

1857

November 15th
Continued

Resolution rel. to
Report Committee of
City Property.

when it is moved by Alderman
Caldwell seconded by Alderman Bell that said
report be adopted and acted upon. amendment
moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by
Alderman Barry
to all the old Building which amendment being
put is lost 3 voting for it and 9 against it and the
names being called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment	Against Amend ^t
Alderman Jennings	Alderman Bills - Longard
Barry	Lounds - Caldwell
Morrissey	Moir - Noble
	Conway - Thomson
	Bell -

The original is then put and carried
8 voting for it and 4 against it.

Notice of reconsid-
eration

Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsiderat-
ion of report of City Property, Committee.

Report Special
Committee rel. to
City Survey

Read report of Special Committee
on City Survey. when it is moved and seconded
that said report do lie on the Table for future
consideration when there appeared for the same 6
against it 6 His Worship the Mayor gives his casting
Vote in favour of receiving the report. & (See High St)
Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alder-
man Longard that said report be taken up at the
next Meeting for discussion. passed. & (See Balance proceedings)

The following appointment of Fire
Wards are next made.

Fire Wards
Appointed

Ward N ^o Two	Ward N ^o Four
Joseph Fairbanks	George Esson
John O Nash	Ward N ^o Five
John McCulloch	Daniel O'Brien
Ward N ^o Three	
Thomas Harrison	

Fire Constables
Appointed

Fire Constables		
Ward N ^o One	Ward N ^o Two	Ward N ^o Three
John Cummins	Peter Scott	George Waterfield
James Lannigan	Wm. Ellis	
John Laidlaw	Robert Storey	Ward N ^o Four
		Frederick Bossom
		John O'Connor

115th

November 13th
Continued
Notice of resolu-
tion re: to Com-
mittee to revise By
Laws &c

Alderman Thomson gives notice
of a resolution to be submitted to next Meeting relative
to the appointment of a Committee to take up the
Incorporation act and also the By Law.

The following resolution is next
introduced.

Resolution re:
to fence erected
near Pleasant
Street.

A Letter having been read at a
late Meeting from W. J. Johnston Esquire addressed
to His Worship the Mayor and City Council; asking
from them permission to erect a fence in the rear of
his Dwelling on Pleasant Street near Fresh Water
Bridges, and it being known that before said in-
communication was debated by this body, the fence
to which place, leave was asked was without auth-
ority from this Council, substantially fixed and
possession taken of the ground therein enclosed
thereby stopping for the time any further extension
of Pleasant Street.

Be it therefore resolved that the
Superintendent of Streets be requested to notify W.
J. Johnston Esq^r that said fence erected by his
order behind the premises is deemed by this Council
an infringement on the rights of the Inhabitants
of that locality and City generally, and direct that
the same be removed without delay. Moved by
Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman Conway
passed

"Council rise"

Henry Pryor
Mayor

November 14th

Lawrence Hartshorne Esq^r having
filed his bond as City Treasurer and the same having
been approved of is this day sworn into office in presence
of his Worship the Mayor

W^r George Irwin having filed his
Bond as City Marshal and the same being approved
is this day sworn into office in presence of His Worship
the Mayor.

W^r William S. Morris having filed
his Bond as City Clerk of License and the same being
approved of is this day sworn into office in presence of
His Worship the Mayor.

Henry Pryor
Mayor

1854
November 16th

Five Constables
Sworn

Peter Scott, Robert Storey, George Waterfield, John Connors, John Laidlaw and William Ellis are this day sworn into office as Five Constables for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Five Wards
Sworn

John McCallloch, Joseph Fairbanks, and Joseph Wien, are this day sworn into office as Five Wards, in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Henry Poyer
Mayor

November 23rd

Alderman
Pugstey sworn
into office.

Henry W. Pugstey Esquire having been returned as duly elected an Alderman for Ward No. One, and having taken and subscribed the oath of Allegiance, the oath of Office prescribed by Law, as well as that of a Justice of the Peace for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor signs the roll accordingly.

Henry Poyer
Mayor

November 24th

Five Wards
Sworn

John C. Nash & George Benson, sworn into office as Five Wards of the City in presence of Alderman Longard.

Henry Poyer
Mayor

1857
December 11th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Robt. Donohoe, Pugsley, Thomson Caldwell, Louwds, Morrissey, Twining, Wills, King Moir, Conway, Barry, Ferrislatte Lingard and Bell.

The City Council were summoned to receive the returns of Elections for Ward One, to appoint Two City Auditors, Communication from War Department relative to damages sustained by explosion of Powder Magazine, Payment of Grain in Gottingen Street, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 13th November.

