

1858
July 5

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Caldwell, Lounds, Cochran, Morrissey, Wilks, King, How Conway, Mignowitz, Longard, Jennings and Bell.

Council were summoned on urgent Business relative to providing funds for City Hospital and City Prison and transaction of other business.

His Worship the Mayor brings to the Notice of the Council the absolute necessity of providing funds for City Hospital and City Prison.

when following resolution is introduced

Whereas it appears to this Council that Mr Robert Davis is at present entitled to receive the sum of £1000 under his Contract for building the City Prison and the sum of £1400 under his contract for erecting City Hospital said sums amounting together to £2400 and being due for Work and Materials supplied, and the money intended to be raised agreeably to Law on loan Certificates to meet these sums having not yet been tendered,

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to make an arrangement with one of the Banks in this City to obtain the sum of (£5400) Five thousand Seven Hundred pounds at an interest not exceeding 6 per cent per annum the loan Certificates to cover that same being to be issued in favour of such Bank by the Mayor, and the Bank agreeing to hold them as security until the City can dispose of the same to the best advantage and to receive payment of such loan by Instalments such as the sale of the Certificates to other parties may enable the City to effect. Moved by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Cochran passed unanimously.

Read Letter from Laurence Roche submitted at last Meeting the same is read when following resolution is introduced (See File)

Resolved that a Committee of Six Aldermen be appointed to make arrangements with Mr Roche relative to his claim for compensation for the road at the N.W. Arm running through his property. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Caldwell passed

Committee Aldermen Noble, Lounds, Cochran, King, Mignowitz, and Longard

Resolution relative to loan from Bank for City Prison and City Hospital on Debentures

Resolved to a Committee on Mr L. Roche Letter

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July 1st
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On Motion the report of Committee
of Tenders of 23 June is next taken up the same is read

Committee Room June 23 1858

Committee of Tenders met this day. Present
Aldermen Mignowitz, Longard, Wills and the
Chairman

Report Committee
Tenders 23 June 1858,
rel-to Drain at
Commercial Wharf

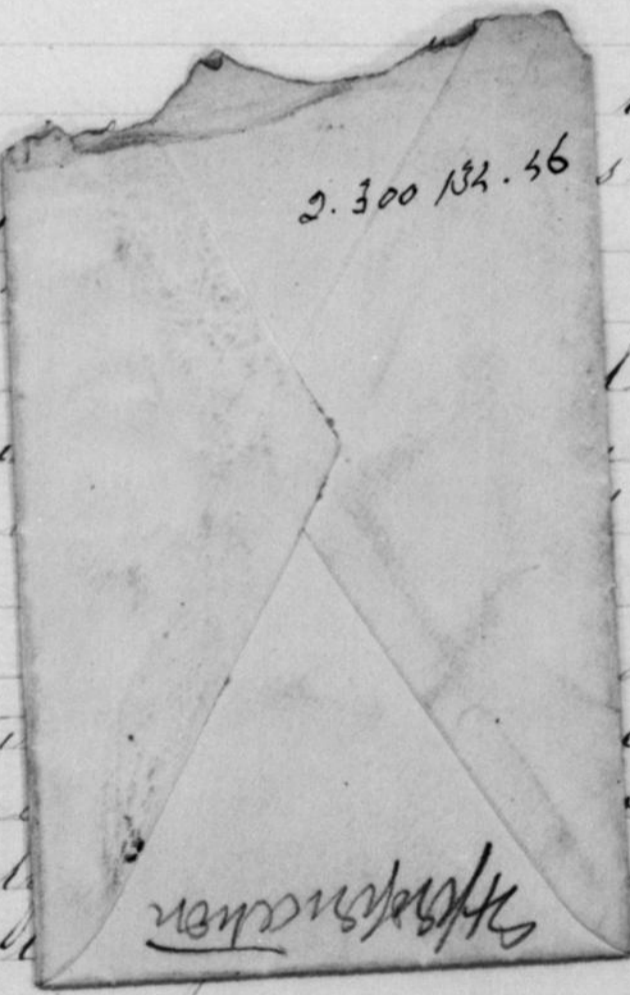
Opened following Tenders for excavating
a Drain at Commercial Wharf

\$1 William McBrien & Co	\$99-00-0
3 Daniel Donovan	115-00-0
5 Henry Shannon	<u>92-10-0</u>

Henry Shannon being the lowest
the Committee would recommend the same accepted,
Provided he gives sufficient security for the due-
performance of the same according to specification
all which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

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by Alderman Morrissey seconded
that said report be

Resol-rel to Stearns
Boat Wharf property

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Alderman Wills submits a resolution
relative to the Buildings leading
to Wharf.

