

1858
September 17th
Continued Treasurer is confirmed.
When on Motion said report of City.

On Motion
"Council Rise"
Henry Taylor
Mayor

September 20th
Appraisers Sworn.
William Mackay Esqr is this day sworn into office as an appraiser to value the land of L Roche in presence of His Worship the Mayor.
Henry Taylor Mayor

William Butch is this day sworn into office as an appraiser to value the land of L Roche in presence of Alderman King

September 24th
Robert Austin is this day sworn into office as an appraiser to value the land of L Roche in presence of His Worship the Mayor
Henry Taylor Mayor

Calicut August 5th 1858

Letter J. W. Ritchie
rel - to Common

Sir
On the 4th of last month I addressed you on the subject of certain enclosures on that part of the Common to the use of which the Militia are entitled, and of a lease proposed to be made in violation of their rights. Not having been favoured with a reply I beg leave again to call your attention to this subject. As I have been urged by the Major General commanding the Troops to take the necessary legal steps to have all existing erections on the Northern part of the Common removed without delay and to prevent future encroachments.

In addition to the agreement to which I referred in my last letter I would call your attention to the several acts which have from time to time passed the Legislature with reference to the Common, in which you will perceive that in all of them the rights of the Militia have been recognized and respected. May I request the favour of a reply at an early day.

His Worship the Mayor
I have the honor to be
Sigs J. W. Ritchie

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September 27th

At a Quarterly Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Noble, Pugsley, Lounds, Caldwell, Colbran, Morrison, Swinson, Wells, Mair, Conway, Forriestall, Swinings and Bell.

Read over proceedings of previous Meeting &c

Alderman Conway Chairman submits report of Committee of Tenders & received

Alderman Noble acting Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts.

Letter from Edgcombe Cavalier Require relative to the North Fish Market Landing submitted

Read report of Committee appointed to Inspect Bridewell

Report Committee on Inspection of Bridewell

We the Committee appointed by His Worship the Mayor to make the Half yearly Inspection of Bridewell Report That in calling over the Roll and making enquiries as to the Health and behaviour of the Prisoners and Inspecting the Clothing and Bedding of the same, Your Committee found that the Prisoners conduct in general as well as their health had been good with some slight exceptions and the Bedding &c as usual requiring some additional blankets

The Building as the Council are Well aware in a very dilapidated condition

Respectfully submitted

Califony June 29th 1858 Samuel Caldwell Samuel Noble

Memorial of P. C. Hill et al relative to improvements

Read Memorial of P. C. Hill and James Cogswell Church Wardens of St Pauls Church relative to improvements around the same

See file Sept 27

Alderman Pugsley appointed Presiding Officer for holding Election in Ward No One on Second October inst.

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Continued Hearings of 6th September relative to Drain passing under their premises
Letter Mess^{rs} Frith & Harvey, rel. to Drain

Read Letter from Mess^{rs} Frith & Harvey, relative to Drain passing under their premises (see this Sept^r)

Read report of Superintendent of Streets of 29 June last submitted 29 June last,

Report Supt. of Streets of 29 June rel. to Drain under Frith & Harveys Store

The Superintendent of Streets begs leave to Report for the information of His Worship The Mayor and the City Council

That he has examined the Sewer in Hurds Lane passing under Mess^{rs} Frith & Harveys Warehouse, that portion of the Sewer which extended under the eastern Warehouse has been removed and the earth under excavated to a greater depth under the West end of the Warehouse on the line of Water Street, the eye of the Sewer has been closed by a Wall under the Warehouse which has diverted the Water more Southerly and now passes under the foundation of the Wall and under the floor of the Warehouse and thence through the Wharf to the Harbour.

The filling up of the open space to the North of the eastern Warehouse and other recent changes by Mess^{rs} Frith & Harveys has diverted and obstructed the free passage of the Water to the Harbour which was clear and sufficiently capacious (until recently) for all the purposes of public Sewerage in that locality.

