

1868
July 8th

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Smyth, Hill, McCulloch, Dunbar, Meagher, Beckhurst, Egan, Coleman, Penneman, Pallister, Cahoy, Conway, Roche, Mayne, Pichey and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 30. June

The City Council were summoned to consider the Estimate for ensuing year and the transaction of other business

Prison

Alderman Pichey Chairman reports from Committee of City

accounts

Alderman Beckhurst reports from Committee of public

year

Alderman Beckhurst hands in Estimate for ensuing

to Judge for Watchmen

Alderman Hill reports from Special Committee relative

M. Ellis

His Worship the Mayor hands in a petition of

Alderman Hill presents Memorial of John Lane and others concerning encroachment on street also

Memorial of W. H. Hart and others relative to drain in Dundonald Street

Gas Company

His Worship the Mayor submits Memorial of the

Also Communication from Commissioners of Water Supply

Ready report of the Committee of City Prison

Read Report of City Prison Committee

The Committee of City Prison beg leave to report that the following accounts have been examined and found correct and are recommended for payment.

1	Cumie	\$ 14	7	James Scott	4 54
2	John Lewis	32 50	8	J. H. P. Sutton	3 20
3	J. P. Murray	27 80	9	J. H. P. Sutton	11 50
4	James Starford	6 61	10	John J. Mott	4 81
5	Wm. Maxner	5 37	11	H. G. Hill	50 84
6	B. Mui	22 07	12	Boyer & Ross	11 59
Petty Cash purchases & disbursements for June by Commissioners					30 02
Underkeepers and Employers					97 80
					\$ 324 73

M. H. Pichey Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report just read be adopted and the accounts therein mentioned be paid, and His Worship the Mayor is hereby authorized to draw checks for the same

Moved by Alderman Pichey & Seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed

1863
July 8th for ensuing year

Had Report of Committee of Public accounts with Estimate

Committee Room

July 6. 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day. Present Alderman Compton, Paullister Conway Maynard and the Chairman the following accounts were presented for examination viz

City Property	10.30
City	119.65
City Hospital	85.64
Fire Department	25.55
	\$225.14

The Committee have to report that they have carefully examined the above accounts, find them correct, and recommend that the Mayor be authorized to draw checks and pay the same

William Selhurst "Chairman"

Estimate
1863 & 1864

Estimate of Expenditure 1863 & 4

Committee Room July 6th 1863

The Committee of public accounts met this day. Present Alderman Compton, Paullister, Conway Maynard and the Chairman

The Committee unanimously resolved to recommend for adoption the following Estimate of Expenditure for the Current year, viz

Salaries

Mayor	\$1000.00	
Recorder	800	
City Clerk	1000	
Assistant City Clerk	700	
City Treasurer	1200	
Clerk of License	600	
City Assessor	400	
Ward Assessors	1444	
City Architect	500	
Superintendent of Streets	800	
Clerk of Streets	300	
City Marshal	800	
Sailor	80	
Health Inspector	400	
Keeper of Markets	400	
Inspector of Weights	200	
Keeper of City Clock	60	
Keeper of City Court House	200	9584.00

Police Establishment

City Constables	4100.00
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Night Watch

Salaries of men	2,800.00
Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year	2,915.75
	<u>7,015.75</u>

Estimate
continued

Internal Health

Cleaning & Watering Streets 2,000.00

City Prison

Governor's Salary 400
Under Keepers do 400
Medical Officer 120
Man to attend Horse 100
Maintenance of Criminals 2,200

Excess of Expenditure over estimate of last year } 1,205.90 4,825.90

Interest account

Debitures on old Street debt \$30,000 @ 5% 1,500.00
do on City Hospital 28,000 @ 5% 2,280.00
do on City Prison 28,000 @ 5% 2,240.00
do on Brick Side Walks 12,000 @ 5% 720.00
do on do 4,000 @ 5% 220.00
do on do 4,000 @ 5% 200.00

