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Five Constables
Appointed:

Five Constables

<p>Ward No One J. B. Baker</p> <p>Ward Two Wm Stewart W. H. Reynolds Junr Wm Fraser Junr</p> <p>Ward No Three Martin Minn</p>	<p>Ward No Four Herbert Crighton William Isles</p> <p>Ward No Six Herbert Harris John Butler John Blundell</p>
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Inspectors of Fresh Pickled Beef and Pork.
James Mooney and William Newcomb.

Inspectors & Measurers of Painters Work
Richard Vincove, and Thomas Walsh.

Weighers of Hay

Thomas Keating	E. G. Greenwood
North End	South End

On Motion
"Council Rise"

February 11th

The following persons sworn into office this day as Health Wardens in presence of His Worship the Mayor, Alex^r Doull, William Ellis, Dennis Carroll Senr, William Atkins, Samuel Weir, and Peter Stutz,

The following persons are this day sworn into office as Five Constables for the City in presence of His Worship the Mayor. William Stewart, W. H. Reynolds, William Fraser, Martin Minn, Herbert Crighton, Herbert Harris, John Blundell, John Butler and William Isles,

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen John Duggan, Lounds, Barnstead, Nash, Thompson, Moir, Trennamier, Leahy, Conway, Doone, Riehy and Jennings.

The City Council were summoned to receive report of Committee of Public Accounts Matters standing over from previous Meetings, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of 8th February

Alderman Thompson submits report of Committee of Public Accounts, on Motion the same is received,

On Motion the Report of Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted is read.

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Report Committee
Public Accounts
February 2nd 1860

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day present - Aldermen Bell, Fugley, Nash, Evans, and the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted

For Bridewell

Wm. McDonald	Balance for Sept ^r	7.16.5	
"	Co " Oct ^r	4.15.9	
"	Co " Nov ^r	9.16.3	
"	Co " Dec ^r	9.15.2	35. 3. 7
Chas. Barnstead	Leather Co to 3 Oct ^r	4.11.4	" " "
"	Co " to 18. Nov ^r	2.11.5	7. 2. 9
A. J. Noone	Plaster 7 Dec ^r		2. 8. 9
John Silver	Linsay Woolsey 23 Nov ^r		6. 9. 9
J. Hume	One years Salary to 31 Dec ^r		30. 0. 0
John Saylor	Blk Smiths Work to 31 Dec ^r		3. 3. 4
Wm. Murray	Whelwright Work to 7 Sept		1. 6. 6
Dechereau & Crow	Tin Work to 29 Nov ^r		" 14. 6
Wife Water Co	Water Rate to May 18 th		3. 15. "
Wm. Evans	Ox Heads 4 Dec ^r to 31 Dec ^r		16. 12. 7
John Stewart	Supplies to 30 Dec ^r		57. 3. 7
Jos. Jennings	Boards 24 June		1. 6. 6
Thos. Pogg's & Co	Sundries to 21 Dec ^r		13. 13. 0
			<u>£ 178. 19. 10</u>

Streets

John Mooney	Blk Smiths Work to 28 Dec ^r	42. 5. 1
A. W. McKinlay	Stationary	5. 3. 3
Wm. Murray	Whelwright work " "	8. 5. 4
		<u>£ 55. 13. 8</u>

