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Others, for a drain in upper Water Street — See File, —  
Read memorial of John Cade and

The Committee of Streets to report upon, —  
Fairbanks Submitted this day, —  
On motion the same is referred to  
as also the Petition of Charles W. —

Petitions  
of James  
Cochran et al  
for a Gas  
Lamp

and Others for Gas Lamps, — See File, —  
Read Petition of James Cochran Esq

The Committee of Gas Lamps to report upon, —  
Chief Justice and Mrs Robie, —  
On motion the same is referred to  
as also that of His Lordship the

Next Introduced, —  
The following Resolution No 5 is —

Whereas much inconvenience and  
detriment to the Public Service exists from the present organization  
of the Police Force, and its Connection with the duties of the City  
Marshal as the Executive officer, of the Mayor's and Police Court —

Res-set to  
Police  
Committee

Therefore, Resolved that the whole  
Subject of the duties and organization of the Police and City Marshal  
and his assistance be referred to a Committee of an Alderman from  
each Ward to report to this Council at an early day Moved by —  
Alderman Mash, Seconded by Alderman Jennings, which on being  
put is passed, Committee Alderman Compton, Mash, James Duggan  
Fremman, Roome and Jennings,

On motion The Council Rise, —

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship The Mayor Alderman John Duggan, Ash, McCulloch, Dunbar, James Duggan, Ackhurst, Cagan, Coleman, Trennaman, Conway, Jennings, Kaye and Richey,

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Read over proceedings of 29th

The Council was summoned to take up the business standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business.

Reports from Committee of City Prison — Received —

Memorial of R. Noble and S. S. B. Smith Esquires Relative to Water Rates,

Reports from Special Committee on Water Tariff — Received —

In. Report of Committee on Miss Melvin's Case — Received —

Submits memorial of Thomas Bolton relative to his Water Rates — Received —

Reports from Committee of Public accounts — Received —

Read report of Committee of Committee of City Prison.

Report of the Committee of City Prison

Committee Room,  
City Prison,  
4th December 1861.

accounts submitted and allowed,

No. 1	C. Barnstead,	\$ 42 " 83½
2	" Mc. Keennessy,	308 " 92
3	" E. Wilson, W. Keizer	40 " 00
4	" Patk McLean W. Keizer,	6 " 66
5	" Geo Kelly, Messengers,	17 " 22
6	" Thomas O'Brien	22 " 50
7	" Duffus & Co	48 " 00
	" Sundry Purchases	35 " 85

The Committee of the City Prison, beg leave to report, for the information of the City Council that it has become necessary that the third story of the central portion of the building should be finished, great inconvenience is experienced for the want of Room

The committee

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December 7th. The Committee, have obtained (therefore) a specification from the City Architect of the work to be done, and they request that they may be authorized to advertise for Tenders. Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) M. H. Richey, Chairman

When the following the Resolutions are introduced,

Resolved that the report of the Committee of City Prison, just read, be approved of and that the accounts be paid, and that his Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw of the City Cheques for the same, moved by Alderman, Conway, seconded by Alderman, Coleman, which on being put is passed.

Report of Public accounts, Submitted this day. Read report of Committee of Committee Room Decr. 5th 1861

The Committee of Public accounts met this day, Present Alderman Pallister and the Chairman, when the following accounts were submitted for examination viz.

City		
Doctor Gilpin		\$ 5. 00
Gas Company		2782. 47
Gas Company		66. 00
R.I. Room		36. 67
Clerk of Market		1. 22
Richie and Bulger		24. 40
James Crosshill		20. 00
John Kelly		15. 00
Thomas Cummins		45. 00
Thomas Cummins		1. 80
William Lawson		20. 00
		<u>3017. 56</u>
City Hospital,		
R. W. Fraser		175. 84
John Pugh		119. 42
John Scott		12. 62
		<u>307. 88</u>
Fire Department		
Gas Company		27. 60
		<u>\$ 3353. 04</u>

The Committee have examined the above accounts, and find them all correct and recommend that they be paid, all of which is respectfully Submitted.