Return of Clerk of
Streets rel to Road
Tax.

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Road
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of

His Worship the Mayor submits
its relative to assessment for
Clerk of Streets of 14
to payers for 1858 also report
ment.

A Motion to adjourn is made
Voting for and 6 against His Worship the Mayor
votes in favour of adjournment carried

"Council rise"
Henry Tignor
Mayor

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His Worship the Mayor brings to the Notice of the Council the absolute necessity of providing funds for City Hospital and City Prison.

When following resolution is introduced

Whereas it appears to this Council that Mr Robert Davis is at present entitled to receive the sum of £1750 under his Contract for building the City Prison and the sum of £1400 under his contract for erecting City Hospital said sums amounting together to £3150 and being due for Work and Materials supplied, and the money intended to be raised agreeably to Law on loan Certificates to meet these sums having not yet been tendered,

Resolved that the Treasurer be instructed to make an arrangement with one of the Banks in this City to obtain the sum of £3000 Five thousand Seven Hundred pounds at a rate not exceeding 6 per cent per annum such Certificates to cover that same being to be issued by the Mayor, and the same to be held as security until the same are paid to the best advantage and the loan by instalments such that other parties may enable to be repaid by Alderman Caldwell seconded by Alderman Bell passed unanimously.

CITY CLERK,
W. N. S.
G. S. Patten Esq.
Victoria General Hospital

Resolved that a Committee of six Aldermen be appointed to make arrangements with Mr Roche relative to his claim for compensation for the road at the N.W. Arm running through his property. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Caldwell passed.

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Committee Aldermen Noble, Lounds, Cochran, King, Mignowitz, and Longard

Resolution relative to loan from Bank for City Prison and City Hospital on Debentures

Resolved to a Committee on Mr L. Roche Letter

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July 1st
Continued

In Motion the report of Committee
of Tenders of 23 June is next taken up the same is read

Report Committee
Tenders 23 June 1858
rel. to Drain at
Commercial Wharf

Committee Room June 23 1858.
Committee of Tenders met this day. Present
Aldermen Mignowitz, Longard, Wills and the
Chairman

Opened following Tenders for excavating
a Drain at Commercial Wharf

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Provided he gives sufficient security for the due
performance of the same according to specification
all which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Morrissey seconded
by Alderman Touristall that said report be
adopted.

Resol. rel to Steama
Boat Wharf property

Alderman Wills submits a resolution
by way of Notice relative to the Buildings leading
to the Steam Boat Wharf.

Return of Clerk of
Streets rel to Road
Tax.

His Worship the Mayor submits
return of Clerk of Streets relative to assessment for
Road Tax also report of Clerk of Streets of 14
July relative to Ratepayers for 1858 also report
of last years assessment.

A Motion to adjourn is made &
Voting for and against His Worship the Mayor
votes in favour of adjournment carried

"Council rise"
Henry Connor
Mayor

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July 14th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble Pugsley, Lounds Cochran Morrissey, Twining Wills Moir, Conway Mignowitz, Forristall, Jennings & Bell.

The Council were summoned to consider the return of Clerk of Streets relative to assessment for 1858, his report for 1857 matters standing over from last Meeting, and the transaction of other business

There not being a quorum to do business
"Council adjourn"

Henry Taylor
Mayor

July 19th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Pugsley, Thomson Caldwell, Lounds Cochran, Twining Wills Moir Conway, Forristall, and Bell.

The City Council were summoned there not being a quorum to do business at last Meeting and the transaction of other business

Report Special Committee on Financial affairs

Alderman Twining submits report of Special Committee on Financial affairs of 30 June 1858

Alderman Conway Chairman submits report of Committee of Lenders of

Report Committee City Property, re. to deposit of Night Soil

Alderman Conway submits report of Committee of City Property relative to Depositing of Night Soil at Rock Head Farm.

Report Special Committee relative Road passing near North West Arm.

