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City of Halifax
Council Minutes

January 6, 1860

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January 6th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day

Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, John Duggan, Gounde, Barnstead, Nash, Twining, Thompson, James Puggan, Evens, Leahy, Conway, Roome and Jennings

The City Council were summoned to take up the rules and regulations for the Government of City Prison and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 30th Dec^r 1859

This Worship the Mayor submits Letter from G. L. Shannon Esq^r Secretary of Water Company. Said Letter is read

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Sir In answer to a Minute of the City Council dated the second day of December last which was as follows-

viz^t "Resolved that the Committee for a better supply of Water do ascertain during the recess from the Directors of the Water Company on what terms they will dispose of their rights and charter to the City"

I beg to hand you the following Resolution which was passed at a special Meeting of the Halifax Water Company which took place on the 27th ultimo viz^t

"Resolved that the stocks of the Company be offered to the City of Halifax for the sum of Fifty Two thousand eight hundred pounds to include the stock of pipes on hand the same to be surrendered to the City on the first day of May next."

The word "Stock" in the commencement of the above resolution is intended to embrace the rights and charter of the Company.

I remain Sir Your obed^t Serv^t

Sig^d G. L. Shannon Secretary Halifax Water Co^y

To His Worship The Mayor

(Read)

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Read rules and regulations for the
Government of New City Prison (See Liber. P. 72)
Read the same clause by
Clause

Read First Clause which on being put is passed
Read Second rule which is passed with amendments
10 Voting for it and 3 against it.

The Names are then called
for, an amendment is introduced that the names be not
taken which amendment on being put is passed -

Read Third Clause which is passed with amendments
12 Voting for it and one against it -

The following resolution
(No 1) is next introduced

Resol- re: to Keepers
Salary of New City
Prison.

Resolved that the Salary of the under
Keeper be filled up with the sum of eighty pounds. Moved
by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Jennings,
to which the following amendment is introduced -

Resolved that the Salary of the Under
Keeper of the City Prison shall be £90 per annum it being
understood that there shall be but two keepers, namely
a Governor and an Under Keeper. Moved by Alderman
Pugsley seconded by Alderman Puggan -

Call of Council.

A call of the Council is made at 10 Minutes past
5 o'clock -

On Motion the order of the day be
suspended to take up Plan and Specification of Buildings
on Market Slip which Motion being put is lost -

On Motion the order of the day be
suspended to take up the Assessment Act which Motion
on being put is lost.

A Motion of adjournment is next
made which on being put is lost 5 Voting for the adjournment
and 8 against it.

The Council next proceed with the
order of the day

Thomas Kenny Jun^r Esq^r is
appointed Fire Ward for Ward No One

On Motion the order of the day is
suspended to take up the Assessment Act. The same is
taken up and it was agreed that the amended clauses
only should be taken up.

Assessment Act
taken up.

Read 12th Clause in Manuscript
which on being put is passed unanimously -

Read 15th Clause in Manuscript
which on being put is passed.

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Read 16th clause in Manuscript
which on being put is passed,

The hour now having expired since the call of the Council on No. 1 resolution and the amendment, the same are again read, the amendment on being put is lost.

The resolution is then put when three appeared for the same 9, against it 2. The resolution is therefore carried.

Alderman Evans gives notice of reconsideration

On Motion they
Council adjourn

January 11th

John Martin sworn into Office as Supervisor of Measures of Salt & Grain for ensuing year in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Michael Monahan sworn into Office as Surveyor of Bricks Lime and Measures of Mason Works in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present Aldermen Fugate, John Puggan, Lounds, Barnstead, Nash, Twining, Thompson, James Puggan, Moir, Evers, Leahy & Conway, Roome Bell and Jennings

On Motion Alderman Nash the Presiding Officer for the Week is called to the Chair.

The City Council were summoned to take into consideration the Report of Committee relative to further supply of Water for Fire purposes.

Read over proceedings of 6 Jan^{ry} last

The following resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Members of this Council sympathise with His Worship at the present time of affliction in his family and that the Council will attend the funeral of the late W^m Caldwell tomorrow Tuesday at 3 o'clock. Moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Bell and passed unanimously.

Resolved, rel. to affliction
Mayor's family

On Motion Alderman Evers has leave to introduce a Memorial from John Evers relative to him occupying part of Barrington Street with Stones &c. &c.

Referring to the above Resolution The Council adjourn until Wednesday next at 2 o'clock.

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January 11th

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, John Duggan, Souds, Barnstead, Nash, Swining, Thompson, James Duggan, Moir, Evans, Leahy, Conway, Rowne Bell, Richey and Jennings.

