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September 11th The Mayor Alderman Inlay, Hill, Duncan, Magner, Egan, Pogg, Edeman, Ironsman, Hauster, Leahy, Conway, Spence, Meynell and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 11th Sep

Alderman Egan hands in Report of Committee on locating Abattoir

Alderman Hill hands in proposition relative to enlarging Area at Market
Hill

Alderman Conway hands in Memorial of Turncoats and Watermen
North end

His Worship The Mayor hands in Communication from Captain of the Watch relative to action brought against him and 4 Watchmen, also

By Law relative to the Water Works

S. S. White is next appointed Inspector of Elections Ward No 1

William Carey, Maidland Street, is next appointed Inspector of Elections for Ward No 5

Read Report of Committee on location of Fire Engines
Lancaster St. 27th Aug 1863

Gentlemen

I beg leave to bring to your notice, the proceedings of the special Committee on the location of Fire Engines, which Committee were selected and appointed by the City Council on the 5th March last

Your Committee met on the 9th Inst and elected Alderman Hill as their
Chairman

A Resolution was then moved and passed, that the Chairman do confer with the Chairman of the Board of Firewards, as it was understood by some of the Committee that the Board of Firewards were looking about for some good location, in the North & South Suburbs, for the locating of Fire Engines.

Next as Chairman that I had a duty to perform to my Fellow Citizens and that I was responsible in some measure, that should a Conflagration occur, in those distant parts of the City, where no Fire Engine was on hand, for want of energy on my part to hasten the matter to an early conclusion.

I immediately set about the work in good earnest. I wrote to the Chairman of the Board of Firewards, and had an interview with that Gentleman the next day who referred to the Chairman of the Committee of Fire Wards, who he said were especially sent out to ascertain a good position for placing Fire Engines in the North and South Suburbs, and that they were to report to the Board which confirmed what was said in Committee, and which led to the moving of the Resolutions. That the Chairman confer with the Chairman of the Board of Firewards

After some days delay, the Chairman of said Committee being absent from town I received a note from that Gentleman on the 20th March, desiring me to call Committee to meet on Monday Evening at 8 O'clock. I called upon the Chairman and explained, that we were to have a Council meeting on the same Evening, and that it was not possible to get a meeting of the Committee but that it must be deferred to some other time, on Monday 23rd March, I received a copy of the Committee of Fire Wards to the Board, wherein they mention that a lot of land could be got in

Report of the
Committee on
Location of the
Fire Engines

1803 north of the City from a Mrs Dicky opposite Cunards Fields in Tottenham street, on a lease of September 11th for five or ten years, at a ground rent of ten pounds per annum, sufficiently large for the Erection of a Building to contain two Engines and apparatus and also reports that there are two sites in the South suburbs, one in South Stolls street near the N. Engine yard, and the other Fresh Water Bridge both of which are City Property's, after several attempts to get the Committee together, finally succeeded on the 15. June last to get a quorum

Report of the Committee on Location of the Fire Engines

The Minutes of the last meeting were read which meeting was the first held since the 9th of March last

The Chairman brought to the notice of the Committee his conference with the Chairman of the board of Fire Ward, and also with the Chairman of the Committee which were sent out by the Board, to ascertain the best site for Hand Fire Engines, and also read copy of the report of the Committee of Fire Ward which I before adverted to

The Committee after deliberation considered that there was no necessity for an Engine at Fresh Water Bridge, as the Water pipes and fire plugs were then being laid as far down as the Bridge, and also considered that the position for an Engine in Tottenham Street, as mentioned in the report, was not sufficiently far enough North, but that if a site could be obtained at or near Newville in a district, that is fast becoming thickly settled, that it would be by far the best site, and especially as the Engine situate in Mountford Street was so near the Godly Lot

A Resolution was then moved and passed that this Committee do recommend to the City Council, that a Hand Fire Engine be located at Newville together with a Fire alarm Bell also that a Fire Alarm Bell of sufficient power be erected at or near Fresh Water Bridge

