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The following Sections No 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 are passed

On Motion it is resolved that the foregoing be fairly engrossed and transmitted to His Excellency the Provincial Secretary to be submitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Honourable the Executive Council for their approval

Quarterly report of
Supt of Streets

On Motion it is resolved that the Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Streets, the Estimate for ensuing year and particulars of last years expenditures be referred to a Committee of Six Gentlemen one from each Ward, and that Aldermen Huplay, Hartshorne, Morrissey, Evans, Woodill and Longard be that Committee,

The following resolution is then introduced

Resolution rel. to
Railway Bills

It having been stated that a Bill is now before the Legislature enacting that stock to a large amount in the proposed Provincial Railway, shall be taken and assumed by the City of Halifax, and that the City shall be obliged for the interest thereof but no notice of the intention of introducing such a Bill having been communicated to the Mayor and Council

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain and report to this Council as early as possible, whether any and what Bill of the nature aforesaid is now before the Legislature, and to obtain and lay before this Council such information as can be obtained in reference to the same,

On Motion Alderman Hartshorne and Tubbs are appointed the Committee, who with leave of the Council withdraw

Memorial of Citizens of Ward No 10 for Gas
Pet. Submitted 11 January 1851 on Motion stands over,

Memorial of Citizens of Ward No 10 relative to
repairing Old Blue Bell road and connecting the same with the Haupt
Road Submitted 11 January on Motion stands over

Had following report of Superintendent of
Streets on Memorial of Robert Graham, (as entered folio 45) when
on Motion the same is directed to lay on the table for the present,

Letter from W. Ritchie
Esq. rel. to M. W. Hair
Claim for damages

Had following Letter from W. Ritchie
Esq. addressed to His Worship the Mayor
Halifax 24 January 1851

Sir
I have been instructed to commence proceedings against
the City for damages sustained by M. W. Hair by the mode in which excavations
have been made in Barrack Street by which his property has been seriously
injured

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injured and his business much prejudiced; Mr. Meir has not determined to resort to this course until it has appeared to him that all attempts to obtain redress otherwise were fruitless.

To His Worship

The Mayor

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant

Jones W. Ritchie

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that that the Letter of W. Ritchie Esquire on behalf of W. C. Meir be referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion as to whether Mr. Meir has any claim on the City which on being put is passed,

The Committee on Railway Bills return and submit the various printed Acts, and state that the Clerk of the House of Assembly informed them that said Bills have been read a second time, when it is agreed that the subject of said Bills be taken into consideration by the Council tomorrow,

Read following report of Captain of

Union Engine Company

To the Mayor of Halifax

May it please your Worship

I beg leave to enclose a Report of that portion of the Fire Department under my command, for the year ending Dec 31. 1853. for the information of the City Council.

The Union Fire Engine Company established not by law limited to eighty members Captains and Officers included, the number of active members now on the list is twenty nine, the number of honorary members is seventeen a majority of them continue to assist at fires there are six Engines and eight hose carriages all in good order, except No 6 Engine, which cannot be relied upon. There are 8000 feet of hose in good condition (much of it being nearly new) and 300 feet ditto ordinary to fair

The City Tanks 15 in number are now and must continue to be the only available sources for extinguishing fires in the upper parts of the City, as owing to the great elevation of these localities, the fire Hogs furnish a very limited supply of water. Several of the tanks are out of repair and require immediate attention in the proper quarter. I would also crave permission to suggest the necessity of having at least 3 additional tanks say at the following sites. One in Queen Street near the Military Barracks for the protection of much valuable in that quarter of the City, another a little back of the Globe House or St. Marys Cathedral for the preservation of the many costly buildings in that vicinity, the third and by far the most essential should be situated at or near the corner of the New, Mr. Black's residence, North end, experience proves that in the event of a fire occurring in the vicinity of either of the places just named the

Report of Captain of Union Engine Company

Wants

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want of an adequate supply of Water pipes does to an alarming extent surrounding property, and renders a Conflagration almost inevitable.