Report City Clerk to License

Read over proceedings of the 9th January. His Worship the Mayor submits Quarterly report of City Clerk of License, received.

Communication from Secty. Union Engine Co.

His Worship the Mayor submits Communication from Secretary of Union Engine Co of 8th January, received

Communication from Supervisor of Coal Measures rel. to vacancy

His the Mayor also submits Communication from Supervisor of Coal Measures relative to a vacancy in that body, the same is also received

Report Committee rel. to Supply Water

The report of the Committee on a more sufficient supply of Water for fire purposes is next taken up.

The same on the suggestion of said Committee is divided into 6 clauses.

The first Clause is read. Alderman Bell Chairman explains.

Alderman Pugsley addresses the Meeting at some length and submits experiments as to the relative advantages of obtaining Water from the Long Lake, Birch Cove Lakes, and his own theory.

On Motion Council adjourn until tomorrow Thursday at 2 o'clock.

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January 12th

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, James Cuggan, Lounds, Barnstead, Nash, Thompson, John Cuggan, Moir, Leahy, Roome, Bell, Richey and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 11th January

Alderman Pugsley resumes his address to the Council, and in Conclusion moves an amendment to the motion of Alderman Bell, (That the first clause of the report do pass)

Alderman Pugsley reads his amendment, when on Motion the Council adjourn until Friday at 2 o'clock.

January 13th

Fire Ward Sworn

Thomas Kennis Junr Esqr is this day sworn into Office as one of the Fire Wards for Ward No One in presence of His Worship the Mayor

14th
Sence Viewers Sworn

William Herbert is this day sworn into Office as one of the Sence Viewers for the City in Presence of Alderman John Cuggan.

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At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, John Puggan, Lovnds, Barnstead, Wash, Thompson, James Puggan, Moir, Leahy, Roome, Bell, Richey and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of previous Meeting.

Alderman Pugsley has leave to withdraw the resolution submitted last Meeting to substitute another.

Read Communication from Secretary of Water Company as read on 6th January.

A Motion that the Council adjourn until Monday next at 2 o'clock is lost 9 Voting against the adjournment and 7 for it.

Alderman Pugsley submits the following resolution in place of the one now withdrawn.

Whereas this Council consider that it would be more conducive to the interest of our Citizens both for fire and general purposes if the City were proprietors of the Water Company's works.

And whereas in answer to a deputation from this Council a Communication has been received from the Secretary of the said Company by order of the Directors dated Halifax 23 January 1860, tendering to the City all their rights and charters together with stocks and pipes on hand as per schedule for the sum of Fifty Two thousand Eight hundred pounds currency.

Be it resolved that this Council do accept the same conditionally (namely) that the Legislature will empower the City so to do.

And be it further resolved that application be made to the Legislature for power to carry the same into effect either by debentures or otherwise as the Council may first determine, and that this Council do not think it necessary at present to organise a larger body of Men to work at fires until a better supply of Water is obtained.

And be it also further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Water Company. Moved by Alderman Pugsley and seconded by Alderman Evens which on being put there appeared for the same 8 and against it 8 and His Worship the Mayor being called upon for his casting vote, gives it in favour of the amendment. The names being called for there appeared thus

Resol. rel. to purchase
ing Water Company
Charter, Stocks, &c

For

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Continued Ald. Pugsley, Lounds
Jno Duggan, Barnstead
Leahy, Conway
Nash, Ovens

Against Amendment
Ald. Roome, Pichey
Jennings, Moir
Bell, Thompson
Jas Duggan, Cogswell

Alderman Jennings gives notice of reconsideration -

Alderman Pugsley lays on the table by way of Notice a Resolution relative to the principle of compulsory payment for a supply of Water to be taken up at next Meeting. He will also be prepared to submit a Bill in reference thereto.

On Motion the Council adjourn until Tuesday at Two o'clock.

January 14th

At a Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash, Twining, Thompson, James Duggan, Moir, Leahy, Conway, Roome, Bell, and Jennings.

Resolved of sympathy to widow of Late Alderman Wills =

Resolved that the Members of this Council sympathize with the Widow of the late Alderman Wills, in their afflicting bereavement and that the Council do testify their respect for the Memory of their departed brother by attending his funeral this day in a body at 3 o'clock. Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Twining and passed unanimously.

On Motion the Council adjourn until Thursday at 2 o'clock.

