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City of Halifax

Council Minutes

Nov. 22, 1853

to

Feb. 27, 1857

In Council

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At a Special meeting of the City Council held
this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Adams,
Bugsby, Markstone, Sumner, Morison, Orill,
Darcy, Evans, Nugent, Woodall, Coleman, King, Longuet and Tubbs

The City Council were summoned to consider the
Report of Superintendent of Streets relative to Barrack Street.

Read over proceedings of 17 November 1853.

Report of Committee
Hogans Memorial

Alderman Morison submits Special Report of
Special Committee relative to Hogans horse having been injured
while in the Pound. On Motion same is received

Report of Committee
Night Carts

Alderman Bugsby submits Report of Special
Committee relative to Night Carts. On Motion same is received

The City Council next proceed to take into
consideration the subject of cutting down Barrack Street.

Read Mr McGuire's obligation for finishing
cutting down Barrack Street of 8 November 1853.

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Mr. Jm. McGuire
obligation re:
cutting down
Barrack Street

Sir
I beg to state that in accordance with the
Resolution of the City Council passed on the 11th Instant, and the
plan shown me by Your Worship this day signed by Mr McRay and
James Jones, I will proceed forthwith to finish the excavation of
Barrack Street agreeably thereto

To
His Worship the Mayor
of the City of Halifax

Yours
Signed John Mcguire

Submitted Plan of Mr McRay and how
for finishing cutting down Barrack Street agreeably to the joint
Report, as entered 28 September 1853.

Mr. Jm. McGuire
obligation re:
finishing cutting
down Barrack Street

Read following letter of 19 November 1853
from Mr John McGuire addressed to His Worship the Mayor, as to his
having finished cutting down Barrack Street.

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To His Worship the Mayor
of the City of Halifax Sir
According to your instructions I have
completed the excavation of Barrack Street. Yours respectfully
Signed John McGuire per James Jones

Read

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Had following letter from His Worship
The Mayor of 19th November addressed to His Worship the Mayor Mr
James Snow. Superintendent of Streets

Mayor's Office
November 19th 1853

Letter, The Mayor to
Supt of Streets rel:
to Barrack Street

Sir I have received a communication from Mr. McGuire
informing me that he has completed the excavation of Barrack St.
You will please have the work examined, and report to me, so that
I may lay the same before the City Council for their approval.

Yours truly
Mr James Snow
Superintendent of Streets

I am Yours &c
Signed Henry Supr Mayor

Read following report of Superinten-
dant of Streets in answer thereto of 19 November,

Office of Superintendent of Streets
19 November 1853.

Report. Supt of Streets
rel: to Excavation of
Barrack Street

To His Worship the Mayor

Sir

Agreeably to your instructions received
this morning, I have inspected Barrack Street and find that the
Contractor John McGuire has finished the excavation of the Street in strict
accordance with the levels given by Mr William McKay based on our joint
Report adopted by the City Council. The Street having now a uniform
level surface, there are some parts of the side walk in front of the dwell-
ling houses which cannot be excavated to the exact level without involving
the removal of the steps and platforms, which are erected temporary until
the side walk is properly finished, then the Contractor promises to remove
the few loads of earth now above the level. There is also a space of five
feet on the West side of the Street, so completely incumbered with the land
side of the Market Mill that the Contractor cannot get under it to take
out the few inches which the true levels require.

Have the honor to be
Your Worship's Obedt Servt
Signed James Snow
Superintendent of Streets

Letter. Mr Ritchie Esq
rel: Barrack Street

Read following letter from Mr Ritchie Esq
of 19 November as Solicitor of Mr Snow relative to the cutting down of
Barrack Street

Halifax 19th November 1853.

Sir

I beg leave to call the attention of Yourself and the
City Council to the course pursued by Mr Snow regarding the excavations
in Barrack Street. He seems determined to evade the directions he has
received

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received from the City Council and accept the work though but a few inches have been taken off that part near Mr. Meiers instead of two feet and upwards and nothing off that near Mr. Rogers. I trust the Council will not allow the interests of Mr. Meier to be sacrificed by any desire on the part of Mr. James Sims to take the work off the Contractors hands before the Contract has been fulfilled, and that Mr. Meier may have an opportunity of showing that neither the original Contract nor the modification of it by the Council have been carried out. I now attach you on the subject as I am informed by Mr. Meier that the Workmen have left and he imagines Mr. Sims intends to require no more to be done.