The Superintendent begs leave to refer to the Reports of W^m Superintendent Austin of 13 Nov^r 1854 and 25 Jan^y 1855 and 31st Oct^r 1853 as well as a Report of a Committee of the Council in Nov^r 1855 on the same subject

all of which is
Respectfully submitted
James Pollock
Supt of Streets

when following resolution is introduced

Propo=rel. to Drain Frith & Harveys property

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petition of Mess^{rs} Frith & Harvey be complied with and that His Worship the Mayor direct the Superintendent of Streets to carry the same into effect by Contract or otherwise. Provided that the Petitioners secure to the City a right of way by deed as stated in said

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September 29th in said Petition Moved by Alderman Conway
Continued recorded by Alderman Jennings to which following
amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Letter of
Mess^{rs} Smith & Wemyss be referred to the Superintendent
of Streets to report upon Moved by Alderman Cochran
seconded by Alderman Forristall which amendment
on being put is passed

Read Communications from
Health Inspector to R. Pringle Esq. (see file Sept)

Read Quarterly returns of
Weighers of Flour to 30th June 1858

Quarterly
Return of Weighers
of Flour to
30 June 1858

Return of Number of Barrels of
Flour & Meal weighed by William Grant for quarter
ending 30 June 1858

No Bbls	No Bbls short	Lbs short weight
<u>21318</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>2005</u>

Sig^d William Grant
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of
Flour & Meal weighed by Samuel Carten for quarter
ending 30 June 1858

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>20873</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>2054</u>

Sig^d Samuel Carten
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of
Flour & Meal weighed by John Partier for quarter
ending 30 June 1858

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>14679</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>1394</u>

Sig^d John Partier
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of
Flour & Meal weighed by John Winters for quarter
ending 30 June 1858

No Bbls	Bbls short	Lbs short
<u>12159</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>1217</u>

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Continued and others for a Drain in Dresden Row (See File)

Memo of John Cronan and John Lithgow for Drain

Read Memorial of John Lithgow for Drain in Morris Street, (See File) when following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to the Memos. of Cronan & Lithgow for Drain

Resolved that the Petition of John Lithgow be referred to Superintendent of Streets to report upon. Moved by Alderman Peggley seconded by Alderman Lounds Passed

Read following Report of Committee of Tenders relative to finishing of City Prison. when on Motion said report is adopted

Report of the Committee of Tenders relative to finishing City Prison.

Committee Room
Califas September 27th 1858

Committee of Tenders met this day Present Alderman Ring Donohoe Wills and the Chairman

Committee opened the following Tenders for finishing Sixty four cells and keepers apartments on first floor of City Prison now in course of erection at Rock Head farm according to plan and specification

Robert Davis Tender	£ 2127-0-0
Thomas Sanders "	2530 " 0 " 0
Evans & Gillard "	4230 " 0 " 0
Sanders & Brown "	<u>2507 " 0 " 0</u>

The Committee also opened the following tenders for finishing Eighty four cells and keepers apartments

Robert Davis Tender	£ 2347-0-0
Thos. Sanders "	2403-0-0
Evans & Gillard "	4968-0-0
Peters & Blacklocke "	2933-0-0
Sanders & Brown "	<u>2479-0-0</u>

Mr. Robert Davis Tenders being the lowest the Committee would recommend that the one for finishing the Eighty four Cells be accepted in preference to the one of Sixty four. Provided he gives security for the due performance of the same, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Sig^d Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

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September 24th
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The Report of Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted having been read the same is adopted and His Worship the Mayor requested to draw checks for the respective amounts

Califax September 24th 1858

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day Present Aldermen Donohoe Bell Horisaki and Noble

In the absence of the Chairman Alderman Noble was requested to preside for the occasion

The following accounts were presented

Bridewell

The Keepers Monthly balance	£ 10 - 11 - 5
Parr & Johnston Plastering	" - 12 - 6
Stairs. Son & Morrow Codline &c	" - 6 - 8
Philip Lelton Wool	3 - 5 - 0
H. J. McNeil & Co Hats	1 - 13 - 9
William Lounds repairs	1 - 15 - 0
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	£ 17 - 4 - 4

Fire Department

The Gas Company	£ 4 - 0 - 0
Wm Lounds repairs	2 - 12 - 6
	6 - 12 - 6

Common

William Lounds Fencing	£ 5 - 1 - 10
John Murphy Cartage	12 - 8 - 6
	17 - 10 - 4

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John L Barry Salary £ 100 - 0 - 0

Special Constables for General Williams Celebration

Preserving the Peace July 25 th	1 - 15 - 0
Ellen Warren Carting	27 - 10 - 0
William Lounds	6 - 10 - 0
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	4 - 4 - 3
	136 - 2 - 3
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	£ 177 - 9 - 5

All of which are recommended to be paid

Sig^d Samuel Noble
acting Chairman

Petition of Thos Doyle re: to his Assessment

Alderman Cochran has leave to submit a Petition of Thomas Doyle relative to his Assessment when on Motion same is referred to Special Committee on appeals

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The Letter from Edgcumb Chevalier
this day submitted is read (see file Sept^{rs})

The following resolution is next
introduced

Resolved - to
Twenty pounds
being paid to the
Assessor.

