

— October 3^d 1846 —

The City Council having been summoned to meet this day to receive the returns for the Elections in the different Wards, to Elect a Mayor for the ensuing Year, as also two Auditors for the City, and the transaction of other business, but having been prevented in consequence of the printing pending for Ward number three, the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that this Council do adjourn until Monday next at twelve O'clock to receive the returns for the Elections of the different Wards - To Elect a Mayor for the ensuing year - as also two Auditors for the City and the transaction of other Business which on being put is passed.

The Council adjourns until tomorrow at 12 O'clock

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Council held this day.
Present. His worship the Mayor Alderman Poyer Caldwell
Jennings Hemmen Fairbanks Winters M^r. Cleary. Thompson
Black Hunter Greimer & Mugg.

The City Council met this day agreeably to resolution of yesterday to receive the returns for Elections of the different wards to Elect a Mayor for the ensuing year as also two Auditors for the City and the transaction of other Business.

Read over Proceedings of yesterday.

The returns for the Elections of City Councillors and assessors for the ensuing year held on Thursday last agreeably to a proclamation of His Worship the Mayor for Wards No 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6 having been read and the following Gentlemen having been returned.

- William B. Anderson Esq. for Ward No 1
- Robert Richardson Esq. " " 2
- John B. Sushman Esq. " " 3
- Henry Mignowitz Esq. " " 4
- F. W. Clark Esq. " " 5
- Edward Billing Esq. " " 6

Another Gentlemen being in attendance and having taken and subscribed the Oaths of Allegiance and the oath of office prescribed by Law. Sign the roll and take their seats accordingly.

The City Council now proceed to the Election of a Mayor for the ensuing year when Alderman Fairbanks having been proposed as Mayor by Benjamin E. Black Esq. and Alderman Jennings having been proposed as Mayor by Henry Mignowitz. The Ballot is proceeded with when there appears for Alderman Jennings Ten
Alderman Fairbanks Six

Alderman Jennings is therefore duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing year.

His worship the Mayor having been requested to leave the chair on motion Alderman Jennings takes the Chair

The following resolution is
(Resolved)

introduced

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Resolved that a complimentary address to his Worship
the Mayor Andrew McKinlay Esq: on his retiring from
Office and that the following be adopted
(which on being put is passed.)

To His Worship Andrew McKinlay
Esquire Mayor of the City of Halifax

The Aldermen and Common Council Men
of the City of Halifax beg to present to your Worship
on your retirement from the Office of Mayor their
unanimous sentiments of respect and Esteem for the
able, judicious and impartial manner in which you
have discharged the duties of that office during
the past year

In all matters pertaining to the interests
of the City, in the Judgement Seat, and while
presiding over the deliberations of the Council, they
have not failed to notice and appreciate the
earnest zeal with which your Worship has undertaken
and countenanced all means adapted to increase the
rising prosperity of the City - the calm and unbiassed
attention which has accompanied your Worship in
all cases brought before you for decision, and the
courteous urbanity which has marked your bearing
towards the members of the Corporation both in public
and in social life

They cannot permit your worship to
retire from the Station which you have so ably filled
without a grateful acknowledgement of the Merit
of your Public Services and private worth and
take the occasion to assure your Worship of their
continued confidence esteem and personal Regards

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Aldermen
Common Councilmen

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that a copy of the foregoing address be presented by the City Clerk to His Worship the Mayor Andrew McKinley Esquire and that he be requested to appoint a time and place to receive the same

(which being put is passed)

Alderman Summings quits the Chair

His Worship the Mayor resumes the Chair

The City Council next proceeds to the election of Auditors for the City of Halifax for the ensuing year - Mr John W Barps Thomas C Bolton & Wier having been proposed the Ballot is proceeded with, when their appears for Mr John W Barps 14 Mr Bolton 1 and ten Blanks Mr John W Barps is therefore Elected one of the Auditors of the City

Mr James M Donaldson is next proposed as the other auditor for the City for the Ensuing year The Ballot is proceeded with when their appears for Mr Donaldson 13 Mr Bolton 1 and three Blanks Mr James M Donaldson is therefore elected one of the Auditors of the City
The Council then adjourned.

Halifax October 6th 1846.