During the past year the Department has been called out 23 times of which 18 were actual Fires and 5 were merely burning Chimneys resulting in no injury to property. It is a matter of congratulation and thankfulness that Fire have been of so infrequent occurrence during the past year, and that the amount of property consumed by the devouring element has amounted to so trifling a sum in the aggregate. There is reason to suppose that that 3 of the fires during the past year were the loss of Inventories at St Andrews Cop, Bakers May Street, and the House in Argyle Street opposite St Pauls. Such cases are happily of extremely rare occurrence in this City. It will surprise many persons that the loss of property by Fire during the past year in Halifax did not exceed £3,500 Currency, on which the insurance was probably less than £1800. When it is taken into consideration that Halifax is almost wholly a Wooden City, extending over an area of five miles in length by one mile and a half in breadth, and having a population of at least 25,000 souls who have insurance effected on Buildings and Merchandise to the extent of more than £1,000,000 it does appear almost miraculous that the losses by Fire should have been so incredibly small; and this too, in the face of this City having a smaller organised Fire Department than any town of pretensions in the whole Civilized world.

It affords me great gratification to state that during the past year I have received the most cordial cooperation and support, whenever circumstances required from the Corporation, the Fire Ward, the Tax Men, the Military, the Ordnance and Naval Departments, as well as from a host of my fellow Citizens, to all of whom I thereby tender my hearty thanks for their strenuous exertions in the hour of danger, and on occasions when vast amounts of property were at stake.

I cannot conclude this very imperfect report without bearing cheerful testimony to the very able and efficient manner in which the Members of the Union Engine Company have strengthened my hands by the strict performance of the arduous and onerous duties which as volunteers they have imposed upon themselves.

Yours faithfully,
Signed, Thomas Mollway
Captain U E Company

When on Motion it is Resolved that said Report be published, passed unanimously.

Read following Letter from Secretary of Fire Company
To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council
Gentlemen

At a meeting of the Halifax Fire Company held on Monday the 9th Instant. Robert Richardson Esquire Captain of the

Letter from Secty
of Fire Company
rel Robert Richardson's
resignation

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The aforesaid Company having tendered his resignation his term of service having long since expired, the Company having accepted his resignation proceeded to fill up the vacancy, Mr John Mull was proposed and was unanimously elected to be Captain of the Axe Fire Company. Hoping that our selection may meet with the approval of Your Honorable body we the members of the Axe Fire Company as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed for and on behalf of the Members of the Axe Fire Company
Signed Edward R. Sost
Halspar 16 January 1854 Secretary

When on Motion Mr John Mull is unanimously approved as Captain of the Axe Company.

Fire Constable
Appointed

On Motion William Holland is appointed Fire Constable for ward No 2 in place of Patrick Costin excused.

Read following Quarterly Return of Weighers of Flour

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour and Meal weighed by William Grant Quarter ending 31 December 1853

Number of Bbls	Bbls Short	Lbs Short
<u>8,516</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>2007</u>

Halspar 31 Dec 1853

Signed William Grant, Weigher

Return of number of Barrels of Flour and Meal weighed by Samuel Cartow. Quarter ending 31 December 1853,

Number of Bbls	Bbls Short	Lbs Short
<u>9,271</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>1028</u>

Halspar 31 Dec 1854.

