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and that His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder prepare said Memorial and that they with the former Committee wait on the Honourable the Legislative Council with the same.

Resol. rel. to Changing Polling for City Election at Ward Five

Council next take up Alderman Mackay's Notice of resolution submitted 27 February last relative to changing Polling place in Ward 5 when following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the Polling place for holding Civic Elections in Ward No 5 be changed from Despard's Wall to Beatings Country Market that location being a more convenient place for the Citizens of the Ward. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed 7 voting for it and 5 against it

Report Clerk of Licenses

Council next take up report of Clerk of Licenses to 15 March same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts.

Resol. rel. to Memo of George Henderson and others

Council next take up Memorial of George Henderson relative to opening of Hollis Street submitted 24 March the same is read when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Alderman for Ward No One be a Committee to enquire into all the matters connected with the opening of Hollis Street and report to this Council. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Anderson which on being put is lost 5 voting for it and 7 against it.

Motion of adjournment is made lost 4 voting for it and 7 against it.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Conchoe that the report of Committee relative to extension of Hollis Street

Moved that vacancy in the Committee of Tenders in place of Alderman Stairs resigned be now filled up. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Lounds.

Appointment of Ald. Barry to Committee Tenders

Moved by Alderman Lounds seconded by Alderman Jennings that Alderman Barry be placed on the Committee of Tenders passed.

On Motion. Council rise. Deputy Mayor

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Samuel Noble Esquire having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance the Oath of Office required by Law as well as that of a Justice of the Peace signs the Roll accordingly in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Shepley Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Noble, Donohoe, Lohnds, Caldwell, Bell, Cochran, Morrissey, Wills, King, Mackay, Conway, Barry, King, Longard and Jennings.

Council were summoned to fill up vacancies on Committees, to receive report of Committee of Tenders relative to erection of City Prison, to elect a Measurer of Salt & Grain, and transaction of other Business.

Read over proceedings of 7 April

Memor of W^m
Cunnabell relative
Poor Rates.

Alderman Mackay submits a Memorial of William Cunnabell relative to Warrant of Distress for his City Rates.

Report Committee
Tenders on City
Prison

Alderman Conway Chairman submits report of Committee of Tenders of 11 April relative to erection of City Prison. when it is moved that the order of the day be suspended and that said report be now taken up and read which motion being put is carried 13 voting for it and 3 against it

Read said report

Extract from report of Committee Tenders April 11th

Committee on Tenders met this day Present Alderman Wills, Barry, Donohoe, King, Conway, Longard.

In the absence of W^m S. Stairs Esq^r resigned, Alderman Conway is unanimously elected Chairman.

Opened the following Tenders

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	Brick & Granite	Granite
Arthur Murphy	"	\$5777
Robert Davis	\$5345	5577
George A. Callis	5057	5547
Richd. Minahan	5357	5849
Robert Malcolm	4641	5585

The Committee gave their best attention and examination to the above Tenders and have come to the conclusion to recommend the following persons being the lowest for both descriptions of work

R. Malcolm for Brick & Granite \$4641
Geo. A. Callis for Granite 5647

all of which is respectfully submitted

Signed Geo. Conway
Chairman

His Honor the Recorder is called upon for his opinion, when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to report
Committee Tenders
on City Prison

Resolved that the report of the Committee of Tenders relative to City Prison of 11 April 1857 relative to erection be adopted. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Bell to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the report of the Committee of Tenders relative to City Prison lay over for future consideration as it is understood that Mr. Callis whose is the lowest tender is desirous of withdrawing his Tender. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman King ~~seconded~~ by which on being put is lost 3 voting for it and 13 against it.

Original is then put and carried unanimously

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel. to
City Prison being
Built of rough
Granite

Resolved that the City Prison about to be erected at Rock head farm be of rough Granite. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Wilks which on being put is passed 13 voting for it and 3 against it

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His Worship the Mayor submits
to Council following Communication from George A
Dallas withdrawing the Tender for City Prison.

Communication
Geo. A Dallas rel.
to City Prison

Walifax N.C.

Gentlemen

I wish to withdraw my tender for the
City Prison as I made a miscalculation in not
putting in the Blacksmith Work

Yours &c

Geo. A Dallas

The Committee of
City Prison

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resol. rel. to
Geo. A Dallas
Tender

Resolved that G. A. Dallas have
leave to withdraw his Tender for Building of City
Prison. Moved by Alderman Donohoe seconded
by Alderman Caldwell, passed.