(Signed) William A. Hurst, Chairman Committee Public accounts.

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Introduced  
of Public accounts, be received and that his Worship the Mayor, be requested to draw Cheques for the same, moved by alderman Ackhurst, seconded by alderman John Duggan, which on being put is passed

When following resolution No 2 is  
Resolved that the report, of Committee

Report of  
Submitted on  
Water Tariff

Submitted this day.  
Introduced,

Read report of Committee on Water Tariff  
When following Resolution No 3 is

Water Tariff be adopted, so far as the importation of Pipes is concerned and that the remainder of the report be laid on the table until next meeting of Council and that in the mean time the report be published in the papers advertising for the city, moved by alderman Ackhurst, seconded by alderman Conway,

Resolved that, report, just read on  
To which the following amendment

is introduced,  
be appointed, to again, go out and confer with the Commissioners of Water Works, and with Mr Peters, as to the pipes called Cement pipes before ordering, the pipes from Great Britain, moved by alderman Ackhurst seconded by alderman [unclear] seconded by alderman McCulloch, which amendment on being put is passed.

Resolved that the same Committee

List,  
Introduced,

The original resolution is therefore -

Res - to publish  
the report on  
the Water  
Tariff

the report on Tariff be published in the papers advertising for the city, for the information of the Council and the public generally before it is adopted, moved by alderman Ackhurst seconded by alderman Conway, which on being put is passed,

The following Resolution No 4 is -  
Resolved that the report on the Water

Petition of  
S. Connor  
for a drain

in aid of a Drain, (see file)  
to the Committee of Streets to Report upon,

Read Petition from P. Connor  
On motion the same is referred

Relative to Mr Bernard O'Neil's building in Hoop's Street,  
Special Committee to report upon, Committee alderman McCulloch, Ackhurst, Pullister,

Read report of City Architect  
On motion the same is referred to a

Petition of  
E. Hayden & Co  
to Taxes

and Edward Duckett relative to their Taxes, (see file for papers

Read Petition of Edward Hayden

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Referred to the Committee on Taxes to report upon.  
On motion the said Petitions are

Relative to a Road

Read memorial of A. Knight

Committee of Laws and Privileges to report upon.

On motion the same is referred to the

Memorials  
of Mr Goudge  
rel to a road  
Chair.

Read memorial of Mr Goudge relative

His Worship The Mayor leaves the

alderman Conway takes the Chair.

The Following Resolution No 5 is

Introduced

Res - not to grant  
the Petition of  
Mr Goudge

Petition be not granted, the question having been previously settled  
by this Council, moved by alderman Kaye, seconded by alderman  
Coleman, which on being put is passed,

Resolved that the Prayer of Mr Goudges

Petition of  
Mrs Fisher  
rel to a drain

to a drain, (see file)

Read Petition of Mrs Fisher, relative

Committee of Streets to report upon.

On motion said Petition is referred to the

of Coals relative to Resignation of James Breslow - see file -

Read communication from Supervisor

Communication  
from James  
Breslow

Withdrawing his resignation

Read communication from James Breslow

When following Resolution No 6 is

Introduced

Breslow, of the office of Measurer of Coals be accepted moved by  
alderman Mculloch seconded by alderman Jennings

Resolved that the resignation of Mr James

To which the following amendment

is introduced,

to inquire into to the reason for the Resignation of Mr Breslow as  
a coal measurer, moved by alderman Packhurst seconded by alder-  
man, John Duggan, which amendment on being put is lost

Resolved that a committee be appointed

Res to enquire  
the reason of  
resignation of  
Mr Breslow

8 Voting for the same and 4 against it,

The Resolution is then put and passed

On motion The Council Rise

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present. John Duggan, Comptroller, Imlay Nash, McCulloch, Dunbar, Ackhurst, Colgan, Pallister, Edelman, Freeman, Roome, Leahy, Conway, Jennings, Kaye, and Kichey

December.