Report Special Committee re-Constables

Alderman Bell submits report of Special Committee relative to Constables.

Report Special Com^{tee} on Petition James Scott.

Alderman Thomson submits report Special Committee on Petition of James Scott.

Report Committee Public Accounts

Alderman Thomson submits reports of Committee Public Accounts of 4 Nov^r and 9 December 1857

Report Supt^r of Streets re-Drain Gottingen Street

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets relative to completion of Drain in Gottingen Street.

Communication R. D. Pringle re- explosion Powder Magazine

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from Robt. R. Pringle Esquire re behalf of James Britton property destroyed by the explosion of Powder Magazine.

Communication Secretary of Fire Wards.

His Worship the Mayor submits a Communication from Secretary of Fire Wards of 20 November

Communication James Spivey re- Slaughtering Cattle in the City

His Worship the Mayor submits a Communication from James Spivey Health Inspector relative to Slaughtering of Cattle in the City.

Report Supt^r of Streets re- Memo Caldwell Ward 5 etal

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets on Memorials of H. Caldwell & others relative to Drain in Ward 5

1857

December 11th

Continued

His Worship the Mayor submits a Communication from Edward H. Love Esq. - Manager of Steam Boat Company.

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from Commissioners of Ports

Petition of Dr. Mackay and report Supt. of Streets

His Worship the Mayor submits Petition of Dr. Mackay and report of Superintendent of Streets on subject of Spring Garden.

Memo. Henry Wilcox re. to Taxes

Alderman Forristall submits Memorial of Henry Wilcox relative to his Taxes.

Memo. of Tho. H. Bond re. to his Taxes.

Alderman Forristall submits Memorial of Thomas H. Bond relative to his Taxes

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from Ebenezer Whyte relative to encroachments on the Streets.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and report of Superintendent of Streets relative to finishing Gottingen Street Drain is taken up and read

Report Supt. of Streets relative to Drain Gottingen Street

Streats Office 28th November 1857

I hereby certify that Michael Oulton has completed the Trench in Gottingen Street according to Contract entered into with the City on the 20th June last, for the sum of Three Hundred and eighty pounds he has also performed extra Work amounting to one pound Seven Shillings and Six pence.

Sig^d James Pollock
Supt. of Streets

To His Worship
The Mayor

introduced when following resolution is

Resol. rel to payment of Drain in Gottingen Street

Resolved that the sum of Three Hundred and one pounds seven shillings and sixpence being the whole amount due to Michael Oulton for excavating a Drain Gottingen Street as per Contract

1857

December Contract be now paid and that His Worship, the Continued Mayor draw a Check for the same. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman King passed

Council next take up Alderman Thomson notice of resolution given at last Meeting of City Council when following resolution is introduced

Resol. appointing Committee to revise By Laws & Ordinances of City Council

Resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of suggesting amendments to the Acts relating to the City of Halifax and also the By Laws and Ordinances of the City Council. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Caldwell. passed unanimously.

Committee Alderman Noble, Thomson, Twining King, Barry and Bell.

Alderman Conway asks leave to withdraw his notice of reconsideration of report of Committee of City Property. passed.

Resol. rel. to tender of Mr. Haliburton for loan to City Prison

Alderman Barry moves that the order of the day be suspended and that the tender for City Prison be taken up, passed. when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor call upon Mr. Haliburton for the sum of one thousand pounds to be appropriated to the loan for City Prison. Moved by Alderman Barry seconded by Alderman Lounds, passed.

Report Special Committee relative to Survey of City

Read report of Special Committee relative to Survey of the City which on Motion stands over for present

City Auditors Appointed

Charles Murdock and Samuel A. White are appointed City Auditors.

Memo Thomas McQuire relative to his Taxes.

Read Memorial of Thomas McQuire relative to his Taxes on Motion same stands over for present

Letter J. H. Avery relative to his Cellar being overflowed

Read Letter from Dr. J. H. Avery relative to his Cellar being overflowed. On Motion Charles W. Dickson appointed Fire Ward for Ward No 3

1854
December 11th
Continued
Report Special
Committee re. to
Charges against
Constables

Read following report of Special
Committee appointed to enquire into charges
against Constables when following resolution is
introduced (See Report La Wills)

Resolved re. to
Report of Committee
on Charges against
Constables.

