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Resolution 8<sup>th</sup> is next put and carried  
10 voting for it and 2 against it and the names being  
called for they appeared thus

For resolution	Against it
Alderman Cochran	Alderman Mackay
Morison	Russ
Caldwell	King
Conway	Rishq
Lounds	Bell
Barry	Omshee

Alderman Russ gives notice of reconsideration

On Motion  
"Council rise"

*Shepley Mayor*

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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Noble, Swords, Bell, Cochran, McVisey, Ross, Mills King, Conway, Barry Longard and Jennings.

The City Council were summoned to make the order of Assessment for City purposes for year 1857 to proceed with matters standing over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 16 May.

Memo of Gregory Kelly rel to Well in Gottenge Street

Alderman Jennings submits Memorial of Gregory Kelly relative to a Well in Gottenge Street. received

Memo of Alderman Dupre rel to a Sewer

Alderman Conway submits Memorial of Daniel Brian and George Dupre relative to stoppage of a Sewer passing under their premises. received.

Memo of M. M. Oermott rel to a transfer of £10.0

Alderman Barry submits a Memorial of Michael M<sup>o</sup> Oermott relative to the transfer of £20 paid by him towards a Drain in Gottenge Street. received

Report of Special Committee rel to Guaging of Oil

Alderman Noble submits report of Special Committee relative to a By Law for Guaging of Oil.  
His Honor the Recorder hands in a Draft of By Law on same subject.

Alderman Ross submits a report of Special Committee on Memorial of Thomas Hesterman and others relative to a lot of land - East side of North West Arm.

Report Sup of Streets rel to Quin Pool road

His Worship the Mayor submits reports of Superintendent of Streets and Plans relative to Quin Pool road.

Alderman Ross has leave to withdraw his notice of reconsideration given at last Meeting

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His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Honorable Executive Council having given their assent to the additional amount of Ten thousand pounds to be assessed on the Citizens in addition to the amount mentioned in the Act - and in accordance with resolution of City Council and His Worship the Mayor having submitted the following Certificate of the Clerk of the Peace as to the amount to be assessed for County purposes

Office of Clerk of the Peace  
Halifax 25<sup>th</sup> May 1857

Certificate of Clerk of the Peace re: amount to be assessed for County Purposes

I do hereby Certify that the sum appropriated by the Court of General Quarter Sessions in March Term to be assessed on the City of Halifax for County purposes amounts to Six Hundred pounds including Commissions for collecting the same

Signed James S. Clarke  
Clerk of the Peace  
To His Worship the Mayor and City Council

The following resolution is introduced

Resolved to the Amount to be Assessed on Citizens for ensuing year

Whereas it has become necessary to Assess the Citizens in the sum of Ten thousand pounds to meet the actual demand of the City and for the maintenance of the Poor for ensuing year and His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and Honorable Executive Council having consented that the additional sum of Two thousand pounds should be assessed in addition to the eight thousand pounds now limited unless sanctioned by the Governor and Council which assent having been given. It is ordered that the City Clerk give the usual order to the City and Ward Assessors for that amount and also in the further sum of Six Hundred pounds being amount required by the General Quarter Sessions for County purposes.

Moved by Alderman Cochran seconded by Alderman Morrissey. "Passed"

Council met proceed to make an order and appoint Assessors for the assessment of damages sustained by the late M<sup>rs</sup> Sophia Haskins by the pulling down of her house at the Fire on First of January last.

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When following resolution is introduced

Resolved  
 Assessment for  
 Damage done to  
 Mauchins House  
 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1857

Resolved that William Roche, John Stairs, John Duffus Junr, W<sup>m</sup>. Metcalf, James Burns - William Dunbar, David McAlinsh, James Plinn - William A Besson - Edward Just, James McNeill - John Merkble and W<sup>m</sup>. Penney be assessors to tax the houses of the City which have not been burnt, and which are not legally exempted therefore according to their value for damages sustained by the late M<sup>rs</sup>. Sophia Mauchins by the pulling down of her House at the Fire on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January last amounting to £287.10.0 to which is to be added the further charges of valuation viz £3.15.0 for appraisers £5.0.0 to W<sup>m</sup>. Roche and Dickmonds to the other Assessors and Fifteen pounds five shillings for collection in all £314.10.0 which amount includes the charges of valuation taxation and collection. Moved by Alderman Bell - seconded by Alderman Ross, passed

Alderman Ross moves that the order of the day be suspended and that the report of Special Committee on Memorial of Thomas Westerman and others relative to Lot of Land east side of North West Arm be now taken up and read.  
 Read the same

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Report Committee  
 relative Memo: of  
 The Westerman  
 et al.