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For City

Chas. Amor	Night Visit to Police Station	to Sept	£ 1 0 0
R. J. Moore	Carpenter Works	to Sept	1 15 0
J. W. Caldwell	Blk Smith Work	to July	3 8 0
Thos Amund	Advertising to 13 Oct	Chronicle	1 15 0
A. Grant	Do	Royal Gazette	3 5 0
Do	Do	Colonist	2 11 0
W. W. Blachadas	Do	Acad ⁿ Recorder	16 16 9
James Barnes	Printing 400 Copies	Water Report	4 0 0
W. Hennes	Advertising in Journal		27 11 0
Compton & Bowden	Do	in Express to Deer	15 11 0
James Bours Wood	Report of Common C		2 16 0
A. W. McKinlay	Nationary to 23 Deer		46 4 5
James Gossif	Blanks Books		" 7 6
James B. Smithers	Locks &c Repaired	Meat Markets	" 10 9
Do	Do	(City Building)	" 4 0
Do	Do	Fish Mart	" 13 6
Wm. Murray	Repts to Night Cart	to 29 Sept	8 11 6
Do	Stand Barrows	12 April	1 16 0
Wife Water Compy	Repts to Plugs & Hydrants	to 31 Deer	17 18 0
Do	Plug Pipes &c	New Engine House	32 1 0
Do	Water Rate	Police Office	1 10 0
Do	Water Supply to City	to 31 Nov 1859	658 11 0
C. Phelan	Tinsmith work	to 27 Oct	5 14 0
J. Boggs Jun ^r & Co	Amt of Acct for 1858 & 1859		10 9 0
George Nichols	Use of Hall for Election		1 5 0
M. J. Hunter	Gas Work	Nov 4	" 11 0
W. S. Symonds & Co	Iron Gate & top	to Feb	" 15 0
Wm. McDonald	Wheelbarrow	31 Deer	1 0 0
John Taylor	Repts to Night Carts	29 Oct	8 11 10
Wm. Warren	Carting Ashes	to 31 Deer	3 14 0
Do	Do	Gravel to 31 Deer	" 15 0
Do	Do	Rubbish to 31 Deer	3 15 0
Wm. Lounds	Carpenter Works	to 29 Nov	2 12 4
Smith & Mitchell	Plumbers Work	to 12 Deer	4 1 0
Thomas Holloway	Repg Pumps	to 11 Oct	1 11 0
J. & C. Kenny	Packing 3 Feb	1860	1 8 1
Wife Gas Compy	Removing Gas Posts		10 0 0
Do	Lighting Street Lamps	to 1 Nov	568 1 0
Thompson & Gosson	Amt of acf 1858 & 59		20 13 5
Donald & Watson	Gas Fixings	1858	" 4 0
Robt Davis	Amt Acct 1858		1 11 0
Do	for Granite Crossings		10 0 0
James Scott	Amt Acct 1858		" 3 6
Wm. Merricks Wood	Blazing & to 29 Deer		6 1 0
Lordly & Stimpson	Candles & to 9 Nov		" 10 6
Wm. McKay	Scantling	to 21 June	2 2 11
D. M. Pherson	Carpenter Work	to 22 April	2 3 9
A. Sinclair	Repg Hose	to 24 Deer	2 16 8
Dechezeau & Crow	Tin Work	to 17 Deer	5 13 0
-carried forward-			£ 1533 6 9

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Am't Brought Forward \$ 1553.67