The following letter from the Secretary of the Province relative to approval of the Election of Alderman Jennings as Mayor is this day received:

Provincial Secretary's Office
Halifax 6th October 1846

Sir, I have laid before the Lieutenant Governor your letter of yesterday acquainting me for the information of his Excellency, that the City Council had made choice of Joseph Jennings Esq to be Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing year and if His Excellency approves the choice the hour most convenient to swear Mr Jennings into office

I have it in command to inform you His Excellency will be prepared at the Government House tomorrow at twelve o'clock to administer the oaths to Mr Jennings -

Accordingly

I have the honour to be
Sir

- The City Clerk -

your Most Obedient
humble Servant
Thos W James
for the City

Halifax 8th October 1846

Alderman Jennings having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office agreeably to Law was this day sworn into Office as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

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Andrew Richardson Esq^r sworn into Office as City Gauger for the purpose of Gauging rum or distilled spirituous liquors imported into or distilled within the Province in the presence of his Worship the Mayor.

Halifax October 15th 1846

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day
 Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmerson
 & Fairbanks, M^r Cleary Anderson, Thompson, Richardson,
 Black Leishman, Hunter, Mignowitz, Creamer,
 Clark Rugg & Billing

The City Council were summoned
 to receive the returns of Elections for Wards Nos 1, 3 & 4
 to Elect an Alderman for said wards, to Consider the
 protest of J. H. Anderson Esq and others relative
 to resolution of City Council confirming the Scrutiny
 for Ward No 3 and other matters therein set forth.
 and the transaction of other Business.

Read over proceedings of 4th October
 Read following opinion of the Recorder relative
 to Swearing in the Mayor:

Recorders Office
 8th October 1846

Gentlemen,

It having been suggested that
 Sec 10 c 55. 11 Vic under which the Mayor of this City
 is to be sworn into Office admits of two Constructions
 1st That he may be sworn by the Governor alone, or
 in his absence by the Chief Justice and three Aldermen
 2nd That in either case the presence of three
 Aldermen is necessary whether the Oaths be
 administered by the Governor or before the Chief Justice

Now the Governor not being absent if
 the first of these be adopted and found afterwards
 not to be the true construction serious liabilities it
 is said will inevitably occur.

If the second should be chosen it
 is alleged that three Aldermen did not attend
 yesterday, and now since the late resignations
 there are not three left in the Council to be present
 so that in neither case would the Mayor be
 legally qualified

On these points submitted to me I
 would observe that while from the punctuation
 of the clause referred to, as it appears in the
 Statute Book, I doubt not the Judicial
 Construction would be that three Aldermen
 should be present when the Mayor takes
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The Oaths of Office. whether the same are administered by the Governor or before the Chief Justice. Yet even in this view of the case I should still advise as I did yesterday

If there were no other considerations than mere Expediency the Mayor Elect after approval by the Governor took the safest course in presenting himself to take the prescribed Oaths in presence of the Aldermen who did attend, and I cannot but think that the Citizens generally would support rather than impugn the action of their Officer under such peculiar circumstances

I make these remarks because I have been requested to answer the above propounded difficulties. but for myself I am decidedly of opinion that by the last proviso of the 16th Sec^t "the outgoing mayor occupies the office and place in the City Council of the Mayor then elected" and is to all intents and purposes an Alderman until he signifies his desire to retire from the Council and he has "two days after the expiration of his Mayorality to give notice of his resignation"

Therefore with all reference to the opinions of the Gentlemen who have suggested the doubts alluded to I reiterate my opinion and strongly recommend that the Mayor Elect should today without loss of time in the presence of these three Gentlemen the Ex-Mayor and the two Aldermen who have not resigned appear before his Excellency the Governor and again tender to take the requisite Oaths. Should they be administered by the Governor I feel assured that a Court of Law would sustain all the proceedings and decide that the Mayor has been duly installed into Office

I have the honour to be
— Gentlemen —

To the Mayor &
Elect and City & (Sgn^d)
Council &
Halifax &

Your Obedient Serv^t
W. J. Sawers
Recorder.

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Read following answer of Andrew McKinley
Esquire late Mayor to the address of City Council

"To the Mayor, Aldermen and Common
Councilmen of the City of Halifax"

"Gentlemen -

The sentiments of esteem
and personal regard so kindly conveyed in your
address call forth my warmest acknowledgements

It is gratifying to find that
on retiring from so important an Office as that in
which I have been placed for the past year
that my Conduct throughout has merited your
general approval, in the discharge of all those
varied and onerous duties which such an
office necessarily involves

It has ever been my
leading object from the moment the Corporation
Act was brought into existence (in which I was
called to take a part) to further and advance
it in every stage in order to carry out fully and
satisfactorily all those principles of self Government
and general improvement in our Municipal
affairs which the passing of that Act conferred
upon us

Gentlemen, the judicious
working out of those principles and the beneficial
results likely to arise will in a great measure
depend upon ourselves. for wherever harmony
and unanimity prevail every difficulty will
ultimately disappear.

