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February 27th be advised to provide for the current year the following sums.

Engine Service	\$ 450.00
Pumps & Wells	30.00
Repairing Tanks	200.00
Purchase of New Hose	250.00
Services of Secretary	15.00
Contingent Fund Fire Dept.	25.00
Services of Keeper of Engine House	25.00
For Supervision of Hose &c	20.00
	<u>\$ 1015.00</u>

His Worship Sig^t James Kerr
 The Mayor Secretary
 Fire Wards

When following resolution is introduced

Resolved to purchase
of hose by the Fire
Wards

Resolved that the Chairman of Fire Wards be authorized to purchase One thousand feet of inch hose for the use of the City. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Barnstead which on being put is passed.

On Motion the remaining portion of the Report is handed over to the Committee of Public Accounts to report upon.

Resolved to allow
ing old Bell to
retire from Water
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On Motion the order of the day is suspended to allow Alderman Bell to move that he have leave to retire from Water Committee,

On Motion Alderman Bell has leave to retire from said Committee,

Read Letter from S. W. Ritchie Esq^r relative to Drain passing Mr. Joseph Roles property on Walter Street,

Califac 30th January 1860

Letter S. W. Ritchie
Esq^r relative Drain
Walter Street

Sir I had the honor some time since to receive from you a letter relative to Mr. Joseph Roles claim on the City for damages occasioned him by one of the City Drains which was out of order, enclosing at the same time a resolution of the Council on the subject, I have since then communicated the contents of these documents to Mr. Roles and I have been requested by him to say in reply, that he is obliged to the City Authorities for their determination to have the drain in question repaired, but Mr. Roles also begs to call your attention to the fact that he has sustained large damage by destruction of property and otherwise from the overflow for which he hopes the City will reimburse him. He gives me to understand that the nuisance is repeated every considerable thaw or

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February 27th heavy rain,
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Your obedient Servant
— Sig^{ty} S. W. Ritchie

Sam^l. Caldwell Esq^r
Mayor

Read Report of Superintendent of Streets on same subject as entered 30th December last.
When on Motion the Aldermen for Ward Two in conjunction with the Supt^r of Streets be a Committee to report on the same.

— On Motion the Council adjourn —

March 12th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Cogswell, John Cuggan, Lounds, Barnstead Nash, Twining, Thompson, James Cuggan, Moir, Evans, Tremasier, Leahy, Conway, Forne, Bell, Kichy and Jennings.

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

Read over proceedings of 27th February last,

Alderman Twining Chairman submits report of Committee of Cemetery, - received -

Alderman Cogswell Chairman submits report of Committee of City Hospital, - received -

Alderman Thompson Chairman submits report of Committee of Public Accounts, received

Alderman Evans Chairman of the Committee of Drains and Sewers submits a report from that Committee, received

Alderman Lounds presents Petition of Robert Richardson and others relative to the Building Act, On Motion said Petition is received,

His Worship the Mayor submits a letter received by him from S. W. Ritchie Esq^r relative (to his cellar being ~~over~~ ^{removed}) to Hon Enos Collins Taxes,

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His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from St Charman Esqr relative to his cellar being overflowed, received

His Worship the Mayor submits a communication from Superintendent of Streets relative to state of Campbell Road, received

Alderman Owens submits report of Committee of City Prison, received

The City Council next proceed to the appointment of a City Architect,

Applications for City Architect,

Read applications of B. D. S Marshall and Henry Elliott
The names are taken when they appeared, for B. D. S Marshall 14 votes and for Henry Elliot 2 votes B. D. S Marshall is therefore elected City Architect,

Resolved to voting by show of hands.

The following resolution is next introduced
Resolved that all voting be taken by show of hands or by Gentlemen passing to the right and left of the chair / Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Twining which on being put there appeared for the same 6 against it 10 and the names being called for they appeared thus,

For the Resolution
Ald. Murr. Cogswell
Leahy. Twining
Nash. Riches 6

Against Resolution
Ald. Lownds. Conway
Trennamis Jennings
Ino Puggan. Thompson
Roome. Owens
Barnstead
James Puggan. 10

Election of Measurers of Coal.

The City Council next proceed to the Election of a Measurers of Coal,

Read over the various applications The votes are several times taken when finally they appeared for James Goreham 10 votes and for William Kennedy 6 votes, James Goreham having a clear majority of votes is therefore elected one of the Coal Measurers of the City,

The City Council next take up the Report of Committee of City Hospital this day submitted, the same is read when following resolution (1862) is introduced

Resolved to printing report Committee of City Hospital.