Resol. rel. to the
Acceptance of
Davis Tender for
erection of City
Prison

Resolved that the Tender of W^m
Robert Davis for Building the City Prison in rough
Granite be accepted provided he gives sufficient
security for the due performance of same agreeably
to Plan and Specification. Moved by Alderman
Conway seconded by Alderman Wills passed
15 voting for it and 1 against it and the names being
called for they appeared thus.

For resolution

Against it

Alderman Anderson, Cochran
Mackay, Towns - Caldwell
Barry, Noble, Morrissey
Bell, Conway, Donohoe
Jennings, Wills, King
Ring " " 15

Ald. Longard.

Resol. rel. to Recorder
drawing up the
Bonds for
City Prison.

Resolved that the Recorder be
directed to draw up the necessary Contracts and
Bonds between the City and W^m Davis and his
sureties for building the City Prison and that the
Committee already appointed for that Prison and
the Architect be requested to furnish the Recorder
with such information as may be requisite therein
Moved by Alderman Barry seconded by Alderman
Jennings, passed.

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The following resolution is now introduced

Resol. rel. to
Superintendent
of Streets attend
Sale of Property
near Gas Works

Resolved that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to attend the sale of W^m Williams' property near the Gas Works and give notice of a reservation and allusion to a Public Highway in the original deed or grant. Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alderman Jennings. passed

Read following report of Superintendent of Streets of 19th Feb^y (read April)

Report Sup^o of Streets.

Street Office 19th February 1854

The Superintendent of Streets, begs leave to report his annual Report on Street Expenditure for the year 1854 for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council.

The work performed since the report of October last consists principally in the repairing Water Street, from Prince Street to the City Market. Embanking the Street at the West side of the Convent repairing Side Walk in Hollis, Granville and Duke Street in Ward 2 & 3 repairing the Campbell Road City Street, Gerrish Street and other places in Ward 5 & 6

The Expenditure on Streets in the different Wards as follows:

Ward 1	£ 251. 1. 3
2	455. 17. 4
3	585. 15. 3
4	45. 5. 1
5	428. 5. 5
6	168. 13. 3
Amounting to.	<u>£ 2054. 17. 7</u>

The whole Amounts paid and charged to the Street Fund during the Year is for,

Manual Labour	£ 1172. 19. 9
Horse & Cart Labour	416. 10. 0
Paving Stones Gravel &c	414. 8. 1
Contract drawn in Gerrish St.	124. 17. 0
Fairbanks & Hogan Warpage	36. 15. 0
Salaries to 31 st Dec ^r	268. 15. 0
Removing Harts Fence	1. 11. 6
Sundry Small Bills	23. 7. 4
	<u>£ 2458. 3. 8</u>

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making in all £2408.3.8 for which checks have been drawn in addition to which is to be added Murray's Bill for Wheelwrights Work £11.11.3 and Taylor's Bill for Blacksmiths work £50.12.4 both of which have been approved and passed by the Street Committee the Superintendent and Clerks Salary to the 1st April £87.10.0 will also be chargeable to the Fund and will amount in the aggregate to £2610.17.3

The total amount assessed for

Roads and Streets in S.1 Ward	£509.6.0
2 "	400.8.0
3 "	502.2.6
4 "	222.7.0
5 "	865.1.0
6 "	240.15.5
Amounting to	<u>£2740.0.0</u>

of this amount the Clerk of Streets considers that at least £300 must be allowed as bad debt or deductions for Engine Men and Ice Men - Deaths - Departures and other Causes.

The amount collected by the Treasurer is £1710.11.9 and with the suits now in hand for the next term will amount to £1950. and there will remain about £450 to be collected most of which must be sued for. 140 persons have been handed in for suit - and the whole of the names cannot be put through before the month of August this circumstance alone will show to your Honships and the Council, the necessity there exists for a change in the law, in order that the mode of collection may be more summary and less expensive than at present if the same process that is used in the Collection of Rates could be made applicable to the Road Tax the whole matter could be wound up between January & March and while on this subject, I may be permitted to remark, that the law operates very well with but few exceptions.

In the 15th Section of the Act "Horses" are omitted - which is very important

13th Section requires Notice to be left at the abode of persons - If the words place of business was added - it would be the means of securing -

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change their abodes so often.