Amount Borrowed from Bank of N.S. to pay for Steam Fire Engine Horse 595.00 8,055.00

Insurance

Premiums of Insurance on City Property 42,500 340.00

Board of Health

City Medical Officer 240
Secretary 100
General Maintenance 600

Excess of Expenditure over estimate of last year } 468.50 1,408.50

Fire Department

Engine Service 600
Pumps & Mills 50
Keeper of Engine House 200
Ladder Service 100
Secretary 60
Contingent Fund 100

Excess of Expenditure over estimate of last year } 488.55 2,548.55

Steam Fire Engines

for Keeping and Working at Docks 1400.00

Companions of Streets

for Street Service 4000.00

Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year } 4112.48 8112.48

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Miscellaneous

For this amount over expended by old Street Commissioners in 1861 and not before provided for	2,416.50	
For debt owing on Ordnance Buildings and ordnance to be paid of	2,115.95	
Gas Co for Street Lamps	4,000.00	
City Buildings	220.00	
Printing & Stationery	1,000.00	
Repairs of City property	1,000.00	
Due for City Officers	200.00	
Commissioners of Poor's Asylum for maintenance of City paupers	5,401.44	
Insane Hospital for maintenance of Lunatic paupers	12,700.00	
Instalment on Steam Fire Engine & Hatz	12,000.00	
Contingent Fund	2,651.13	
Excess of Expenditure over Estimate of last year	4,328.80	25,833.82
		75,844.00

Or

By Resources of the City		
From Auction & Liquor Licences	6,224.00	
Exhibitions	100.00	
Whecks & Trucks	600.00	
Police Fees	1,864.00	
Police Fees	400.00	
Mayor's Court Fees	904.00	
City Marshalls Fees	504.00	
Rent of City Property	588.00	
Licenses of City Sweeps	60.00	
Rent from Steam Boats	480.00	11,844.00
		\$ 64,000.00

The Committee of Public accounts, in presenting the annual civic Estimate, are happy to be able to congratulate the Council upon the improved condition of our finances, as compared with last year. The Committee are not only enabled to provide liberally for the various civic departments, and the over expenditure of the last year, but also to provide in this year's estimate for the payment of two old debts. The first is an old Street debt, contracted by the old Street Commissioners in 1861, previous to the present system being introduced, the second is a debt of long standing, due on Ordnance Buildings amounting in all to four thousand five hundred and sixty two dollars and forty five cents.

In addition to the above amounts provision has been made for the payment of twelve hundred dollars additional on the purchase of Steam Fire Engine and Hatz.

The Committee feel assured that the over Expenditures in the Night Watch, and other departments, were called for by necessity, and have been unavoidable Expenditures.

The Committee would here remark, that they are of the unanimous opinion, that some change should be made, in the system of manning the Steam Fire Engines, as they feel assured that with the present perfect condition of the Water Works for Fire purposes, a very large saving could be effected in this department.

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The Committee have to inform the Council, that the resources of the City have fallen far short of the estimate of last year, amounting to the sum of five thousand two hundred and twenty dollars, this has been owing to the fact of the Council having assumed the management of the City Hospital, and other causes. Your Committee would urge the necessity of exercising care in the money voted, and that every effort be made to economize the civic expenditures during the current year.

In conclusion the Committee would remind the Council that only the sum of fifty two thousand dollars, can be assessed, under a recent act, in the first instance; they would therefore recommend that application be made to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor for leave to assess the sum of twelve thousand dollars additional as provided for in the act.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the City Council.

Wm Ackhurst Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Estimate for the present year be adopted, and that application be made without delay to His Excellency the Lieut Governor for leave to assess the sum of \$12,000 additional as provided by the act.

Moved by Alderman Egan seconded by Alderman Meynell which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Public accounts be received and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Lacey which on being put is passed.

Alderman McCulloch Chairman, hands in Report of Committee of Streets relative to purchase of property in upper Water Street.

