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Resolved that the report of the Committee of Tenders for Printing and Stationary be approved of moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed, Alderman Conway withdraw his notice of reconsideration given at last meeting

Alderman Smlay and Alderman Tremmaman, asks leave to resign their position as Fire Wards their Resignation is accepted.

Alderman Compton, is appointed Fire Ward for Ward No. 1. Vice, Alderman Smlay.

Alderman Coleman is appointed Fire Ward for Ward No. 4. Vice Alderman Tremmaman.

Edward Longard and Jas. Duncan are appointed Fire Wards for Ward No. 6 Vice, Harris and Samont disqualified.

George Ackhurst, is appointed a Fire Constable for Ward No. 5 Vice Johnston.

On motion the fine prescribed by law is ordered to be collected from the Fire Constables who refuse to serve.

The City Council next proceed to the Election of measurers of Salt and grain.

When following persons are Elected  
Read application of old measurers  
Read following returns of the Supervisor

Application of old measurers of Salt and Grain

See file

of Salt and grain, for the year.

Salt	50,100	Ykds.	at	2 per Ykd	\$ 417	10	0
Wheat	1,50	Bushels	"	2/6 Per 100 bush.	"	1	6
Indian Corn	20,000	ditto,	"	2/6 Per 100 bush	"	25	0
Barley,	16,000	ditto	"	2/6 Per 100 bush.	"	20	0
Oats,	95,000	ditto	"	2/6 Per 100 bush.	"	118	15
						582	11
						10	1
						572	9

The amount \$572.9.8, divided among the eight measurers gives to each measurer, \$71.11.2 1/2

(Signed) John Martin  
Supervisor

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Read application of Robert Miller John Leahill, Edward Ryan, and William Smith. the votes are taken when John Martin Thomas McCarroll, Ambrose Keating James Bullen, William Blyth, Henry Morrissey David Nisbet and James Cragg are elected.

Application of Coal Measured

Supervisor, \_\_\_\_\_  
Measurers, \_\_\_\_\_ See file. \_\_\_\_\_  
of coal for the year, \_\_\_\_\_

On motion John Martin is appointed  
Read application of old coal  
Read following return of Supervisor

Measured by Wm. Bilby	2403
" A. Smith	2601
" Mr. Madison	2518
" J. Gorham	2679
" C. E. Major	2171
" J. Breslow	1635
" J. O'Connell	2270
" F. Clarke	2334
Madden	548
<b>Total</b>	<b>19159</b>

The 19159 Chaldrons of coal at 7 1/2 per Chaldron are £598. 14. 4  
Divided by nine gives each measurer the sum of £66. 10. 5  
W. J. Madden Supervisor

Read application of Edward Ryan, Samuel King, Pat Cochran, Charles Carey, Matthew Heffernan, George Craig Henry McParker, John Shortell and Michael Barry. when the following persons are elected, William J. Madden, John O'Connell, Mark Madison, A. F. Smith, William Bilby, Charles Major Robert Miller James Gorham and Frederick Clarke are elected, William J. Madden is appointed Supervisor.

Application of Wood Measured

Measurers, \_\_\_\_\_  
for the year, \_\_\_\_\_

Read application of old Wood  
Read return of Supervisor of Wood

The following number of cords wood measured by the following measurers.

Thomas James	2041	cords
Colin Wilson	2162	"
Henry McParker	1347	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>5550</b>	

The 5550 cords of cordwood at 5 per cord are £115. 12. 6  
divided by three gives each measurer the sum of £38. 10. 10

(Signed)

Thomas James  
Supervisor

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persons are elected wood measurers,  
and Collin Wilson.

The names are taken where the following  
Henry H. Parker Thomas James  
Thomas James is appointed Supervisor

James Sutton, John McPherson and William Henderson, for situation  
of Surveyor of Lumber. the names are taken and Henry Spike  
John McPherson, James Sutton and William Henderson, are appointed.

Read applications of Henry Spike  
James Nowood and William Kennedy  
are appointed scalers of leather.