The Poll Tax for Roads & Street
purposes cannot be expected to increase this year
much beyond the last because the increase can only
be in sp. appointments & Horses as the amount levied
according to City Rates must be about the same
every year.

My Report for operations during the present
year accompanies this

all which is respectfully submitted

Signed James Pillock

Superintendent of
Streets

Council next proceed to fill up vacan-
cies in standing Committees caused by the resignation
of William Hairs Esq^r.

Appointment of
Ald. Noble to
Committee of
Public Accounts
and Street

On Motion Alderman Noble is
appointed one of the Committee of Public Accounts.

On Motion Alderman Noble is
appointed one of the Street Committee

Appointment
of Measure of
Salt & Grain

Council next proceed to elect a
Measure of Salt & Grain. read over the various appli-
cations. The names are taken when there appeared
for Blyth 10 Kelly 2 Fenton 3.
Blyth having received a clear majority of votes is
elected a Measure of Salt & Grain.

Letter J. W. Johns-
ton Son rel. to
James Minn

Read a Letter from Hon. J. W.
Johnston Son of 12 March 1854 in behalf of James
Minn one of the late Contractors for Building of City
Prison - when following resolution is introduced
(See Letter To File for April)

Resol. rel. to the
Appointment of
Committee on Claims
of Barnstead & Minn

Resolved that a Committee be
appointed to enquire into the claims of Barnstead &
Minn against the City and report to this Council
Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman
Ring Passed
Committee Alderman Mackay Ring. Cochran.

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The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel. to restricting expenditures of Committee to £5 - rescinded

Resolved that the resolution passed in 1856 restricting expenditures of Committee to £5 be rescinded. Moved by Alderman Wills seconded by Alderman Morrissey. Passed

Moved and seconded that the order of the day be suspended with so as to take up Memorial of Richard Beazley and others relative to Fish Market Stalls. Passed

Memo of Richard Beazley et al. rel. to Fish Market Stalls

Read Memorial of Richard Beazley & others as submitted by Alderman King on 7 April 1857

Read Memorial of Richard Beazley & others as submitted by Alderman Cochran 7 April 1857
(For Memorials See title)
when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to Stalls Fish Market

Resolved that the Stalls in the Fish Market be drawn for as formerly that persons from all parts of the Shore be permitted to draw for the same. That the right Stalls to the entrance must be put down at a higher rate than the others. Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alderman King. Passed

On Motion Council rise.

Shephard Mayor

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At a Meeting of City Council
held this day present His Worship the Mayor
Aldermen Kille, Oppenow, Lounds, Caldwell,
Cochran, Bell, Morrissey, Ross, Wills, King
Conway, Barry, and Jennings

The City Council were summoned
to take up proceedings of previous Meetings and
the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 13 April

Memo of A.M.
Kirkley et al. rel.
to Drain in Gottingen
Street

Alderman Barry submits
Memorial of Andrew Mackinlay and others relative
to a Drain in Gottingen Street "received"

Report Committee
Streets

Alderman Caldwell submits
report of Committee of Streets of 25th April 1854

Alderman Ross submits applica-
tion of Thomas McCarthy for Surveyor and
Sweeper of Oil.

Moved by Alderman Morrissey
seconded by Alderman Jennings that the By Law
passed by the Lieutenant Governor and Honour-
able Executive Council as amended be accepted
and published as by Law which on being put is
passed & voting for it and 4 against it

Sureties of R.
Davis for Building
City Prison.
Accepted

His Worship the Mayor submits
M^{rs} Thomas Laidlaw and M^{rs} John P Mott as
sureties for M^r Robert Davis as Contractor for Build-
ing City Prison. Moved by Alderman Caldwell
seconded by Alderman Lounds, that the same be
accepted. Passed.

Letter J. Westerman
rel. to Ground North
West Arm.

His Worship the Mayor submits
a Letter from M^r Thomas Westerman as also one
from Hon Provincial Secretary relative to a piece of
Ground North West Arm the same are read.

Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Ald-
Jennings that a committee be appointed to Inves-
tigate the same passed (See file)

Committee Alderman Ross, Conway & Jennings

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His Worship the Mayor submits
Letter of 27 April 1857 from George Henderson re-
lative to obstruction of Hollis Street.

Letter W. Gordon
rel. to Plans of
City Hospital

His Worship the Mayor submits
Letter of 27 April 1857 from William Gordon relative
to Plans of submitted by him relative to erection
of City Hospital. same is read.