His Worship
Mayor of the City of Halifax

I have the honor to be
Your obed^t Servant
James J. W. Ritchie

Read following Report of Mr. William McKay
Civil Engineer of 19 November

Halifax 19th November 1853

This is to certify that I have this day taken the levels in Barrack Street and find the excavations at the various sections are now cut down to the exact levels recommended by myself and Mr. Sims in our joint report which was formerly adopted by the City Council, or corresponding to the Section and plan submitted.

Signed William McKay

Read joint Report of Messrs James Sims and
William McKay as entered 28 September 1853.

The following resolution is then introduced

Whereas John McGuire having accepted the proposal made to complete his Contract pursuant to resolution of this Board passed on the 4th Instant, and the said John McGuire having been furnished with a Diagram of the work remaining to be done, and made by the Superintendent of Streets and Will. McKay Civil Engineer by order of His Worship the Mayor, and the said John McGuire having informed His Worship the Mayor by letter dated the 19th Instant, that he has now completed the work according to the said Diagram, and Mr. Sims Superintendent of Streets and Mr. McKay Civil Engineer having certified under their hands that the said work has been so done with some slight exceptions,

Resolved therefore that the said John McGuire the Contractor be paid the balance of his said Contract, and His Worship the Mayor do draw a check upon the City Treasurer for payment thereof which resolution being put is passed 12 voting for it and 2 against it and the names being called for they stood thus.

Certificate. Mr. McKay
rel: Barrack Street

Resolution rel: to
payment of John McGuire
for Contract of
Barrack Street

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For the Resolution		Against the Resolution	
Alderman Coleman	Alderman Woodill	Alderman Davoy	
" Sugley	" King	" Longard	2
" Hartshorn	" Tubbsland		
" Morrissey	" O'Neil		
" Adams	" Evans		
" Sumner	" August 12		

Against the Resolution	
Alderman Davoy	
" Longard	2

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Superintendent of Streets be directed immediately to construct and finish a sufficient side walk, 12 feet wide with a suitable gutter on the east side of Barrack Street, and that the expense thereof be discharged from the funds of the City, which being put is passed unanimously,

Resolution: to finish Side Path in Barrack Street

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to advertise for tenders to complete the cutting in Barrack Street agreeably to the 2nd Plan furnished to this Council by Mr. Foreman and to submit the expense of cutting the same to the Council at as early a day as practicable, to which following amendment is introduced

Resolution: rel: to Contracts for finishing Cuttings, Barrack St

Resolved that the further cutting down of Barrack Street be postponed for the present season, which amendment being put and carried by yeas and nays against it, the original is therefore lost, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Amendment	
Alderman Davoy	Sumner
" Hartshorn	O'Neil
" Morrissey	August
" Adams	7

Against the Amendment	
Alderman Coleman	Longard
" Sugley	Tubbsland
" Woodill	Evans
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Alderman Evans gives notice for reconsideration of the above at next meeting of Council.

The following resolution is then introduced

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested in answer to J. W. Ritchie's letter this day submitted to the Council, to transmit Mr. Ritchie a copy of the resolution and amendment this day submitted to the Council

Resolution: rel: to J. W. Ritchie's letter re: Barrack Street

On Motion the Council rise

Henry Pryor Mayor

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Crail and Timrose

On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow at two o'clock

Henry Pryor
Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Power, Adams, Pugsley, Scott, Satter, Martshorne, Gibson, Timrose, Monsey, Crail, Evans, August, Woodill, Coleman, King, Longard and Sutherland.

Read over proceedings of 22. November and 27. December,

Memorial of Geo. Irwin City Marshal

Alderman King submits Memorial of Mr George Irwin City Marshal, when on Motion same is received.