Report of the Committee of Streets

Streets Office

Caifax 8. July 1863

The Street Committee by leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council

That they had an interview with William Cunard Esq relative to the property North of Cunard & Co's Warehouse, which now interrupts the line of Street, and Mr Cunard at once stated that he was quite willing to remove the Buildings back to the line from a given point to the House occupied by John O'malley and others provided the matter was fixed, as in the case of Mr. Rider, by reference to three Arbitrators, and also to accept of James Duggan, Matthew Lounds, & Ser. Northrup Esquires, arbitrators in Mr. Rider's case, to be the parties to settle and define the line and give an award.

The Committee would therefore strongly recommend to the Council the adoption of Mr Cunard's proposition, as the line named will be invaluable to the City, and will greatly facilitate the widening of Water Street by inducing the owners of other properties to adopt a similar course, as the cheapest and best mode of widening that Street.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John M. Cullock Chairman

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Alderman Roche hands in a Resolution by Way of Notice
On Motion the subject of the above Report is referred to the
Committee of Laws and Privileges to report upon

Report of the
Committee on
Uniform of
Watchmen

Read Report of Committee on Uniform for Watchmen
Dated July 1863

The Special Committee appointed by the
City Council on the 12 June last, relative to a suitable Badge, dark Lantern & for the
City Watchmen beg to report for the information of this Council, that four Committee
met on the 20th Inst. when the following Resolution is moved

Resolved that each Watchman be provided
with a dark Lantern and a leather Belt to which the Lantern is to be attached when the
Watchman is on duty, also that the Captain and each Watchman, shall provide himself
with a Great Coat, leather Hat or Helmet according to pattern, such as shall be agreed
upon by His Worship the Mayor and the Chairman of this Committee

A. G. Hill Chairman

On Motion said Report is adopted

On Motion a Committee is appointed to draft a
By Law relative to the election of Sergeants for the Police and night Watch, Committee
Alderman Hill, Dunbar, Cogan, Fallister, Roche, Jennings, with His Honor the Recorder

On Motion the Council rise

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July 21st

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Compton Inlay. Hill. McCulloch. Dunbar. Meagher Egan. Roggs. Fenneman. Hallister. Conway. Roche. Moyneil & Jennings

Read over Proceedings of 8th July

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing over from last meeting, and the transaction of other business

Alderman McCulloch Chairman hands in annual Report of Committee of Streets also Expenditure in different Wards for present year up to May last also

Petition of Mrs Power and others relative to a drain in Danington Street also

Petition of Robert Malcolm and others relative to a sewer in Hovers Street

Alderman Fenneman hands in Report of Committee of Common

His Worship the Mayor hands in Memorials of Henry Peters relative to a Building being erected by him also

Communication from Hall & Beamish relative to Erection of Gas Lamp also

Communication from Abbott Esq relative to a Nuisance

Read Communication from President of Halifax Gas Co. with report from manager when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that on hearing the Report of the Superintendent of Gas Co. regarding loss of Gas and breaking of Lamps, this Council will use every effort to detect the offenders, and recommend the adoption of the Suggestions contained in the Report

Moved by Alderman McCulloch Seconded by Alderman Jennings, which on being put is passed

Report of the Committee of Streets

Read Report of Committee of Streets Submitted this day Street Office Halifax July 21. 1863

The Committee of Streets in presenting their annual Report for the year ending 1. May 1863. beg to state for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council, that since assuming Office in October last they have been indefatigable in their efforts to complete the work in progress under the Supervision of their Predecessors.

