

Halifax December 29. 1847

At an adjourned meeting of City Council held this Day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmison Fairbanks Rugg Mignowitz Laidlaw and Bolton Mfrs Smith Richardson Wier Watt Cabot King Naylor Blake W. At How W. Bell

Read over proceedings of yesterday.

Read following communication from Secretary of Fire Wards of 28th December, as also report of Committee of Fire Wards relative to repairs of Engine Number two

At a meeting of Fire Wards held last evening at the Engine House a Ballot was taken for Chairman of that Body

Whereupon Archibald Sinclair Esq was declared duly Elected to that Office

It was also resolved and passed unanimously that B. C. Bush be appointed Secretary

Resolved also that the Report relative to Engine No 2 be received and a copy thereof transmitted to his Worship the Mayor and City Council for their approval

Resolved also that it be recommended to his Worship the Mayor and City Council to provide for the new Engine lately presented to the City, Six lengths of Leading Hose with boxes to match

By Order of the Board
1st Dec^r B. C. Bush

Halifax
28th Dec^r 1847

Secretary.
Halifax 24th Decem^r 1847

Agreeably to the Resolution passed at the last meeting of Fire Wards We being the committee appointed to examine the state of No 2 Engine now out of repair

Report as follows We find she is worth repairing all her hose and other appertinances being in good condition but she wants a new Eastern Box and perhaps some other fittings to her Machinery which will cost probably £30. or £40 and after repair will be as efficient as formerly

Sgr^r Robert Richardson

Copy of Report
B. C. Bush
Sec^y Fire Wards

A Sinclair
Henry Spike

— Decr 29th —

When following Resolutions are introduced
 Resolved that a Letter be addrepsed to
 the Secretary of the Fire Wards, acknowledging the
 receipt of his Communication of the appointment of
 Archibald Sinclair Esquire as Chairman of the Board
 of Fire Wards and that the Council unanimously
 approve of said appointment

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the Board of Fire Wards have
 the repairs pointed out in the Report as necessary
 to be done to Engine No Two, Completed, in such
 manner and within such time as they may deem
 most beneficial for the safety of the Citizens and
 with as little delay as possible

Which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the City Council having provided
 for the repairs of Engine Number two, deem it
 unnecessary to provide additional Hoses for the New
 Engine at Present unless the Fire Department again
 report the immediate necessity of the same

Which on being put is passed

Read following Letter from Secretary of Fire
 Wards of 28 December, relative to appointment of
 Lieut W^m Stephens as 1st Lieutenant of Engine No 2
 vice W^m Crawford resigned and of William
 Bently as 2^d Lieutenant of same Division vice
 Mr W^m Stephens appointed 1st Lieutenant

When on Motion the said appointments are
 approved of by City Council.

Read following Report of Committee
 of Public Accounts, as also Statement of Amount
 of Apportionment for ensuing Year.

Letter from Secretary Fire Wards relative to
 appointment of Officers (alluded to above)

Halifax 28th Dec 1847

Sir

I am directed to submit for the
 Information of his Worship the Mayor and City
 Council that the appointment of Lieut W^m Stephens
 vice W^m Crawford resigned to be first Lieutenant of No 2
 Division & Mr W^m Bently to be second in place

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Decr. 29th

Statement of Amount to be assested for
1848. of Balances unpaid for 1847. and of
Amount of Accounts presented for payment

Balances unpaid for 1847.

Quarters Salaries of Public Officers due 31 st December 1847.	395	"	"	
Constables for Two Months	84	3	4	
Overseer of Streets Three Months	30	"	"	
Health Inspector + Keeper of Markets Six Months	18	15	"	
Under Keeper of Fish Market	6	5	"	
Keeper of Powder Magazine Six Months	10	"	"	
Premium of Insurance on Court House	22	10	"	566 13 4
Amount Due Commissioners of Poor	"	"	"	500 0 0
				1066 13 4
Amount in hands of City Treasurer	388	4	5	
Probable Amount to be collected from Assessment of 1847.	900	0	0	1288 4 5
Amount to meet present Assessment				221 11 1