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that the Report of the Committee of City Hospital, be allowed to remain on the table for future use

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action of the Council - that the Report be printed and that the Council take the matter into consideration on the day of Monday. Moved by Alderman Twining seconded by Alderman Evans. which on being put is passed,

Resolved - furnish-
ing the City Hospital

Resolved that the present Committee proceed with the furnishing and preparing the Hospital with such furniture as may be necessary to prepare the Six Wards recommended by the Medical Men, said sum not to exceed more than £250. Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Poome, which on being put is passed 14 - Noting for the Resolution and 3 against it.

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

Committee Room March 7th 1860

Report Committee
of Public Accounts
7 March of the 1860

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

The following Accounts were presented -

For Bridewell			
Wm McDonald	Keperbal for Jan ^y	11.5.7	
Do	Do Feb ^y	11.8.10	22.14.5
Bell & Anderson	Sundries 27 th Feb ^y		5.17.1
J. W. Henerty	Bread 25 Decr 1859		17.3
			<u>£ 29.8.9</u>

City			
A Ninicove	Painting Nov ^r 1859		3.5.6
John McKay	Replacing fence destroyed at fire 9 th Sept 1859		6.13.4
Ritchie & Bulger	Advertising to 31 Decr 1859		6.11.3
W. & C. Silves	Druggist 4 th March		1.5.0
Commissioners Poor	Balance due them for 1858		59.14.4
			<u>£ 77.9.5</u>

Fire Department			
John Hannan	Buckets & refreshments to the engine to fire at Freshwater 13 Feb ^y		2.19.3
	Total		<u>£ 109.17.5</u>

All of which are recommended for payment.

Philip Thompson
Chairman

When on Motion His Worship the Mayor is requested to draw checks for the various amounts therein contained.

Read report of Committee on Drains, Sewers and Streets this day submitted. (See Next Page)

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Report

The Committee on Drains, Sewers and Streets having carefully examined all matters submitted to them by the City Council beg leave to present the following report.

Report Special Com^{tee}
on Drains Sewers and
Streets -

First - On taking up the Memorial of Charles Sullivan and others relative to a Drain in Dresden Row, Your Committee recommend the Superintendent of Streets be authorised to construct a good and substantial Sewer from Dresden Row through the Tannery of Philip Nelson Esq^r thence through the Catholic Cemetery as recommended in the Superintendent's report of the 1st Nov^r 1859 being in the opinion of your Committee the best and cheapest method of remedying the grievances complained of by the Memorialists and other inhabitants in that locality.

Second - On Reading the Report of the Superintendent of Streets relative to the Sewer in Salter Street Your Committee recommend the immediate construction of a new substantially built Sewer running into the Public Docks at the foot of Salter Street, being in the opinion of your Committee the only means of remedying the many evils complained of by Citizens in that locality, the Damages claimed per account from S. W. Ritchie Esq^r by W^m Roles amounting to the sum of Eighty Four pounds Fifteen shillings. Your Committee recommend for the consideration of the City Council.

Third - With respect to a Letter from S. W. Ritchie Esq^r dated 1st November 1859 addressed to the Superintendent of Streets complaining of the construction of a drain in Lockman Street conveying Water &c from a considerable distance through Lockman Street into a Sewer passing through the premises of S. W. Merkle Esq^r. the Superintendent of Streets informs your Committee he never gave permission to any person to break the ground and construct the drain complained of in Lockman Street, that he gave W^m Roome permission to make a drain through Lockman Street to Cornwallis Street that being the best inclination from his W^m Roome's property as stated in the Superintendent of Streets report dated 4th Nov^r 1859.

Your Committee therefore cannot recommend the Council to take any action in the matter it being in their opinion a private affair between S. W. Merkle and Rich^d J. Roome Esq^s.

Fourth - On reading the Memorial of John Puffin and others relative to Seymour Street, Your Committee recommend the Council do comply with the Prayers of Petitioners.

In conclusion Your Committee cannot close this Report without respectfully calling the attention of the City Council at an early day to adopt some better system of Sewerage than that at present existing through the City of

Watifax -
Committee Room
March 10th 1860

Respectfully submitted
William Owens
Chairman

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Read Bill of Particulars of Mr. Roles
Damage handed in therewith,
Halifax N.S. March 7th 1860.