Read over proceedings of 7th

Summoned to appoint Fire Wards and Fire Constables for ensuing year, and the transaction of other business

The City Council were

and reads letter from City medical officer relative to explosion of Boiler at City Hospital

alderman Comptroller submits

From Special Committee on Mr B O Neils building - Received

alderman McCulloch reports

of Fire Wards reports relative to Fire at engine House on Grand Parade - Received

alderman Ackhurst, Chairman

In communication from Secretary of Halifax Fire Insurance Company on same subject.

His Worship the Mayor hands

Colonel Meyers, in answer, to extract of Council relating to his assessment,

also communication from

Colonel Westmacot relative to Military Store Yard

also communication from

City Clerk relative to insecurity of City Records.

also communication from

Thomas R Gracie Esquire London, relative to Railway assessment,

also a communication from

Not is next introduced,

When following Resolution

Council, that some improvement may be made by a reorganization of the Fire Wards of the City of Halifax and the Department, and the management, at Fires within the City,

Whereas it is thought by this

a committee be appointed composed of one alderman from each Ward to take up the subject herein referred to and to suggest any alterations or improvements which they judge advisable and to report to this Council at an early day, Moved by alderman Nash seconded by alderman Jennings, which on being put is passed and the names being called for they appeared Thus  
For the Resolution

Res. rel to  
Fire Department

December 17th

For The Resolution

Against it

alderman Roome,  
 " Nash,  
 " Smlay,  
 " Fremdaman,  
 " Richey,  
 " Kaye,  
 " Jennings,  
 " Dunbar,  
 " Pallister,

alderman Coleman  
 " Leahy,  
 " John Duggan,  
 " McCullough,  
 " Conway,  
 " Compton,  
 " Ackhurst

The Committee alderman Compton

Nash, Ackhurst, Pallister, Roome, Jennings

of Reconsideration

alderman Conway gives notice

The City Council next proceed to the election of Fire wards and Fire Constables, and the following Gentlemen are appointed

Ward No. 1. A. J. Richey is appointed

Election of Fire Wards for the different Wards

9 voting for him and 8 against him and the names being called for they appeared thus,

For,  
 Alderman Roome  
 Leahy  
 John Duggan  
 McCullough,  
 Compton,  
 Eagar,  
 Ackhurst  
 Coleman,  
 Pallister

against it,  
 alderman Nash,  
 Smlay,  
 Fremdaman,  
 Conway,  
 Richey,  
 Kaye,  
 Jennings  
 Dunbar.

9

8

Fire Wards.

Ward No One  
 Alderman Smlay  
 George Blakelock

Ward No Two  
 Alderman Nash,  
 James Reeves  
 George Long,

Ward No Three  
 Alderman Jas. Duggan,  
 James Butler  
 P. H. Lewis,

Ward No Four  
 Alderman Coleman,  
 James Lees,  
 James Himm,

Ward No Five  
 Ald Ackhurst,  
 Robert Taylor  
 Peter Hogan

Ward No Six  
 Frederick Fishwick  
 Herbert Harris  
 James Lamont.

Introduced,

The following Resolution No 2 is next

Resolved that that the Resolution of this Council, requiring an alderman from each Ward be appointed on Board of Fire Wards be rescinded moved by alderman Richey Seconded by alderman Jennings which on being put is passed 9 voting for the same and 6 against it

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Election of  
Fire Constables

Fire Constables

Ward No One  
John Lane,  
Pat Kelly,  
Thomas Fenwick,  
John Morgan,

Ward No Two  
Arthur Murphy,  
Richard Currie,  
Michael Keating,  
William Noble,

Ward No Three,  
Patrick Kearney,  
Wm. Fraser Jr.,  
Stephen Bowers,  
James Hunter,

Ward No Four  
Thomas Bracket,  
Thomas Rhyno,  
Michael Power,  
Peter Clark

Ward No Five  
R. M. Fraser,  
Michael Punch,  
Geo. Ackhurst,  
Wm. McNutt,

Ward No Six,  
James Warner,  
John Young,  
Edward DeWolf,  
Jos. McDermott,

Res = set to  
Grates for the  
Steam Engines

Introduced,

of Water Supply be empowered to make such arrangements as to give the steam engines a sufficient supply of water for their boilers when working at fires and that this Council will provide for the same, moved by alderman Compton seconded by alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed.