Memorial of Thos Bayers & others Blue Bell Road

Alderman Longard submits Memorial of Thomas Bayers and others relative to certain repairs to be done on Blue Bell road. On Motion same is received

Memorial of John McGuire, Cop Banack Street

Alderman Evans submits Memorial of Mr John McGuire for remuneration for loss sustained by him in cutting down Banack Street. On Motion same is received

Report of Committee City Property relative to City Prison

Alderman Crail Chairman of Committee of City Property submits Communication from His Worship the Mayor addressed to the Committee relative to establishing a Prison at Rich Road. On Motion the same is received.

Read following Extract from the Report of Committee of City Property

On reading Communication from His Worship the Mayor this day submitted to the Committee on the subject of establishing a City Prison at Rich Road farm

Resolved that the same be recommended to the favourable consideration of the City Council at its next Meeting;

Report the Recorder Sent. The Queen W. A. Hendry

His Honor the Recorder brings to the notice of the City Council the situation of the case of the Queen vs William A Hendry, that he had authority to issue the execution in the case, and now awaits the further action of the Council, when on Motion the subject stands over for the present.

Alderman

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Almonar August submits report of Special Committee relative to St. George's & Blanchards claim against the City. Motion same is received.

Report of Committee
rel: G. A. Blanchards
claim

City Council next proceed to elect the various Officers for ensuing year.

Read following return of the Supervisor of Salt and Grain

In the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Mallow.
Return of the number of Kegsheads of Salt and Bushels of Grain, Weighed, measured and delivered by the Salt and Grain Measurers during the year commencing 1st Jan and ending 24th December 1853.

Return of
Sup: of Salt + Grain

Salt	14,082 1/2	Kegsheads of Salt at 2 ^d	367. 7. 1
Indian Corn	28,149	Bushels at 2/6 to 6	35. 12. 6
Barley	11,554	do at 2/6	18. 3. 10
Oats	6,956	do at 2/6	87. 6. 1 1/2
Wheat	7,999	do at 2/6	10. 0. 0
			<u>£ 518. 9. 6 1/2</u>
		Expenses	<u>10. 4. 9</u>
			<u>£ 508. 4. 9</u>
		Divided amongst 8 Measurers gives each	<u>£ 63. 10. 7 1/2</u>

Signed John Martin Supervisor of Salt and Grain

Measurers of
Salt and Grain
appointed

Read the various applications when on Motion John Martin, Thomas McCann, Ambrose Keating, James Cullen, James Mahony, James Cull, Michael Murphy and William Robb are elected to the Office of Measurers and Weighers of Salt and Grain for the City for ensuing year.

On Motion John Martin is appointed Supervisor of Salt and Grain.

Return of
Sup: of Coals

Read following return of Supervisor of Coals

J. W. Madden	386	Chaldron
Samuel King	1457	"
A Grant	1894	"
O'Connell	1473	"
Nisbet	1285	"
Maddison	1371	"
Bilby	1129	"
Bristow	1517	"
Smith	1357	"
	<u>11869</u>	Chaldron

Divided by 9 gives each Measurer £32. 19. 4

Signed J. W. Madden Supervisor

Read

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Read over various applications

Measurers of Coal
Appointed

On Motion William J. Maddox, Samuel King, John
McConnell, Alexander Grant, Mark Madison, James Breslow, William Dilly,
Andrew J. Smith, and Andrew Nisbet are deputed to the Office of Measurers of
Coal for ensuing year.

On Motion William J. Maddox is appointed
Supervisor of Coals

Read following return of Supervisor of Wood

Return of
Supervisor of Wood

Statement of Wood Measured from Dec 1852 to Dec 1853

Ebenezer McNab	3673 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Malcolm Brown	2197	6
William Holland	2035	4
Joseph Findlay	1236	3
	<u>9142$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	<u>5</u>

Cords
Signed, Ebenezer McNab Supervisor

Read over the various applications

Measurers of Wood
Appointed

On Motion Ebenezer McNab, Malcolm Brown,
Joseph Findlay, and William Holland are appointed Measurers of Wood for
ensuing year.

On Motion Ebenezer McNab is appointed Supervisor
of Wood.