Resolved that the report relative
to City Constables be referred to a Special Committee
to report which remedy can be applied so as to remove
the present temptations out of the way of these
Officers Moved by Alderman Thomson second-
ed by Alderman Twining, passed

Committee, Alderman Thomson, Twining
and Wills - Read following report of Special Committee on Mr.
Scotts Petition on Motion same is adopted, for report see Page 188

Read following report of Committee
of Public Accounts of 4th Nov^r when His Worship
the Mayor is requested to draw Checks for the
following amounts,

Report Committee
Public Accounts
Nov 4th 1854
with Resolutions

Committee Room
Halifax Nov 24th 1854

The Committee of Public Accounts
met this day present Alderman Noble, Bell,
Donohoe, Horstall, Thomson and Cochran.
Alderman Thomson appointed Chairman

The following accounts were submitted

George Ashmore	£ 16 ⁰ 13 ⁶ b
Charles Barnstead	" 17 ⁰ 4
James Cochran	1 ⁰ 14 ⁰ 1
James Holloway	2 ⁰ 14 ⁰ 0
	£ 21 ⁰ 9 ⁰ 2

Amounting to Twenty one pounds
nine shillings and 2 and being found correct are
recommended to be paid.

Resolved that it is the opinion
of this Committee that accounts sent from the
City Bridewell should be verified by the Alder^{ns}
of the month in which the articles charged were
furnished vide page 112 C. 14 of the City Charter

Resolved

1854
December 11th

Resolved That the Keeper of
the Bridewell be requested to furnish every month
to the Committee a statement of the number of
Prisoners in his charge for each day during such
month.

The following account of W^m
McDonald for Sept 1854 the balance £10.14.8
was found correct
respectfully submitted

Sig^d James Thompson
Chairman

The following report of Committee
of Public Accounts of 9th December is next read,
when His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw
Checks for following amounts.

Committee Room
December 9th 1854

The Committee of Public Accounts
met this day Present Alderman Bell, Corshoe
& Horistall, Noble and the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted

Bridewell	William Humphrey	£ 3 ⁰⁰ 3 ⁰⁰ 8
"	William Kennels	4 ⁰⁰ 3 ⁰⁰ 4 ⁰⁰ 11
"	Do Do	5 ⁰⁰ 3 ⁰⁰ 1 ⁰⁰ 5
"	W ^m McDonald Oct ^r	4 ⁰⁰ 1 ⁰⁰ 4
"	Do Do Nov ^r	4 ⁰⁰ 5 ⁰⁰ 4
"	Water Company asc	1 ⁰⁰ 10 ⁰⁰ 0
City	Do Do asc	2 ⁰⁰ 11 ⁰⁰ 9
"	Gas Company	4 ⁰⁰ 8 ⁰⁰ 0 ⁰⁰ 0
"	W ^m R. Warren	6 ⁰⁰ 12 ⁰⁰ 0
City Engineer	Wages to Men to Nov ^r 14 th 1854	21 ⁰⁰ 2 ⁰⁰ 11
		<hr/>
		£ 609 ⁰⁰ 7 ⁰⁰ 4

Amounting to Six hundred and nine
pounds Seven shillings and four pence which
being found correct are recommended to be paid.

Sig^d James Thompson
Chairman

Rehab Committee
Public Accounts
Dec 9 1854

1857
December 11th
Continued
Letter R.R. in
Pringle rel to
Powder Magazine

Read Letter from Robert R. Pringle Esquire relative to damages sustained by explosion of Powder Magazine when following resolution is introduced, *in file 10th*
On reading a Letter from Robert R. Pringle Esq^r the Ordnance Storekeeper touching the claim of James Britton for compensation of loss suffered in consequence of the explosion in August last. It is therefore Resolved that the City Council cannot entertain any such application. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Thomson passed.

Communication
Board Fire Wards

Read following Communication from Board of Fire Wards of 20 Nov^r. 1857 *in file 10th*
when following resolution is introduced, *in file 10th*

Resol. rel to Engine
Houses being placed
in Charge Fire Ward

Resolved that the Engine Houses be placed under the charge of the Fire Wards as heretofore. Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman Twining passed. 10 Voting for it and 4 against it.

Communication
Health Inspector
rel to Slaughtering
Cattle in the City

Read Communication from *in file 10th* Henry Spike Health Inspector relative to Slaughtering of Cattle when on Motion the same is ordered to lie on the Table

Communication
E. H. Love rel to
Steam Boat being
in readiness at
time of Fire

Read Communication from *in file 10th* E. H. Love Esquire Agent of Western Steam Boat Company and resolution of Company relative to Steam Boat being in readiness in times of Fire in Dartmouth or Halifax.

Memo of Doctor
Mackay and
report Sup of Streets
rel to Drain Spring
Garden.