The following resolution No 3 is next

Resolved that the Commissioners

Report of the  
Chairman of  
wards

Introduce or lay on the table a Resolution by way of notice relative to Battalion flag the same is read.

Alderman Jennings has leave to

Read Report of Chairman of Fire Wards relative to injury by fire to Engine House, on Parade.

Read Report of Chairman of Fire

Halifax N.S. December 17th 1861  
To His Worship The Mayor,  
and City Council?

For your information that on Thursday morning last a fire broke out at the engine house corner of Grand Parade which has caused considerable damage to the building and the loss of a quantity of Cotton Hose.

Gentlemen,

It becomes my duty to report

I am happy to be able to report that the loss to the City is not so great as was at first anticipated the damage to the engine house is more than covered by Insurance and there is only seven lengths of hose in all three hundred and fifty feet - value three hundred and fifty Dollars

The engines (Reels) and apparatus was promptly removed from the building and are now located for the present, as follows No 1 Engine at No 1 Engine House Spring Garden Road and the Water Commissioners building Grafton Street has been temporarily fitted up for Nos 2 and 3 engines.

The whole of the hose being very wet from the fire on Tuesday morning I had it all removed to No 4 Engine House, where it was all carefully dried, reeled and ready for any emergency in a few hours after the fire.

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Much of the leather hose is in a very bad condition and cannot be depended on it is therefore recommended, by the board of Fire Wards that two or three thousand feet Boyds Patent Hose should be imported without delay. It is impossible for me to report to what extent the Engine House has been damaged by this Fire, but I would recommend that no time should be lost in repairing the House, so that the Engines and apparatus may be in their proper places as soon as it may be possible, all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) William Ackhurst,  
Chairman of Fire Wards.

His Worship's orders 1000 ft of Cotton hose

Introduced

to this Council that he had ordered 1000 feet of Cotton hose

The following Resolution No 4 is next

His Worship the Mayor, having reported

Be it therefore resolved that this Council confirm the order and further direct that 2000 feet additional hose be ordered forthwith, moved by alderman Jennings seconded by alderman Pallister, which on being put is passed Unanimously.

Communication from Esop of Halifax Assurance Co

of Halifax Fire insurance company relative to damage to Engine House by Fire,

Read Communication from Secretary Halifax Fire Insurance Office,  
Halifax December 14th 1861.

To John L Cragg Esquire,  
City Clerk & Co.

I have to acknowledge your letter of this morning advising the damage by Fire to the Fire Engine House, and requesting payment of the amount insured thereon under policy No 300.

I am instructed to say in reply that as the damage to the building appears to be partial and not total loss the Directors propose to send an architect with the City architect, that the injury may be fairly estimated and reported.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your obedient servant  
Richard Fernain  
Secretary

Communication from Colonel Westmacott

Westmacott, See file for papers

Read Communication from Colonel

Committee of Streets to report upon

On motion the same is referred to the

Gracie Esquire London.

Read Communication from Thomas K.

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14 a Austin Friars,  
London 30th Nov. 1861.

P. G. Hill Esq.  
Mayor of Halifax N.S.  
Sir,

Letter from  
Thomas R. Grassie  
Esq London.

With reference to my last communication under date of ultimo I have now to enclose the following papers relating to the City of Halifax Railway affairs for the information of the City Council viz. Copy of Sir F. Rogers reply to my letter of 12th November, copy of my reply hereto dated 22nd November, copy of my letter to the Duke of Newcastle dated 27th November, with the copy of Counsel opinion in the case.

I am in hopes that the Duke of Newcastle may be induced to postpone the matter, but if not I do not see that any thing more can be done here that a delegation, would be of no use (or avail), however I will consult with A. M. Poniacke Esquire after receipt a reply to my last communication which is very probable will be delayed for some little time, in consequence of the more important business of the Great affair, now occupying the attention of the Cabinet.