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January 19th

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Pugsley, Cogswell, John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash, Twining, Thompson, James Duggan, Moir, Evers, Leahy, Conway, Roome, Bell, Richey and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of the 13th and 17th January.

The Council were summoned to take up Alderman Jennings Notice of reconsideration, and consideration of Report of Water Supply in clauses.

The Motion of Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Richey that the amendment passed at last Meeting be reconsidered is lost & voting for the Motion and 8 against it.

On Motion of Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman Thompson, Alderman Twining is excused from voting on the amendment being one of the Directors of the Water Company.

Resol. rel. to Sale of Potatoes, Apples &c.

Alderman Nash by leave of the Council lays on the Table a resolution relative to the Sale of Potatoes and Apples, to be taken up on a future day.

Alderman Duggan submits report on Petition of John Cunphy, the same is received.

The following resolution is next introduced (No 1)
Resolved this Council affirm the principle of compulsory payment for a supply of Water, and further resolved that such payment shall be, by the owner or agent of household estate every such owner or agent being compelled to receive the Water into such premises. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Moir.

Resol. rel. to compulsory payment for supply of Water.

To which the following amendment is introduced
Resolved that Alderman Pugsley have leave to withdraw his resolution for the present, to be taken up on a subsequent occasion, and that the Council do proceed to the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on the supply of Water. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Jennings.

A Motion of order on No 1 Resolution.

A motion to adjourn is next made
On Motion of order the Recorder's opinion is taken relative to the introduction of No 1 Resolution at this stage of the proceedings being out of order. His Honor the

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Recorder gives as his opinion that said Resolution is out of order
On Motion Alderman Pugsley's Resolution
and Bill in reference thereto is first on the order of the
day for tomorrow.
On Motion The Council adjourn until
tomorrow Friday at Two o'clock.

January 20th

At an adjourned Meeting of the
City Council held this day present His Worship the
Mayor Alderman Pugsley, John Puggan, Lounds
Barnstead, Twining, Nash, Thompson, James Puggan
Moir, Leahy, Conway, Roome and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 19th January

On Motion Alderman Moir is appointed
Presiding Officer for holding the election in Ward Four,

On Motion George R. Anderson is
appointed one of the Board of Health for Ward Six,

His Worship the Mayor submits
a communication from Mr Kelly relative to Copying
Field Books of City Survey, the same is received

Communication from
Mr Kelly relative to
Copying Field Books of
City Survey

On Motion The field Books are
handed over to the Committee of City Property to be copied
as they think best for the interest of the City

The following resolution as entered last
Meeting is read (No 100),

Resolved relative to supply of
Water

Resolved that this Council affirm
the principle of compulsory payment for a supply of Water
within the City of Dublin,

And further resolved that
such payment shall be by the owners or Agents of house-
hold estate when such shall not be leased for a period of
over one year every such owner or agent being compelled to
receive the Water into such premises

A Call of the Council
is made at 10 Minutes past 5 o'clock a Motion to adjourn
is made in amendment, which being put is passed,
Council adjourn till Monday at Two o'clock.

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January 23rd

An adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Pugsley, Lounds, Barnstead, Nash, Thompson James Cuggan, Moir, Leahy, Conway, Roome and Jennings.

Read over proceedings of the 17th January instant

Read resolution (No one) as entered on the 17th and 20th January instant

On Motion Alderman Pugsley has leave to amend said resolution by voting for the Motion and 4 against it.

Read following resolution No one as amended

Resolved that this Council affirm the principle of compulsory payment for a supply of Water within the City of Halifax.

And further Resolved that such payment shall be by the owner or agent of household estate, when such shall not be leased for a period of over one year every such owner or agent being compelled to receive the Water into such premises. Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Moir which on being put.

A call of the Council is made at 3³⁴ o'clock.

On Motion Alderman Thompson Chairman of City Property has leave to take up Plan of Building to be erected on the Market Slip, submitted on 27th Dec^r last, when following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Plan submitted at a previous Meeting of this Council by the Chairman of City Property for the erection of the intended new Building at the Market Slip, be adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to draft an act to be submitted to the Legislature at its next Meeting for leave to borrow the sum of £2000 on the credit of the City for erecting a building in conformity with the said Plan. The said Building to be built of Brick or Stone. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Roome which on being put is passed unanimously.

The following resolutions are next introduced (No three)

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the present arrangement of the City with the Gas Company and to make suggestions to this Council in reference thereto as they shall see fit. Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed unanimously.

Committee Aldermen Nash, Jas Cuggan, & Roome.

Resolved to Plan for Building on Market Slip Property.

Resolved to the Gas Company --