Accounts presented for payment

Kitchie & Agent advertising printing Blankets	21	14	2	
William Young Esq for professional services in Subject of Assessment Act &c	11	13	4	
James F. Gray Esq for professional services in Subject of Assessment Act and draft of Bill relative to Inspectors of Flour	17	10	0	
D. Hume for attendance at Budewell	16	13	4	
D. Chereau for work done at Court House	4	7	10	
Robert Motton ditto	2	10	"	
Thompson & Epon ditto	14	2	0	
Diets DeWolf	4	3	4	
Howe W. A. Black Int due him 1 st May 1848	33	7	9	
English & Blackadder for advertising	5	"	"	
Black & Brothers (Sunrise for use City)	1	15	"	132 17 3
Amount Carried forwards				132 17 3

Amount Brought forwards " " " £132 17 3

Pensions

John Liddle Esquire £250 " "
 D S Clarke do 300 " " 550 0 0

Salaries

The Mayor £300 " "
 " Recorder 200 " "
 " City Clerk 300 " "
 City Marshall 80 " "
 Assistant City Clerk 150 " "
 2 Police Constables @ 80 160 " "
 6 Ward ditto @ 57.10 345 " "
 Keeper of Markets and Health Inspector 50 " "
 Under Keeper of Fish Market 25 " "
 Keeper of Powder Magazine 20 " "
 Overseer of Streets 120 " "
 Assistant ditto 16 months 60 " "
 City Spectors 15 " "
 Copying Spectment 7 10 " £1832 10 "

Amount required for Poor " " " £1700 " "

Fire Departments

For Engine Service £150 " "
 " Pumps & Wells 150 " "
 " Keeper of Engine House 15 " "
 " Person in Charge of Tanks 10 " "
 " Secretary of Fire Department 10 " "
 " Contingencies 10 " " 350 " "
 Amount carried forwards £4565 7 3

Amount Brought forwards	"	"	£4565	7	3
amount required for Watch	£200	"	"	"	"
do do for Bidwell	250	"	"	"	0
			£5015	7	3
Repairs to City Property	£300	"	"	"	"
Contingencies	131	10	"	"	"
Treasurers Commissions	224	13	10	956	3
					10
			£5971	11	1
<u>Deduct</u>					
Balance in Hands City Treasurer	221	11	1	"	"
Probable Amount of Fines	"	"	"	"	"
Fees & in Police Office and	500	0	0	"	"
Mayors Court	"	"	"	"	"
Probable amount of Rents	750	0	0	1471	11
of City Property	"	"	"	"	"
Amount to be Assessed	"	"	£4500	0	0

When following Resolutions are introduced
 Resolved that the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts as also the Statement of Amount to be assessed in the City for the ensuing year be received, adopted and published

Which on being put is passed
 Resolved that the Sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred pounds shall be assessed or levied or be collected or raised from the City for and towards the necessary expenses of the City for the year 1840, and agreeably to the Statement this day laid before the Council

Which on being put is passed,
 Whereas the City Council have by a Resolution of this day ordered and directed the sum of Four Thousand five hundred pounds to be assessed or levied or be collected or raised from the Inhabitants of the City for and towards City purposes for the ensuing year, The City Council direct that the City Clerk give notice to the City and Ward Assessors to make an Assessment on the Citizens of the respective Wards agreeably to Law and that the City Assessor return the same to the office of the City Clerk agreeably to Law

Which Resolution on motion is deferred.

Read Bye Law or Ordinance to prevent
Coursing in the Streets of the City of Halifax a Third
time When on motion it is ordered that said
Bye Law be engrossed and transmitted to the Secretary
of the Province for the approval of His Excellency the
Lieutenant Governor and Council for approval

An Ordinance

To prevent Coursing in the Streets of the City of Halifax
Whereas many accidents have happened
and the lives and safety of the Citizens are frequently
endangered by Boys and other persons coursing down
and upon the Streets of the City of Halifax, for the
prevention and remedy whereof in future

Be it ordained by the Mayor
Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the City of
Halifax in Council assembled