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Hon S. McCully

Retainer - Consultation &c

from August 1857 to Sept 1859 11.13.4

Hon W^m Young

Expenses City vs Beamish

from June 1857 to Sept 1859 26.0.6

\$ 1581 0.7

Fire Department

Robert Malcom	Surveyor June	\$ 15.0
Co	Mason Work 29 Oct	" 11.0
W ^m Stevens	Horse Carriage 12 Aug	18.10.0
Muir & Blackadar	Rope &c	1.1.0
Lewis Wilson	Blk Smiths Work to 14 Nov	1.2.6
Chas ^r Williamson	Leather Work to 10 Sept	4.7.6
P. H. Brown	Coasting 22 Dec	" 15.0
C. B. Smithers	Locksmiths Work to 3 Dec	4.1.0
James Lawlor	Carpenters Work to 21 Nov	5.19.3
Robert Ervin	Ringing Bell at 184 1859	3.12.6
Black & Bros	Fundries to 15 Nov	5.0.6
Mich ^l Power	Big Fire Bell Nov	" 15.0
W ^m Merrick Hon	Fainting Engines &c	38.4.3
C. M. Pherson	Carpenters Work 1859	1.5.0
Jas Fiddler & Co	Fixing Fire Bell &c 11 Mar	" 6.3
H. W. Blackadar	Advertising to 31 Dec	2.2.6
S. L. O'Brien	Rep ^y Dose Wheel 14 June	" 12.6
P. Lyons	Blk Smiths Work 14 April	" 7.6
R. J. Frazer	Oil &c to 9 Dec	4.0.10
John Taylor	Blk Smiths Work to 22 Nov	5.12.0
James Rhind	Drum &c for Engines	4.16.9
John McCulloch	Eight Day Clock	7.10.0
Donald Watson	Gas Fittings &c	23.13.9
John Longard	Blk Smiths Work to 19 Oct	9.16.0
S. W. Henery	1 pair Lamps	3.0.0
W. S. Symonds & Co	Lead Work	8.18.0
M. E. Longard	Plumbers Work to 20 Dec	13.17.6
John Brander	Fire Poles	" 15.0
W ^m Murray	Wheelwrights Work	15.2.0
R. T. Korne	Carpenters Work to 30 Nov	36.5.0
Pitchie & Bulger	Advertising in Sun to 30 Dec	5.16.3
Compton & Bowden	Do in Express "	2.6.3
Thomas Anand	Do in Chronicle "	6.7.6
W. A. Penney	Do in Journal "	3.6.3
A. Grant	Do in Colonist "	6.10.0
James Reid	2 Surveys on Chimneys to 15 Dec	1.10.0
John Ervin	Repairing Ladders &c to 28 "	9.15.0
George Ashmore	Keeps Engine House &c 31. "	17.17.6
Estate late B. G. Brehm	1 Yrs Salary as Secty	15.0.0
J. H. Peters	Rep ^y Tanks & Pumps 1 Oct	26.1.0
Smith & Mitchell	Plumbers Work to 11 Oct	" 7.6
Do	Do 26 Nov	4.2.6
W ^m H. Sully	Goods per bill	1.19.3

- Carried forward - \$ 320.15.0

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		Amount Brought Forward	\$ 323 ⁰⁰ 15 ⁰⁰
M ^r W. Caldwell	Iron Work for Ladders to S ^t 2 ^d		7 ⁰⁰ 16 ⁰⁰
Do	Blk Smiths Work for Engines 21 Dec ^r		27 ⁰⁰ 16 ⁰⁰
Mich ^l Lonergan	Funds for Ace Comp ^y to 9 Sept		12 ⁰⁰ 10 ⁰⁰ 9
Do	Repairing Hose &c to Jan ^y 1860		159 ⁰⁰ 15 ⁰⁰ 9
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\$ 531⁰⁰ 14⁰⁰

Making the total sum of \$ 2,347⁸¹. All of which accounts are recommended for payment.

The Committee notice that M^r H. W. Blackadar has charged in his account the sum of \$ 4⁰⁰ 10⁰⁰ for publishing the Report of Committee for better supply of Water &c in the Acadian Recorder, the only authority for so doing - was that M^r Fenner had printed 1000 Copies - both parties being contractors for City Printing - the difference being that M^r Fenner published the report by Special Agreement with the Chairman of that Committee by order of the City Council, reports having always been considered as not coming within their contracts, but as the Citizens have received the benefit, the Committee have passed the account under the circumstances - but recommend that in future it should be clearly understood that such printing does not come within the meaning of their contracts but shall be matter for special agreement.

Alderman Evans wishes to express his dissent to the principle adopted by the Five Wards in expending sums over \$ 10⁰⁰ 0⁰⁰ without the sanction of the City Council - as he conceives that they exceed their authority in so doing - as it is a privilege not accorded to any committee of this Council, although they are the guardians and trustees of the City funds and directly represent the Citizens, and he also conceives that work exceeding in amount the sum of \$ 10⁰⁰ required for this Department, should be subject to competition in the same manner as all other work performed for the City.