The Committee appointed to investigate the petition of Thomas Westerman and others relative to the petition of Thomas Neville for a grant of Land - situate at the head of the North West Arm would report to the Council that they have examined the piece of land in question and your Committee would urge upon the Council the importance of obtaining a grant of the same for a Public Landing for which purpose it has always been used as far back as during Sir James Kempt's Administration of the Government until the Licence granted to M<sup>r</sup>. Neville  
 All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed Peter Ross  
 J Jennings

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Read various documents connected therewith when following resolution is introduced  
(See Documents see next Page)

On reading the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Herstman and others relative to the Petition of James Neville.

Resolved the Mayor's application for Grant of Water Lot near North West Arm

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to apply for a grant and deposit the money for the same for public purposes also the Water Lot in front of the same.  
Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Alderman Bell. Passed.

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved to remunerate to James Neville

Resolved that in the event of the City Council being granted that lot of Public Land now in the occupation of James Neville at the head of the North West Arm, that said James Neville be granted such remuneration as a Committee of this Council may recommend.

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Morrissey which on being put is lost 5 Voting for it and 7 against it.

For resolution  
Ald. Cochran - King  
Barry - Morrissey  
Conway -

Against it  
Ald. Longard - Ross  
Bell - Jennings  
Wills - Noble  
Lownds - "

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Left for D. Curtis

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Alderman Conway moves that the order of the day be suspended and that Memorial of Daniel O'Brien and George Dupe this day submitted be now taken up, passed. (The Memorial in File May) the same is read when following resolution is introduced

Read. rel. to  
Memorial of D.  
O'Brien & G. W. Dupe

Whereas the Memorialists Daniel O'Brien and George W. Dupe this day submitted a Memorial stating that on the night of 21<sup>st</sup> Inst. they sustained a serious loss in their respective properties, both real and personal in consequence of the inefficient state of the Main Sewer running through their property of Daniel O'Brien one of the Memorialists to carry off the surface and other waters and whereas said Memorialists pray that this body would take their case into their favourable consideration.

Be it therefore resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Streets to make such alterations on said Main Sewer without delay as will ensure said Memorialists from further loss or damage.

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Morrissey to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved. rel. to  
Memorial of D. O'Brien  
& G. W. Dupe

Resolved that the Petition of Daniel O'Brien and George Dupe be referred to the Committee on Streets to be reported on, and report at an early day. Moved by Alderman Ross seconded by Alderman Morrissey which amendment being put is carried by voting for it and against and the names being called for the appeared thus.

For Amendment		Against it	
Ald. Longard - Bell		Ald. Mills	
Barry - Jennings		Conway	
Cochran - Ross		Lounds	
Morrissey - Noble			
King	2		

"Council rise"

*Shelley*  
Mayor



Office of City Clerk  
Halifax 25<sup>th</sup> May 1857

Gentlemen

Order for the  
Assessment of  
City for Year 1857

I have it in command from the City Council to direct you to proceed forthwith and make an Assessment upon the respective Wards in the Sum of Nine thousand pounds for and towards City purposes and the further Sum of One thousand pounds for and toward the support of the Poor for the Current year making together Ten thousand pounds. I am also directed agreeably to resolution of Court of Quarter Sessions to require you to make an assessment upon the respective Wards in the said City in the sum of Six Hundred pounds for and towards County Purposes for the Current year and for your guidance in making such an assessment beg leave to transmit you Copies of the Act passed at the last Meeting of the Legislature relative to Assessment in the City of Halifax

Copy sent 25<sup>th</sup> May 1857

I am Gentlemen  
Your obedient Servant

Signed James S. Charles  
City Clerk

William Roche City Assessor

John Stairs

John Cuffus } Ward 1

William Metzler

James Kears } Ward 2

Wm Cunbar

Q. McClunsh } Ward 3

James Skinn

W.A. Hesson } Ward 4

Edward Best

James M. Nutt } Ward 5

John Markle

W.A. Penney } Ward 6

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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Anderson, Lowndes, Young, Caldwell, Best, Cochran, Monisey, King Mackay, Conway, Barry, Jennings.

The City Council were summoned to provide funds for Building of City Prison to appoint two or more assessors for the Fire tax, to provide for expense in prosecuting the Survey of the City and the transaction of other Business

Report Committee Streets relative to the Memor of Messrs O'Brien and Dupe

Alderman Caldwell Submits report of Committee of Streets relative to Memorial of Messrs O'Brien and Dupe and papers from Superintendent of Streets, and Health Inspector

Report Committee Streets.

Alderman Caldwell Chairman submits report of Committee of Streets relative to alteration of Road at St. Andrews Cross as proposed by Dr Cogswell

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel to loan for City Prison

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to cause advertisements to be inserted in three or more of Halifax Newspapers for the loan of £5000 in such portions as the City may from time to time require for building City Prison under the Act 1855 Chap 51 Passed

Read following advertisement for Loan for City Prison

Advertisement for loan for City Prison.