Read Memorial of Dr. Mackay *in file 10th* relative to Drain in Spring Garden and report of *in file 10th* Superintendent of Streets thereon. when on Motion said report is received and approved of.

Petition Henry
Witcox rel to his
taxes.

Read report of Commissioners *in file 10th* of Poor for ensuing year.

Read Petition of Henry Witcox *in file 10th* relative to his taxes, when on Motion same stands over for present.

Read -

1854
December 11th

Continued Read Petition of Thomas A. Bond relative to his taxes, which on Motion same stands over.

Resol. rel to Exhibitions -

Alderman Pugsley submits a resolution relative to Exhibitions, which the same is laid over to be taken up at next Meeting of the Council.

On Motion "Council Rise"

Henry Pujor
MayorFive Wards
Sworn

Charles W. Dickson Esq. sworn into office as Five Ward for City in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

Committee Room
December 8th 1854Report Committee
on James Scott's
Petition

The Committee appointed to examine into the facts connected with Mr. James Scott's assessment and appeal beg leave to report as follows.

That the notice was served on Mr. Scott on the 15th July last and the affidavit was not made till the 5th August nor handed to the City Assessor till the day following. Under these circumstances they think the City Assessor was merely performing his duty in refusing to amend the assessment Book.

The Committee regret that they do not therefore feel authorized in recommending any reduction being made in the amount of Mr. Scott's assessment.

Sig^d James Thomson
ChairmanDecember 12th

Aldermen Caldwell and Barry appointed by His Worship the Mayor to act with the City Auditor in examining City Treasurers accounts for the year

187
1857
Dec 28th

At a Quarterly Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Butler, Clonohoe, Pugsley, Thomson, Caldwell, Lounds, Morrissey, Twining, Mills, King, Mr. Conway, Barry, Christie, Longard, Jennings and Bell

Read over proceedings of 12th December

Report Committee
Tenders

Alderman Conway Chairman submits report of Committee of Tenders of 26 Dec^r 1857 received

Report Committee
City Hospital

Alderman Caldwell submits report of Committee on City Hospital of 23 Dec^r 1857 received

Petition of
George Piers et
al for Gas Post

Alderman Christie submits Petition of George Piers and others for Gas Post, received

Application of
W^m Gordon for
Salary

Alderman Caldwell submits application of W^m Gordon Esq^r for part of his Salary as Superintendent of City Hospital, received

Petition Robert
Anderson re. to
Gravel.

Alderman Barry submits Petition of Robert Anderson relative to the payment of his account for Gravel.

Petition of O^r
Twining re. to
Saturday night
Performances

Alderman Twining submits Petition of O^r Twining relative to Saturday night performances received

Alderman Jennings submits Memorial of S. Goodwin relative to assessment received

Memo. of John D
Wylde re. to Gas
Light Fresh Water
Bridge

Alderman Pugsley submits Memorial of John D Wylde relative to a Gas Light Fresh Water Bridge.

Account Samuel
Marshall re. to
Quarters Salary

His Worship the Mayor submits account of Samuel Marshall Keeper of the late Powder Magazine for Quarters Salary to 15 Oct^r 1857 on Motion same is referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report upon.

The City Council next proceed to elect Measurers of Grain for ensuing year.

Read

1857
December 28th
Continued

Read various applications

Read following return of Supervisor
of Measurers of Salt & Grain

To His Worship

The Mayor

and Aldermen of the City of Halifax

Return of Measurers
& Weighers of Salt &
Grain

The Return of Weighers and Measurers
of Salt & Grain shewing the number of Hogsheads of
Salt and Bushels of Grain. Weighed and Measured
by them during the year ending 30th December 1857

Salt	58,404 Hds at 2 p. Hhd £ 487 - 14 - 0
Indian Corn	25,000 Bush at 2/6 per 100b. 51 - 5 - 0
Oats	82,560 Bush at 2/6 Do 103 - 11 - 0
Barley	12,000 Bush at 2/6 Do 15 - 0 - 0
	£ 656 - 13 - 0
	Expences 5 - 5 - 11
	Divided by 8 431 - 7 - 8
	Gives to each Measurer £ 78 - 18 - 5 1/2

Sig^{td} John Martin

Supervisor

A Motion is made that the various
applicants come inside of the Bar which Motion on being
put is carried & Voting for it and 8 against it His
Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote in favour.

Appointment of
Measurers and
Weighers of Salt
& Grain

The following persons are then
elected Measurers of Salt & Grain for ensuing year.