Signed Samuel Cartow, Weigher

Return of number of Barrels of Flour and Meal weighed by John Winters. Quarter ending 31 December 1854

Number of Bbls	Bbls Short	Lbs Short
<u>11,637</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>2823</u>

Signed John Winters Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour and Meal weighed by John Parker Quarter ending 31 Dec 1854

Number of Bbls	Bbls Short	Lbs Short
<u>9,129</u>		<u>1,309</u>

Signed John Parker Weigher

Quarterly returns
of Weighers of
Flour

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The following resolution is now introduced

Resolution rel. to
Short weight in
Flour

Whereas it has come to the notice of City Council from the Quarterly returns made by the Weighers of Flour and Meal that a very great number of Barrels of Flour are imported into the City short in weight to a great extent, and as they have reason to believe that large quantities of Flour exported from this port a great portion thereof in vessels employed in the Fisheries are likewise short in weight. Therefore Resolved that it be respectfully communicated to the Legislature to repeal the 67 Section of Chapter 85. of the Revised Statutes, passed 11 voting for it and 3 against it and the names being called for they stood thus.

For the Resolution		Against the Resolution	
Alderman Coleman	Torgard	Alderman Hartshorn	
" Dugstey	Sutherland	" Gibson	
" Morrissey	Evens	" Adams	3
" Primrose	Orvil		
" Woodhill	Scott		11
" King			

The City Council next take up the Memorandum of Articles not returned by Mr James Pollock late Overseer of Streets for Wards 4, 5 and 6 when on Motion same is referred to same Committee appointed to take up Superintendent of Streets reports &c.

The City Council next take up the following Report of Committee of Tenders
Extract from Minutes of Committee of Tenders
28 January 1854

Report of Comtee
rel. Supt of Streets
Tenders

The Superintendent of Streets submitted the following tenders viz:
1st Blacksmiths Work Smithers & Taylor
Caldwell & Son
2nd Carpenters Work William Murray
William Stevens

After hearing the explanations of the Super of Streets and examining these tenders the Committee approved of his selection of the tenders of Caldwell & Son for Blacksmiths Work and of William Stevens for Carpenters Work. The Superintendent stated that there was no Tender for Lumber or Hardware and that in his opinion the amount of each required for the Season would not exceed \$5 the Committee therefore recommend that the Superintendent should be authorized to procure Lumber and Hardware at the Cheapest rate without advertising.

Attest Copy
Signed A Primrose
Chairman

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When our Motion same is Confirmed and
the parties requested to give the necessary Bonds.

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

Henry Fyler
Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council
held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Octavius, Popley,
Falter, Hartshorn, Gibson, Morrison, Evans, August,
Woodill, Coleman, King, Longard and Sutherland

Read over proceedings of Yesterday.

The following Resolution is introduced

Resolution re:
to the Railway

Resolved that a Committee be appointed
to examine the Records of the City Council to ascertain what proceedings
have heretofore been taken by the Council in the matter of Railways
and report their proceedings. And that Alderman August, Sutherland
and Falter be that Committee. passed.

The City Council next take up the half
yearly return of the Commisisoners of the Poor.

Read letter from J. H. Anderson Esquire
Chairman of Commisisoners of the Poor. (See February File)

Read following Estimate

Office of Commisisoners
Poor Asylum 31 Jan 4/1851

Estimated of the probable amount
required for the support of the Poor in the Halifax Poor Asylum for
the year 1851.

Balance

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Estimate of
Commissioners
of the Poor

Balance due the Bank for Account	\$396.18.5
Probable expenditure for paupers	2865.0.0
Salaries including Medicines & Medical Attendance	305.0.0
Repairs required to Buildings	100.0.0
Contingencies	45.0.0
	\$3741.18.5

Tip

Tip last and supposed Legislative Grant	1000.0.0
School Grant	25.0.0
Probable Sale of Cotton. Hats	250.0.0
Hats and Board of Paupers	1845.0.0
	\$1866.18.5

This sum will be required by the Commissioners to carry them through the year unless the Legislature in their wisdom should grant a larger sum than named as the last years grant. In consequence of the very high rate of provisions the expenditure necessarily must be large.

Read Statement of Amounts Expended amount received and the Deficiencies (See February file)

Read Statement of Amount received from Treasury, Transient poor, City and County and Casual (See February file)

Read Statement of number of Paupers in the Asylum (See February file)

Read amount of account against the City amounting to \$1009.11.4.