Appointment  
of Scalers of  
Leather

James Mooney and William Newcomb  
are appointed Inspectors of Fresh and Pickled Beef and Pork

Appointment

Nicholas Wright and James Reid  
are appointed Inspectors of Brick and lime and measurers of mason  
work.

are appointed measurers of Painters Work for ensuing year.

Report of  
His Worship  
the Mayor on  
Fuller's Building

Read Report of His Worship the Mayor  
on Mr Fuller's building

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In pursuance of the directions of the City  
Council, proceedings were instituted in the Police Court against Mr L  
E. G. Fuller for a breach of the Building act, and a fine of \$25 was  
imposed on him, the premises in question were visited by those who  
tried the case, viz, the Mayor and alderman Jennings, accompanied  
by the City architect and Mr Saunders on behalf of Mr Fuller and a  
Report, of the architect accompanied by a plan is hereto annexed  
by which it will appear that a considerable portion of the eastern or rear  
wall of the building is composed of wood, it will be for the Council  
to decide what further steps should be taken in the matter.

(Signed) J. C. Hill Esqr.  
Mayor

Report of  
City Architect

Relative to Mr E G Fullers Building.

Read Report of City Architect

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Halifax, 14th December 1861.  
To His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

By your request I hereby beg leave to report that having on the 13th instant Examined the building owned and recently Erected by E. G. Fuller and find the Walls not 18 Inches in thickness as required by law on further Examining the East Wall do find that the second, third and fourth story of brick are only pending on simple wooden posts from the basement or Cellar floor to the height of first story floor, resting a wooden girder and brick work on the same it is apparent a settlement has taken place causing the stone window sill to be broken and a fracture of the Walls which is evident the temporary support, is not sufficient to sustain the Wall, also find the deflection of building corroborating with my former Report,

Your Worship, I am,  
Your Obedt Servant  
B. D. G. Marshall  
City Architect

(Signed)

is introduced,

When following Resolution No. 3.

Res= set to  
Fullers  
Building

has reported to this Council, that the building recently erected in Hollis Street by E. G. Fuller has the upper part of the rear or eastern side, supported on wooden Piles supporting a wooden girder which is contrary to the Building Act.

and whereas this Council do not desire seriously injure Mr Fuller by causing his building to be pulled down require that it should be made secure

Be it therefore resolved that the said Mr. E. G. Fuller do forthwith build up with a solid brick or Stone Wall in Compliance with the law, the eastern side of, of his said building to the satisfaction and under the Superintendance of the City Architect and that upon the said E. G. Fuller's building the wall and paying the fine imposed. No further action be taken against him. Moved by alderman Nash Secouded by alderman Ackhurst, which on being put is passed,

On motion the Council Rise

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December 26th.

Continued - into Office of Sealer of leather in presence of His Worship The Mayor -

James Nowood is this day sworn -  
John Martin (Supervisor), Tho. McBaner  
Ambrose Keating, James Cullen, William Blyth, Henry Morriser,  
David Nisbet and James Coragg, is this day sworn into office as Salt  
and Grain measurers in presence of His Worship The Mayor -

William J. Madden (Supervisor),  
John O'Connell, Mark Madison, A. J. Smith, William Bilby, Charles  
Major, Robert Miller, James Goreham, and Frederick Clarke are  
this day sworn into office, as measurers of coal in presence of His Worship  
The Mayor.

Thomas James (Supervisor), Henry Ho  
Parker, and Collin. Witsow, are this day sworn into office as  
Measurers of Wood in presence of His Worship The Mayor

December 27th into Office as Surveyor of lumber in presence of His Worship The Mayor

28th  
James Sutton is this day sworn into  
Office as Surveyor of lumber in presence of His Worship The Mayor -

Edward Longard Esqrs. alderman -  
James Duggan and alderman Nash, are this day sworn into office  
as fire Wards in presence of his Worship The Mayor.

30th  
James Durcan is this day sworn into  
Office as Fire Ward for Ward No. 6 in presence of His Worship The  
Mayor.