On retiring from amongst
you as a public Body it will ever afford me
the utmost pleasure and satisfaction on
looking back to that period of public service
spent with those whose ready assistance at all
times and whose numerous acts of personal
kindness rendered every duty in which I was
engaged comparatively light, and for which I
shall ever cherish the best feelings of personal
esteem

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen

Your obedient Servant
(Sgn^d) Andrew McKinley,

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Read resignation of Andrew McKinlay Esquire
Halifax 8th October 1845

To His Worship
The Mayor Aldermen &c
Gentlemen

The term for which I was
elected Mayor having now expired, and in accordance
with the privilege granted by the Act of Incorporation I
would now beg to retire from the City Council, &c
I have the honour to be,
Gentlemen,

(Sgn^d) your O^bd Servant,
Andrew McKinlay.

Read proclamation, of His Worship the Mayor, for
Election of Common Council men, for wards No^s 1, 3 & 4.

To the Electors of Wards Nos 1, 3 and 4
Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the
representation of Wards numbers One, Three, and Four
in the City Council

I hereby give Public Notice that a
poll will be opened at the places in the several
wards and before the Aldermen and Councillor hereinafter
mentioned on Wednesday the fourteenth day of October
instant, at nine o'clock in the forenoon

For one Councillor for Ward No 1
at the barn belonging to J J Sawyer Esq before Alderman
Fairbanks

For One Councillor for Ward No 3
at the south front of Dalhousie College before
Alderman Hemsmeon

For one Councillor for Ward No 4
at the House of Mr^s Holmes opposite Dalhousie
College before James Thompson Esq.

And that the said Poll will
continue open for the purposes aforesaid agreeably
to the Act of Incorporation

Given under my hand at the City Court
House this 9th day of October A D 1845
(Sgn^d) J Jennings Mayor

The returns for Elections of City Councillors for Wards Nos 1, 3 and 4 held on Monday last agreeably to a proclamation of His Worship the Mayor having been read and the following Gentlemen having been returned:

- William Stairs Esqr for Ward No 1
- Thomas Le Bolton Esqr " " " 3
- Thomas Ring Esqr " " " 4

And these Gentlemen being in attendance and having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office prescribed by Law. Take their seats accordingly

The City Council next proceed to elect an Alderman for Ward No 1 in place of Alderman Pryor, resigned, when Messrs Stairs and Cleary having been proposed the Ballot is proceeded with when there appeared for Mr Stairs 12 Mr Cleary 3 Mr Stairs having received a majority of votes is elected Alderman for ward No 1

The City Council next proceed to elect an Alderman for Ward No 3 in place of Alderman Caldwell resigned, when Messrs Leishman and Bolton having been proposed the Ballot is proceeded with when there appeared for Mr Leishman 12 Mr Bolton 3 Mr Leishman having received a majority of votes is elected Alderman for Ward No 3

The City Council next proceed to elect an Alderman for Ward No 4 in place of His Worship the Mayor. the Ballot is proceeded with when there appeared for Magnowitz 7 Mr Hunter 10 Mr Ring 0 Mr Hunter having received a majority of votes is elected Alderman for Ward No 4

These Gentlemen being in attendance and having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance and the oath of Office as prescribed by Law. as also that of a Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax sign the Roll accordingly.

Read following protest of J H Anderson & others relative to Scrutiny in Ward No 3

(To The)

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To the Mayor Aldermen and
Common Council Men of the City of Halifax

" We the undersigned Electors of Ward No 3
who have voted for John Mc Anderson, Esquire
and the said John Mc Anderson for himself in
pursuance of the notice given in the matter of the
scrutiny between Mr Anderson and Mr Fishman, do
and doth hereby formally Protest against the
resolution of the City Council confining the scrutiny
to less than two days as allowed by Law. Also
against the resolution declaring the said Mr Fishman
elected, Also against his being sworn into Office
or acting therein - Also against the Constitution
of the said City Council, by admitting certain Members
or a member not duly qualified by Law. to take
part in said proceedings, and against certain other
irregular and illegal proceedings in the matter
aforesaid

And we hereby give notice that
it is our intention to institute such legal proceedings
for obtaining redress as may be found necessary
and proper

Dated at Halifax 5th day of October
AD 1846.

