the law has degenerated into a farce. A liquor dealer goes to the Assessor's Office, gets a list of alleged ratepayers which he hands to some one to go around and get signatures to it and often filling in the names himself.

He would suggest that His Honor the Recorder draft an amendment to the License Act to be sent to the Legislature when it meets to have the law changed or repealed or instead of the petitioner having to get names let those opposed to the granting a license be required to get a majority petition against it.

He are of opinion that it would be much better to do away with petitions altogether and throw the responsibility on the Council.

The City Marshal having reported that the Stipendiary Magistrate refused to issue any summons against any person selling liquor without any license of any kind the Chairman called a meeting at which His Honor the Mayor was present with the Recorder, and the Recorder stated he had seen the Stipendiary who had consented to issue summonses under the City Laws.

Your Committee are of opinion that the present Act should be amended so that those who pay the City for licenses should be protected from the completion of those who sell without license and would recommend that the Revisors of the City Charter should at once adopt such portions of the Mc Carthy (Dominion) or Crooke (Ontario) License Acts to our own legislation as would give the Police more power in going into and searching and taking away liquors from unlicensed houses.

By Section 101 of the City Charter the Recorder is required when requisite to afford legal advice and assistance in the business of the Police Court and the Committee would recommend that on being notified by the clerk of License that his assistance is required in the prosecution of any license case wherein the City enters suit or proceedings of any kind to prevent or furnish infraction of the License Laws that the Recorder shall so attend and conduct the proceedings or prosecution on behalf of the City in said Police Court.

Halifax February 10th 1885.H. B. Mc Sweeney,
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Mc Sweeney the last clause of said report

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February 20th is received and adopted and the remainder laid over till a future Meeting.

Report Special Committee in re Wards: Read Report of Special Committee in reference to a revision and better distribution of the boundaries of the Wards of the City.

Report Committee of Public Accounts in reference to a number of Accounts passed for the Fire Department services and for Stationery &c. Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to a number of Accounts passed for the Fire Department services and for Stationery &c.

Meeting of Committee of Public Accounts held this 20th February 1885 Present Aldermen MacInnes, Rent, Theakston, Mac Sweeney and Taylor, Chairman.

The undermentioned accounts were carefully examined and are recommended for payment.

Stationery Account			
A & W MacKenlay.	\$229.10	John Flemming & Co.	\$25.91
Contingent Account			
Charles Ammand	\$13.50	Blackadar Bros.	21.36
Halifax Gas Light Co.	3.00	S. Leonard & Co.	3.23
Fire Department			
A. Stephen & Son.	\$42.45	Thos. P. Connolly.	1.70
A. G. Mac Donald.	31.15	Thos. D. Spike.	41.10
Austen Bros.	13.13	John Cad.	12.50
Mr. Griffin & others.	14.75	John Taylor.	1.35
Blackintosh & MacInnes.	3.42	H. B. Fidler.	15.75
Mac Donald & Co.	3.06	A. Moir & Sons.	44.99
J. & M. Taylor.	46.10	A. Fultz.	1.50
George Rent.	40.18	Thos. Reardon.	4.25
Halifax Gas Co.	6.00		<u>\$664.48.</u>
A. Comphier.	45.00		

Respectfully Submitted.
Mr Taylor.
Chairman.

When the following Resolution No one is introduced.

Resolved That the report of the Committee of Public Accounts be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign Warrants for the payment of the accounts therein reported amounting to \$664⁴⁸. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

Better Supervision of Measurers of Coal. Read Letter from David Barry Supervisor of Measurers of Coal announcing two vacancies in that Department.

The "Order of the Day" is next taken up.

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Report Special Committee on the boundaries of the Wards.

Read Report of Special Committee in reference to a revision of the boundaries of the several Wards of the City.

On Motion Ward No One as described in Revised Charter with sundry amendments is passed.

On Motion Ward No Two as described in Revised Charter is passed as amended.

Read boundaries of Wards No Three & Four amalgamated. Moved in amendment by Alderman Mc Sweeney seconded by Alderman Sedgewick that the clause of the report as to the amalgamation of Ward Three and Four be deferred for the present. Motion put and passed.

Read Sixth Section passed.

Read Seventh Section. Moved by Alderman Sheakston seconded by Alderman O'Byrne that two Aldermen for each Ward be substituted for three. Motion put and lost 6 voting for and 9 against it.