Yours Truly  
(Signed) Thomas R. Grassie

On motion the Council Rise.

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December 23rd

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At a Quarterly meeting of the City Council, held this day Present, His Worship the Mayor, aldermen John Duggan, Compton, Smlay, Nash, McCulloch, Dunbar, James Duggan, Ackhurst, Cogan, Coleman, Ferriman, Roome Leahy, Conway, Jennings, Kaye and Richey,

Read Over proceedings of 17th Decr.

alderman Conway, Chairman, hands in report from Committee of Tenders - Received -

alderman Richey Chairman. Reports from Committee of City Prison, - Received -

also report, of Committee of Conference with Water Commissioners in reference, to Water Pipes - Received -

also a communication from Commissioners of Water Supply to City Council, Received,

His Worship the Mayor, reports in Reference to the case of the City (vs. G. G. Fuller

also report of City architect relative to damages done to Engine house by Fire, - See file -

G. G. relative to his bituminized Water pipe, also communication from Mr. Fuch-

and Sons, relative to impatation of hose, also communication from Messrs J. Boyd

The order of the day is suspended to allow alderman Roome to introduce a resolution,

When the following Resolution No 1 is Introduced,

Resolved that the City Hospital be placed, at the disposal of the Mayor, General Commanding Her Majesty's Forces as a Hospital for the use of troops, shortly expected to arrive, and that the Mayor and Chairman of the various committees have power, to give the use of all other City buildings available for the use of the military authorities during the present emergency moved by alderman Roome seconded by alderman Conway which on being put is passed Unanimously

Read Report of Committee of tenders Submitted this day,

Res to lend no hospital to the military authorities

Report of the Committee of Tenders

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Committee Room, Halifax Decr 21st 1861

Committee  
of Tenders

Committee of Tenders met this day  
Present alderman John Duggan and the Chairman, when the  
following tenders were opened for Printing, blanks, hand bills and  
advertising for the City, for the year 1862.

- No 1 John S Compton, and James Bowden for Printing blanks per  
Quire, 32 cents.
- " John S Compton and James Bowden for Hand bills  
per sett, 29 "
- " John S Compton and James Bowden for advertising  
per square, 2 1/4 "
- " John S Compton and James Bowden, each continuation  
one fourth, 6 "
- No 2, Crosskill & Bournot, advertising per square 33 "
- " Crosskill & Bournot, continuation one fifth 6 1/2 "
- No 3 Hugh Blackador, for blanks per square 30 "
- " Hugh Blackador for Hand bills per sett, 30 "
- " Hugh Blackador for advertising per square 40 "
- " Hugh Blackador for continuation per one fourth 10 "
- No 4 Thomas Annand for advertising in Chronicle 75 "
- " Thomas Annand for continuation 25c per 18 lines 25 "
- No 5 Thomas Annand for continuation in the  
Novascotian Weekly, 50 "
- " Thomas Annand for continuation 25 "
- No 6 Richie and Bulger, advertising per square 40 "
- " Richie and Bulger one fifth for continuation 8 "
- " Richie and Bulger hand bills seventy five cts per sett, 75 "
- No 7 James Bowes & Son blanks per sett Quire 3 1/2 "
- " James Bowes & Son Hand bills per sett, 3 1/2 "

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The tender of Hugh Blackador for  
advertising in the acadian Recorder, Weekly being the lowest and  
also his tender for blanks the Committee would recommend the same  
be accepted,

The Tender of Compton and Bowden  
being the lowest, for advertising in Express triweekly and for  
hand bills, Committee would also recommend the same be  
accepted,

The tender of A. & W. McC. Kinlay for  
Stationary being the only Tender the Committee would also  
Recommend the same be accepted, all of which is Respectfully  
Submitted,

(Signed) Jeremiah Conway,  
Chairman

Introduced,

When following Resolution No 2 is

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