J Mc Anderson (Sgr) Richard Scare
Alexander G Fraser
J L Shannon
A Hershaw.
John Longard
Samuel Caldwell.

When following resolution is introduced
Resolved that the Protest just read
be received and lie on the table.
Which on being put is passed

— Read following resignations of Aldermen
Payer and Caldwell —

(Halifax)

Halifax October 7th 1845

"I hereby declare my resignation of the Office of Alderman for ward No 1 in the City of Halifax and enclose you the sum of twenty five pounds being the penalty imposed by Law.

Declared before me this 7th day of October A.D. 1845 (S^g) Henry Pryor.
(S^g) John Winters Alderman.

Halifax October 7th 1845

"I hereby declare my resignation of the Office of Alderman for ward No 3 in the City of Halifax and enclose you the sum of Twenty Five pounds being the fine imposed by Law.

(S^g) William Caldwell.
Declared before me this 7th day of October A.D. 1845 (S^g) John Winters Alderman.

Read following resignation of Alderman Winters

Halifax October 7. 1845

I hereby declare my resignation of the office of Alderman for ward No 6 in the City of Halifax

(S^g) John Winters.

Declared before me this 7th day of October A.D. 1845

W Caldwell J.P.

When following resolution is introduced Resolved that the resignation of Alderman Winters be accepted, and that the Recorder take such steps as the Law points out to recover the fine imposed by Law. - To which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the opinion of the Recorder be taken as to whether the resignation (continued)

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tendered by Alderman Winters, can be accepted without the payment of the sum of Twenty five pounds which amendment being put is lost

11 voting for it and 12 against

The Original Resolution is then put and Carries 12 voting for it and 11 against

The following amounts are ordered to be paid by check on City Treasurer

John Smith £1.5.0

L. S. Evans " 1.5.0

Thos W Johnson 1.5.0

Edward A Pyke - 0.12.5

W B Bauers 0.12.5

Joseph Clark 0.12.5

Read following letter from A. M. Uniacke Esquire on subject of suit of Halifax Fire Insurance Compt against the City, which on motion stands over.

The subject of the south part of the Cemetery fence is brought to the notice of the Council by the Chairman when

following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Cemetery Committee be requested to have the fence on the south side of the Cemetery completed, as also a bar to prevent cattle getting in by the small gate at a cost not exceeding Twelve pounds 10s

— Which on being put is passed —

Read letter from J. to Bampf addressed to the Recorder when the Recorder is requested to hand the check to City Treasurer

Reads following Petition of Thos Mooney when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the petition of Thomas Mooney be received and referred to a Committee to report upon, that Messrs Clark, Stairs, Hemmerson, Greiner & Richardson be that Committee

Read letter from P. C. 13 relative to W. D. Starrs resignation as Fire Ward

When on motion it is resolved That Mr Starrs be informed by City Clerk that he is required to continue in Office until Annual appointment.

Halifax October 22nd 1845

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day - Present, His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Lishman, Hunter, Memmons, & Fairbanks M^r Cleary, Anderson, Thompson, Richardson, Black Bolton, Mynowitz, Greamer, Clark, Rugg, & Billing

The City Council were summoned to receive the return of Election for Ward No 5 to elect an Alderman for said Ward, to appoint the Committee for the ensuing year and the transaction of other Business

Read over proceedings 15th October 1845

Read following Proclamation of his worship the Mayor for Election of Common Council Man for Ward No 5

" To the Electors of Ward No 5

Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the representation of Ward No 5 in the City Council

I hereby give public Notice

That a Poll will be opened at St George's School House on Wednesday the 21st day of October instant at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, before Alderman Lishman, for the Election of one fit and proper person duly qualified to represent said Ward in the City Council; and that the said Poll will continue open for the purposes aforesaid agreeably to the Law.

Given under my hand at the City Court House this 15 day of October A.D., 1845 (Sgr^o) J. Jennings, Mayor

The Return for Election of City Councillor for Ward No 5 held on Wednesday last agreeably to a Proclamation of His Worship the Mayor, having been read, and the Hon Hugh Bell having been returned, and that Gentleman being in attendance and having taken the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oath of Office prescribed by Law takes his seat accordingly

The City Council next proceed to Elect an Alderman for Ward No 5 in place of Alderman Winters resigned. The Ballot is proceeded with when there appeared for Mr Rugg - Mr Billing & and two blanks, and Mr Rugg having received

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a Majority of Votes is elected an Alderman for Ward No 5 and that Gentleman being in attendance, and having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, and the Oath of Office as prescribed by Law, and also that of a Justice of Peace for the City, signs the Roll accordingly.