1st That whosoever shall exercise the
dangerous practice of Coursing down the Hills
or upon the Streets, Lanes, or Alleys of the said City
or upon any of the Side Walks thereof within the
following limits (That is to say) from North
Street North and the Lane leading to Colonel
Bazalgetts, South, both inclusive. shall forfeit
and pay for each offence a sum not exceeding
Thirty Shillings beside costs to be paid by each Offender

2nd That it shall be the duty of the Police and
other Constables of the City and they are hereby
authorised and required to apprehend any person
or persons who shall be found transgressing this Ordinance
and bring him or them to the Police Office there
to be dealt with as the Mayor or sitting or other
Alderman may deem expedient, and the said
Constables and all other persons are hereby authorised
to seize and take possession of the sled seats or other thing
used by any person or persons offending against the same
and they are hereby required to deposit the same at
the Police Office to be disposed of as the Mayor or sitting
Alderman may determine

3rd That whosoever shall resist any
Constable in the execution of his Duty in this respect
or who on being thereto required, shall refuse or
neglect to assist him therein shall for each
offence

offence forfeit and pay a sum not to exceed 60¢
and costs

4th - That each penalty or sum forfeited under this Act or any clause thereof shall be sued for by summons or warrant as the case may require before the Mayor or sitting Alderman for the time being at the Police Office of the said City and shall be recovered with or without costs as may at the time be adjudged in the same manner as other forfeitures or sums of money are now usually sued for and recovered at the said Office.

5th - That the parent or parents of any child or children under age who shall be found transgressing this Ordinance and the Master or Masters, Mistresses or Mistresses of any apprentice or apprentices transgressing the same shall be notified or summoned to attend at the investigation of the offence and shall upon conviction of the offender be subject and liable to the fine or penalty so to be imposed as aforesaid to be levied of their goods and chattels respectively and should such fine not be paid and there be no goods and chattels found whereon to levy, the offender shall be committed to Bridewell until the same shall be paid, such commitment not to exceed thirty days inclusive of the days of commitment and discharge.

6th - That no person whether he be a member of the City Council, Constable, or other Citizen shall be disqualified from being sworn or from giving evidence as a witness, or from being a jurymen, if a jury is required, in any action suit or process under this Ordinance or any clause thereof by reason of any interest that he may have as one of the public or as an inhabitant of the said City, or for any supposed interest he may have in the event of the said proceedings, but shall in every respect be and be taken to be a competent witness or jurymen subject only to challenge or other legal disqualification to be adjudged of by the court before whom the trial shall be had, provided always that no member of the said Council shall be bound but may decline to take upon himself the duties of a jurymen in this behalf.

7th - That the word "Coasting" used in this Ordinance shall mean and be taken to apply to all manner of Coasting, Sliding, Sleighing, Skating, and Sliding in Sleighs upon sleds, Skates, wood, boards or boards fastened to Skates, Skates or other runners or any other thing howsoever the same may be contrary to the spirit and meaning of this Ordinance.

The Bye Law or Ordinance relative to nuisances in the Streets on Motion stands over for next Meeting of City Council

The following Resolutions are next introduced Resolved that the Blank in the Resolution of City Council of 22nd March 1847. as to expence in employing legal or professional ability in proposing amendments to the Act of Incorporation be filled up with £30. which on being put is passed

Resolved that that the City Treasurer be requested to make out a return of all persons who have neglected or refused to pay their City Rates for the year 1847. by the next sitting of City Council

Which on being put is passed.

The Accounts of Commissioners of the Poor as also the Estimates required by them for ensuing year having been laid before Committee of Public Accounts are submitted to the Council

The Council then adjourned

Halifax January 3. 1840

John Anderson sworn into Office as
Special Constable and Watchman in place of
Robert Murray removed in presence of
His Worship the Mayor

January 6th 1840

William Grant junr William Barry
Robert Brymer, Scott Fenwick
Angus McLean, John Sethgow, George Woodill
Charles B Naylor, and Thomas Donovan
having taken the Oath prescribed by Law.
are this day sworn into Office as Fire
Constables for their respective Wards for the
ensuing year or until others are appointed in
their places

January 7. 1848

Edmund Clarke, Richard McDermott,
Joseph Brook, and Joseph Bill having
taken the oath prescribed by Law. are this
day sworn into Office as Fire Constables for
Ward No 6 for ensuing year or until
others are appointed in their places

January 7. 1848

William Holland (Supervisor) James
Cullen, Samuel King John Connell
Patrick Connors, William J Madden
Henry Inglis, Joseph Findlay and
William Buckley sworn into office as
measurers of Coal

Kalifan January 7. 1840

Robert Walker (supervisor), Cornelius Sullivan, Jacob Housner, and Thomas Rugh sworn into Office as measurers of Wood.