On assuming Office they found that there was an over expenditure of £651 0. 0 in 1861 and £403 18. 0 in 1862 making a total of 1054 18. 0 which sum stands against this branch of the Public Service, and which the Committee are of the unanimous opinion should be arranged by the City Council, independent of the sum voted for the Street Service the present year, the following Sewers were also in course of Construction, or under Contract at that period, and have since been completed under the direction of the present Committee. viz in Ward 1 Spring Garden a Brick Sewer commencing from a point near the Convent and extending eastwardly to Pykes Brook at a cost of £231, being £99 less than the Estimate

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July 1st
Report of the
Committee of
Works with

In Ward 5, a Sewer in Lockman Street estimated to be built of the
Material excavated, was upon due consideration of the Committee, decided to be built of Brick
This Sewer commences at a point near the head of Gray Lane, and extends Southwardly
to the main Sewer in Cornwallis Street and cost £231.

They also constructed a Brick sewer from the foot of Gray Lane West to
Lockman Street, thence north to Genish Street, for the sum of £235.10.0 This Sewer has been
an inestimable boon to the inhabitants of that locality

A Brick Sewer was constructed in Water Street commencing at a point
near the property of Mr. Jos. Nelson extending South to the Sewer at Cunards. Cost £66

A Brick Sewer in Cogswell Street from a point near Maynard
Street extending Eastward to the old Sewer corner of Nottingham Street was constructed
for the sum of £250

A Stone Sewer in Allen Street, commencing at the public Sewer in
Genish Street and extending North 542 feet, built from the Material excavated from the
work for the sum of £253.16.7 making a total of 3571 feet of Brick Sewers 542 feet
Stone sewers Cost £1,297.16.7

The Committee have to remark that owing to the gun Season last Winter
they were enabled to carry on different Works upon the surface until the end of February
when the labour for the season finally closed

The Committee regret that the sewerage bill which they had the honor
of introducing to the Council, and which met with their almost unanimous approval, and
which passed the House of Assembly, and was defeated in the Legislative Council
should have met such a fate, as they are satisfied from every days experience that it is a
measure that cannot longer be deferred if the sanitary condition of the City is to be improved
the introduction of Water to every house, must go far to accomplish such a desideratum,
and the numerous applications by Citizens in every Ward in the City for drainage from their
properties, is a matter, that if properly explained by the Council to the upper House cannot
fail to recommend itself to the approval of that Honorable body Your Committee would
therefore urgently recommend a renewal of the measure as of the first importance to the
Community

They have also to state that considerable inconvenience, trouble and injury
to existing Sewers, have arisen from persons opening private drains, and connecting them
with the public Sewers, they have been compelled to summon several persons for violation
of the law, and to remedy which, they have appointed a competent Person, to see in all cases
that a Connection with the main Sewer is properly made and the Parties applying for
leave to open, to pay for the Supervision

The Committee while on the subject of Sewers, would here remark
that the Sewers in Pleasant Street, Brighton Street and Prince William Street have been
petitioned for according to law, and the amount assessed upon each individual on the
line of said Sewers, by three assessors appointed by the Council, amounting in all to £22.16.9
not having been collected, the Parties with scarcely an exception, having refused to pay
the Committee under the circumstances do not feel authorized to enforce the same without
the direction of the City Council

The Sewers in Cogswell Street, Spring Garden, Lockman Street and
Gray Lane, although petitioned for, have not been assessed, the Council, not having yet
appointed assessors for the same

The Committee have again to recommend that a plan of the existing Sewers
should be prepared showing their defects, and the lines on which all future sewers, should be
made, so as to organize a complete system of Sewerage for the entire City. They are of opinion
that such a plan would so clearly explain the deficiencies at present existing, that there would
be no difficulty in securing the passage of an act, to enable the Council to proceed with
the work

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The Public Works & Wharves work has been done by Contract Mr A Robertson Argyle Street and Mr W Munnay having the lowest tenders were awarded the Work

Report of the Committee of Streets Control

The Committee would further recommend that the Gas Co and Water Company be requested to make some arrangement by which the additional expense incurred by their labors can be met the great extent of surface broken in almost every street in the City during the season has been the cause of numerous complaints, and the Committee are of opinion that some allowance ought to be made for repairs of the damage done the Streets, which in scarcely an instance, has been left in good order for repairs of the damage done the Streets, which in scarcely an instance, has been left in good order as when the Street was opened