The City Council of Halifax require to borrow £5,000 Currency for building a City Prison under the power conferred on them by Act of 1855 Chap 51. Tenders will be received until 1 July next at the Office of the City Treasurer from parties disposed to lend the whole sum or any part not less than one hundred pounds in any one tender specifying the rate of Interest not to exceed 4 per Cent. The amounts to be taken up and bear interest in such sums and at such times as the City may require it during the progress of the work (Agreed to)

Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded by Alderman Caldwell that two Assessors be appointed to make the Assessment for the Fire Tax for Damages sustained by Mrs Goship Gaubing by the pulling down of her house at the Fire on the 21st January last.

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Resol. rel. to  
Salary of the  
Assessors for  
laying Fire  
Tax

Resolution 8<sup>th</sup> introduced. Resolved  
that Twelve pounds ten shillings each to the Salary of  
the two Assessors for laying on the Fire Assessment  
for the damages sustained by Mr. Hawkins on New  
Years day. Moved by Alderman Mackay seconded  
by Alderman Jennings to which following amend-  
ment is introduced.

Resolved that the Salary of the  
Assessors for laying on the Fire Tax for Mr. S. Hawkins  
properly be fifteen pounds each. Moved by Alderman  
King seconded by Alderman Lounds which amend-  
ment being put to the vote 4 voting for it and 3 against  
it, the original is then put and carried 5 voting  
for it and 4 against it and the names being  
called for they appeared thus

For Resolution	Against it
Ald Anderson - Mackay	Ald Cochran
Caldwell - Bell	Lounds
Young - Jennings	Conway
Wary - Morrissey	King

Appointment  
of Assessors for  
Fire Tax

On Motion Robert H. Barrett  
is appointed one of the Assessors for the Fire Tax.

On Motion Robert Austen is  
appointed one of the Assessors for the Fire Tax

The following resolution is then intro-  
duced

Resol. rel to  
Fire Tax

Resolved that the sum of Fourteen  
pounds be added to the sum ordered to be assessed on  
the Citizens as a Fire Tax during the present year to  
provide for additional compensation of the Assessors  
Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman  
Lounds Passed

The following resolution is next  
introduced

Resol. rel to  
Assessment for Sur-  
vey of the City

Resolved that the sum of Five  
Hundred pounds in addition to the assessment already  
ordered be assessed on the City in the present year  
to provide for the expense of the Survey of the City  
now being performed in accordance with Chapter  
42 of the Act of Legislature passed in 1856. Moved  
by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Jennings  
Passed

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The following resolution is next

Resolved to Mr  
McDonnell's Subsc  
ription for Drain  
Gerrish Street

Resolved that Michael McDonnell have credit to the amount of twenty shillings, the same having been paid by him to provide a Drain in Gerrish Street where the same was not required and that the said amount be transferred to this subscription for a Drain made in Göttinger Street "passed"

It is moved by Alderman Morrissey seconded by Alderman Anderson that the Tender for Building a Wall at the Market Slip be not accepted, to which following amendment in Writing is introduced

Resolved to tender  
for Work at Ferry  
Dock

Resolved that the Tender for Work at the Ferry Dock now in the hands of the Council be opened and acted upon in such manner as may please this Council.

Moved by Ald. Mackean seconded by Ald. Bell, which amendment being put is carried by Voting for and 3 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against it
Ald. Caldwell - Barry	Ald. Anderson
Young - Mackean	Morrissey
Conway - King	Senning
Cochran - Bell	
Lounds -	

Read Tender of Duncan Waddell for Building of Wall at the Ferry Dock Dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 1857 when following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Tender of D. Waddell for the Building of Wall at the Ferry Dock for the sum of Two hundred and seventy five pounds be accepted when the Council are prepared to proceed with the work. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Barry which on being put is passed by Voting for it and 3 against it.

A Motion of adjournment is made which on being put is lost.

Read following report of Committee relative to Gauging of Oil when on Motion same is adopted.

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The Committee to whom was referred the revision and improvement of the present system of Inspecting and Gauging Distilleries in the City beg to report. That having given the matter their careful attention they would respectfully suggest a few improvements for its better management.

Report of Special Committee re. to Gauging and Inspection of Oil

An enquiry it is found there are at least Twenty Gaugers of Oil at this time but few of which number have been appointed by this Council or are they subject to its direction or control they having been set to the work in most cases by the Proprietors of the Wharves or Stores on which chiefly their work is performed and more for their convenience than their perfect suitability to the duties of their situation and out of the large number above stated as acting in that Capacity the Committee find the names of few who are properly appointed having given Bonds for the faithful performance of their duty.