January 7. 1840

John Kelly (supervisor), John McMay, Thomas McCann, William Cobb, James Aull, John Martin, sworn into office as measurers of salt and grain

January 10th 1840

Henry Merrille sworn into office as Fire Constable for Ward No 6 for ensuing year or until another is chosen in his place

January 10th 1848

Eddy Jupper and John M Inglis having taken the oath prescribed by Law. are this day sworn into Office as Fire Constables for their respective Wards for ensuing year or until others are chosen in their places

— Febry 15th —

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that the last clauses of the Report of
10th November 1847 upon the claims of Sir James
Stempt and Hon Mr Cogswell stand over to next
meeting of Council

Which on being put is passed
Read following application from Water Company
for part of the Common
To the Worshipful

The Mayor of the City of Halifax.
Dear Sir

I enclose the draft of an Act to be
submitted to the Legislature at its next session for
the purpose of granting permission to construct a distribu-
ting Reservoir on the Common so that extreme pressure
may be obviated and the supply of water be regular
and safe throughout the City. As this is a public
Benefit. I will thank you to obtain the acquiescence
of the Corporation without which I should hesitate
to introduce such a Bill. It is also necessary that the
same should be read at the sessions, which if you
would direct to be done, I shall feel obliged

I am Dear Sir

6th January 1848

Your faithful Servant
(Sgn^d) James B Umacke
Pres^t of Hal^r Water Company

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that while the Council feel -
disposed to do every thing in their power to advance
the Introduction of water into the City that it is
not in their power to comply with the request of the
Water Company

Which on being put is passed.

The following persons are appointed. Goat
and Hog Reeves for ensuing year

William Trinder

Jo^s B. Bennett

Alex^r F. Etter

William Cockain

Adam C. Fife

George Arts

The following persons are appointed
Fence Viewers for ensuing Year
John McDonald, Alexander McDonald and
William Findlay

The following persons are appointed
Fire Constables for Ward No 2 Findlay
McLean and Andrew Mitchell

Petition of Michael Hynes relative to
Work done at Drain in Dresden Row is
read

Which on motion stands over for consideration
until next meeting

The following Accounts having been examined
by Committee of Public accounts and reported
to be correct are ordered to be paid by
check on City Treasurer

Thomas Hunt	7	5
W ^r McDonald	12	26
A. Brehm	10	0
C. P. Allen	1	13
Francis Stephens	10	15

An application from Messrs Kavanagh & Brown
for some loads of Blue Clay from the
Common On motion is complied with
The Council then adjourned

Halifax February 1848
Timothy McLean having taken the Oath
prescribed by Law is this day sworn into
Office as Fire Constable for Ward No 2 of
The City of Halifax

Halifax February 22^d 1848

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Aldermen Hemmeon. Fairbanks. Hugg. Mignowity. Saidlaw & Bolton. Messrs Anderson, Smith, Richardson, Wier. Watt, Cabot, King, Naylor, Clarke, McNat. Longard & King

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the Amendments to Act of Incorporation.

Read over proceedings of 15th February last & Petition from William Bonners and others relative to Taxing transient persons. is read

When on motion the same is received and stands over for future consideration.

On motion Mr Alderman Saidlaw has leave to withdraw above petition

Mr Alderman Bollen chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Act of Incorporation hands in the same.

When following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Bill be read clause by clause and divided upon which upon being put is passed.

The Bill entitled an act to consolidate the Acts respecting the Incorporation of the City of Halifax is then taken up and the clauses from Act 1 to 50 inclusive having been read over and duly considered are passed

The Council then adjourned until tomorrow at Ten o'clock.