Resolved that the sum of Twenty
pounds be paid to the City Assessor for extra Services in
making the Railway Assessment. Moved by Alderman
Conway seconded by Alderman Morrissey, passed unan-
imously

"Council rise"
Henry Payer
Mayor

October 2
Aldermen Sworn
into Office

Dr^{rs} Charles Cogswell, Charles Barnstead and
Jeremiah Conway being duly returned as Aldermen at
the Election held on the first instant for their respective
Wards and 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 for the City sign the Roll
accordingly in presence of His Worship the Mayor
Ward one J^r Chas Cogswell
" Two Chas Barnstead
" Five Jeremiah Conway
Henry Payer
Mayor

October 2
Meeting
No quorum

At a Special Meeting of City Council
held this day present His Worship the Mayor,
Aldermen Lounds, King, Hair, Mignowitz,

The City Council were summoned
to receive the returns of the various elections and the
transaction of other business

There not being a quorum to do
business Council stands adjourned until Monday
next at 12 o'clock.

Henry Payer
Mayor

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October 4th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, Caldwell, Lounds, Barnstead, Morrissey, Twining, Moir, Horriestall, Conway, Jennings and Bell

Aldermen Sworn into Office

The following Gentlemen having been duly returned as Aldermen at the Election held on the 1st and 2nd Inst 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 sign the roll accordingly.

John Bay Esq^r Ward One
Philip Thompson - Three
John Wills - Four

The City Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over from last Meeting there not being a quorum to do business & to appoint two City Auditors and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of Quarterly Meeting &c

Returns of Elections for various Wards

Read His Worship the Mayor's proclamation for the 1st Inst for the various Elections.

Read the returns of said Elections

Read His Worship the Mayor's Proclamation for the 2nd Inst for the Election of an Alderman in Ward No One in place of Alderman Donohoe resigned

Read returns of said Election.

Mayor declared Elected for ensuing year.

The Council in accordance with the Act proceed to count the number of votes given for Mayor when there appeared as follows.

Ward No 1	Henry Pryor Esq ^r	8 votes
" 2	" "	8 "
" 3	" "	5 "
" 4	" "	15 "
" 5	" "	149 "
" 6	" "	11 "
Total		226 Votes

Henry Pryor Esq^r is then publicly declared duly elected Mayor of the City for ensuing year.

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City Council next proceed to elect
Two City Auditors when it is moved and seconded
that Richard Tremain and Thomas C. Nisnear
are elected.

City Auditors
elected for
year 1858

Several accounts against the
Bridewell having been submitted for payment the
same being certified by the Keeper of the Bridewell
and the Commissioners of the month. It is moved
and seconded that the same do pass which on being
put is lost 5 voting for it and 10 against it

"Council rise"

Henry Pryor
Mayor

October 8th
Mayor sworn into
Office

Henry Pryor Esquire 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, was this day
sworn into office as Mayor of the City in presence
of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor as
likewise in presence of Alderman Conway, May
to Thomson

Henry Pryor
Mayor

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October 15th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Fawcett, Cogswell, Caldwell, Lounds, Barnstead, Morrissy, Thompson, King, Hills, Horriestall, Mignowitz, Conway, Jennings and Richey

The Council were summoned to elect the various City Officers for ensuing year, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 3rd and 4th October 1858

Report on Gas Lamps

Alderman Caldwell in absence of the Chairman submits report of Committee on Gas Lamps received

Report Supt. of Streets rel. to £500 for Street Service

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets relative to borrowing £500 for Street Service received

Petition of Robert Romans rel. to Taxes on Wrights estate

Alderman Morrissy submits Petition of Robert Romans relative to the taxes on Wrights estate received

His Honor the Recorder submits his opinion relative to the claim of City to the Common received

Report of Mayor on Financial Affairs

His Worship the Mayor submits his report on the financial and General affairs of the City and reads the same when the following resolution is introduced

Resolved to the Mayors Report

Resolved that the Mayors report upon the state of City affairs be published in all the daily papers and that two hundred and fifty copies of the same in Pamphlet form be published. Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Jennings to which following amendment is introduced,

Resolved that one hundred copies pamphlet form of the Report this day submitted by His Worship the Mayor be published in the daily papers for one week. Moved by Alderman Fugstey seconded by Alderman Conway which amendment on being put is lost. The following amendment is next introduced,

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Resol. rel. to Mayor's Report

Resolved that Two hundred and fifty Copies of the Mayor's report be published in pamphlet form and a condensed summary of the same be furnished to each of the City Newspapers which amendment on being put is lost.