Moved by Alderman Barry seconded
by Alderman Jennings that a Committee of an
Alderman from each Ward be appointed on the
City Hospital. "passed"

Appointment
Committee for City
Hospital

Committee Alderman Noble, Caldwell, Cochran
King, Conway and King

It is moved and seconded that
the Letter of Mr. William Gordon this day read
relative to City Hospital as also other Papers
relative thereto be referred to said Committee
passed.

Letter D. Cogswell
rel. to Road leading
to North West Arm

Read D^r Cogswell's Letter
relative to state of Road leading to North West Arm
as submitted 7 March 1857.

It is moved by
Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman
Lounds that said Letter and Plans be referred
to the joint Committee of Common and Streets
together with His Honor the Recorder to
Investigate and report to this Council.

Report of Appraisers
rel. to pulling
down of M^{rs} S
Hawkins House.

Read following Report of parties
appointed to appraise the damages sustained by
M^{rs} Sophia Hawkins by the pulling down of
her House at the Fire on 1st January

Halifax P.S.

Office of City Clerk
Halifax 11 April 1857

To Mess^{rs} James McNutt, Daniel
McPherson and Alexander Bain all of the City
of Halifax Master Carpenters.

I have it in command from
the City Council to request that you will proceed
to make a valuation of the damages sustained by
M^{rs} Sophia Hawkins by the pulling down of her
Premises

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April 27th premises in Hollis Street during the fire which continued occurred on the first day of January last, by order of Four Fire Wards, and which was the means of stopping the progress of said fire, and after having been duly sworn before a Justice of the Peace for the City to make a faithful discharge of your duties, you or any two of you of your proceedings with as little delay as possible into this office to be submitted to the City Council.

I am Gentlemen
Your most obedient servant
James S. Clarke
City Clerk

Report of the Appraisers of Damages sustained by Mrs. Hawkins.

Personally came and appeared before me James M. Nutt, Daniel M. Pherson, and Alexander Bain and severally made oath to make a fair and impartial assessment of the damages sustained by Mrs. Sophia Hawkins by the pulling down of her house at the fire on the first of January last and in accordance with the foregoing Precept.

Sworn to at Halifax } James M. Nutt
this 21st day of April 1857 } Daniel M. Pherson
Alexander Bain
Sij^{ca} Archibald Scott,
Mayor &c. &c.

Halifax April 21st 1857

To His Worship
the Mayor

We the Subscribers have surveyed the property of Mrs. Sophia Hawkins pulled down by order of Fire wards, and find Valuation of Two Hundred Eighty Seven pounds Ten shillings

£287.10.0

James M. Nutt
Daniel M. Pherson

Expence of Survey 23/- to each £ 3.15.0

when following resolution is introduced

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Resol. - rel to Report
of Appraisers

Resolved that the report from the Appraisers appointed to value the damage sustained by Sophia Heautkins from the pulling down of her house by order of Four Fire Wards on the first of January last be confirmed and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Morrissey & "passed"

Vote to J. Cragg
for Copying Assess-
ment Act

It is moved that Twenty shillings be paid to Mr. John L. Cragg for Copying Assessment Act. Moved in amendment that the sum of Two pounds ten shillings be paid him amendment carried of Voting for it and 5 against it.

His Worship the Mayor brings to the Notice of Council as to the issuing of Notice for application for City Assessor when following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel. to the
Salary of City
Assessor

Resolved that the Salary of the City Assessor who may be appointed by the City Council under and by virtue of the Act now before the Legislature be One Hundred pounds. And that so soon as said Act receives the assent of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. His Worship the Mayor advertise for applicants for said situation. Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alderman Osborne passed.

Report Committee
rel to employing
Persons at Fire

Read Report of Special Comm. Committee of February relative to employing of Persons at Fire when it is moved and seconded that said report lie on the Table until this day three months passed.