Section Seven put and passed without amendment.

Sections 8, 9 & 10 Read and passed

Read Section Eleventh. Moved by Alderman Mc Sellow seconded by Alderman Mc James that the same pass.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the words in "Italics" be struck out and that in place of the words Two Thousand Dollars the words Eight Thousand Dollars be substituted.

After debate on above A. Motion to withdraw the above amendment. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman O'Mullin on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Gad that the words "on personal" in this Section be struck out. Motion put and lost 4 voting for 11 against it.

Moved by Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman Pearson that the oath read as follows. I A.B. do swear that I am qualified to fill the office of and I swear that I will faithfully perform the duties of while I hold the office with diligence and impartiality to the best of my ability, which Motion on being put is passed 8 voting for the same 7 against it

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Read Clause Eleventh again which on being put is passed as amended.

Read Clause Twelfth which is passed.

Read Section 13th of part 2 qualification of Mayor and Alderman. to which the following amendment is introduced.

In order to qualify a citizen to be eligible as Mayor or Alderman he must be a natural born or naturalized male subject of Her Majesty of the full age of twenty one years not attainted of treason or felony and in addition have every qualification necessary for a voter within the City of Halifax. Moved by Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman O'Mullin which amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for the same 9 against it.

Section 13 as printed on being put is passed.

Read Section 14. Moved by Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Sedgewick that all that portion of the Section comprised in the three first lines down to the words "no person accountable" &c be struck out. Motion put and lost. Section put and passed without amendment.

Read Section No 15 to which the following amendment is introduced.

The City Council shall have power to enquire into and determine the eligibility and qualification of persons returned as elected to office or sitting as Mayor or Alderman and if they find a person returned or sitting who in their judgement not capable by law of being so elected or sitting they shall declare the office vacant and direct a new Election to take place. Moved by Alderman Pearson seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which on being put is passed.

Read Section Sixteen which is passed.

Read Section Seventeen which is passed as amended the words by "general deed of assignment" being struck out.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Sheakston The Council adjourn.

"Council Adjourn"

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Sedgewick, Stephen, Wilson, MacDellan, O'Mullin, Cad, MacJames, O'Bryan, Longard, and Taylor.

The City Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over from previous meetings. The Revision of City Charter and the transaction of other business

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman MacDellan, Chairman of Board of City Works submits report from Board on a proposed Scheme of Water Rates Tariff.

Also an Extract from the Minutes of Board in reference to sum required for Grand Parade Contracts.

Alderman Longard, submits an Amended Scale of Water Rates as prepared by himself.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman MacDellan. The "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Board of City Works

Read Report from Board of City Works with proposed Scheme of new Water Rates Tariff.

On Motion of Alderman MacDellan seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the same is received and Tuesday next the 3rd of March appointed for its special consideration

Letter Alderman Longard.

Read Letter from Alderman Longard with his proposed Scheme of Water Rates Tariff.

On Motion of Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman Cad the same is received to be considered with the report of Board of Works on Tuesday next.

Extract from Board of Works Minutes

Read Extract from Board of Works Minutes in reference to sum required for finishing wall Grand Parade and other improvements

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Report Committee on Storage of Petroleum.

Read Report from Committee on Storage of Petroleum.

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Letter Lawson
Harrington
dealers in petro-
leum.

Lawson. Harrington & Co dealers in petroleum in reference to building on Hempt Road recommended by them for the place of storage.

Read Letter from Messrs

Stephen seconded by Alderman Mac Bellan Resolved that the whole subject be referred back to committee to reconsider and report on.

On Motion of Alderman

Messrs Power, Healey and Ross Mr. P. P. being in the audience portion of the Council room were invited by the Mayor to seats on the platform and welcomed by the Council

Petition G. J.
Sinclair & others
in re license
taxation on
Insurance
Companies

Read Petition from George J. Sinclair & others Committee of Insurance Association in reference to present license taxation on Insurance Companies.

Read Petition from George J.

Stephen seconded by Alderman Taylor Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted and His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an Act in accordance with said petition and that the same be sent to the Legislature for approval.

On Motion of Alderman

Draft of An
Act to authorize
sale of Engine
Houses.

authorize sale of Engine Houses in the City of Halifax.