Submitted half yearly returns

Extract from
Minutes of
Board of Health

of Health

Read following extract from Board

Office of Board of Health
1 February 1851

Extract from Minutes of Board of Health

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Board that the City Council be requested to appoint additional Health Inspectors for the City to meet the present emergency.

Attest Copy

Signed Wm C Craigie

Clk of Board of Health

Payment of
Accounts

for the present

On Motion same lay on the table

The following accounts having passed the Committee of Public Accounts and recommended for payment His Worship the Mayor is authorised to draw checks for the same

Joseph

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Joseph Jennings by Lumber for Streets	\$ 8.3.5
William Stevens Schooling to 1840	10.8.2
William Caldwell Sen. Blacksmith, 1840	21.9.1
P. Diver Wharfage of Gravel	3.4.6
John Hogue do	<u>5.0.0</u> 108.8.2

Read following letter from B. Wier Esq
 H. P. directed to His Worship the Mayor
 Halifax 14 February 1851

Sir

Having this day introduced a Bill for the amendment of the Incorporation Act for this City, I consider it but courteous and right to give you the information, The Bill has been read a first time to be read again at a future day. A Copy of the Bill may be had by application to the Clerk of the Assembly. The nature of the amendments which I have considered it my duty under existing circumstances to introduce for the consideration of the Legislature are as follows. First. That the City Clerk, Treasurer and Recorder, shall be elected in the same manner as the Mayor Aldermen &c are now elected. Second. That the right to vote shall be contingent upon the payment of rates the year previous to the annual election. Third. That the people shall not be restricted to persons who have served in the City Council in their choice for Mayor

His Worship
 The Mayor

Yours Very Respectfully
 Signed B. Wier

Read Letter from His Worship the Mayor
 addressed to the Clerk of the Assembly.

And the Act to Amend the Act concerning
 the City of Halifax when following resolution is introduced

Whereas it has been communicated to the City Council that a Bill is now before the Legislature enacting among other things that certain Officers of this Corporation that is to say, The Recorder, The City Clerk and the City Treasurer shall be elected and chosen by the Citizens. And whereas this Council would thereby be deprived of the election and choice of the above mentioned Officers

Resolved that this Council deem such interference with their right subversive of the proper working of this Council destructive of the position which they ought to occupy as a Body delegated by their fellow Citizens, and antagonistic of the confidence reposed in them by their fellow Citizens, and antagonistic essentially necessary to the wholesome and proper management of the affairs of the City, and that this Council deem the alteration in the Election of the Mayor contemplated by said Bill to be inexpedient, which on being put is passed in voting for it and against it, and the names

Letter. B. Wier Esq
 rel: to Amendment
 of Incorporation Act

Resolutions rel: to
 Amendment of
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names being called for they stood thus.

For the Revolution		Against the Revolution
Alderman Hartshorn	Sumrose	Alderman Coleman
Falter	King	Woodie
Gibson	Longard	Pugsley
Morrissey	Sutherland	August 11
Adams	Evans	10

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that a Memorial be prepared and sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council and the Honorable the House of Assembly representing the foregoing statements and that the same be handed by His Worship the Mayor to a Member of the Honorable the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly, with a request that he will present the same to the House. passed.

On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Henry Taylor
Mayor

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Fire Constable
Sworn

William McLeod sworn into Office as Fire Constable for Ward No 2 in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Henry Taylor
Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Aldams, Poppley, Scott, Hartshorne, Primrose, Morrissey, Ormel, Ewens, Nugent, Coleman, King, Longard and Fisherland

Read over proceedings of yesterday

Memorial of Thomas Shea re: his Apptment

Read Memorial of Thomas Shea relative to his Apptment, when a Motion is made that said Memorial be referred to a Committee to report upon, Amendment that the introducer have leave to withdraw the same which is lost 3 voting for it and 9 against it, the original is then put and carried 9 voting for it and 3 against, Aldermen Primrose, Ewens and King appointed Committee