Halifax Feb 23rd 1840

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held this Day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hemmerson Fairbanks Stagg. Mignowitz Saidlaw Messrs Anderson, Smith, Richardson Mier, Watt Cabot, King Naylor, Clarke M'Nab & King.

Read over proceedings of yesterday

A petition from William Findlay and others Mechanics of the City having been handed in and read, when on motion the same is received and stands over for future consideration

On Motion Mr Alderman Bolton have leave to withdraw above petition.

The Council proceeds to take up the Act of Incorporation

On considering Clause No 59 relative to the appointment of Recorder the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Election of Recorder for the City take place on 1st November next and annually on the 1st November in each and every year

Which Resolution on being put is lost 6 voting for it and 12 against it

On considering Clause No 59 relative to the appointment of Recorder as brought in by the Committee the same was not agreed to, and the one now proposed - substituted in its place

The Council proceeded with the said Bill from Clause No 59 to 119 and the same having been read and duly considered are passed

Mr King moved that the clause relative to the qualification of voters be reconsidered at its next meeting

Which motion is lost Seven voting for it and Ten against it and the names being called they stood as follows

For

For the Motion	against it
Alderman Bolton	Mr Cabot
Mr Richardson	Mr Taylor
Mr Wier	Mr King
Mr Laidlaw	Mr Longard
Mr King	Mr Clarke
Mr Smith	Mr Fairbanks
Mr Mignowitz	Mr Anderson
	Mr Mat
	Watt
	Mr Hemmon 10

The following Resolution is next introduced Resolved that the Bill now proposed be handed by His Worship the Mayor to the Members of the County and Township of Halifax with a request that they be respectfully solicited to submit the same to the House with as little delay as possible

Which on being put is passed.

An additional Petition of Michael Hynes relative to a drain in Dresden Nov. finished by him, is submitted and read by Mr Smith

When following Resolution is introduced Resolved that the Petitions of Michael Hynes be referred to a Committee to report upon at next meeting of Council, which Committee consist of three and that Messrs Wier, Taylor and Bolton be that Committee

The Council then adjourned

Halifax Feb 28. 1840
Alexander McDonald, & William Findlay
were sworn into Office as Fence Viewers of
the City in presence of His Worship the
Mayor

February 28. 1840
Adam C Fife. George Arty. William
Cockem and Alexander Fiddis sworn
into Office as Goat and Hog Steers for
City in presence of His Worship the
Mayor.

March 13. 1848
John McDonald, sworn into
Office as Fence Viewers for the City,
this Day, in presence of His Worship
the Mayor

Halifax March 27. 1848

At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Kemmear, Fairbanks, Hugg Laidlaw & Bolton, Messrs Anderson, Smith Richardson, Mier, Watt, Cabot, King Naylor, Clarke, McAtab, & Longard.

Read over proceedings of 23^d February
Read following Resolution of Commissioners of Streets recommending alteration as to the mode of cleaning Streets

Extract from the Minutes of the Commissioners of Streets

Halifax March 25. 1848

Resolved that the present mode of cleaning the Streets by Contract having proved ineffectual and expensive amounting for the past year as follows

Ward No 1	£	16.	10.	0
" " 2		19	17	6
" " 3		29	15	0
" " 4		27	0	0
" " 5		19	10	0
" " 6		7	10	0
		£120.	2.	6

That it be recommended to the Council at their next Meeting to vote such sum. as they may deem necessary (reference being had to the usual cost for that purpose for their guidance) at the disposal of the several Commissioners of the Wards for the purpose of being applied to that purpose for the present year
That it is the Opinion of the Commissioners of Streets that Economy. greater cleanliness and more satisfaction will be derived by the hiring as required from time to time Horses, Carts, and Labourers, to cleanse the Streets. and that the sale of the Manure will afford a fund for the payment of a considerable portion of the expence which may be so incurred

(sgd) William B Fairbanks

Chairman of Com^{rs} Streets

When following Resolution is introduced
Resolved that the Resolution of Commissioners of
Streets recommending alteration as to the mode
of cleaning of the Streets be received and lie
over until next meeting of Council

Which on being put is passed.