The City Council next proceed to elect the various Committees for ensuing year, when following appointments are made.

<u>Commissioners of Streets.</u>		<u>Committee of Public Property.</u>	
W ^m G Anderson Ward No 1		Chas M Cleary Ward No 1	
Alderman Fairbanks 2		Rob ^t Richardson 2	
B E Black 3		Thos Bolton 3	
Thos Ring 4		Henry Magnowitz 4	
Ald ^r Hemmeon 5		T W Clark 5	
Ald ^r Rugg 6		Edw ^d Billing 6	

<u>Committee of Common</u>		<u>Committee of Public Accounts</u>	
Chas M Cleary Esq Ward No 1		Charles M Cleary Ward No 1	
Ald ^r Fairbanks " 2		James Thompson 2	
B E Black 3		B E Black 3	
Ald ^r Hunter 4		A D Hunter 4	
Ald ^r Hemmeon 5		D Creamer 5	
Thos M Bell 6		Edw ^d Billing 6	

Committee of Cemetery.

C M Cleary Esquire
 " Alderman Fairbanks
 " James Thompson
 " B E Black
 " W G Anderson
 " Alderman Jewishman
 " Alderman Hemmeon
 " Alderman Rugg.

The following Gentlemen are appointed firewards for ensuing year:

<u>Ward No 3</u>	<u>Ward No 4</u>
J J Sawyer Esq	" Jno Esson
W G Anderson "	" Robert Romans
Henry Pryor "	" Henry Magnowitz

—Ward No 2—

Joshua Lee Esq.
Robert Richardson
Thos R Grassie "

—Ward No 3—

Wm Caldwell Esq.
Archd Sinclair
Geo. Wilgerson

—Ward No 5—

J W Muckle Esq.
" Charles Beamish
" B. G. Brehm "

—Ward No 6—

A. G. Fraser Esq.
Geo. Longard
Wm Futherland.

The following accounts are ordered to be paid by Checks on City Treasurer

James Heam £ 5.2.0 | Joseph Clark 0.12.0

The following Resolutions are introduced

Resolved that the Board of Aldermen with his Worship the Mayor be a Committee to examine the present Constabulary regulations to see if properly complied with, and whether any improvement could be made by which the Services of that Body could be rendered more efficient.

Also to draw up regulations for the City Licences. Licences for the Game &c. and report thereon at next meeting of City Council.

which on being put are passed.

The Council then adjourned

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William Futherland and Charles Beamish Esquires having taken the Oath prescribed by Law. are this day sworn into office as Fire Wardens for the City

Halifax November 25th 1846

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day— Present — His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Stairs, Leishman, Hunter, Hemmick, & Fairbanks Messrs. Cleary, Anderson, Thompson, Richardson, Black, Bolton, Mignowity, Rugg, Creamer, Clark, Billing and New Mr Bell.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration, communications from Fire Department, to appoint Fire Wards for Wards No 1. 2 + 3, to select two City Assessors for ensuing year.

— Read over proceedings of 22nd October —

Read following communication of 20th Oct^r —
from the fire Department —

At a meeting of the Firewardens held in the Engine House on Wednesday evening the 20th October 1845

— Present —

Joshua Lee
John Esau
William Caldwell
Robert Romans
Ino Longard

Chairman
Archibald Sinclair
Henry Mignowity
John McGregor
" " "

Read a letter from Mr John Wells, Secretary of the Union Engine Company informing this Board of the appointment of Mr. Tho. Souds as first Lieutenant of No 1 Engine and submitting the same for the approval of the Firewardens.