The Committee would recommend that in all the different departments under the control of the City Council that Passbooks be kept wherever practicable. As the Council will perceive that it is almost impossible for any individual confidently to certify to the correctness of long accounts extending over a period of 12 Months, containing hundreds of items, many of them repetitions of the same articles or of work said to have been performed, the Committee are of opinion that it is leaving the door wide open for dishonest contractors to carry off the work from honest men. Your Committee do not wish to imply that such measures are resorted to in this City, but merely to shew that there is an opening for parties so disposed to take advantage of it.

The Committee also recommend that in future a Book be kept in the Police Office in which all orders for Advertising shall be entered previous to their being sent from the Office stating the name of the paper, date, number of insertions - and.

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and what is to be advertised for. As under the present system there is no proper check upon printing accounts as also advertising, and it is further recommended that the advertising for the City, be strictly confined to the papers advertising for the City by contract, except in such cases where the Law otherwise directs.

In conclusion your Committee would recommend that when Accounts are duly passed, that His Worship the Mayor cause such accounts to be sent forthwith and paid without any unnecessary delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Philip Thompson
Chairman

When following resolution is introduced

Resol. rel. to payment of accounts

Resolved that the Report now read recommending the payment of the different accounts incurred by the City and Fire Department be paid and that His Worship the Mayor be directed to draw checks for the same. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Barnstead, which on being put is passed.

Opinion of Recorder relative to releasing Prisoners

This Honor the Recorder next submits his opinion relative to releasing of Prisoners - received -

The City Council next proceed to take up the report of Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted in sections. When following resolution is introduced.

Resol. rel. Report of Committee Public Accounts

Resolved that that portion of the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts recommending that Pass Books in all the various departments of the City and under the control of this Council be kept, be adopted, Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Conway - and passed -

Resolved that that part of the Report of the Committee of Public Accounts recommending that a Book be kept in the Police Office for making a note of all the advertisements, be adopted, and that all advertisements be strictly confined to the Papers advertising for the City, except where the Law otherwise directs or where otherwise ordered by this Council. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Jennings, which on being put is passed -

Resolved that the last clause of the Report recommending that His Worship the Mayor shall cause all accounts against the City which have been duly passed to be sent and paid without delay, be adopted. - Passed -

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Read report of Special Committee relative to Petition of John Dunphy. Or Motion same is adopted. See File.

Memo John Duffus and Henry rel to Lamp Post

Read Memorial of Rowd. Kenny and John Duffus rel to Gas Lamp in Pleasant Street, when on Motion the same lies on the table. 12 Voting for and 2 against it. (See file)

Memo of John Evans rel to Barrington St

Read Memorial of John Evans relative to occupying Barrington Street with Stones. When on Motion the said Memorial is referred to the Superintendent of Streets to report upon. (See file)

Read Quarterly returns of Weighers of Flour to 31st December 1859.

Quarterly return of Weighers of Flour

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by John Winters for Quarter ending 31st Decr 1859

No Bbls Bbls short Lbs short
10,952 161 1668

(Signed) John Winters
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by William Grant Junr for the Quarter ending 31st Decr 1859.

No Bbls Bbls short Lbs short
17809 84 1165

Sigs William Grant Junr
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by John Parker for the Quarter ending 31st Decr 1859.

No Bbls Bbls short Lbs short
14,730 96 1116

Sigs John Parker
City Weigher

Return of Number of Barrels of Flour & Meal weighed by Samuel Carter for the Quarter ending 31st Decr 1859.

No Bbls Bbls short Lbs short
15,714 204 1350

Sigs Samuel Carter
City Weigher

Communication from Engine Co. of 9 January 1860

Read Communication from Union Engine Company of 9 January 1860. When on Motion the same is referred to the Committee of the Cemetery to report upon. (See file)

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On Motion the order of the day is suspended to allow Alderman Roome to introduce a resolution relative to the Hook and Ladder Company, the same is granted.

Alderman Trenneman submits a resolution by way of Notice.