Alderman Lounds submits report of Special Committee relative to Road passing along North West Arm.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended and said report is taken up and read

The Committee appointed to make arrangements with Mr L Roche relative to his claim for compensation for Land for the road at the North West Arm beg to report,

That

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That your Committee proceeded to the Quimpool Road and found it obstructed by a deep trench and thereby closed as a public Highway. Mr. Roche not being present when your Committee met on the Road, they had not an opportunity to make any arrangements with him relative to his claim. Your Committee sent for Mr. Hoosterman who met them on the road and confirmed Mr. Roche's claim for £15⁰ 6⁰ 8 for land and fencing at the same time Mr. Hoosterman was asked to give the City the right of way by deed of said ~~Road~~ Road upon which £125 of the Funds besides £5 of private subscription have been expended to which he at once agreed, but subsequently refused to give the City any Deed of the Road, because it had not been made where it was originally pointed out to the Superintendant of Streets by him.

The attention of your Committee has been directed to a letter dated 31st August 1857 addressed to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council by Mr. Thomas Hoosterman calling their attention, to the payment of Mr. Roche's claim but no action was taken by the Mayor (at the time) and City Council to satisfy said claim.

Your Committee cannot but express their regret that the land for said road was not paid for and secured by the City by deed agreeably to Law before authorizing the expenditure of City funds to the amount of £125⁰ 0⁰ -

Your Committee therefore cannot recommend any further outlay of the City funds on said Road till the whole line of said Road and a suitable landing place is secured to the City by deed or otherwise.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Committee Room
July 13/58

Henry Mignwitz, Chairman
James Cochran
Samuel Noble
M. Lownds

when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that provided the Quimpool road is dedicated to the public by the various proprietors thro which that road passes the amount of Fifteen pounds Six shillings eight pence be paid to Mr. Roche.

Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Noble to which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that

Resol=rel to the
Quimpool Road

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Resolved that the dispute between Mr. Hosterman and Mr. Roche relative to the right of way of Quinpool road over their property be left for them to settle between themselves and that the Council take no action at present in reference thereto.

Resol. rel. to the dispute between Mr. Hosterman & Roche re: Quinpool road

Moved by Alderman Fugley seconded by Alderman Caldwell which amendment being put is passed of voting for it and 5 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment		Against it
Alderman Caldwell	Lourds	Aldermen Turning
Moir	Cochran	Bell
Fugley	Conway	Foristall
Wills		Noble
		Thomson

His Worship the Mayor submits Letter of J. W. Ritchie relative to the lease of the Common for Military purposes - the same is read

Letter of J. W. Ritchie re: to lease of Common for Military purposes.

Halifax July 19th 1858

Sir

I have been requested by Major General Trollope to address you relative to various enclosures on the Halifax Common made under the authority of the City Council and to a lease lately granted by them, the path so leased and the enclosures being on that portion of the Common appropriated for Military purposes. As I feel assured the Council would not wilfully violate the rights of the Military authorities, I am led to believe that the members of the Council are not aware of the document under which the rights in question have been conceded if so I shall be happy to submit it to you for their information.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant

To
His Worship
The Mayor.

Sig^d J. W. Ritchie

when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to Letter of J. W. Ritchie re: to Common.

Resolved that the Letter of J. W. Ritchie Esq^r just read be referred to the Committee of Common to report upon. Moved by Alderman Wills seconded by Ald. Noble passed

The following resolution is next introduced,

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Resol. rel. to
Tenders for Money
for City

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized with the sanction of His Worship the Mayor to accept tenders in sums not less than £100 to the extent required to make up the sum of £5,000 required advertised for on 30th June last towards erecting a City Prison and City Hospital. Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman Twining passed.

Read following report of the Clerk of the Streets relative to Street funds &c

Halifax 14th July 1858

Report of Clerk of
Streets relative to the
Assessment for the
present year.

The Clerk of Streets begs leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that he has completed the assessment of Poll Tax for Road & Street purposes for the present year and now submits a Registry of the Road Tax payers classified at their different Rates amounting to £2,107-17^s-6

The Amount is assessed on	2060 Rate payers
	1950 Non Rate payers
	134 Carriage Horses
	<u>510 Labour Horses</u>

The Clerk of Streets also submits a Report of the state of the last years assessment viz a List for each Ward showing the amounts deducted from the Road Tax and the cause of such deductions up to the 31st December last at which time there were 2323 defaulters on the Books also a list of all defaulters at the present time. This list includes 570 of persons being about three tenths of the whole number of of Tax payers. The Warrants issued against these parties have been nearly all returned from various causes - some dead others have left the country a large number sick and not able bodied - many over 60 years of age - all of whom are exempt under the law. Some have been returned where the parties are able to pay, but having no effects the amount could not be collected under Warrant these parties will of course have to be sued. From the whole list of of defaulters now submitted Ten pounds will be the extent of the collection. The Rate payers on the list of defaulters are marked on the margin there is about £50 which will probably be collected before the end of the year.