Your Committee addressed a letter in June last to the Water Commissioners on this subject, but have not been favoured with an answer

For several years back the improvement of streets has been mainly dependant on a supply of Gravel from the shores of Peafora Basin, and although a large quantity of Gravel is required for laying Brick and Stone Sidewalks, still it is small in excess of what is required for that branch of the Street Service, and while the Sidewalks are continued at the same yearly ratio as at present, the material for the centre of the streets will be very small compared with the annual requirements of the streets and roads in the City, good gravel is seldom attainable in large quantities during the summer months, the accumulation on the shores being dependant on the high tides which prevail in spring and fall. In consequence of this deficiency the Committee have advised some of the Gravel dug from the Sidewalks when Curbs are being laid to be used in several of the Streets with this exception, no earth or other material except gravel and Stone from the City Prison has been used in any of the Streets of the City. The distance of suitable material at the North of the City has caused considerable delay, and the expense of improvements in that locality is greatly increased by this circumstance

The want of proper wharf accommodation in the centre of the City is the cause of much inconvenience. Material has to be laid on the Streets to avoid the expense of a second Truckage, this has been a fertile source of annoyance but it is unavoidable under present circumstances

In regulating the expenditure of the various Wards for the period from their accession to office until the first May, the Committee have been principally occupied in attending to the completion of the Sewers in the course of construction, and the work in progress

A detailed account of expenditure of the Committee in the various Wards, will show the different localities where it has been made

Ward 1	428.9.2
2	292.5.1
3	100.10.7
4	184.7.1
5	1456.19.0
6	242.3.2
	3110.17.8

Estimate for 1863

The Committee, in submitting the Estimate for the Street Service for the Current Year would recommend

Ward 1

- The Cutting through of Wellington Street near Mr Whidders Property
- Perusing & grading of the Ingles Road
- Repairs and filling the Tower Road and Hasting Rock near the Dover
- Drain in South Street, Birmingham Street, and Sewer near Catholic Church and repairs to road
- Repairs to Brenton Street

Estimated Cost

£450.

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Report of the
Committee of
Streets & C.

Ward 2

Repairs in Crossin Row, in Birmingham Street, on the Quispool Road, Street near of the South Barrack Street near the sink covered with stone £230.0.0

Ward 3

Gutters, corner of Barrack and Sashbury Streets to Grafton Street and along Barrack Street Banington Street east side £200.0.0

Ward 4

Repairs, Eastern & Western side of Barrack Street Altemark Street, Easton Street, Argyle Street, Duke Street & Buckingham Street, to be macadamised from Granville Street to Grafton Jacob Street, Sidewalk to be repaired £150.0.0

Ward 5

Gutters in Maynard, Creighton and Coyside Streets to be paved & Sidewalk repaired Cutting Sidewalk in Brunswick Street opposite Hanson Church Repairs to Tottenham Street Water Street & Brunswick Street Repair to North West Arm Road Saver in Water, Selby & Maidana Streets £900.0.0

Ward 6

The Committee would refer to the report of the Aldermen of the Ward, as the requirements are too voluminous to insert in the estimate, and would recommend including the sewer in North Street & Nesville £550.0.0 Total 2430.0.0

Brick Sidewalks

The Committee would respectfully refer the Council to the report upon this branch of the service of 12 June last, since which several crossings have been laid in Brunswick, Granville, Gouss, George, Duke & Banington Streets, and it is their intention to lay one at the Pentagon Building, also across the end of Banington Street, Argyle Street, near the Mason Hall, Grafton Street, and Spring Garden Road as soon as the material is furnished

Crossings have also been provided by the Chairman of the Board of Works, for every street by which the Province Building is bounded say 12 Crossings in all but it was not possible to lay them to advantage until the Curbing was laid which was to have been done by the late Government, and has been a topic of repeated correspondence and enquiry between the Committee and the late Executive