The Corporation of
The City of Halifax To Joseph Roles Esq

To Damages to date for premises occupied
and owned by him — \$84.15.0

<u>Damages</u>	
For Carpenters & Materials used in cleaning & repairing damages	\$15.0.0
Labor &c expended	2.10.0
For Porfi & Vegetables lost	25.0.0
" 2 Weeks Time Lost @ 22/6	2.5.0
" Coals	15.0.0
Loss of use of cellar (5 years)	<u>25.0.0</u>
	<u>\$84.15.0</u>

Mem-
This sum does not nearly cover the amount of damages sustained by Joseph Roles as the nuisance has continued for 5 years, but he will be satisfied to take the above amount if measures are taken to prevent a recurrence of the damage but if he is driven to a suit, he will expect a much larger amount, as he will be prepared to prove that he has sustained a much heavier loss —

On Motion of Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman John Duggan that the first clause of said report do pass —

Report Supt. of
Streets on above subject

The Report of the Superintendent of Streets to said Committee dated 1st Nov^r 1859 is next read
In amendment to foregoing Motion that the Report do lie over until information is obtained from the parties through whose property the drain will pass. amendment carried 10 Voting for it and 4 against it,
The original motion is therefore lost.

The second clause of said report is next read when on Motion the same is adopted

On Motion the remaining portion of Report of Committee on Drains and Sewers remains over until Thursday next at Two o'clock

On Motion Council adjourn until Thursday next at Two o'clock.

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B. De B. Marshall having been appointed by the City Council City Architect is this day sworn into Office for the faithful performance of his duty in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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James Goreham having been appointed one of the Coal Measurers for the City, is this day sworn into Office in presence of His Worship the Mayor -

March 15th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Cogswell John Duggan, Lounds, Barnstead, Nash, Twining, Thompson James Duggan, Moir, Trennamin, Leahy, Conway, Roome Bell, Pichey and Jennings -

The City Council were summoned to take up Report of Committee of City Prison, and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 12th March

Petition of Thomas Adams & others

Alderman James Duggan Chairman submits a Bill in reference to the Petition of Thomas Adams and others relative to the Survey of Lumber in the City of Halifax - On Motion said Bill is received -

Report Committee of Wharves & Trucks

Alderman James Duggan Chairman submits Report of Committee of Wharves and Trucks. On Motion same is received -

His Worship the Mayor hands in an Estimate to be assessed for County Purposes, received by him from the Clerk of the Peace, on Motion the same is received -

His Worship the Mayor submits a series of resolutions passed at a Meeting held at Dartmouth relative to the sale of Grain &c by Weight. On Motion the same is received -

The Estimate from the Clerk of the Peace this day submitted is next taken up and read, (See next page) when on Motion said Estimate is ordered to be handed over to the Committee of Public Accounts to report upon -

On Motion the order of the day is suspended, to take up the Resolutions of the Dartmouth Committee this day submitted, where on Motion the same is referred to a Committee to on the same - Committee Aldermen Pichey, Jennings, Twining, Nash Moir and Cogswell -

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Office of Clerk of the Peace
Halifax 14th March 1860

To His Worship
The Mayor
for the City of Halifax
— Sir —

Communication from
Clerk of Peace re to
Amount to be assessed
for County purposes

In obedience to the
order of the Court of Quarter Sessions, I beg to enclose herewith
a copy of a Resolution passed at Sessions shewing the
amount to be assessed upon the City of Halifax the present
year for Railway Damages and also for County purposes
and respectfully requesting that the same may be levied
and collected agreeably to Law

I have the honor
to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. J. Clarke
Clerk of the Peace
per N. Clarke
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

Halifax I. J.