Read letter of Mr John L Cragg Assistant City Clerk (See file for February) when following resolution is introduced

Memorial re of John L Cragg increase of Salary

Resolved that the Salary of the City Clerk Assistant be one hundred and twenty five pounds, to which the following Amendment is introduced, Resolved that the Salary of the Clerk Assistant be one hundred and fifty pounds which Amendment being put is lost 5 voting for it and 4 against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Amendment	Against the Amendment
Alderman Poppley	Alderman Coleman
" Hartshorne	" Aldams
" Ewens	" Primrose
" Scott	" King
" Nugent 5	" 4

The original is then put and carried 7 voting for it and 5 against it

Report of Committee of Public Accounts on Motion Stands over,

Memorial of Citizens of Ward No 1 re for additional Gas Posts on Motion Stands over,

Report of Special Committee re to G.S. Blanchard's Claim

The Report of Special Committee relative to Claim of G.S. Blanchard Esq as entered of June 1853. is next taken up when on Motion the Council direct the amount £ to be added to the Apptment for ensuing year and that the Committee of Public Accounts be requested to make such addition,

Read following Memorial of Mr W.A. Hardy

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Memorial of
W.A. Hendry rel:
to disputed road

To His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen of
the City of Halifax in Council Assembled,
The Petition of W.A. Hendry of Halifax in the
County of Halifax. Sheweth,

That Petitioner erected a barn a certain portion
of which is an encroachment on the Street or reserve running between
Blocks H & I
That Petitioner is informed that a writ is now
or about to be put into the hands of the Sheriff of the County to cause
the immediate removal of said Barn. That he has no disposition
whatever to induce such harsh proceedings and begs in the fullest
sense to acknowledge the right of Your Honors to deal with him in
this matter as you may think proper, and therefore prays that
agreeably to Chapter CII. Sec III. page 186 of the Revised Statutes he
may be allowed to occupy his barn for the following reasons,

1st That at the time Petitioner erected his
barn he did so under a grant from the Crown believing that it
conveyed to him a good title
2nd That as the land on each side of said
Street is the property of Petitioner who is willing to give to the public
a road on a site more convenient for travelling, or such as the
Superintendent of Streets may consider best,

3rd That said Street being situate far from
the Commerce of the City and not likely to be much used for several
years, and as the Street is said to be 66 feet wide & Petitioner's barn only
occupying 20 ft there remains a width of 46 ft. which would be ample
accommodation for travelling and save your Petitioner from a loss of not
less than \$25 if he should be compelled to remove the barn at present.

Halifax 6th January 1854
And as in duty bound will ever pray
Signed W.A. Hendry

The following resolution is introduced

Resolution rel:
to W.A. Hendry's
Petition

In the Cause of the Queen against Hendry
Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to take out execution
under the Judgment entered in this case so that legal difficulty may
not arise from delay and that if the nuisance be not removed by the
first day of June next the Recorder be authorised to issue an alias and
have the same executed without further delay to which following
Amendment is introduced

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be
instructed to deal with the matter of Mr. Hendry's petition in such
way as fully to protect the interests of the City, which Amendment
being put is carried by voting for and 3 against it

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the City Clerk do advertise for
tenders for reporting and publishing the proceedings of the City Council
at

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at their meetings which proceedings shall be published in one of the daily papers which resolution was opposed for the same 3. against it 9. The resolution is therefore lost, and the names being called for they stood thus

Resolution rel: to Publishing debates of City Council

For the Resolution	Against the resolution
Alderman Pugsley	Alderman Coleman
" Eves	" Hartshorne
" King 3	" Adams
	" Pinnore
	" Longard
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On Motion Council rise

Henry Pryor
Mayor

March 3

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen River, Adams Pugsley, Scott, Salter, Hartshorne, Pinnore, Morisey, O'Neil, Davey, Eves, August, Coleman, King and Longard.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration report of Special Committee relative to resolutions of City Council relative to the railway, the report of Committee of Public Accounts, the report of Special Committee

Read over proceedings of 24 February

Alderman Scott submits Memorial of Mr Charles Wallis relative to stop on Fire Department, received Alderman Scott submit Memorial of Mr Thomas Shea on same subject,

Alderman August submits report of Special Committee relative to resolutions of City Council on subject of Rail Roads On Motion same is received, A Motion is then made that the same be read. Read said Report.