John Martin Supervisor	James Cullen
Andrew Keating	William Robb
James Mahony	Thomas McCann
William Blythe	James Auld

Resolution re to
Weighing Coals

On Motion the order of the day is
suspended to take up Alderman Thomson's resolution
relative to Weighers of Coal when following resolution
is introduced.

Resolution No 1

Resolved That hereafter
the Measurers of Coal shall weigh instead of Measuring
of Coal in compliance with 19 Victoria Chap 14.

1854
December 28th
Continued

Resolved that a Committee be appointed for the purpose of reporting to this Council the proper means of carrying out the provisions of 19 Victoria Chap 114

Resolved to Weighing instead of Measuring Coal

Resolved that any Measure taking any fee for Measuring Coal instead of weighing Coal be dismissed from his office. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Twining to which following amendment is introduced,

Resolved to Coal being Measured

Resolved that Coal shall be sold by Measure as at present, this Council being of opinion that the mode at present adopted is the best that can be introduced. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman King which amendment being put is carried 11 Voting for it and 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For Amendment		Against it
Alderman Caldwell	Storrestall	Alderman Moir
Pugsley	Morrissey	Bell
Wills	Longard	Barry
Worway	King	Twining
Lownds	Kobbe	Thomson
Donohoe		Jennings.

The original is therefore lost.

Read following return of Supervisor of Coal

Return of Supervisor of Coal

To His Worship
The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax
Return of Coal Measured and Delivered in the City of Halifax for the year ending December 24th 1854

17,203 Chaldrons at 7/2 per Chaldron Divided by 9 Leaves 14 7/4 for each Measure

Leg^d Wm. J. Madden
Supervisor

1854

December 28th

when on Motion the following persons
Continued are elected Measurers of Coal for ensuing year.

Measurers of
Coal elected

W ^m . J. Madden Supervisor	Andrew Smith
John O Connell	James Breslow
Samuel King	Andrew Kibbett
W ^m . Madden	William Bilby
Alex ^r Grant	Mark Maddison

Return of Super-
isor of Wood.

of Wood

Read following return of Supervisor

To
His Worship the Mayor
and Aldermen of the City
of Halifax

The quantity of Cord Wood landed
and measured from December 1853 to December
1854
- 5823 Cords

Sig^d Ebenezer M^c Nab
Supervisor

Election of Wood
Measurers

On Motion the following persons are
elected Measurers of Wood &c for ensuing year
Ebenezer M^c Nab Supervisor
Thomas James
Cstew Wilson

Appointment of
Inspectors and
Weighers of Fresh
and Pickled Beef

On Motion James Mooney and
Henry Anderson are appointed Inspectors and Weighers
of Fresh and Pickled Beef and Pork for ensuing year.

Read following return of Henry
Spike one of the Surveyors of Lumber for the City.

Halifax 1st December 1854

To
His Worship the Mayor & Aldermen

For the information of your Honorable
Council I humbly submit a return of the quantity
and quality of Lumber &c surveyed by me from
1st December 1853 to 1st December 1854 and the amount
received therefrom and solicit Reappointment in Office
for the ensuing year.

Return

1854
December 28th
Continued

The following shows the Return of Lumber Surveyed.

Return of Lumber Surveyed by Henry Spike, City Surveyor

12,043,343 feet Pine, Spruce, & Hemlock planks,
Boards, and Scantling
 12,296 feet of Mahogany
 130 Tons of Pitch Pine Timber
 51 " " White Pine Timber
 9000 feet of Birch boards
 6407 feet - Ranging Timber
 570 feet of Ash Bar Rafters & handspikes
 500 beech wedges
 15 Spars, 5000 Split Pickets
 70 M Shingles - 40 Wharf Logs.

Total fees for surveying £74 2 5

Sig^{ty} Henry Spike
Surveyor

Return of Lumber Surveyed by John McPherson.

Read following return of John McPherson one of the Surveyors of Lumber for City.
 Return of Lumber surveyed from 1st December 1856 to November 30th 1857

Pine Lumber	264203	Feet
Spruce Do	154540	Do
Hemlock Do	538264	Do
Sawed Scantling	89828	Do
Hard Wood	14523	Do
Timber Super Meas	12120	Do
Spruce & Pine Deals	15199	Do
Ton Timber	71 Tons	
	<u>12,01,777</u>	Feet

Total Fees for Surveying £61 16 6

Sig^{ty} John McPherson
Surveyor

Read application of John Sutton when on Motion Henry Spike, John McPherson and James Sutton are elected Measurers and Surveyors of Lumber for ensuing year.

Read