Read following return of John McPherson Supervisor
of Lumber

Malpas W. Dec 27th 1853

To His Worship the Mayor &c

Gentlemen, The time having arrived for the appoint-
ment of Supervisors for Lumber, I most humbly solicit a further continuance of
Office for ensuing year. I remain Your most obedient Servant

John McPherson

Return of
John McPherson
Supervisor of Lumber

Surveyed from Nov 30. 1852 to Nov 30. 1853	
300,000 feet Pine Lumber	\$ 25. 0. 0
100,000 . Spruce Lumber	5. 0. 0
100,000 . Newlark Lumber	7. 0. 0
39,000 . Spruce & Pine Deals	2. 12. 0
8 Tons Lumber	0. 4. 0
4370 feet Ranging timber & branching	0. 13. 0
20,000 feet Hardwood Lumber	1. 0. 0
	<u>\$ 41. 9. 0</u>

Signed John McPherson

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Surveyors of Lumber
appointed

On Motion John McShaw is selected a Surveyor of Lumber for the City for ensuing year.

On the appointment of other Surveyors of Lumber be deferred for present they not having filed their returns.

Read following returns of Thomas McMurray and William Jenkins Inspectors of Sole Leather,

Return of
Scalers of Leather

Thomas McMurray's return of Leather Saled 1853

To Mr James Stanford	2806
W. Turner	960
John Smith	162
W Lawson	158
John Whistal	94
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	4480 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. h. d. \$28.00

Adopted 24 Dec 1853
By Thomas McMurray.

William Jenkins return of Leather Saled 1853

Amount of Leather Saled 321 Tubs
By William Jenkins

Scalers of Leather
appointed

On Motion Thomas McMurray and William Jenkins are appointed Inspectors of Sole Leather for the City for ensuing year

On Motion the appointment of James Stroud as Inspector of Sole Leather be deferred for the present he not having filed his annual return.

Inspectors of Beef
appointed

On Motion Thomas C Beaman and James Morney are appointed Inspectors and repackers of Salted Beef and Pork for the City for ensuing year

On Motion Thomas C Beaman and James Morney are appointed Inspectors and Weighers of Beef for the City for ensuing year.

Surveyors of Brick &c
appointed

On Motion Robert Malcolm, James Reid and Nicholas Wright are selected Surveyors of Brick and Lime and measurers of Masons Work for the City for ensuing year.

Inspectors of Painters
work appointed

On Motion George Smith, W. H. Smith and Emanuel DePastas are selected Measurers and Inspectors of Painters Work for the City for ensuing year.

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Wardens of Magy appointed

Jence Viewers appointed

On Motion Thomas Matting and William Doyle are selected Wardens of Magy for the City for ensuing year.

On Motion David G Smith, Mr. Murray and Mr. Atz are appointed Jence Viewers for the City for ensuing year.

On Motion the following Communication from His Worship the Mayor addressed to the Committee of City Property is read.

Halifax 20 December 1853.

Gentlemen

In compliance with your request that I should give you my ideas on the subject of establishing a City Prison at Rock Head Farm to called. I now beg to submit the same for your consideration. I need scarcely bring to your notice, for I am sure you are very well acquainted with the present very inefficient state of our Bridewell, as well for the want of the necessary accommodation for the prisoners, as for its total inapplicability, in its construction and present state of repair, to adopt any system to be made use of for their improvement; and the situation is so objectionable, as it does not afford sufficient space for employing the prisoners to advantage; it is now matter of public notoriety, how much we need an Establishment, where offenders both old and young, might be placed for confinement and reformation. The providing of such an Establishment by the City Authorities is a prominent charity, and in my judgment will commend itself to all men of proper reflection. The property called Rock Head, owned by the Corporation consists of 44 acres of land, and is beautiful, situated, at the west end of the City, commanding a most extensive view of the whole of Bedford Basin, and the surrounding Country, the object I had in view, in calling the attention of the City Council to this matter, was that an application should be made to the Legislature at its ensuing session, for an act, to enable the City to sell the lot of land and premises on which the present Bridewell stands, and appropriate the funds, towards the erection of a stone building at Rock Head, to be called "the City Prison" as however the present Establishment could not conveniently be offered for sale until after the new Buildings were ready for use, it would become necessary to borrow the necessary funds for the erection in the meanwhile; authority for which loan, not to exceed \$20,000 should likewise be asked for, in the contemplated application to the Legislature. During the former occupancy of the Office to which I have now the honor of being a second time elected. I deeply felt as I now do the necessity of an Establishment for the confinement, employment and reformation of rogues and petty criminals who are at present sent to Bridewell, where corrupted and corrupting each other by indiscriminate intercourse, they remain until the expiration of their sentences and in most cases, when discharged, are sent again in a few days or weeks at most to go through the same routine, many of these criminals are young almost children in years and judgment left for the most part without parents or friends to advise, they have become the victims of the imprincipled, and designing and find themselves the inmates of Bridewell before their minds are matured or their characters formed. The lasting reproach of a Bridewell sentence lets down every barrier between them and a life of infamy; I assure you gentlemen it appears to me little cruelly refused to sentence these