Read Draft of An Act to

read seconded by Alderman The said Act is passed, directed to be published and engrossed and sent to the Legislature for approval.

On Motion of Alderman

Letter John
Sullivan

van in reference to his not serving as an Inspector of Elections

Read Letter from John Sulli-

Letter George
J. Luck.

Luck on the same subject. Where the following Resolution No One is introduced.

Read Letter from George J.

Resol rel to
Inspectors of
Elections in
Ward Two

Resolved that the excuses presented by the sworn Inspectors George J. Luck and John Sullivan for their refusal to act as such Inspectors at the Election in Ward Two held on the 9th day of February instant are not satisfactory to the Council and that the penalties prescribed by the Charter for such neglect be enforced under the direction of His Honor the Recorder. Moved by Alderman O'Byrne seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed 6 voting for the same 4 against it.

Resolved that the excuses pre-

Appt. Mathew
Young and
D. G. Keith
Inspectors of
Elections

The following Resolution No 2 is next introduced.

The following Resolution No 2

Resolved that Mathew Young and Donald G. Keith be additional Inspectors for the Election of Alderman to be held in Ward No Two on the 19th of March next. Moved by Alderman Bent seconded by Alderman Sedgewick which resolution on being put is passed

Resolved that Mathew Young

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Letter David
Barry, Supervisor
of Measurers of
Coal on vacan-
cies

Report Board
of City Works
in re deed of
Lotton Factory
Siding.

Supervisor of Measurers of Coal announcing two vacancies in that department.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McC James the City Clerk is directed to advertise for applications for said office and the same when received to be referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to recommend two suitable persons for said situation.

Read Report from Board of City Works in reference to deed to Government of the Lotton Factory Siding with letter from the Committee and City Engineer thereon.

Office of Commissioners,
Board of City Works.
February 2nd 1885.

The Board of Works beg leave to submit the accompanying report on Railway Siding Lotton Factory which at a meeting held this day was read and ordered to be transmitted to the City Council with a recommendation that it be approved and acted upon.

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. McC Sellow.
Chairman.

The question of conveying away the City land at Rockhead taken for the purpose of the Lotton Factory Siding having been referred to the undersigned they beg respectfully to make the following recommendation viz:

That the deed be withheld until the following conditions are complied with.

1. That the property be appraised in the usual way and paid for.
2. That proper street crossings with cattle guards be provided for Longard Street and Gottinger Street where they cross the Railway Siding. The work to be subject to the approval of the City Engineer.
3. That suitable gates and a farm crossing be provided at or near the East side of the Rockhead grounds.

Respectfully Submitted.

Geo. McC Sellow,
Jno. P. Longard,
& H. Keating,
City Engineers.

On Motion of Alderman McC Sellow seconded by Alderman Longard the same is received and adopted

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Report Committee of Public Accounts on Bank interest &c &c.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in reference to Bank Interest &c unpaid taxes and other items.

Committee Room.

City Building

February 1885.

The Committee of Public Accounts, having reconsidered the first and third clauses of the report of this Committee which was read at a meeting of the Council on 16th December 1884, find a mistake was made in the first clause of the report in the rate agreed to be paid the Bank in December 1881 and for some other terms it being at six instead of seven per cent per annum. As the question however has been pretty fully discussed and carefully looked into by the Council this Committee cannot now submit any further information than what is already in possession of the Council on the subject matter of this clause of that report.

In reference to the third clause of that report touching the unpaid claims against the Treasury of the City previous and up to 1st May 1884 and the available means of liquidating the same. Your Committee have ascertained the following additional unsettled amounts viz:

Mac Donald & Co	Contingent Account.	1878	\$10.95
Do	City Prison	" 1880	4.45
Do	City Property	" 1881	150.00
Do	"	" 1883	3.75
Do	Streets	" 1883	55.26
Garden Commutation Fund.			5509.94
Cemetery Committee	"		786.70
			<hr/> \$6521.05
Amount reported previously ascertained			5985.50
Total to date.			<hr/> <hr/> \$66,376.10

The Committee do not find any change on the other side of the account and therefore reiterate the recommendation in their former report in reference to the unpaid taxes up to May 1884 and the sale of the properties mentioned with the further recommendation that application be made to the Legislature for an Act to remove any doubts against using the proceeds of the property on the Market Slip for the payment of the floating debts above referred to.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mrs Taylor.

Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Bent the first clause of said report is approved of.

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Read Second clause in reference to the collection of taxes & sale of brick building & Market Wharf. Then the following resolution No 3 is introduced.

Resolved that the report be received and adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a bill to remove any doubt tending to use the proceeds of building on Market Slip for purposes of the report. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman McClellan which resolution on being put is passed.

Moved by Alderman Langard seconded by Alderman O'Bryan that the Council adjourn until Thursday evening at 1/2 past seven to proceed with consideration of Revised Charter. Motion put and passed.

"Council Adjourn"

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"Evening Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this Evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Alderman Reent. Sedgewick. Spelman Stephen. Mac Sellan. O'Mullin, Shand. Cad. Mac Innes. O'Bryan, Songard and Taylor.

The City Council was summoned to proceed with consideration of Revised Charter and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Meeting held on the 24th instant which were confirmed.

His Worship the Mayor submits Draft of An Act prepared by His Honor the Recorder in reference to taxation of Insurance Companies as requested by City Council.

Also Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1884 entitled An Act to authorize a loan for the City of Halifax and for other purposes.

On Motion of Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Reent the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this evening.

Draft of An Act.

Read Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1883. entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 81 of the Acts of 1864 entitled an Act concerning the City of Halifax and the Acts in amendment thereof. (in re Insurance Co's.)

Draft of an Act to authorize a loan for the City of Halifax.

Read Draft of an Act to amend Chapter 28 of the Acts of 1884 entitled "An Act to authorize a loan for the City of Halifax and for other purposes.

On Motion of Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman Mac Innes the said Act is passed directed to be engrossed and published in the papers advertising for the City and sent to the Legislature for approval.

'Order of the Day' is next taken up.

Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman Spelman that "The Order of the Day" be suspended to take up No 6 item on "The Order of the Day" Motion put and passed

Extract from Minutes Board of City Works in reference to Grand Parade requiring a further loan to finishing the contemplated improvements thereon for Grand Parade

Read Extract from Minutes of Board of City Works in reference to Grand Parade requiring a further loan to finishing the contemplated improvements thereon. When.

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Resol. rel to
borrowing \$4000
to complete the
improvements on
Grand Parade.

No one is introduced.

already authorized an expenditure of \$11,500 by the Board of City Works upon the Grand Parade and whereas contracts to that amount are now carried out the Board having only the sum of \$9000 at their disposal to meet the same and whereas the further sum of \$1500⁰⁰ will be required to complete the improvements upon said Parade, the sum of \$4000 will require to be placed to the credit of that work to assure its speedy completion

Therefore Resolved that the sum of \$4000 be borrowed as part of the consolidated fund for that purpose and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill for the Legislature in accordance with said resolution. Moved by Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Stephens which resolution on being put is passed.

When the following resolution

Whereas this Council has

the Board of

contracts

the Board having only

to meet the same and whereas

the sum of \$9000 at their disposal to meet the same and whereas

the further sum of \$1500⁰⁰ will be required to complete the impr-

vements upon said Parade, the sum of \$4000 will require to be

placed to the credit of that work to assure its speedy completion

Therefore Resolved that the sum of \$4000 be borrowed as part

of the consolidated fund for that purpose and that His Honor

the Recorder be instructed to prepare a Bill for the Legislature

in accordance with said resolution. Moved by Alderman McC

Collan seconded by Alderman Stephens which resolution on

being put is passed.

"Order of the Day" On Motion

the Division of the Wards 3, 4, 5 and 6 are taken up.

Read Report of Special Comm-

ittee on division and better distribution of the Wards of the City.

Read Boundaries of Wards 3 &

4 amalgamated.

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick

seconded by Alderman McInnes that the boundaries of new

Ward Three be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alder-

man Stephen seconded by Alderman McCollan that Ward 3

as printed remain as it now stands which Motion in amend-

ment on being put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against it and

the names being called for appeared thus.

For the amendment.

Against it.

Alderman Stephen, O'Mullin, Aldermen Sedgewick, Shand

McCollan 3

O'Bryan, McInnes

Taylor, Langard

Ed. Rent.

Spelman. 9

Moved as a second amendment

by Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Stephen that

Ward Four remain as it now stands which Motion on being

put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against, the names standing

as on previous vote.