Now as the Merchants and Communities have suffered in many cases severely too by the accident or errors committed by these Inspectors and Gaugers and the matter being a very important one in its interest to the Trade and Manufacture of the place. Your Committee feel that too much care cannot be exercised by this Council in the appointment of persons to fill the vacancies which this Report is intended to create would suggest that so as entirely to change the present system but eight persons be appointed by this body by a majority at our next meeting the Mayor being requested to advertise for such applicants previous to that meeting - such persons when so elected before entering the Office shall bind themselves in the sum of One Hundred pounds with two securities in the sum of One Hundred pounds each for the faithful discharge of their duties such Officers to be annually elected. Should the number now named be found not sufficient for the work others to be added at a future day.

That such Gauger having classified the Oil shall cut or brand on the cask or Barrel in manner following

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C O D  
\$1. J O B  
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The words Cod and Ogg to be spelt in full but all Brown and Straw Seal

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To be described by the initial letters. Tinning. Hake  
 Pellock and Whale Oil by the first and last letters,  
 in all cases the upper mark as given in the illustration  
 to represent the Cuts or short gauge of the Cask the  
 second to be the name of the Oil, third, the number  
 of the cask and the initial letters of the Guagers  
 name the fourth mark the contents of the cask if  
 full and the fifth and last is to describe the gurry  
 or other impurities for which allowance is to be  
 made. That each Inspector or Guager shall furnish  
 a certificate to the person employing him or owner  
 of the Oil describing in full the marks and Nos.  
 of each Cask with his name and date thereof for  
 which he shall be paid by the owner of the Oil  
 Nine pence per Cask for every Cask he shall so  
 mark such certificate shall be given to the purch-  
 aser of said lot of oil if he demands it such Casks  
 when so marked in no case to be interfered with  
 after passing the Guagers hands unless at the cost  
 and risk of the party or parties so doing but be at  
 all times as when the Guager marked it. Should  
 the purchaser not be willing to take it in its present  
 condition it must be regauged, remarked, and a  
 new certificate given the expenses of same as before.

The names of such persons as shall be  
 approved by the Council shall be published in the  
 City papers by direction of His Worship the Mayor  
 as being duly qualified for the duties of the office  
 and none other to perform the same under a  
 penalty of Ten pounds for each Cask he shall so  
 Gauge or Mark. These regulations to be  
 put in operation on the first day of July ensuing.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

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Signed Samuel Noble  
James Cochran  
Samuel Caldwell

Read By Law relative to  
Gauging Oil First time

Read report of Superintend-  
ant of Streets of 23 May 1857 relative to alteration  
of Queen Pool road.

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Office of Superintendent of Streets  
23 May 1854

Report Superin-  
tendant rel. to  
Queen Pool road

The Superintendent of Streets begs leave to Report to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that an exchange of Lands on the Queenpool road between the City and Dr Bogswell would much improve the Streets in that locality, as will appear by the plan submitted.

The Connection of the six Streets is on a radius of ninety feet, the Willow Tree being the centre of a circle, the diameter of which is one hundred and eighty feet. Dr Bogswell will give to the City 90 Feet North of the Tree which will form a Semicircle on the North & South of the Circle and corresponding corners on the segments of equal proportion.

The dark lines and coloring includes the land offered by Dr Bogswell to the City and the yellow lines and coloring is owned by the City which the Doctor will take in exchange with the City for his, except the piece on the North side of Queenpool Road and South of the old Hallgar Road as marked on plan. The Land offered by the Doctor is more than he will receive from the City.

I have drawn lines of some of the Streets of the Common by perspective and a new line of Street across the Common and is a part of a design which would include future improvements and add much to present appearances if carried into effect.

James Pollock  
Sup of Streets

Read report of Committee of Streets of 23 May 1854 this day submitted on same subject. when on Motion said reports are adopted. (See Reports see Next Page)

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Committee Room  
Halifax 23. May 1857

Report Committee  
Streets re- to  
Quinpoak road.

The Committee of Streets met this day when the Superintendent of Streets submitted a Report to be laid before the City Council, relative to Dr. Cogswell property & accompanied with a plan of the same.

The Committee have examined these documents and beg leave to recommend, that the City Council adopt the same and the Committee directed the Clerk of Streets to send a copy of the report and the Resolution of the Committee to Dr. Cogswell which has been attended to.

The Committee would also state that they have met the Chairman of the Committee of Common, to whom the matter was referred by the City Council, and that that Committee fully concur in recommending the same to the City Council.

Respectfully submitted

Signed Samuel Caldwell  
Chairman C. of Streets

Read Quarterly return of Weighers  
of Flour to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1857

Returns of Weighers  
of Flour & Meal

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by William Grant for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1857

No. of Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short weight
<u>4059</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>1187</u>

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by Samuel Carter for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 1857

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>5292</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>278</u>

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by John Winters for the quarter ending 31 March 1857

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>2657</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>609</u>