Communication from His Worship the Mayor City Prison at Rock Head Farm

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poor creatures, both male and female, to Confinement in our present Establishment and then turn them out, with the additional odium of having been a Prisoner with us here in nine Cases out of ten for their reception, we friends to advice and protect, and no eye but Gods to pity, while the vile and vicious in almost every walk of life, are waiting to ensnare and plunge them deeper into wickedness and Crime. Not only with the hope of reclaiming such and rescuing them from an early and perhaps ignominious death, but also for the Credit of the City, and the wellbeing of the City Society at large, I would suggest the propriety of a separate Establishment being made in the proposed City Prison for Criminals under twenty years of age where their education and morals should be cared for, and where they should be required to pursue some useful employment so that when discharged from imprisonment they should come out useful members of Society, and qualified to earn an honest livelihood. The employment in the Prison besides that of cultivating the soil, should be simple, and easily learned, and more valuable in labor and materials and not requiring outlay for fixtures and tools. I will enumerate a few, which I think could be adopted in our proposed establishment. viz. the trade of Carpenters, Stone Cutters, Shoe makers, Tailors, Weavers and Cabinet Makers; perhaps in one of these is better adapted for a Prison, such as we propose, than shoe making, it is simple and capable of division into several parts, some one of the parts of making a shoe, can be worked upon almost immediately after entering the Prison. by men, Women and Children; to a shoe days only are necessary to enable almost all prisoners to be profitably employed in making shoes; the large proportion of the value of the manufactured article is in the labor, less in material, and the business when known, is always valuable to any one in ordinary circumstances who is willing to labor for himself or others. The demand is always large, and is not fluctuating to the same degree, as many other mechanical employments, while employed at this business prisoners can be arranged so as to be easily supervised and supplied with work, kept in Silence and order and prevented from doing mischief by evil communications. It is therefore a good employment in Prison and is as likely as any other to be useful to a discharged convict., What is here said of shoe making, may with nearly the same be said of tailoring; so that if the employment of prisoners were confined to these two branches of business or even the first, more successful results would be obtained than are obtained than are obtained with a great variety of employments frequently changed and ill selected, this information as to the most profitable employment of prisoners, I have principally gathered from reading numerous reports on the treatment and Management of prisoners in Massachusetts and other States of the American Republic. As to the plan of the building, and to the most advantageous manner of employing the labor of the prisoners, these are matters of detail which must be left for mature consideration. The urgent necessity for such an establishment as is now suggested, has so deeply impressed itself upon my mind, that I feel I should not be faithfully discharging the duties of the High Office to which I have been appointed were I not strenuously to urge its claims upon your most favourable consideration. I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient Servant

Edw Henry Paper

Mayor

Original to [unclear]

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When following resolution is introduced

On reading the Petition the Report of the Committee of City Property and the Communication of His Worship the Mayor relative to the Establishing of a City Prison at Dick Head

Resolved that the same be printed by the Contractors for City Printing, passed unanimously.