Memorial of Wallis and Shea Fire Department

Support of Committee rel: to Railways

Resolved 3 March 1854
The Committee appointed to examine the Records of the City Council to ascertain what proceedings have heretofore been taken by the Council in the matter of Railways proposed for

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For this Province beg leave respectfully to report that certain proceedings Resolutions &c in reference to Railways are recorded in the Council Journals of 1850 and 1851. Viz. at folios 346, 347, 350 in August 1850 and folios 102 and 105 in November 1851. which your Committee recommend to the notice of the Council

To His Worship
The Mayor and Council

Signed Richard Nugent Chairman
B.W. Falter

The following resolution is then introduced,

Resolved as the opinion of this Council that the construction of a Railway from the Harbour of Halifax to the Frontier of New Brunswick would be of incalculable advantage to the Nova Scotia in particular, and also to the other British Provinces, But the Members of this Council do not consider that by law they have any power to pledge the funds or property of the City, or to consent that the Inhabitants and Citizens thereof shall be considered as Stockholders for any sum of money towards the construction of said Railway without their express consent, and that any act of the Legislature making or declaring Individuals or Corporations Shareholders or Stockholders in any Public Undertaking without their consent would be unconstitutional. To which following Amendment is introduced,

1st Resolved that this Council affirm the principle embodied in the Resolutions previously adopted by the Corporation, and consider that the interests of the City imperatively demand the immediate construction of the lines of Railway contemplated in the Bills now before the Legislature in order to retain the business of the Western Counties, the Gulf Shore and Prince Edwards Island which otherwise it is to be feared will be diverted into other Channels, and they view with much satisfaction the proposition to reserve to the City Stock therein to the extent of £20,000

2^d Resolved that a Petition be drawn up and presented to the Legislature requesting that the City Council may be vested with the power under such regulations as may be deemed proper of engaging the said Railway Stock, Provided that the Terminals be in the City of Halifax. Which Amendment is voted for the same and 11 against it. The Amendment is therefore carried, Original lost, and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Amendment
Alderman Coleman, Adams
" Rusley, King
" Darcy, Orm
" Falter, Power
" Morrissey, Nugent 10

Against the Amendment
Alderman Hartshorn
" Sumner
" Longard
" Evers 4

On Motion Alderman Falter, Nugent, and Orm be the Committee to draw up a Memorial in accordance with the Amendment just passed

Resolutions re:
to Railway

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The following resolution is next introduced

Whereas the City Council have expressed their opinion relative to the Bill before the House of Assembly for the Construction of Railway

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor issue a proclamation calling upon the Electors to meet at the different Polls to give their opinion on the Subject in the same manner as the Mayor and Aldermen are elected, which on being put is voted for it and is against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution		Against the Resolution	
Alderman Primrose		Alderman Colman	Adams
" King		" Pugsley	Orrill
" Longard		" Davey	Power
" Evans	4	" Hartshorne	Scott
		" Fuller	August
		" Morrison	11

A Motion is made that the Council adjourn until tomorrow Saturday at 2 O'clock then to adjourn until Monday at 2 O'clock to meet for business which on being put is passed & voted for it and 6 against it.

Council adjourned until tomorrow at Two O'clock
Henry Fryor Mayor

March 4

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Hartshorne and Primrose

Council adjourn until Monday at Two O'clock
Henry Fryor Mayor