The Committee are now enabled to state that the new Cabinet having been addressed upon the subject promptly replied, directing the Committee to provide and lay Curbs in the usual manner and on the usual terms, and also stated that they had authorized Mr George Lang to lay the sidewalk with flags, although rather late for commencing the square, the Committee trust they will be able to accomplish, during their term of office the work necessary to make this one of the handsomest squares in the City

The Resolution of the Truck & Back Committee to remove the Cabs from this locality to some other public neighbourhood, will be the means of making a delightful promenade for the Citizens

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Report of
the Committee
of Streets

The Committee have to express their opinion relative to the superior quality of the Brick laid last season, from the Works of Mr Robert Macleod, and have also to inform the Council that they have contracted with that Gentleman for a further quantity delivered when used, thus saving the cost of carriage, as well as developing the resources of the Country, by having the article manufactured in the province instead of importing as had to be done on former occasions.

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The Committee are pleased to observe that the Citizens appreciate the benefit of this branch of the Street Services, and that persons residing out of the limits were induced to petition the Council to extend them to Argyle Street, and trust that others may be induced to follow the example of Messrs Mordrup and Sons, who have laid a splendid side Walk of Flag from one of the many Quarries known to exist in the Country, capable of furnishing a cheaper and better article than can be brought from abroad.

The Sidewalks in Bedford Row have been repaired and the difficulty with the Proprietors arranged.

In Lower Water Street the numerous entrances to the Wharves caused considerable delay and difficulty, all of which were happily adjusted to the satisfaction of the owners of property and the Committee.

In this branch of the Public Service the constant care of the Committee has been to ascertain, as nearly as possible, the permanent levels allowing for future improvements in various Streets, without damaging the properties in front of which brick Side Walks are laid.

The Committee are of opinion that when the works in progress is completed a great improvement in the appearance of the City will be perceptible and is indeed already noticed and commented upon by every Stranger that visits the City.

For the

The laying of the Pavements has been awarded by tender at the rate of 9/6 all of which is respectfully submitted.

John W. Cullloch "Chairman"
Samuel S. Freeman
Muriel Conway

On Motion Said Report is adopted

On Motion the Memorial of Henry Starr and others relative to Storr Street is referred to the Committee of Streets to report upon. Same Memorial referred to same

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee of Streets be authorized to enquire into and report to this Council, on the continuation of Hollis Street moved by Alderman Hill seconded by Alderman Meagher which on being put is passed.

Read petition of William Ellis relative to erection of Wooden Building in Grafton Street

On Motion the same is referred to a Special Committee to report upon. Committee Alderman Pallister Conway and Jennings

Read petition of Henry Peters relative to his Building on Motion the same is referred to same Committee

Read petition of Mr Hart & others relative to Dundonald Street. On Motion the same is referred to Committee of Streets to report upon

On Motion the Council rise

1863
 July 31st At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship
 The Mayor, Alderman, Sanlay, McCulloch, Dunbar, Meagher, Eger, Frenneman,
 Fallister, Leahy, Conway, Meynell and Jennings

Read over Proceedings of the 21st July

The City Council were summoned to receive and approve
 of the Valuation Books, to take up the business standing over from last Meeting and
 the transaction of other business

His Worship The Mayor hands in the Valuation Books of
 assessment for the present year

Alderman Fallister hands in Report of Special Committee
 on Petition of William Ellis & Henry Peters

The Mayor hands in Communications from Provincial Secretary
 relative to assessment also

Communication from A. M. Kinlay Captain of the Scottish
 Volunteers, relative to a Target Range, also

Memorial from William Stewart relative to Reporting, also

Memorial of W. R. Oakes also

Rule made absolute in reference to the case of Mr. Thomas
 Spence

Read Resolutions relative to Mr. Spence as entered on 20th
 October last

The following Resolution is next introduced

Be it Resolved, that the City Council
 having considered it their duty to effect to the admission of Mr. Spence as an Alderman
 of the City, were in that case actuated by feelings of the deepest respect for the Municipal
 Institutions of this City, and that since they have understood it to be the decision of
 the highest legal authorities, that Mr. Thomas Spence is entitled to take his seat, at this
 Council board, the City Council hereby give their assent to his admission

Moved by Alderman Egan Seconded by Alderman Meagher

A Call of the Council is made at 5 1/2 O'Clock

Alderman McCulloch hands in Memorial of C. Henly and
 others, Hackmen.