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, alderman John Duggan, Smlay, Nash, McCulloch, Dunbar, Jar, Duggan, Ackhurst, Hoagan, Pallister, Tremaman, Coome, Conway, Johnings, Richey and Kaye,

Instant,

Read over proceedings of 23rd Decr.

Alderman Richey lays on the Table certain amendments, in various acts, by the Commission to revise and consolidate the City Charter &c,

alderman Ackhurst as Chairman of City Property Submits Report, relative to claim of Messrs Davis and Barton for New Building, Market Slip,

also a report relative to letting of New Buildings to military authorities,

His Worship The Mayor Submits Copy of dispatch, which was transmitted to him by His Excellency The Earl Mulgrave received from the Duke of Newcastle relative to Railway assessment Bill,

Esquire, with accompanying despatch and Counsel in the matter of Railway assessment,

also a letter from Major General relative to City Buildings

also a communication from Secretary of International Exhibition relative to transfer of Building for use of military authorities

also a letter from Halifax Fire Insurance relative to amount awarded for damages to engine Hoos by Air,

also a Petition from C. D. Whitman relative to his Building, Heollis Street,

Also a Petition from Halifax Visiting Dispensary asking aid from Council, to that Institution

On motion the order of the day is read despatches suspended to allow the despatch from the Duke of Newcastle to be read  
From the Duke of Newcastle

Read said despatch, see file for papers

Read a letter from Thomas R Grassie Esquire, with accompanying as also a letter from Messrs Burchells & Co Solicitors London, relative to their charge for conducting Railway assessment Bill, appeal,

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His Worship

P. C. Hill Esq.

Mayor of Halifax

Dear Sir,

14 a Austin Friars

London 21st Decr. 1861

Letter from  
Thos. R. Grassie  
Esq. London

and I have now to inform you that I have received from the Colonial Office the decision of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, on the subject of the assessment bill, which I regret to inform is adverse to the Petition of the City Council.

I send you under a separate cover the communication of the Colonial Secretary with the copy of the despatch of the Duke of Newcastle to Lord Mulgrave, detailing the grounds in which he has recommended the Queen to allow the act of the Legislature to take its course.

I also transmit herewith the letter of Messrs Burchells, the Solicitors, employed, by which you will perceive that any further proceedings here are not likely to be attended with any beneficial result.

They have put down their charge for Services, Consultation fees, &c. at 50 Guineas to which I add for my own Services 10 Guineas and £2 for extra charges of postage, cab hire, &c. &c. say in all £65, which I will <sup>thank</sup> you to remit and in a short dated bill at your early convenience, I hope the City Council will not think the expenses incurred exorbitant a good deal of time and attention was given to the subject besides the personal influence used, and I am satisfied the business could not have been placed as far as the legal experience engaged in better hands.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours Truly,  
Thomas R. Grassie,

(Signed)

is introduced,

When the following Resolution No. 1.

Res. to appoint a Committee to consider a despatch from the Duke of Newcastle

Resolved that a Committee be appointed from the Duke of Newcastle just read and to report what further steps should be taken in reference thereto, to this Council, also the letter of Mr Grassie, moved by alderman Jennings seconded by alderman McCulloch, which on being put is passed,

On motion the foregoing Resolution is referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report upon.

Com. from the Major General

Major General, Commanding in reference to the City Hospital  
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Read communication from Secretary of Halifax Fire Insurance Company,

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Halifax Fire Insurance Office  
Halifax Decr. 31st 1861

Sir,

Copy from City  
of Halifax  
Insurance Co

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th Instant enclosing copy of the report of the City architect relative to the damage done to the fire Engine House by Fire, on the 12th Instant. These papers have been laid before the directors and I am instructed to say that the directors are prepared to pay to the City the amount of the Architect estimate for repairs to the Building viz one Hundred and forty Three pounds in conformity with the conditions of the Policy

I am Sir,

Your obt. Servant,  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Trueman  
Secretary

To John L. Cragg Esqr.  
City Clerk

Report of  
the City architect  
rel to damage  
done Engine  
house

Relative to damage sustained to Engine House on Grand Parade by Fire

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To His Worship The Mayor,  
May it please your Worship,

In accordance with your request together with Mr Daniel McPherson, on behalf of the Halifax Insurance Company, having examined the City Engine House to value damage done by Fire on the morning of the twelfth Inst. do award the sum of one Hundred and forty three pounds, also the additional sum of thirty pounds currency to make good the hot air or drying hose being full and sufficient to make good all damage done by said fire.