Moved in amendment by Ald-

erman Stephen seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the con-

sideration of this subject lay over till next Meeting. Motion put

and lost.

The Original Motion to amal-

gamate Wards 3 & 4 and describing the boundaries thereof as Ward

No 3 on being put is passed 9 voting for the same 3 against it

Report of
Special Comm-
ittee on division
and better distri-
bution of the
Wards.

4 amalgamated.

seconded by Alderman McInnes that the boundaries of new Ward Three be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McCollan that Ward 3 as printed remain as it now stands which Motion in amendment on being put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the amendment.

Against it.
Alderman Stephen, O'Mullin, Aldermen Sedgewick, Shand
McCollan 3

O'Bryan, McInnes
Taylor, Langard
Ed. Rent.
Spelman. 9

Moved as a second amendment by Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Stephen that Ward Four remain as it now stands which Motion on being put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against, the names standing as on previous vote.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the consideration of this subject lay over till next Meeting. Motion put and lost.

The Original Motion to amalgamate Wards 3 & 4 and describing the boundaries thereof as Ward No 3 on being put is passed 9 voting for the same 3 against it

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the names being called for appeared thus:

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Sedgewick, Shand. Aldermen Stephen, O'Mullin
 O'Byran, McInnes. McCollan 3
 Taylor, Longard.
 9 Cad. Rent, Spelman.

of reconsideration

Alderman Stephen gives notice

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McInnes that the boundaries of Ward No Four be passed as recommended in the report from Committee which was read. Motion put and passed. Alderman Stephen gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Ward Five boundaries.

Moved by Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the further consideration of this matter be deferred till next Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday night next. Motion put and lost.

Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McInnes that the boundaries of Ward Five as described in the Report be adopted. Motion put and passed.

of reconsideration.

Alderman Stephen gives Notice

Read Boundaries of Ward Six as amended which on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McInnes The Report of the Committee on the boundaries of the Wards as a whole are adopted

Charter. passed.

Read Section 18 of Revised

Read Section 19, laid over.

Read 20th Section passed as amended "one year" being substituted for "three years".

Read Section 21st "The name being on the register as hereinafter provided" to be inserted before the words "shall on producing his receipt".

Read Section 19 again. A Motion by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Stephen to alter time to 14 days is lost. 5 voting for 6 against it and the names being called for appeared thus:

For Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Taylor, O'Mullin. Aldermen Spelman, O'Byran
 Rent, Cad, Stephen. Sedgewick, Longard
 McCollan, McInnes.

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On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Songard the clause with the new law added making it "thirty days" is passed.

Read Section 22 The words his name being on the register as hereinafter provided being inserted passed as amended.

Read Section 23 The word "March" inserted in place of "April" passed.

Read Sections 24 and 25 which are passed.

Read Section 26th The words "for the annual City Elections" being inserted passed. Alderman Songard gives notice of reconsideration.

Section 27 Read and passed. Alderman Songard gives notice of reconsideration.

Read Sections 28 and 29 which are passed.

Read Section 30 The word resident being struck out is passed.

Read Section 31 passed.

Read Section 32 The words "Police Court" instead of "Police Office" and \$40 instead of \$20. passed as amended.

Read Sections 33, 34 and 35 which are passed.

Read Section 36 "Two" City Papers being inserted instead of "Three" passed.

Read Sections 37 words "or more" struck out, and 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 which are passed without amendment.

Moved by Alderman Mac Bellan seconded by Alderman Stephen that the Council adjourn. Motion put and lost.

Read Section 43 and 44 which passed.

Read Section 45 words "or persons" struck out passed as amended.

Read Section 46 which passed.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Songard the Council Adjourns.

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March 3rd

"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Reent, Sedgewick, Pearson, Spelman, Stephen, Wilson, McClellan, Cad. McCInnes, O'Bryan, Songard and Taylor.

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the consideration of Report of Board of City Works on proposed Tariff for Water Rates. Alderman Songard's proposed Water Tariff, and the transaction of other business.