— Court of Quarter Sessions —
March Term 1860

March 9th It was unanimously resolved that
the Clerk of the Peace transmit to His Worship the Mayor a
certificate shewing the amount to be assessed the present year on
the City of Halifax for Railway Damages viz One thousand One
hundred and Sixty seven pounds thirteen shillings and the
further sum of Fifty eight pounds for Commission for collecting
the same, and that the City Council be requested to give the
necessary order to have the same assessed levied and collected
agreeably to Law —

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— And Further —

That the Clerk of the Peace furnish
to His Worship the Mayor and City Council the amount to be
assessed on the City of Halifax for County Rates for the present
Year viz One thousand one hundred and eighty two pounds,
four shillings and the further sum of Sixty pounds for Commission
for collecting the same and that the City Council be requested
to have the same assessed and collected agreeably to Law

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Office of Clerk of the Peace
I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original
Resolution passed on the Ninth day of March A.D. 1860 at a
Meeting of the Court of Quarter Sessions by me extracted from
the Minutes of Sessions —

Halifax 14th March 1860

J. J. Clarke
per N. Clarke
Deputy Clerk of the Peace

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The City Council next proceed with the order of the day - The first Clause of Report of Committee of Drains and Sewers standing over from last Meeting is then taken up - The said Clause is Read

Read Letter from His Grace the Archbishop on the Subject -

Read Letter from His Grace
Halifax N.S. March 13th 1860

Gentlemen

In reply to your note of this morning I beg leave to say that I will give the required permission to make a drain from Mr. Getson's property through the lower part of the Catholic Cemetery on the following conditions viz,
First That all the Coffins which may be disturbed during the making of the drain will be temporarily set apart in a decent place, pointed out by the sexton for the purpose and when the drain is made, they must be replaced in the same position as before, and all at the expense of the Corporation of Halifax.

Second That the said Drain be dug to the depth of thirteen feet at least, and that it be thoroughly made and flagged over at the depth of at least ten feet so as not to interfere in any way with the interments and the general use of the Cemetery as it stood before the drain was made.

Third That said drain be large enough for all the uses for which it is required that it be thoroughly built and kept in best order, at the expense of said corporation and that all damages arising from its construction and passing through the Cemetery, will be compensated for according to the estimate of any two or three duly appointed arbitrators.

Fourth, In case of any legal difficulties arising from the disturbance of the coffins the corporation must guarantee that I will be at no loss.

Hoping that my reply on this subject will meet the views of yourselves and those with whom you are connected,

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient Servant
Sigs^{ts} Thomas G. Connolly

To Mess^{rs}
Aldermen Nash and
Puggan

When the following resolution is introduced,

Resolved that the first Clause of the Report from Committee of Drains and Sewers together with the letter of most Rev^d P. Connolly on the subject of Drain through Catholic Cemetery be referred to the Superintendent of Streets to report upon, and further that said Superintendent be required to furnish to this Council an Estimate of the probable cost of repairing the present drain from
Dresden

Letter from Archbishop
relative to Drain
through Catholic
Cemetery.

Resolved to report
of Committee on
Drains - Sewers
Streets &c

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March 15th Row, and also the contemplated drain through the property of P. Letson Esq and the said Cemetery, Moved by Alderman James Duggan seconded by Alderman Twining which on being put is passed,

On Motion the further consideration of the Report of Committee of Drains and Sewers is deferred until next Meeting of Council,

Memo of R Richardson relative to Building Act

Read Memorial of Robert Richardson and others relative to Building Act, submitted on 15th inst (See file)

Read Resolutions passed on the 4th February last in reference thereto.

When a Motion is made that the Bill as fairly engrossed be handed to the Committee on Bills for presentation to the Legislature for their approval, to which the following amendment is introduced,

Resolved - to Building Act.

Resolved that the further consideration of the Building Act now before this Council be deferred for three Months. Moved by Alderman Poome seconded by Alderman Lounds, which on being put there appeared for the same 9 against it 5. The original motion is therefore lost and the names being called for they appeared thus,

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| For the Amendment | Against the Amendment |
| Aldermen Moir " Lounds | Aldermen Twining |
| Leahy " Trennamier | Thompson |
| McCaughey " Poome | Bell |
| Conway " Nash | Riches |
| McCaughey | Sennings |

Alderman Twining gives Notice of reconsideration,

Memo Comm^s of Poor Asylum rel to Bridewell Property

Read Memorial of Commissioners of the Poor Asylum relative to Bridewell property (See file) when following resolution is introduced,

Resolved - rel to Lease of Bridewell Property

Resolved that the Bridewell Property be leased to the Commissioners of the Poor Asylum by regular written lease for five years at the rent of £ per annum with a proviso that if the City should require it for building ground for any public Civic Building the Poor Commissioners on 6 Months Notice shall surrender the lease, being compensated by the City for improvements on reasonable terms,

Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Lounds which Resolution on being put is passed.