The original resolution is next put when there appeared for the same J and against it J and the Mayor being called upon for his casting vote gives it against the Resolution.

Report Supt of Streets rel. to petition John Roman

This Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets on petition of John Roman and others received

Report Supt of Streets on petition of John Lithgow

This Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets on petition of John Lithgow for a drain received

Report Supt of Streets rel. to Drain in Hurds Lane.

This Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets relative to Drain in Hurds Lane, received.

Resol. rel. to Report Supt of Streets for £500 to be expended on Streets.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended to take up Report of Superintendent of Streets this day submitted. (See City Bell) when following resolution is introduced.

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor direct the City Treasurer to open a cash account with one of the Banks within the City for a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds to be placed at the disposal of the Superintendent of Streets for the purpose of enabling him to carry out such portion of the report just read as he might deem most advisable to the City and be it further Resolved that the sum so borrowed be paid from the Streets fund in 1859.

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Stristall which resolution on being put is lost by voting for it and against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For the Resolution	Against it
Alderman Caldwell	Alderman Lounds
Conway	Morrissey
Barnstead	Cogswell
Stristall	Thompson
Mignowitz	Riehey
	Jennings

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The City Council were next

called to proceed to the election of Civic Officers for ensuing year.

Recorder Elected

On Motion Beamish Murdoch Esquire is unanimously elected Recorder for ensuing year.

City Clerk Elected

On Motion James J. Clarke Esquire is unanimously elected City Clerk for ensuing year.

Asst City Clerk Elected

On Motion John L. Cragg Esq^r is unanimously elected Assistant City Clerk for the ensuing year.

Clerk Assistant Elected

On Motion Mrs Thomas Rhind is unanimously elected Clerk Assistant for ensuing year.

City Treasurer Elected

On Motion Laurence Hartshorne Esquire is unanimously elected City Treasurer for ensuing year.

City Marshal Elected

On Motion George Irwin Esq^r is unanimously elected City Marshal for ensuing year.

Clerk of License Elected

On Motion William I. Morris Esq^r is unanimously elected Clerk of Licenses for the ensuing year.

Constables Elected

On Motion James Ham, Patrick Cauffield, Ganek Cotter, David Ewens, Philip Parsons, Thomas McCoy, Mathew Gardiner, John Arthur, John Steele, William Roddick Donald Fraser and John Campbell are elected Constables for the City of Halifax for ensuing year.

Clerks of Market Elected

On Motion Charles Fielding is appointed one of the Clerks of Market for ensuing year.

On Motion Peter Maher is appointed one of the Clerks of Market for ensuing year.

Weighers of Flour Elected

On Motion William Grant, Genl. Samuel Carten, John Parker and John Winters are elected Weighers of Flour and Meal for ensuing year.

Supt of Streets Elected

The Council next proceed to elect a Superintendent of Streets for the City for ensuing year.

On Motion it is Resolved that there be only one Superintendent appointed which motion being put there appeared for the same Against 6

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On Motion James Pollock is appointed Superintendent of Streets for ensuing year. 15 Voting for the Motion and 3 against it.

The Council adjourn for an hour. "Council Resume"

The Council next proceed to elect a Clerk of Streets for ensuing year.

Clerk of Streets

Electd

On Motion John Craigen is appointed Clerk of Streets for the ensuing year.

Pound Keeper

Electd

On Motion Michael Power is elected Pound Keeper for ensuing year.

Health Inspector

Electd

On Motion James Spive is appointed health Inspector for ensuing year.

Alderman Cogswell gives notice of a resolution relative to duties of Clerk of Markets.

Keeper of Markets

Appointed

A Motion is made that Henry H. Parker be appointed Keeper of Markets for ensuing year which Motion on being put is lost by Voting for it and 2 against it.

On Motion William G Anderson is elected Keeper of Markets for ensuing year.

The City Council next proceed to elect a keeper of Fish Market. when following resolution is introduced

Keeper Fish Mar

Appointed

Resolved that the duties of Keeper of the Meat Market and the duties of Keeper of Fish Market shall henceforth be combined and the Salary for the two offices be one hundred pounds.

Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Bell.

To which following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the election of Keeper of Fish Market be now proceeded with there being three applicants for that office. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Herbishall which amendment on being put is lost by Voting for it and 11 against it.

The original resolution is then put and passed 11 Voting for it and 5 against it.