Communication of Fire Wards relative to Building for Hooks and Ladders Co.

On Motion the Communication from the Fire Wards relative to House for the Hook and Ladder Company is referred to the Committee of City Property to report upon.

Communication Supervisor of Measurers of Coal

Read Communication from Supervisor of Measurers of Coal. When on Motion His Worship the Mayor is requested to cause the usual advertisements to be inserted in the City Papers for applicants.

By Permission Alderman Wogswell has leave to lay on the Table a resolution relative to the preservation of the Mouse. On Motion the same is read.

Resol. rel. to Dead Mouse

Resolved That any dead Mouse or any portion of the Meat thereof offered for sale in any Market Street or other public place within the limits of the City before or after the season of the year when the killing of the said animal is permitted by law shall become forfeited to the City and shall be appropriated to the use of the Poor House or the City Hospital at the discretion of His Worship the Mayor.

Resol. rel. to Dead Robins

Resolved That all Dead Robins exposed for sale in any Market street, or other public place within the limits of the City shall be forfeited and appropriated to the use of the Poor House or the City Hospital at the discretion of His Worship the Mayor.

Resolved, That His Honor the Recorder be requested to embody the foregoing resolution in a Bye Law to be submitted to the Council for its approval. Which resolution on being put is passed.

Resol. rel. to Window Lights (ancient)

On Motion the order of the day is again suspended to allow Alderman Thompson to have his resolution relative to Window lights considered.

The same is read
Whereas agreeably to the law now in existence, any person having Windows or doorways looking or leading into a neighbouring property is understood to have the right of continuing the same unobstructed provided, that they have been in the enjoyment of such privilege unnoted for a period of Twenty years. And whereas the existence of such a law frequently tends to litigation and to the detriment of much valuable property within the City. be it therefore
Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that such a law is unjust in principle, and prejudicial in its effects and

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and should therefore be altered, and that this Council petition the Legislature at its next session to alter this law at least so far as this City is concerned, and that His Honor the Recorder be directed to draft the form of an Act for that purpose, to be annexed to said Petition,

Read Act in reference thereto.

When following resolution is next introduced.

Resol. rel. to draft of Act regarding ancient lights.

Resolved that the draft of an Act just read regarding the laws of ancient lights be adopted engrossed and sent to the Legislature to be passed into a law, and that the members of this district be requested to pay the same before the House of Assembly. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Lounds which on being put is passed.

Read Alderman Nash's resolution relative to Alderman Evans.

Resol. rel. to Ancient

Whereas at a Meeting of this Council, on Monday last, an amended draft of a Bill providing for the Assessment of the City of Halifax, being under discussion it was in order to expedite business resolved to proceed to the consideration of only the amended clauses, but before such resolution was adopted the seventeenth clause of said Bill had been read and so marked by the Clerk, Alderman Evans being present and endeavouring to obstruct the business of this Council,

Resol. rel. to Ald Evans being under Censure.

And whereas on Tuesday last this Council being again in session Alderman Evans rose and called attention to the minute in the margin of the seventeenth clause that such clause had been read protesting that it had not been read in his presence and such minute was a forgery unless the clause had been read after his retirement from the Council and that if the latter course had been pursued it was a piece of underhand conduct such as was frequently practised.

And whereas this Council is satisfied that the assertions thus made by Alderman Evans were altogether unfounded and considers that the Alderman having the Bill in charge as well as the City Clerk have been improperly and injuriously charged, with dishonorable conduct.

And whereas an opportunity has been afforded to Alderman Evans to retract the offensive expressions, but he has refused to do so,

Resolved, That His Worship the Mayor do declare to Alderman Evans the disapprobation of his conduct which this Council feels and enjoin upon him the

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the necessity of being more guarded and respectful in his language for the future. Moved by Alderman Nash & seconded by Alderman James Cuggan, -passed-

Memo. of Thomas Adams et al. rel. to Survey of Lumber referred to Committee

Read Memorial of Thomas Adams et al. relative to the Survey of Lumber in the City of Halifax, When on Motion the same is referred to a Special Committee to report upon, _____ (See File) Committee Aldermen Lounds, Roome & James Cuggan.