Read Minutes of Meeting held on 26th Feby, 1885. to Alderman Stephen Notice of reconsideration on division of Wards and amalgamation Ward 3 and boundaries the Notice of reconsideration on being put is lost. 4 voting for 7 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the reconsideration	Against it.
Aldermen Stephen, Wilson.	Aldermen McCInnes, Sedgewick
4 McClellan, O'Bryan.	Songard, Taylor.
	Cad. Reent
	Spelman. 7

Alderman Stephens second Notice of reconsideration on boundaries of Ward No Four is taken up and on being put is lost 3 voting for and 8 against it.

Alderman Songard's Notice of reconsideration given at last Meeting is withdrawn.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Alderman McClellan, Chairman of Board of City Works submits a report from Board on Tenders for purchase of City Building South Ferry.

His Worship the Mayor submits Draft of an Act to authorize a Loan for Grand Parade.

Also a letter from Thos. Grenaman, City Medical Officer in reference to present state of the health of the City and also in reference to Diphtheria.

Also letter D. H. Duncan, Cashier Merchants Bank in reference to interest on Cash Deposits & and Credit balances.

Alderman Sedgewick submits Draft of an Act to empower Municipal Councils to impose licenses on vendors and dealers in certain provisions.

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His Worship the Mayor stated he had received a letter from Ald. Sheakston informing him of his unavoidable absence from the Council on Tuesday evening last.

On Motion of Alderman Songard seconded by Alderman McInnes the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in.

Letter City Medical Officer.

Read letter from Thomas Brennan, City Medical Officer in reference to present health of the City and also in reference to the disease of Diphtheria.

Draft of an Act

Read Draft of an Act to empower Municipal Councils to impose license on vendors and dealers in certain provisions.

Letter Cashier Merchants Bank in re rate balances.

Read letter from D. H. Duncan Cashier Merchants Bank in reference to rate of interest on credit

of interest on credit balances.

On Motion of Alderman Songard seconded by Alderman Taylor the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Report Board of City Works

Read Report from Board of City Works on sale of City Building Market Wharf and in reference to tenders received therefor.

Draft of an Act to authorize a loan for further improvements at Grand Parade.

Read Draft of an Act to authorize a loan for further improvements at Grand Parade. On Motion of Alderman McInnes seconded by Alderman Wilson the said Act is passed directed to be published engrossed and sent to the Legislature for approval.

"Order of the Day" is taken up.

Report Board of Works in re proposed Water Tariff.

Read Report from the Board of City Works in reference to proposed Water Tariff.

Office of Commissioners.
Board of City Works.
Feb. 23rd 1885.

The Board of City Works beg leave to submit the accompanying scheme of proposed new water rate tariff which at a meeting of the Board held this day was before them and ordered to be transmitted to the City Council for its information and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted.
Geo. McInnes.
Chairman.

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Moved by Alderman McCollan seconded by Alderman Spelman that the said report be received and the Tariff of Water Rates as reported by the Board of City Works be taken up. viz the first four clauses.

Resol. as a basis for a law for the levy of Water Rates.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Longard seconded by Alderman McCInnes and Resolved that the City Council do come to the following resolution as a basis for a law for the levy of the Water Rates.

Resolved that the City Council shall have power to levy upon all lands and premises liable to be assessed for Water Rates a sum not exceeding Thousand Dollars per annum and that after deducting estimated revenue from special rates from estimated amount required for maintenance the balance shall be levied by unequal dollar rate upon the assessed value of all lands and premises liable therefor in the following manner. (A) Five Eighths of said balance shall be levied upon the assessed value of lands and premises as described for a protection and pipe rate. (B) In addition to the protection and pipe rate three eighths of said balance shall be levied upon the assessed value of all buildings used as dwellings as a Domestic rate for consumption

After Debate. On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman McCInnes the Council adjourn until Thursday evening next at 1/2 past 7 to proceed with the consideration of the Water Tariff.

"Council Adjourn"

"Evening Session"

March 5th

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council summoned for this Evening Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Bent, Spelman, Wilson, McCollan, Cad, McCInnes, O'Bryan and Longard

The Council met pursuant to adjournment from the 3rd inst. To further consider the Report of the Board of City Works on the Water Tariff.

There being no quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned until further notice.

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"Afternoon Session"

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen Reent. Sedgewick. Pearson. Spelman. Stephen. McC Sweeney. Wilson. Theakston. McC Sellan. O'Mullin. Cad. Shand. McC James. O'Byrne and Longard.