On Motion the Blank be filled up with £10 per annum - an amendment is introduced that the blank be filled up with 5/- per annum, which amendment on being put is passed & Voting for the same and 6 against it. The Original Motion is therefore lost.

Read Report

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Read Report of Committee of City Prison submitted 12th March inst.

Report Committee City Prison 12. March 1860

The Committee of the City Prison - herewith submit the report of the late Superintendent given at the time of his discharge - and also of the Medical Officer on the state of the Prison, - and report that the Building - itself is ready for occupation. Before the Prisoners are removed to it - it will be necessary that an Undertaker be appointed and some means provided for the transmission from the Police Office to and from the Prison on their examination or committal. There is a good deal of work still to be done at the Prison and about which some of the Prisoners are now engaged which can be better attended to after their removal.

The Committee herewith submit a statement received from the City Treasurer of the Monies expended on Prison account as follows

Paid M. H. Davis Contractor - Contracts &c		
" Super Extras	3	£ 8191. 14. 6
" Superintendent 1857 to 60		107. 8. 9
" James Holloway in charge of Men		" " "
" from Bridewell employed 57 to 60		634. 19. 6
" Cleverdon & Co, Chimney Pipes		12. 5. 0
" Erection of Paviors and fence		118. 8. 5
" Boggs & Co, Locks, Hinges &c		19. 13. 9
" Thos Peters, Pump Maker		3. 9. 6
" John Taylor, Blacksmith		23. 4. 6
" Longard, Turnsmith		4. 18. 6
" J. H. Brown, Iron railing		9. 10. 0
" Wm. Lounds, Front Cellar Door &c		4. 0. 6
		<u>£ 9129. 12. 11</u>

Amounting in all to £ 9129. 12. 11 expended on the Building and which will leave £ 270. 17. 1 of the building fund applicable towards the finishing of the building.

The Committee have also expended the sum of £ 110. 0. 10 under resolution of the Council - in fitting up the Cells with Iron bedsteads and in providing Stoves - Pipes &c as follows.

Paid Pat Lyons for Iron Bedsteads & fittings		£ 58. 17. 10
" Boggs & Co Hoop Iron		6. 1. 9
" Symonds & Co for Stoves pipe &c		45. 1. 3
		<u>£ 110. 0. 10</u>

Which amount as well as the amount with Duffus & Co for Blankets, Rugs &c being £ 43. 6. 0 is payable out of the Bridewell Note.

The Committee would add that there are now sixty cells on the second and third floors furnished with bedsteads and ready for occupation and twenty cells not yet furnished, -

The Cells in the Basement are yet unfinished. The Committee are about to proceed to finish the rooms on the second story of the centre building and to complete the work required in the basement not connected with the cells -

They -

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They also propose to furnish one of the rooms in the centre building as a Commissioners room and office - The committee would suggest that it would be satisfactory to them if the Council would visit the Prison previous to its occupation. There will be required at once to be provided a Good horse, truck and harness for agricultural purposes as well as to truck stones for the Wall, which is required round the whole of the Rockhead Farm. All which is respectfully submitted

Committee Room
March 12th 1860

Wm Charles Twining
Chairman

Read report of B. D. S. Marshall
architect relative sheets,
Halifax City Prison
10th Feby 1860

Report B.D.S. Marshall
rel to City Prison

Sir

I beg leave to report for the information of the Committee for Building of City Prison that the several contracts for Building the Prison together, with the Extra Work, by the Committee ordered to be done, is now completed, to my satisfaction and the Building fit for occupation. I have also to state the existance of a slight leak around the Chimney which I suppose to have been caused by the lead around the Chimney being injured by the Masons in raising the Chimney Tops, after the roof was completed, this leak has but recently been detected and the weather since then and now has been and is too unfavourable to warrant any attempt to make the roof tight. I have represented this to Mr Robert Davis and he agrees as soon as the Weather permits, to remedy this defect to my satisfaction and that of the Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted

Charles Twining Esq
Chairman Committee
of City Prison

B. D. S. Marshall
Superintendent

When on Motion the said Reports are adopted, and the following resolution introduced,

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to cause the usual notice to be inserted in the papers advertising for the City for an assisting Keeper for the City Prison. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Twining, which resolution on being put is passed -

Read Letter from John M Ritchie Esq relative to How Amos Collins Assessment (See Next Page)

Resol. rel to an Asst
Keeper for City Prison