The City Council order payments of following
accounts by checks on City Treasurer

Gas Company	4	5	3	Estate of Jas Jones	6	8	0
ditto	20	0	0	Thos Adams	"	10	2
ditto	"	13	3	Benjamin Smithers	1	16	"
ditto	"	6	"	Doct Parker	1	18	4
Daniel McQuinn	6	5	0	Mr Young	3	16	8
Philip Holden	1	8	9				

Read the County Treasurers Return of
persons who have neglected to pay their Rates
for Year 1847.

When following Resolution is introduced
Resolved that a Committee consisting of one
Gentleman from each Ward be appointed to
take up said Return, and report upon the same
at next meeting of Council. That Messrs
Smith Richardson, Cabot, Naylor, Clarke
& Longard be that Committee

Which upon being put is passed.

Read following Report of Committee relative
To Tenders

Halifax Feb 29. 1848

The Committee appointed to receive Tenders
for the various works and materials for the City
during the ensuing year beg to Report that
having caused Advertisements to be inserted in the
papers and posted in Handbills that Tenders
would be received therefor met this day for the
purpose of opening said Tenders - Present.
Alderman Bolton, Councillors, Smith, Richardson
Cabot, and Naylor. Mr Cabot was appointed Chairman

The following tenders were received
and opened

(For Lumber)

For Lumber

Joseph Jennings	Merch ^t Pine	75¢	Refuse	40¢
"	Spruce	55¢	do	30¢
"	Hemlock	37/8	do	23/9
"	pine plank 2in	75¢	do	40¢
"	do do 3in	70¢	"	"
"	Spruce 2in	55¢	3in	52/5
"	Hemlock Plank	37/8		
"	Saw ^o Scantling	37/8	Refuse	23/9
"	Newer Scantling	7/8	©	
"	Ranging Timber	12/8		
"	Dimension	do		17/8

Wheelwrights Work

D. Stephens & Son	Wheelbarrows	23¢	Each
"	Shovel handles saved	1/	Each
"	Pick axe handles	10	
"	Sledge Handles	8	
"	Hammer do	7	
"	Fitting each separately	2	

Iron work

W ^m . Caldwell & son	New Gratings	5	per lb.
"	Pickaxes (Steel)	5	per lb.
"	Stone Mallets do	7	do
"	crowe Bars do	3	
"	Wedges do	4	
Sharpening & heating	Wedges	3	Each
Steeling & Repairing	do	6	do
Repairing	Sledges	2/	do
Sharpening	Pickaxes	3	do
Steeling	do	9	do
Repairing	Small hammers	6	do
New wedges	(all steel)	10	per lb.

Printing

	Handills	Blanks
Kitchie & Augent	2/ ^{sett} for 25	1/9 ^{gross}
John Munro	2/ 30	2/
English & Blackader	2/ 25	2/
William Cunnabel	2/	1/10
James Bowes & son	2/ 30	1/7 1/2

Advertising

Ritchie & Mugent (Star) £10 per Annum
 John Munro (Journal) £5 do
 English & Blackader (Acadian Recorder) £5 do
 William Cannabell (Morning Herald) £5 do

Stationery

C. McKenzie & Co Fine Yellow wove Post 15/- per Steam
 " B W Foolscap 23/- do
 Quarto wove post 12/- to 16/- do
 Ruled Foolscap Books 1 quire 1/5 & 2/-
 do do do 1/2 do 1/-
 Quills Good 1/5 to 9/5 per C
 Gillott's Penman Pens 5/- per Gross in Boxes
 do do 1/- per Case
 Fine Sealing Wax 7/- & 7/5 per lb.
 Office Tape 2/- & 4/- per Doz
 Ink Powders 3/6 & 4/- per Doz
 Best Wafers 5/- & 5/5 per lb.
 Blotting Paper 1/6 per quire

The Committee recommend that the Tenders
 of Joseph Jennings for Lumber of D
 Stephens & Son for Wheelwright Work of W^m
 Caldwell & Son for Blacksmiths Work of
 C. McKenzie & Co for Stationery of
 James Bowes & Son for Printing of
 William Cannabell for Advertising in the
 "Morning Herald"
 and of English & Blackader for Advertising
 in the "Acadian Recorder" be accepted
 and that they give security for the
 faithful performance of said Contracts
 Elias Cabot

(Sgr^s)

Chairman

When following Resolution is introduced
 Resolved that the Report just
 read relative to Tenders be received
 adopted and acted upon
 Which on being put is passed

March 27th

Read following Report of Committee
on Petition of Michael Haynes

The undersigned a Committee
appointed at a meeting of the City Council
held on January 1848 have had under their
attentive consideration the Petition of Michael Haynes
relative to a claim for performance of Work, as
also a "Continuation of the Petition" relating to the
character of the Street Commissioner for Ward
No 1

Beleave to Report.