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William G. Anderson is therefore appointed Keeper of the Fish Market for ensuing year.

The City Council next proceed to elect a Surgeon of Bridewell.

When following resolution is introduced

Resol-
rel to the
Surgeon of the
Bridewell

Resolved that Doctor M. Hume be appointed Surgeon of the Bridewell from this date to the 31st day of December ensuing at the Rate of Salary for the past year. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Mignowitz which on being put is passed 13th Voting for the Resolution and 2nd against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution		Against it	
Aldermen	Pugsley, Morrissey	Alderman	Conway
"	Caldwell, Cogswell	"	Thompson
"	Barnstead, Bell	"	Seamings
"	Lounds, Shay		
"	Moir, King		
"	Horstall, Kichey		
"	Mignowitz, " 13		3

Registrar of
Cemetery Appointed

On Motion Joseph Keefer is unanimously elected Registrar of the Cemetery for ensuing year.

Keeper of Bridewell
Appointed

On Motion William McDonald is appointed keeper of Bridewell for ensuing year.

Guagers of Oil
Appointed

On Motion John Brennan Richard Fitzgerald, James Fortune, Joseph McGill Dennis Heffernan, Edward Gaul, Thomas Wilson and Philip Perrior are severally elected guagers of Oil for ensuing year.

Clerk of Board of
Health Appointed

On Motion John C. Craigen is unanimously elected Clerk of Board of Health for ensuing year.

Reporter Appointed

On Motion John L. Thompson is elected Reporter for ensuing year.

Keeper of City Clocks
Appointed

The following resolution is next introduced
Resolved that Henry Broune be reappointed keeper of the Clock for the ensuing year. Moved by Alderman Seamings seconded by Alderman King to which the following amendments

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Resolved to the
Keeper of City Clock

to which the following amendment
is introduced

Resolved that the appointment
of Keeper of the City Clock be deferred for the present
and that the usual advertisement for applicants
be inserted in the papers which advertise for the
City. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by
Alderman Mignowitz which amendment being
put is lost - the voting for it and against it.

The original resolution is there-
fore carried.

The usual advertisement is
ordered to be inserted for applicants for Measurer
of Wood - vacant by the death of Mr. What.

The Council next proceed to
appoint the Standing Committees for ensuing year.

Standing
Committees
Appointed

Public Accounts	City Property
Aldermen Pugsley	Aldermen Conway
— Caldwell	— Lownds
— Thompson	— Thompson
— Horistall	— Richey
— Bell	— Caldwell
— Hay	— Mignowitz
Common	Jenders
Alderman Bell	Alderman Conway
— Jennings	Barnstead
— Lownds	King
— Morrissey	Hay
— Twining	Wills
— Moir	Richey
Cemetery	Wacks & Trucks
Alderman Twining	Alderman Twining
Wills	Mignowitz
Barnstead	Morrissey
Jennings	Horistall
Cogswell	
Bell	
City Prison	City Hospital
Ald. Twining - Jennings	Ald. Cogswell - Conway
Lownds - Mignowitz	— Caldwell - Moir
Hay - King	King - Richey

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Resol - rel - to
borrowing £305
for Streets Service

introduced

The following resolution is next

Resolved That the City Treasurer be authorised to open a Cash account with the Bank of Nova Scotia to the amount of three hundred and five pounds to complete the repairs upon the Streets of the City, in accordance with report of Superintendent of Streets this day submitted. The same to be repaid from the Street fund for the ensuing year. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Morrissey which on being put is passed 12 Voting for the Resolution and 3 against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the Resolution	Against it
Alderman Caldwell - Morrissey	Alderman Hoir
Pugsley - Wills	Lounds
Barnstead - Stagg	Lennings
Conway - Thomson	
Mignowitz - King	
Foristall - Richey 12.	

His Worship the Mayor intimates to the Council his intention of being absent from the City for a fortnight

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol - rel - to -
Committee to revise
the Bye Laws, and
Act relating to Streets

Resolved that a Committee be appointed consisting of one Alderman from each Ward with His Honor the Recorder for the purpose of further revising the revised act of Incorporation of 1857, also for the amending of the late Assessment Act, and the Act relating to Streets and Sewers within the City and that said Committee report to this Council at as early day as possible - Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Lounds which on being put is passed unanimously.

Committee Aldermen Cogswell, Lounds, Lennings, Wills, Mignowitz and The Recorder,

Alderman Barnstead is placed on the Committee for erection of New Engine House.

On Motion of "Council rise"
Henry Tenor
Mayor