Communications
 from Provincial Secretary relative to
 assessment

Secretary rel to
 assessment

Read Communication from Provincial Secretary relative to
 assessment, when the following Resolution is introduced

The Valuation Books of the General Assessment
 for the Current year returned by the City Assessor to the Office of the City Clerk, on 1st Book,
 for each Ward, clearly and correctly made up in Writing, signed by the City Assessor
 and the respective Ward Assessors, having been seen and approved by the City Council

Resolved that the said Valuation Books be returned to the City Assessor
 in order that he may without delay, make up one General Book of Assessment for the
 City therefrom, in which shall be distinctly shown the amount of the rate upon each
 Individual, or Company, and the Assessor shall sign the said Book of Assessment and return
 the same to the Office of the City Clerk

Moved by Alderman Conway and
 Seconded by Alderman Leahy, which on being put is passed, unanimously

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Read Communication of Captain McKenlay relative to Target Range
On Motion the request of the Captain is granted, subject to the approval of the Aldermen of the Ward

Read Report upon petition of Messrs Ellis & Peters
Committee Room July 24th 1863

Read Report of
Communication met present
on petitions
of Messrs Ellis

Committee on the petitions of Messrs Ellis and Messrs Henry Peters
That your Committee with the City Architect inspected the Building of Mr Ellis, and have ascertained the addition to his House has been made of Bricks they therefore recommend that Petitioner be allowed to proceed with the finishing of his Building
Committee also inspected the building of Mr Henry Peters on Corner of Dawson Street & Hollis Street, and by the measurement of the City Architect have to report the said Building, to be a direct violation of the 8 & 9 Sections of the Building act passed April 1862, and would refer the Council to the City Architect's letter leaving the matter to the City Council, to take such action as they shall deem proper

Respectfully Submitted
W. S. Hallister "Chairman"

Read City Architects letter of 24th July 1863

On Motion said report is adopted and the following Resolution introduced

Res. Rel to
Legal proceed-
ing against
Mr Peters

Resolved that Mr Peters be informed that legal proceedings will be forthwith commenced against him, in case he does not at once cause his house to be put in conformity with the regulations of the Building act of 1862 sections 8 & 9 and under the Superintendance of the City Architect

Moved by Alderman Egan seconded by Alderman Smyth which being put is passed

The Hour having expired since the call of Council was made on the Resolution relative to Mr Spence, the same is again read when the following Amendment is introduced

Whereas the Supreme Court having decided that Mr Thomas Spence is legally entitled to his Seat

Be it therefore Resolved that the Council has no alternative but to submit to such decision

Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Mr Lacey which on being put is passed 9 voting for the same and three against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

Alderman	McCulloch.	Egan.	against it
	Conway.	Compton	Alderman
	Meyner.	Fenneman	Hallister
	Meagher.	Smyth	Dunbar
	Leahy.	9	

The Original Resolution is therefore lost

On Motion the Council rise

August 3rd

Thomas Spence Esquire having this day taken and subscribed the oaths of Office as required by Law, is sworn into Office as Alderman, and Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor

1863

At a special Meeting of the City Council held this day present August 14th His Worship the Mayor Alderman Inlay. Will. McCulloch. Dunbar Meagher Egan, Townsman Hallister. James Meyner Richey & Jennings

Read over proceedings of 21st July

The City Council were summoned to take up the business standing over from previous meetings and the transaction of other business