Report City Engi-
neer to 31 March

Read report of Civil Engineer for year up to 31st March last when it is moved and seconded that His Worship the Mayor request the City Engineer to furnish a detailed account of his expenditure and Survey to 31st March. passed

Resol. rel. to
Street Soil being
Carted to Common

Council next take up Alderman Barry's Notice of employing carts to remove Street Soil to Common the same is read when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that all Soil of the Streets not carted away by the Street carts to the Common, be at once Carted to the Common one half the expense to be taken from the Common funds

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April 27th fund and the other half be taken from the Street
Continued fund. Moved by Alderman Berry seconded by
Alderman Jennings. passed

Letter J. Grant
rel to Warrant of Distress for
of Distress for City Rates. on motion same is referred to the
Poor & County Rates Alderman of the Ward to report upon. (In file)

Read Report of Committee of
Commons of 3 April 1854 (In file for April)

On Motion Thomas M^cCarthy
is appointed a Surveyor and Gauger of Oil for
the City

Committee to
prepare a Bill
rel to Gauging
of Oil Moved by Alderman Jennings
seconded by Alderman Lounds that a Committee
of three with His Honor the Recorder be appoin-
ted to prepare a Bill or By Law relative to the
Surveying and Gauging of Oil passed:

Committee Alderman Cochran Noble and
Caldwell.

Letter George
Henderson
rel to Healds St
Read following Letter of George
Henderson of 27th April this day submitted.

Halifax 27th April 1854

Dear Sir

In behalf of the parties petitioning for, and
somewhat interested in opening the Streets near the
Lumber yard which are at present obstructed would
respectfully request your Worships attention to the
correspondence some months since opened with the
War Department, as the consent of Government to the
opening of these Streets is all important. I would urgently
and respectfully solicit your Worships to follow up
that correspondence with as little delay as possible with
a view to ascertain the intentions of the War Department
on the subject

I remain Sir

Your humble Servant
George Henderson

To
Archibald Scott Esq^r
Mayor of the City
of Halifax &c &c

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Read following Letter from Col. Stoddard of 27th April 1857 on same subject.

Royal Engineers Office
Halifax Nova Scotia
27th April 1857

Letter Colonel Stoddard re: Hollis Street

Sir

With reference to your letter dated 5th August 1856, enclosing an extract from Minutes of the City Council and Copy of a Petition from certain rate payers and Citizens of the City of Halifax relative to the Continuation of Hollis Street from South Street to Fresh Water river, I beg to inform you that the prolongation of Hollis Street as proposed, will materially curtail and encroach upon the Government Lands now held by the Royal Engineer Department and that I cannot recommend any such encroachment.

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most obedient Servant

To His Worship
the Mayor

Signed R. J. Stoddard Colonel
Commanding Royal
Engineers

On Motion the report of Committee of Streets of 25 April this day submitted is now taken up and read

Report Committee Streets re: South Street and N.W. Arm

Committee Room

25th April 1857

The Committee of Streets beg to Report that they met this day.

When the following documents were submitted by His Worship the Mayor were read, viz a Letter from G. H. Star Esq. relative to the cutting down of South Street.

A Letter from Thomas Westerman Esq. relative to Queen Park road, and an encroachment on City Property at the North West Arm by Wm. Nevill also a letter from His Worship the Mayor shewing the state of the Street fund upon which your Committee report as follows.

In reference to South Street to meet the views of the Applicants, the Committee recommend that the Council appropriate pound for pound of the amount paid into the Treasury by subscription for the said Street by the 10th of May next or earlier.

Or read

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On reading W. Hoosterman's letter your Committee recommend that when sixty pounds is paid into the Treasury the Council will furnish the sum of One Hundred in addition to open and construct as far as practicable the Quinpool Road in accordance with the plan submitted by the Superintendent of Streets and the work to be under his control and management or if £75 is paid into the Treasury they would recommend the Council to contribute the Sum of £125 toward the construction of said road. Your Committee would further recommend that such steps as they deem necessary to prevent Mr. Neville or any other person taking hold of lands belonging to the City as they have but little for their own purposes.

On reading His Worship's note upon the Street fund the Committee would recommend that the old Debt due under the Old Statute Labour Law of £352.11.5 be assumed by the City & that the Amount be included in the Estimate to be assessed for this Current year.

And your Committee further recommend that as under the Law no part of the road Tax can be made available before the month of September that the City Treasurer be authorised to open an account with one of the City Banks on account of the road Street fund to the amount of £750-

The Committee beg further to report that they accompanied by the Superintendent of Streets visited the different localities named in his report or estimate of Work to be done during the current year and they recommend that the same be adopted by the Council.

Signed J. Caldwell
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Conway that said report be adopted & "passed".

Read Memorial of Andrew M. Kinley & others relative to a drain in Göttingen Street. When following resolution is introduced.
(See Appendix)

Memo Andrew M. Kinley, re: drain Göttingen Street.