The City Council was summoned to appoint two Weighers and Measurers of Coal for the City of Halifax. To proceed with consideration of Water Tariff and the transaction of other business

Read over Minutes of Meetings held on the 3rd and 5th March instant which were confirmed

Alderman McC Sweeney in the absence of the Chairman submits a report from Committee of Laws & Privileges on the appointment of two Coal Measurers

Alderman McC Sweeney in the absence of the Chairman submits a report from the Committee of Public Accounts on an a/c from William Roche Junr.

Alderman McC Sellan, Chairman of the Board of City Works submits a report from the Board on the subject of a loan for sewerage purposes.

Alderman Spelman submits a petition from Residents, South Park Street asking a further supply of water.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Report from City Clerk covering a/c for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

Also copy of a Draft of an Act to facilitate the collection of debts due to the Board of Public Charities. (which is to come before the Legislature.)

Also a copy of the Petition to be presented to the Legislature from the Directors of the Cotton Factory in reference to payment for Railway Siding Cotton Factory.

Also Return from City Collector of Rates & Taxes collected in February 1885.

Also a Return of Water Rates collected in February 1885.

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Also a Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Water Department for last three years furnished by City Treasurer under resolution of City Council.

Alderman McC Sweeney submits a resolution by way of Notice.

On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Spelman the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Report Com-
mittee on Laws
& Privileges on
appointment
of 2 Coal Meas-
urers.

Read Report from Committee on Laws and Privileges appointing James Payne and Bernard McC Gibbon, Measurers and Weighers of Coal for the City of Halifax.

City Buildings
9th March 1885.

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg to report to the Council that twenty two applications made for persons desirous of being appointed Coal Measurers and that after examination of the fitness of the different candidates.

They beg to recommend that the following persons be appointed to fill the two vacancies in question. James Payne, Bernard McC Gibbon.

Respectfully Submitted.
Robt. Sedgewick.
Chairman.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman McC Sweeney the said report is received and adopted.

Report Board
of Works

Read Report from Board of City Works on loan for Sewerage purposes.

Report Com-
mittee of Pub-
lic Accounts
in re a/c Mr
Roche Jr.

Read Report from Committee of Public Accounts in re a/c of Mr Roche Junr. for Fire Dept. supplies of coal.

Committee Room
March 10th 1885.

At the Meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held this day the account of William Roche Jr. of \$393¹⁶ for coal for the Fire Department was recommended to be paid.

H. B. McC Sweeney.
Chairman.

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No one is introduced.

When the following resolution

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign the usual warrant for payment of the same. Moved by Alderman McC Sweeney seconded by Alderman Rent which being put is passed.

Letter President
Gotton Factory
Company. rel to
\$9000 promised
by City Council.

Read Letter from John Doull Esq. President Gotton Factory Company with Draft of a Petition to the Legislative Council in reference to the \$9,000 promised by City Council to aid in constructing Gotton Factory Siding. On Motion of Alderman Stephen seconded by Alderman Spelman the same is referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges to attend to.

Draft of an Act
to facilitate the
collection of debts
due to the Board
of Commrs. Public
Charities.

Read Draft of an Act to facilitate the collection of debts due to the Board of Commissioners of Public Charities. When the following resolution No 2 is introduced.

Resolved that the Bill in question be referred to Committee of Public Accounts and Laws & Privileges with full power to deal with the same before the Legislature. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Shand which resolution on being put is passed.

Statement of
Water Expenditure
and Receipts
for three years.

Read Statement of Water Expenditure and Receipts for past three years prepared by City Treasurer under a resolution of City Council

On Motion of Alderman McC Sellan seconded by Alderman Longard the same is referred to Board of City Works.

Report City
Clerk in re a/c's.

Read Report from City Clerk of accounts for consideration of Committee of Public Accounts.

On Motion of Alderman McC James seconded by Alderman Stephen the same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on.

Petition Resid-
ents South Park
St. asking a
larger supply of
water.

Read Petition of Charles A. Stayner and other Residents South Park Street asking a larger supply of water.

On Motion of Alderman Spelman seconded by Alderman Pearson the same is referred to Board of City Works to report on.

Resol. rel to
making all
Aldermen Mem-
bers of the County
Council.

Read following Resolution submitted by Alderman McC Sweeney by way of Notice.