Read following Report of Special Committee relative to injury done William Hogans horse

Report of Special Committee rd: to Will. Hogans horse

The Committee appointed to enquire into the matter relative to the Petition of William Hogans claiming damage for injury done to his horse when in the City Pound. They have to report that they are perfectly satisfied the injury was done in the Pound, as the Constables who drove the horse together with several others and four or five cows to the pound saw no injury done to any of them at that time. Mr. McDermott Pound keeper also says he believes the damage was done while impounded. Under these circumstances we called on the Recorder for his opinion whether the City was liable for the damage. The Recorder considered the City liable for all damage done the Horse more especially as the pound is under the control of the City Authorities, We therefore recommended the sum of Two pounds be given to William Hogans in compensation for damage and loss of the proper use of his horse for several days.

By Peter Morison
William Woodill
William Jones

When on Motion the same is adopted and His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw a check for the amount.

Read following report of Special Committee relative to Night Carts.

Report of Special Committee rd: Night Carts

Resolved 11 January 1834
The Committee authorized to procure night Carts and they leave to report that it has been completed to the satisfaction of the Committee and delivered to His Worship the Mayor, and they would respectfully suggest that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a check for the amount of the Contractors bill.

By John Henry Dugley Chairman
William Woodill
Peter Morison

When on Motion same stands over until next meeting.

Report of Special Committee rd Jos Jennings Apptment

Read following report of Special Committee relative to Joseph Jennings application of his apptment

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The Committee on Mr Jennings Petition met
Aldermen Sutherland Chairman and Alderman Evans.

Mr Jennings appears before the Committee
and substantiates his petition. Recommend the prayer of Petition
for 26th 1833.

When on Motion said report is adopted,

Resolution rel
Poors Asylum

The City Council met take into Consideration
the resolution of Alderman Scott as entered 4 November relative to taking
money for the Poor Asylum, when on Motion said resolution stands
over for future Consideration

Resolution rel:
Duties of Constables
and Watchmen

The City Council met take up resolution of
Alderman Scott as entered 4 November relative to appointing Committee
to Superintend duties of Constables and Watchmen, when on Motion
Alderman Scott has leave to Withdraw said resolution

Alderman August submits report of Special
Committee relative to Mr James Pollocks Claims against the City. on Motion
the same is received

On Motion the said report is read

Report of Special
Committee rel
Jas. Pollocks Claim

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen in Council
The Committee appointed by the Council to examine
into the claims of Mr James Pollock late Overseer of Streets, was summoned
several times, and had but two meetings, at the first meeting Present Mr
Scott, Evans, Coleman, Madell, August Chairman. DeGard absent, the
Correspondence between the Hon. Mr McCully, Attorney at law and His Worship
was taken up and read,

The Chairman called the attention of Your Committee
to the City records as a means from which to ascertain the true position of Mr
Pollock relative, as to his connection with the Corporation, and the Public Service
during the years 1832 and 3, and after due examination it was ascertained,

Firstly, that Mr Pollock was duly elected an
overseer of Streets on the 15th day of October in 1832, the period by law
directed

Secondly, that he entered on the duties of the
duties of the Office of Overseer and was paid a quarters Salary on the 1st
of March 1833 by the City Treasurer on the authority of a Check signed by
His Worship the Mayor

Thirdly, that on the 20th day of April the
Council resolved that James Evans and James Pollock be appointed
temporary Superintendants of Streets for the same districts they had
previously Supervised, and to continue in Office until a Superintendant
for the City shall be appointed.

Fourthly, The Chairman called your Committees
attention to another resolution passed at the same time which gave the
Superintendants the authority they subsequently exercised under the new Act
in

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in conformity with the advice and under the direction of His Worship the Mayor and Council to the effect following: Resolved that the parties appointed to act as temporary Superintendants of the City as by resolution this day passed be empowered and authorized to complete the same work uncompleted, under the direction and authority of His Worship the Mayor and that they be requested without delay to furnish His Worship the Mayor with a statement of said repairs, that necessary amount should be expended."

A majority of your committee refused to permit the Chairman to take cognizance of that resolution, on the ground that it had nothing to do with Mr Pollock's Claims. The Chairman coincided in opinion with Mr Alderman Scott thought it an essential point in the enquiry, inasmuch as the resolution not only temporarily appointed Messrs Jones and Pollock Superintendants of Streets for the period existing between the abrogation of the Old Law and the appointment of one Supt. as decided by the Council under the new law, but pointed out the duties of the temporary Supt. who were to be officially guided and directed by His Worship the Mayor, a copy of which resolution was ordered to be furnished to both gentlemen appointed Mr Jones and Mr Pollock.