Alderman Richey hands in Report of City Prison Committee also

In absence of the Chairman Reports from Committee on Sunders

Alderman Meyner reports from Committee on Sunders

Alderman Meyner verbally reports from Committee on Rifle Range

Alderman Hill hands in memorial of J. S. Hamilton and others relative to extension of Water Pipes

Alderman McCulloch hands in Memorial of A Deans

His Worship the Mayor hands in Book of General Assessment for present year also

Memorial of W. Philip Parsons for remuneration for certain services performed

also Communication from Secretary of Gas Co, and correspondence between Chairman of the Gas Company and the President

Read Report of Committee of City Prison when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report just read be accepted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Checks to pay the accounts therein contained

Moved by Alderman Hill Seconded by Alderman Hallister which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee on Sunders

Committee Room Halifax 5. Aug 1863

The Committee of Sunders met this day. Present Alderman Richey. Inlay. Meagher & the Chairman

The following Sunders for the Brick Side Stack Service were opened

- 1st John H. Harvey for the Acadia Fire Ins. Co £1000 @ 5 1/2 %
- 2 W. Roche Ins. & Marine Insurance Co 1000 @ 5 1/2 %
- 3 Elna Ann Neagh 200 @ 5 1/2 %
- 4 S. Baley Bland 1000 @ 6 %
- 5 William Hoker 500 @ 5 %

The Committee would recommend that the following Sunders be accepted, the Sunders being equal from 5 persons. Acadia Fire Insurance 400 @ 5 1/2 %

Union Marine Insurance Co 400 @ " "

Elna Ann Neagh 200 @ " "

Respectfully Submitted Jeremiah Conway Chairman

Report of the Committee of Sunders

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Fenders be received and adopted.

Moved by Alderman Meagher seconded by Alderman Insay which on being put is passed.

Communication from Secy of Gas Co

Read Communication from Secretary of Gas Company and Communication between the Chairman of Committee on Gas Lamps

Naupax Gas Co's Office 7th Aug 1863

John W. Cragg Esq.
Sir

In answer to your communication of 22nd last month addressed to the President enclosing a Resolution passed by the City Council, relative to erecting Lamp Posts &c in different parts of the City, the Directors ever anxious to meet the views of the City Council as far as possible, have agreed to lay down pipes and erect Lamp Posts in all the different localities pointed out, with the exception of North Street on the one end and Ingles Street on the other, from the great amount of labour and expence which must necessarily be incurred on these two Streets, it will be impossible at present fully to carry out the requisition of the City Council.

Should the breakage of these Lamps, erected and about to be erected in the extreme outskirts of the City, be greater than usual the Company can not undertake to keep them lighted.

I am Sir
James Liddel Secretary

Naupax 8th Aug 1863

McKenlay Esq. Pres. of Gas Co
Sir

In a communication to the City Clerk, from the Secretary of the Company, dated 7th Inst, it is said in reference to posts in Ingles and North Streets, that it will be impossible at present fully to carry out the requisition of the City Council.

As Chairman of the Committee on Gas Lamps I would like to enquire if it may be understood from this extract that the Company will next season, undertake to lay down pipes, and erect posts in the localities referred to in Ingles & North Streets - an early answer will oblige as I wish to be in a position, in council to answer any question that may be put, in reference to the matter.

I am Sir your most Obedt Servt
William Compton

Naupax Aug 10. 1863

Dear Sir

In answer to yours of Saturday last I find that the board will only carry out what has already been proposed, and that they are unwilling, at present to make any direct promises to what they may do next season.

The Council are perhaps not aware of the great loss sustained by the Gas Co, in supplying the Public Lamps, as when the 40 new Lamps now contemplated and lighted the Co will in reality be contributing annually over £170 out of their profit towards the lighting of the City, beyond the large amount of taxes about £500 paid by them, and this not taking into consideration the destruction of Glass &c connected with the Lamps.

Alderman Compton

I am Sir
Andrew McKenlay
Pres. H. S. Co

when the following Resolution is introduced