That on careful enquiry they find that in
accordance with an advertisement issued by the
Commissioner of Streets for Ward No 1 several Tenders
were received by him and a Tender offered by
Michael Haynes, being the lowest was accepted
by the Commissioner and under his instructions the
usual Bond and Security filed with the City
Clerk

That the Work was immediately
proceeded with and a certificate deposited with
the City Clerk dated 21st September 1847. signed
by W^m G Anderson Commissioner and by Jacob
Currie as Supervisor approving of the Work as
Completed in a Satisfactory manner

Thereupon a check was granted by His Worship
the Mayor on the City Treasurer, for the sum of
£20 as granted by the City Council on 29th June
1847.

That a paper was also submitted
purporting to be a Copy of a Subscription List
offered by Proprietors of Property in the Vicinity
from which it appears that £19.10.0 has
been collected and that £12.5.0 of that List
yet remain uncollected - and on Reference to the
Bond given the Committee find that a balance
of Fifteen pounds ten Shillings £15.10.0 remains
unpaid and due to the Contractor

The work having been completed
agreeable to the engagement, with the Sanction and
approval of the Commissioners of Ward No 1 and
with the approval of the Commissioners of Ward
No 1 and of the Supervisor of Streets

The Committee are of Opinion that
the Contractor ought not to suffer Loss through

any

any irregularity of the Commissioners in omitting to have the subscriptions paid in or secured before the work was commenced

The Committee therefore recommend that the Balance of Fifteen pounds ten Shillings now due to the Contractor be paid out of the Street fund of Ward No 1

The Committee have also to state in reference to the Paper termed a "Continuation of the Petition" that on enquiry the assertions therein contained are denied by the Petitioner who admits that it was signed without a knowledge of the whole contents

Your Committee take the liberty to suggest to members greater care in presenting documents referring to matters of which they may not be cognizant

All which is respectfully submitted

Benjamin Wier

(sgnd)

Chairman

Thomas Bolton

Jno Naylor

When following Resolution is introduced Resolved that the Report just read be received adopted and acted upon and that His Worship the Mayor draw a check upon the City Treasurer for the Amount, to be charged to Street fund of Ward No 1

So which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Amount to be paid to Haynes to Ballance his Contract for Drain in Ward No 1 be paid from general fund

Which amendment being put is lost

The original Resolution is then put and Carried

The following resolution is next introduced Resolved that in future no portion of the City funds be paid for Public Improvements, toward which — improvement private subscription may have been made till the amount of such private subscription be fully paid up

Which on being put is passed,

March 24th

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw a check for the Balance to meet the Stone Breaking Fund from out of General Fund of Commissioners of Streets

"Which on being put is passed."
The Council then adjourned

April 14. 1840

William Brown and Sampson S. B. Smith having taken the oath prescribed by Law. are this day sworn into Office as City Assessors for ensuing year in presence of His Worship the Mayor

April 15. 1840

The assessors elected by the several Wards of the City having this day assembled at the Mayors office, and then and there in the presence of the Mayor proceeded to nominate select and appoint by Ballot one Assessor from each of the Wards, and the following having been so nominated selected or appointed for the Wards affixed to their names respectively viz-

George P Mitchell	Ward No 1
John McDougall	do No 2
George Tullock	do " 3
John Shaffer	do " 4
Wm Hamilton	do " 5
Alexander G Fraser	do " 6

they the said Assessors are then and there duly sworn faithfully to perform their duty as such ward assessors according to the best of their judgement and to make a fair and impartial assessment of their respective Wards