Respectfully,

Your obt. Servant  
B. De G. Marshall  
City Architect

is introduced

See to capt  
the money  
from the  
Insurance Co

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to accept the amount offered by the Halifax Fire Insurance Company, moved by alderman Jennings, seconded by alderman [unclear], which Resolution on being put is passed,

When Following Resolution No 2,

A motion is made that the council do now proceed, to the election of the old Watchmen in a body an amendment is made that the council proceed in the usual way by voting as names are introduced, amendment lost to voting for the [unclear] and against it and the names on the division being called for they appeared thus

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For the amendment  
Alderman Roome,  
" Nash,  
" McCulloch,  
" John Duggan,  
" Smlay,  
" Conroy,  
" "  
" "  
" "

Against it.  
Alderman Tremaman,  
" Kase,  
" Kichey,  
" Jennings,  
" Pallister,  
" Eagan,  
" Dunbar,  
" James Duggan,  
" Ackhurst. 9

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Election of  
Watchmen

men on the list are read over and the following persons are selected  
On motion the names of the Watch-

John Sheehan	John Scully,	John Connell.
James Aspray	David Redmond,	John Mulvane
Edward McPade	William Craig	John Shean.
David Greelman.	David Barry	"

Extra  
Watchmen

Extra Watchmen:

John Cady,	John Mc Namara	Timothy Burns
Matthew Morison	William Donovan	Patrick Farrell
Peter Wambolt	Matthew Sullivan	"

The Votes are then taken when there appeared for them 9, against them 6 and the names being called for they stood thus

For the appointment

Against it.

Alderman Tremaman  
" Kase  
" Kichey  
" Jennings  
" Pallister  
" Eagan  
" Dunbar  
" James Duggan  
" Ackhurst, 9

Alderman Roome,  
" Nash,  
" McCulloch,  
" John Duggan,  
" Smlay,  
" Conroy,  
" "  
" "

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Watchman Vice William Ellis, assistant, Watchman, 12 Voting for the appointment and 3 against it.

Next introduced,

James Mc Wilson is next elected a  
The following Resolution No 3 is-

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Resolved that His Worship the Mayor, have power, to retain the present eight or more special Watchmen if he deem it necessary for the Winter months until the first day of May, moved by alderman Conway, seconded by alderman McCulloch, which Resolution on being put is passed

G. S. Prehm  
Capt of Watch  
Communication  
from Command  
of Water Supply

Elected Captain of the Watch,  
Commissioners of Water Supply

On Motion of J. Prehm is -  
Read Communication from

Office of Commissioners of Water Supply  
Halifax Decr 23rd 1861.

To His Worships The Mayor,  
and alderman of the City Council  
of Halifax  
Gentlemen.

Being very desirous that the Memorandum for Water Pipes submitted to the Council (City) on 15th November should be put in train for execution without further delay We beg at this time, respectfully to solicit the attention of the Council to the following considerations

a question having arisen as to the Practicability of having the pipes manufactured in this Country and a Special Committee, of the Council, having reported unfavorably thereon the same Committee intending also, as we believe to report in favor of Iron, as compared with Cement Pipes, it now only remains, to decide between Iron Pipes and Bitumenized Pipes specimens of which latter have been lately exhibited to the Council by Mr Titch.