The sum of £13-5-0 is due by the City Constables for 1856 & 1857 and although Warrants

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July 19th have been issued there has been no returns made - these parties being under the impression they are not liable the Clerk of Streets now brings the matter before the Council in order that he may be relieved from any blame for dereliction of duty.

The Return of deductions show the amount of $\$73,766$ twice charged last year, by persons being taxed in different parts of the City this error arose from the want of completion of a system under the new Law, and has been remedied this year by first making an alphabetical list of the whole, although there will be some $\$2$ persons twice charged by their names being taken at their place of Employment and at their abode. Ten pounds will cover all errors that can possibly be made in that way, so that the assessment of this year rather exceeds the last - and present appearances indicate that prompt measures will be required to collect before the Winter Months set in. The Notices for the year are all ready for delivery - the time occupied in delivering will be about Six weeks - so that very little may be looked for before the month of September.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed John C Craigen
Clerk of Streets

when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to report
of Clerk of Streets

Resolved that the report of the Clerk of Streets be received and adopted. Moved by Alderman Rugsby seconded by Alderman Wills.

City Council next take up the resolution of Alderman Wills given notice of at last Meeting.

Resol. rel. to the
Buildings South
Steam Boat Slip

Resolved that the Financial position of the City does not warrant this Council to remove the Buildings South Steam Boat Slip. Moved by Alderman Wills seconded by Alderman Conway.

5 o'clock Hall of Council is made

The return of defaulters relative to Road Tax is submitted.

when following resolution is introduced

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Resol. rel. to qualification by Council to election of office.

Resolved that in future no person shall be eligible to any office of emoluments within the gift of this Council who has not paid City rates or Road Taxes on behalf of themselves the year previous to his election to office. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Twining passed.

Alderman Thomson gives notice that at the next meeting of City Council he will move that in future no Notice be reconsidered after the expiration of three months.

The Election of Gaugers of Oil is next taken up when following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel. to Gaugers of Oil

Resolved that the Gaugers of Oil be continued in office till the 15th day of October next. Moved by Alderman Thomson seconded by Alderman Twining passed.

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Lownds that the order of the day be suspended and that the report of Special Committee on Financial affairs this day submitted be taken up which motion on being put is lost 5 Voting for it and 7 against it.

Alderman Twining moves that the order of the day be suspended when the following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to Main Roads crossing the Common,

Resolved that the Main roads which cross the Common ought to be sustained by the General road funds - and that the Superintendent of Streets be directed to make the necessary repairs to them. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Aldermen Bell and passed.

Alderman Morrissey comes in

Letter to Drillis resigning his office as Fire Ward

Read Letter of Mr George Drillis resigning his office of Fire Ward - when it is moved and seconded that Mr Drillis's resignation be not received unless he pay the fine prescribed by Law and that he be notified to that effect.

Read following report of Committee of Tenders this day submitted relative to loans for Building City Prison and City Hospital when it is moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Ald. Morrissey that said report be received and adopted. "passed".

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Committee Room
Halifax July 14th 1858

Committee of Tenders met this day present
Aldermen Mignowitz, Wills and the Chairman

The Committee opened the following
Tenders for loan to City Hospital and City Prison.

Report Committee
Tenders rel. to
loans for City Prison
and City Hospital

N^o 1 Henry Pryor Esq^r as President of the St Georges
Society will lend the City of Halifax £100 at
Six per cent Interest agreeably to advertisement
dated 30th June £100-0-0

N^o 2 William Stairs Esq^r will
lend on same terms } £800-0-0

N^o 3 Edwin Gilpin Esq^r will
lend on same terms } £200-0-0
£1100-0-0

Your Committee would recommend
that the tenders no 1-2 & 3 would be accepted on the terms
stated

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

Council next take up the report
of Special Committee this day submitted relative to the
depositing of Night Soil.

Report Special
Committee rel. to
depositing Night
Soil at Rock head
farm.