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature making all Aldermen Members of the County Council

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On Motion of Alderman McC Sellow seconded by Alderman Longard the "Order of the Day" is suspended to take up "Report of Board of City Works in reference to loan for Sewerage." The same is again read.

Report Board of Works in re loan for sewerage.

Office of Commissioners.

Board of City Works.

March 9th 1885.

The Board of City Works beg leave to report that at a meeting held this day they had under consideration various matters in connection with the sewerage of the City when the following resolution was introduced discussed and passed and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its action thereon.

"That whereas the construction of new and improved sewers in some sections of the City of Halifax is urgently needed for the effectual drainage of the same and for the prevention of the rise and spread of disease

"And whereas the sewerage rates assessable on private properties benefited by new sewers under the provisions of the Sewerage Act are insufficient to cover the cost of the Sewers required and the necessary works connected therewith." And whereas there are extensive grounds in many and various quarters throughout the City, which are owned by the Imperial Dominion and Local Governments and which grounds are exempt from the compulsory payment of the ordinary sewerage rates, thus entailing heavy additional expense on the City

"And whereas the Admiralty authorities have recently called attention to the necessity of constructing certain new Sewers in the neighbourhood of Admiralty property both on Gottingen and Water Streets, and there is reason to believe that the said Authorities will contribute their fair share towards the said new sewers.

"And whereas there are no funds at the disposal of the City to meet any deficiencies which there may be or to ensure the completion of any new sewers required and the necessary sanitary works connected therewith.

Therefore Resolved that the City Council be requested to instruct His Honor the City Recorder to prepare a Bill for the Legislature whereby the City will be empowered to borrow the sum of Ten thousand Dollars \$10,000⁰⁰ annually for five consecutive years for the purpose of at least carrying into effect and perfecting some portions of the sewerage scheme in some of the worst districts of the City.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo McC Sellow.

Chairman.

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On Motion of Alderman

McClellan seconded by Alderman Stephen The said report is adopted.

Read Draft of an Act to

Draft of an Act

to empower Municipal Councils to impose a license on Dealers and Venders in certain provisions. When the following resolution No 4 is introduced.

to impose a license

on dealers & venders

in certain provisions

Resolved that the Draft of the Bill herewith produced. Entitled "An Act to empower Municipal Councils to impose license on Venders and Holders of certain provisions" be approved of by this Council and sent to the Legislature to be passed. Moved by Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Ed which resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion of Alderman

Sheakston seconded by Alderman McClellan The Council adjourn until Thursday evening 7.45 P.M. To proceed with consideration of Water Tariff. 9. Voting for the Motion 4 against it.

"Council Adjourn"

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"Evening Session"

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this evening Present His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair, Aldermen Rent, Sedgewick, Spelman Stephen, Mac Sweeney, Sheakston, Mac Sellan, O'Mullin, Shand, Cad, Mac James, O'Bryan and Longard.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment. To proceed with consideration of Water Tariff and the transaction of other business.

The Minutes of Meeting held on the 10th inst were read and confirmed.

Alderman O'Mullin, Chairman submits a report from Committee City Prison with a/cs for February 1885.

His Worship the Mayor submits Drafts of Two Acts prepared by His Honor the Recorder, one in reference to loan for Sewerage, the other in reference to making Aldermen Members of Municipal Council "ex officio".

On Motion of Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman O'Mullin the "Order of the Day" is suspended to read the papers handed in this evening.

Report Committee of City Prison in re a/cs

Read Report from Committee of City Prison of accounts for February 1885. When the following resolution No one is introduced.

Resolved that the report of the Committee on City Prison be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for payment of accounts in all \$89.77. Moved by Alderman O'Mullin seconded by Alderman Cad which resolution on being put is passed.

Draft of an Act to amend the County Incorporation Act of 1879

Read Draft of an Act further to amend "The County Incorporation Act" of 1879.

On Motion of Alderman Sedgewick seconded by Alderman Mac Sweeney the said Bill is passed ordered to be engrossed and sent to the Legislature for their approval.

Draft of an Act to enable the City to borrow money for Sewerage purposes.

Read Draft of an Act to enable the City to borrow money for Sewerage purposes.

Moved by Alderman Mac Sellan seconded by Alderman O'Mullin that the said bill be passed engrossed and sent to the Legislature for approval. Motion put and passed.