We beg the Council to observe 1st that the objections to Iron Pipes from liability to Corrosion and the formation of accretions, apply more particularly to Small Pipes of less than four inches in Diameter, In large pipes of Iron the obstruction from accretions is comparatively trifling while the Superiority in point of strength, is greatly on the side of Iron, as regards the smoothness and clearness of Iron, when contrasted with Cement, or Bitumenized Pipes, we remark that the patent coating now used in Britain to give a smooth surface and to preserve from Corrosion, has so far, given satisfaction, of this coating, Mr Bateman, Engineer of the Glasgow Water Works, says; it forms the cheapest, and best, protection against Corrosion, with which I am acquainted, he further states (adds) we have had 8 or 9 years experience of it in the Manchester and other Water Works, and where it has been well done, the coating is now as perfect, as the day when it was first applied to the pipes, Some of the Coating Pipes imported by the late Water Company a few years ago, seem to be as perfect now, as when first landed, so far as related to the large descriptions of Pipes, therefore there appears to be no good reasons why they should not be of Iron, on the contrary possessing so many advantages, (last also) being included we think it would be extremely

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Secondly. We call the attention of the Council to the fact that the memorandum submitted provides only for large or main pipes, that is to say, the pipes by means of which the water is to be brought from the lakes round the base of Citadel Hill, through Grafton Street and thence downwards in all the streets running east - <sup>to communicate with West.</sup> It is not proposed at present to disturb the smaller pipes running from Grafton North and South, which serve for the distribution of the water through- <sup>of Water Supply</sup> the city but it will be necessary before many years, to remove the greater part, perhaps the whole of these distribution pipes. It will thus be obvious that many opportunities will occur to lay either Cement, or Bituminized Pipes - as the case may be - after the lapse of a year or two, by which time - fuller and more accurate information will enable all concerned to decide with greater confidence.

We are quite aware that the ultimate decision of this question rest with the City Council, yet we deem it strictly compatible with our position and in accordance with our duty to state to the Council, the conclusions at which we have arrived, and the reasons that have led to that conclusion. Should the foregoing views meet the approval of the City Council, we beg leave finally to urge, that it is most desirable the order should be transmitted to Britain by steamer leaving Halifax on Thursday 26th Instant, so that ample time may be afforded both for the manufacture and shipment of the pipes in the most satisfactory manner.

In the meantime, we have the honour to be,  
Gentlemen, most Respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servant  
John A. Bell, Chairman,  
John L. Barry,  
Edw. J. Longford.

(Signed)

Read Report  
of Committee  
with Water  
Commissioners

Conference with Water Commissioners

Read Report of Committee of

Committee Room  
20th Decr 1861.

The Committee of Conference with the Commissioners of Water Supply, beg leave to report that having fully inquired into and considered the relative value of Iron and Patent Coated Cement Pipe, they find, that the cost is very nearly the same, and they feel it to be their duty, in consideration that the adoption of the Cement pipe, would be to a large extent experimental, to recommend the Council to obtain the Iron pipe.

Respectfully Submitted  
(Signed) M. H. Richey

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is introduced,

Res<sup>246</sup>  
Plan and  
Specification  
to lay Water  
Pipes

Committee of Conference with the Water Commissioners just read be adopted and that said Commissioners be instructed to forward without delay the order for the amount of Pipes required by them, and obtain the same at the cheapest possible rate. Moved by alderman James Duggan. Seconded by alderman Jennings

When following Resolution No 4

Resolved that the Report of the

To which the following amendment,

is introduced,

Whereas the Commissioners have asked for permission to order Pipe for the Water Works, amounting in all to £ 18,000 and have not as yet handed into this Council, any plan or Specification of the reason of ordering so much, or of how, or where such pipes are to be laid, and whereas it is the duty of this Council, before permitting such order to be given involving the outlay of some £ 30,000, to have laid upon the table some plan and Specification as to how and where, this large sum is to be spent, and the times in which it is proposed to do it,

Therefore Resolved that the

Commissioners, be requested to lay before this Council at as early a day as possible a plan and estimate as to mode and manner of expending so large a sum before the Council can permit this order for the Pipes, moved by alderman Nash, seconded by alderman Roome, which amendment on being put is lost 12 votes for the same and 12 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus,

For The Amendment,

Against It,

Alderman Nash,  
McCulloch

Alderman Roome  
John Duggan,  
Imlay,  
Trenhaman,  
Conway,  
James Duggan,  
Jennings,  
Kersey,  
Coffin,  
Pallister  
Richey,  
Ackhurst, 12

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Next Introduced,

The following amendment is