Committee room
Halifax July 5 1858

Committee of City Property met this
day present Aldermen Caldwell, Lounds, Ring, Conway
and Cochran

In the absence of the Chairman
Alderman Caldwell moved and Alderman Lounds
seconded that Ald. Conway take the Chair when it
was resolved That the Committee would adjourn
until four o'clock, at four o'clock the Committee
proceeded to rock head farm for the purpose of selecting
a place to deposit Night soil agreeably to a resolution
passed at a meeting of the City Council held on the
2 Instant on the Committee arriving at the ground

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Continued Bridewell men when working outside to excavate
trenches north east of City Prison now in course of
erection where large quantities might be deposited
without being offensive to any persons if carefully
covered over

All which is respectfully submitted

Sigs. Jeremiah Conway
Chairman Pro Tem

where following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to report
of City Property
Committee

Resolved that the report of the
Committee of City Property be adopted Moved by
Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Caldwell,
passed.

A Motion of adjournment is
made which on being put is lost 4 Voting for and
9 against it

The Hour having expired since the
Call of the Council resolution N^o 5 is now before the
Council when the following amendment to the same
is introduced

Resolution rel.
to Building South
Steam Boat Wharf

Resolved that the former resolution
of this Council touching the removal of the City Building
to the South of Steam Boat Landing be adhered to,
Moved by Alderman Noble seconded by Alderman
Twining which on being put is carried 8 Voting for
it and 4 against.

Motion of adjournment is again
made and lost 5 Voting for it and 4 against it,

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolved that
subject of Building
Steam Boat Slip
be deferred.

Resolved that all further discussion
on the subject of removing the Building on the Steam
Boat Wharf be deferred until the first day of October
lost 4 Voting for it and 8 against it.

Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsideration.

The following resolution is next
introduced.

Whereas at a late Meeting of the
City Council it was directed to remove the Buildings
owned by the City at the entrance to the Steam Boat.

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July 19th Landing

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And whereas this Council are of opinion that to remove them as contemplated by resolution of the Council would be injurious to the interests of the City for the following reasons.

First The open space in lieu thereof would not be an equivalent to the present revenue derived therefrom and their removal would cause a decrease to the funds of the City, which must be substituted by increased taxation.

Secondly That while members of the Council may not be personally liable for mismanagement of the City Business they have no legal right to decrease the revenue without insuring a corresponding advantage, which in this case this Council are of opinion would not be obtained.

Resolved - to Buildings South Steam Boat Wharf

And Thirdly That by proper management a large and increased revenue may be obtained by two methods. Namely by a Lease of the ground to parties willing to erect a line of Stores thereon or by an Act of the Legislature similar to that for building the Market House providing a sinking fund and thereby enabling the City in a few years to derive a large revenue from the same.

Be it therefore resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with an Architect obtain a plan and report thereon to the City Council.

Moved by Alderman Pugsley Seconded by Alderman Moir which being put is lost 4th Voting for it 8 and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For Resolution
Aldermen Pugsley
Moir
Wills
Conway

Against it
Aldermen Caldwell - Morrisay
Lounds - Lewis Fall
Cochran - Bell
Noble - Twining

On Motion "Council rise"

Henry Poyer Mayor

Printed in this days proceedings Report City Property See next Page.

Council next take up report of City Property of 5 July 1858 relative to the North Fish Market the same is read.

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Committee Room
Halifax July 5 1858

Committee of City Property met this day Present Aldermen Caldwell, Lounds, King Conway & Cochran.

In the absence of the Chairman it was moved that Alderman Conway would take the Chair.

Report Committee
City Property rel.
to North City
Property.

Read resolution relative to letting the North City property in Ward 5 which passed at a meeting of the City Council held on the Second Inst the Committee adjourned and proceeded to examine said property when the following resolution was adopted

Resolved that previous to letting the wharf and water lot at Auction the old and useless buildings now on the Premises would be sold at auction and be removed therefrom immediately.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Sigs Jeremiah Conway
Chairman Pro Tem
Samuel Caldwell
James Cochran
M. Lounds

when following resolution is introduced

Resolved - Report
City Property

Resolved that the report of Committee of City Property just read be adopted Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Mier. Passed.

Henry Taylor
Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Lounds, Caldwell, Morrissey, Twining, Wills, Moir, Conway, Morrisfall, Jennings.

The City Council were summoned to approve of the valuation Books of Assessment for 1858 and the transaction of other Business

There not being a quorum to do business

"Council rise"

Henry Teyor
Mayor