Fifthly, That an account from the Commissioner of Streets for Ward 5. Showing the labour performed and expenditure made under Mr Pollock's Superintendance up to May 6th which had been handed in for payment, was also not permitted to be inserted, although specially entered in the records of the City. Thus a dead lock having occurred in the progress of the investigation, the majority proposing nothing, the Committee adjourned to meet on another day, that day came, Your Chairman was in attendance but a quorum could not be obtained, at length on the 21st of the present month a quorum was obtained, present Mr. Scott, Coleman, Longard, August. When it was decided that the extracts from the Records previously objected to might be transferred to the minutes of the Committee and be reported to the Council in their proper place, the Committee unanimously declining to express any opinion as to the merits of Mr Pollock's Claim anterior to the 6th May; conveying to the Council merely the particulars of Mr Pollock's connection with the Corporate Body up to that period. All of which is respectfully submitted to Your Worship and the Council.

By Richard August Chairman
 " Arch. Scott
 " John Longard
 " W. J. Coleman

When following resolution is introduced

That His Honor the Recorder be requested to enter an appearance and plea in the Suit of James Pollock vs the City of Halifax, and that the report of the Committee and all other papers connected with the Claim made by Mr Pollock be referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion upon the liability of the City to pay the same, which on being put is passed

Resolution rel. to Mr Jas Pollock's Claim

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The following accounts passed by the Committee of Public Accounts having been passed by the Council and recommended for payment His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw checks for the same.

Payment of accounts

Air Department, Rent of Engine House		
	Government House law	\$4.0.0
City Property	Building Wall at Fresh Water.	28.10.0
Shrubs	Earth from Barrack Street	17.16.8
City	Dr Parkers Bill	10.0
	Water Company "	8.6
	F Beamesh "	1.2.6
	Dr Annou "	7.6
Bridewell	Mr McDonald "	8.13.0
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		\$66.8.2

Mr Stays account amounting to \$7.14.6 was deferred for further information Mr Stays and Mr Sims to be directed to attend the next meeting of this Committee.

Henry Ruyor
Mayor

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January 9

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor aldermen Adams, Scott, Nimrose, Neal, Davy, Evans, Woodell, Coleman, King, Longard and Fetherland.

On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow at noon to adjourn until Wednesday for business

Henry Ruyor
Mayor

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January 10

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held
this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Longard and
Sutherland,

On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow at
Two O'clock.

Henry Fryer
Mayor

January 11

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held
this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Power, Adams,
Pugsley, Scott, Salter, Martshorne, Primrose, Morrissey, Crail,
Evans, Woodill, Coleman, King, Longard and Sutherland,

Read over proceedings of 27 December and 9th 10 January

Alderman Adams submits memorial of Inhabitants
of Ward No. 1 for additional Gas Posts, received,

Memorial Ward 1
for Gas Post

Alderman King submits Memorial of Inhabitants
of Ward No. 6 for leave to connect Old Windsor Road with Kempst road
received,

Memorial Ward 6
connect Windsor +
Kempst Roads

His Honor the Recorder submits his opinion relative
to Mr James Plocks Claim against the City, received

Opinion of Recorder
as Plocks claim

Also an Act relative to Drains and Sewers, received

Acts City Prison +
Drains + Sewers

Also Draft of an Act relative to erecting a Prison
on Rock Mad, received

Alderman Pugsley submits report of Special Com-
mittee relative to Night Carts, received

Report Night-Cart
Committee

The following resolution is then introduced

Whereas it has been alleged that certain Electors of the
City of Malpas did on the first day of October 1835 contrary to Section 32
of the Act of Incorporation vote in two Wards. Therefore Resolved that a Committee
be appointed to investigate the same and report to the Council, and that
Aldermen Evans, Primrose and Coleman be that Committee, passed

Resolution
King in 2 Wards

Alderman Woodill calls the attention of the Council to a
Memorial of Thomas St Braine and others for a Gas Post read in Council
26 September 1833. when following resolution is introduced

Resolved