The following resolution is next introduced

Resol. rel to Committee to take charge of City Bills to be passed by Legislature

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take charge generally of the various acts prepared and passed or which may be passed in this Council intended to be enacted in the Provincial Parliament this year, to have such of them printed and published as directed by this Council and to take charge and place the engrossed Copies of such acts in the hands of the Members of Assembly for this district, with a view to passing the same, and to watch over and support the said acts during their progress through the Legislature, Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Evens, in which resolution on being put is passed.

Committee Aldermen Nash, Richey and Conway with His Honor the Recorder.

On Motion Alderman Leakey is appointed on the Committee of Drains and Sewers in Place of Alderman Roome, retired.

Communication relative to condition of City Prison =

Read Communication from Medical Society relative to condition of City Prison, On Motion same lays over for the present.

On Motion the Council adjourn

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Cogswell & John Puggan, Barnstead, Wash Twining, James Puggan, Mov, Tremaman, Leahy and Jennings.

The Council were summoned to take up the Assessment Act, and the transaction of other Business.

Read over proceedings of 15th Feby.

Alderman Thompson Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts, On Motion same is received.

His Worship the Mayor submits report of Superintendent of Streets relative to Mr Owens Memorial. On Motion the same is received.

His Worship the Mayor submits Memorial from Commissioners of Povers Asylum. On Motion the same is received.

The order of the day is suspended to take up Report of Committee of Public Accounts this day submitted, the same is read.

Committee Room Feby 2nd 1860

Extra Report

The Committee of Public Accounts in their previous report of this date, omitted the account of the Honble W^m Young, for expenses in the suit with N.S. Electric Telegraph Company for ~~£100~~ which being correct they recommend for payment.

Philip Thompson
Chairman

When on Motion the same is adopted and His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw a check for said amount.

The Assessment ~~Act~~ Act is next taken up. The same is read as engrossed.

On Motion said Act is ordered to be handed over to the Committee on Bills to be by them presented to the Legislature for their approval.

On Motion the order of the day is suspended to take up report of Superintendent of Streets on Mr Owens Memorial. The same is read, (See File Feby)

On Motion the consideration of the building Act is deferred in consequence of the absence of the Committee's Chairman

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Report Supt. of Streets re. Mem. of John Owens

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Alderman Nash has leave to withdraw his resolution submitted some time since relative to City Architect.

When the following resolution is introduced.

Resolved First That an Officer be appointed who shall be called the City Architect.

Read. rel. to City Architect being Appointed

Second It shall be the duty of such Officer to report to the Mayor all violations of the Building Acts and to prosecute all parties violating the same, to draft all plans and specifications in connection with City Property, to Superintend all building work and repairs in being performed for the City, to have general supervision of all City Property under the directions of the Committee of City Property, to sue for and collect in the name of the City all rents due the City and remaining unpaid for twenty days after the same has become due, and generally to perform such other duties as the Committee of City Property may require.

Third The Salary of such Officer shall be at the rate of £— per annum his appointment shall at present be temporary and at the pleasure of this Council. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Nash

An Amendment is next introduced that that part of the resolution in reference to the collection of rents by the City Architect be struck out, which amendment on being put is lost.

The original resolution is then put and passed, and the blank filled up with £120—

On Motion his Worship the Mayor is requested to give the usual notice for applicants for said situation of City Architect.

Read Report and Estimate of Fire Department for 1860 Dated 6 February

Estimate of Fire Department for 1860

Halifax Feby 6th 1860

At a Meeting of Fire Wards held this Friday evening January 19th 1860 at the Engine House the following resolutions were passed and ordered to be sent to the City Council—

Resolved That the Fire Wards recommend the immediate purchase of one thousand feet of three inch Hose for the use of the City Fire Department.

Resolved that the City Council