Read Letter from Thomas R. Gracie addressed to the Chairman announcing his resignation as Fireward for Ward No 2

Resolved that Mr. J. Souds appointment as first Lieutenant of No 1 Engine be approved by this Board

On Motion of Mr. Caldwell
seconded by Mr. Sinclair

Resolved that Mr. Spike Captain of the Union Engine Company be recommended to the City Council as a fit and proper person to be appointed as Firewarden for Ward No 2 in the place of Thomas R. Gracie resigned

Resolved that Charles Beamish be recommended to the City Council as a fit person to be appointed a Fireward for Ward No 5 in place of M^r Starr resigned

Resolved that William Sutherland be recommended for Ward No 6 in place of M^r Silver resigned

Resolved that a list of the Fire Constables appointed last year be sent to the City Council in order that they may be re-sworn into office and in the event of any of them refusing to act for the ensuing year that others may be appointed in their place

When following resolution was introduced that Thomas Sounes appointment as 1st Lieutenant of Engine No 1 be approved of which on being put is passed.

The following appointments as Fire Wards are then made

- Henry Spake Esquire for Ward No 2 vice J. R. Griffin Esq^r resigned
- Alderman Stairs for Ward No 1 vice Henry Fryer Esq^r resigned
- Patrick Mahony Esq^r for Ward No 2 vice Joshua Lee Esq^r resigned
- Adam Reid Esq^r " " " 3 " In^r M^r Heger Esq^r resigned
- James B^r Clark " " " 3 " W^m Caldwell Esq^r resigned

Alderman Stairs gives notice for rescinding of his appointment for Ward No 1 at the next meeting of the Council

The City Council next proceed to select two persons for the Office of City Assessors for ensuing year, when Tho^s & Tobin & George E. Morton Esquires having been proposed are duly elected to that office.

Read following report of Committee on subject of Constabulary and regulations for City Conveyances:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the City Council to examine the Constabulary regulations, to ascertain if the services of the present Police can be rendered more efficient, Also to license and regulate the City Conveyances

By leave to Report.

That they have examined the Rules adopted by the Council on 12 Oct^r 1841 which are still observed for the guidance of the City Constables and are of opinion that they are as explicit

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and comprehensive as possible and fully sufficient for the proper Regulation of the present Police Force

The Committee find on investigation that these rules are complied with so strictly as the number of the Constables employed, and the numerous duties which devolve upon them will allow

Unless therefore the Council see fit to increase the number of Policemen, the Committee would recommend that the present regulations be continued, and that the Superintendent be directed to enforce their strict observance, particularly the section having reference to the Constables visiting the respective Wards twice in each day, with a view to prevent nuisances and incumbrances in the Streets

The Committee would further direct the attention of the Superintendent to the frequent breaches of the Lord's Day Act which occur in the City to correct which it is desirable the vigilance of the Police should be exercised

With regard to the City Convoysances the Committee find that at present it is not in the power of the Council to insist upon the Proprietors of these Vehicles to take out Licenses and therefore any Regulations formed for their direction would be ineffectual, but should the Council deem it expedient to bring these Convoysances under their Control the Committee would suggest the passage of a Bye Law for that purpose, which can be acted upon after receiving the sanction of the Lieut Governor in Council

All which is respectfully submitted

Halifax 23rd Nov^r 1845

(Sgr^d)

John B. Leishman (Chairman)

W. B. Parkbanks

A. Hemmison

W. Stairs

C. D. Hunter

When on motion the same is received to be taken up at the next meeting of the City Council

Read following report of Committee on subject of complaint against measurers of Coal: (See folio) - Which on motion is received -

Read following report of Committee on subject of John McGregor Esq's application for remuneration as Secretary of Firewards Department as also his accounts as late Secretary

Halifax 29th October 1845

At a Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts held this day Present. - The Chairman - Councillors Cleary, Billing, Creamer & Thompson

When the Committee agreeably with the resolution of the Council took into consideration the application of John McGregor Esq. for the sum of Ten pounds as Secretary of the Fire Department

By Resolution of the Council it appears the sum of £10 was voted for contingences to be expended as required and accounted for by said Department, but they can find no precedent for the payment of any sum to the Secretary for his services

The Committee had also laid before them the accounts and vouchers of John McGregor Esq. Secy of the Fire Department which were examined and by which it appears he had a Balance in hand 29th September 1846 of £14.11; since which period an expenditure amounting to £6.8.10² has been made under the direction of the Fire Wards, which sum they recommend be paid out of the Contingent Vote for the Year 1845 not yet drawn for.

The Committee would remark for the information of the Council that about one half the sum paid by the Secretary from this fund including the amount now required has been for refreshments & supplied at Fires in 1844 & 1845.

The accounts for Expenditure for Bridewell from July to September were examined when it was resolved that the same be paid viz for

July	£ 17. 14. 8	} £ 57. 12. 10
Aug ^t	22. 2. 10	
Sep ^t	17. 15. 4	

B & Black
& Billing
Charles M Cleary
D Creamer
James Thompson

The committee then adjourned

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Which on Motion is received

Read following Petition from Mr.
Edward Young, Assistant Clerk

To His Worship the Mayor
the Aldermen & Common Council
now in City Council convened

The Petition of Edward Young, Assistant
City Clerk

Respectfully Sheweth,

That since the Incorporation of the City
he has performed the duties of said Office to the
entire Satisfaction, as he confidently hopes, of the
various Gentlemen who have successively filled the
Offices of Mayor, Aldermen & Councilmen

That by keeping a set of Books for a
Mercantile Firm he received about £50 per Annum,
which with his Salary comfortably supported his family
So great an amount of labour injured his health,
and obliged him in less than two years to relinquish
this additional employment. Occasional writing was
still performed which added something to his income

For the last two years, however, the duties of the
Office, which have gradually increased, were as much
as he was able to attend to - indeed his health became
so seriously impaired by close attention that last year
he obtained from your Worshipful Body, leave of absence
to seek its restoration. The difficulty of getting his
duties adequately performed in his absence induced
his return at an earlier period than was anticipated
and at a greater pecuniary sacrifice than if he
had remained longer absent. For the payment of
necessary expences in the recovery of his health and for
a Substitute he expended about £25 thus reducing
his income that year to £100

That with the greatest economy he cannot
support his family for a life sum than £150 per Annum
and it is respectfully submitted that for the
devotion of his best days to the Service of the Public something
more than a bare Subsistence should be allowed

To preserve those dependant upon him
from want in the event of his death he has

(inclosed)

insured his life. The premium of which costs £11 a year. The deficiency of his Salary was last year about £50 and other years from £25 to £35.

In consequence of these deficiencies he was obliged last Spring to sell a House which brought about £30 rent; and now he has no other source of Income beyond a few pounds per Annum.

That the duties of the Office; have very considerably increased, and now press so heavily upon him; that notwithstanding the advantages which rapidity of execution and experience have given him in accomplishing a large amount of labour in a short time he is unable to perform it all so soon as desired.

Besides the Mayors Court and the Multifarious business in the Police Department and that resulting from the meetings of the Council, the various standing Committees of Streets, Commons, Cemetery, Public Property & others, have records kept of their proceedings, have considerable correspondence and make frequent reports which are performed by your Petitioner, thus adding materially to his duties.

That the resources of the City have largely increased. In the rents of City Property alone an advance of nearly £500 in those of 1841 has taken place. Several hundred pounds are also derived from other sources among which is £72 the tax upon Hogs the Registry of which imposed considerable labour upon the office.

This latter sum obtained so easily and with so little expence to the city would be amply sufficient for the advance your Petitioner respectfully solicits. Should your Worshipfully Body be pleased to add a sum not less than £50 a year to his Salary he would pledge himself not only to perform his duties faithfully and to the best of his ability as heretofore but obtain occasional assistance in copying papers &c &c and have all the duties that legitimately belong to the office even though there should be an increase in future, promptly and satisfactorily performed.

Yours

November 25th

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that Your Worshipfull Body will take his case into your serious consideration and grant him such an addition to his Salary for the present and future years, as in the exercise of your best judgement you may deem just

And Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

(Sgn^d)
Halifax
20th Dec 1845

Edward Young

When following Resolution is introduced
Resolved that the Salary of the Assistant Clerk be in future at and after the rate of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds per Annum commencing 1st January 1847

— Which on being put is passed

The following accounts are ordered to be paid by Checks on the City Treasurer, (see below)

John McPherson accounts for Services as Secretary of the Fire Ward Department as also minutes from Fire Department on same Subject is next taken up when on motion the same stands over for next meeting of Council —

List of accounts ordered to be paid by Check on City Treasurer —

Robert Richardson	19.3.9	W. Merrickson	£11.2.0
W.A. Kearn	1.7.4	W. Calderwellson	35.3.7
Thos Holloway	36.3.0	Jas Reed	2.10.0
Sinclair & McLean	71.14.4	Gossip Hoade	9.0
John Smithers	1.17.6	Benjn Smithers	10.12.2
John Bell	3.10.0	Jo Williamson	7.17.9
R. Molton	27.11.0	David Calder	3.6.6
P. Jackson	7.18.8	Lawd McPherson	21.4.2