It was also moved that Alderman Jennings be associated with the Chairman to ascertain the practicability of securing a lot of Land from Her Majesty's Government, near the Wellington Barrack, for a term of years for the purpose of Erecting an Engine House, and Fire Bell Tower, and if not, whether a Stable or Barn could be rented from the Executors of the Estate of the late Hon Hugh Bell, for a term of years, which Resolutions were all passed and Committee adjourned

On the 19th June the Chairman with the advice of Alderman Jennings, wrote to Major General Doyle, concerning the Lot of Land, at the South West angle near the Wellington Barracks in Tottenham Street, and after nearly a months delay the General in the mean time, left the City for other parts, on his return the Chairman wrote again on the 10. July when on the 20. the Chairman received an answer not very favourable, as the above matter would have to be referred home, to the Secretary of War in the mean time we ascertained from John Bell Esq, one of the Executors of the Estate of the late Hon Hugh Bell, that the lowest rent for a Barn nearly opposite the Wellington Barracks in Tottenham Street, that Gentleman offers a lot of land 50x50 feet with the Barn thereon for a lease of ten years at sixteen pounds currency per annum. failing on getting a Quorum of the Committee on this very important matter, Alderman Jennings and myself considered it our duty to bring the whole of the business before this Council I would recommend that we accept the offer of Mr Bell, and proceed to fix up the Barn for the reception of a Fire Engine and Alarm Bell, also to immediately, ascertain the best place that can be got at the South End, near the Bridge, and fix up a powerful Alarm Bell, without delay

all of which is respectfully Submitted
H. G. Hill Chairman

To His Worship
The Mayor of the City Council

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September 14th

Report of the Committee on Reporting

Read Communication from Mr. Thomas Mitchell relative to a Bill
On motion the same is referred back to the same Committee to ascertain and report
the expense

Read Report of Committee on Reporting
— Causes & C. 1861

The following members of the City Council, appointed a Committee
on the subject of reporting the debates met this day viz Aldermen Conway, Dunbar, Lintay, Reynolds & Egan
the latter being appointed Chairman when it was unanimously resolved

- 1st That the debates ought to be reported
- 2d That advertisements be issued, calling upon such parties, as may wish to undertake the same
to state upon what terms a full and correct report of the proceedings of the Council will
be rendered, also in which and how many of the City papers the same will appear
- 3d That upon terms being approved of a Contract for one year be entered into to commence
from the 1st day of October next. Payment to be made Quarterly
- 4th That the Council reserve to itself the right at the termination of each quarter of
approving or otherwise of the manner in which the work is being performed also
the option of continuing said Contract or otherwise as the case may be

John Egan Chairman

On motion said Report is received and adopted, and tenders ordered to
be advertised for

Memorial of Watermen & Bumboatmen

Read Memorial of Watermen & Bumboatmen

That whereas four petitioners in the year 1862, were obliged to pay
for licenses to ply as Watermen the sum of six pounds for each Boat which they have paid up
to the present time. they would implore a diminution of the sum demanded for the following
reasons

That in the summer of 1862 some 12 or 13 of HM Ships were constantly laying in the
harbour four of which contained a thousand tons each, that in consequence a large number
of passengers, were continually passing to and fro giving remunerative employment to four
petitioners and others

That this summer there are only two ships in port of any magnitude and in consequence
the number of passengers has greatly decreased, four petitioners being unable to collect one
tenth part of the fares they could earn the previous summer

From the number of hands each Boatman is compelled to employ to assist him, the
licensing money bears with extreme severity upon four petitioners, and if the price is not reduced
they will be obliged to abandon the business. Four petitioners constructed and now maintain at
their own expense a temporary landing, having already petitioned your Council to extend and improve
it, which the Council were unable to effect, because the water on which this landing is situated
belongs to the Admiralty; that the insufficiency of this accommodation entails a heavy expense upon
four petitioners for repairs to their Boats damaged by collisions

That the price of Truckmen's and Cabmen's licenses have been reduced to 24s for which sum
they are allowed to run their vehicles a whole twelve month, injuring the streets &c. whereas HM Ships
seldom arrive before the middle of May, nor remain after the 1st November, a period of only four and a
half months, for which short time four petitioners are charged two pounds, and do not use or damage
any portion of the streets, they think the charge excessive and unjust

Therefore four petitioners humbly request that you will take into consideration the
decrease of business, the difficulty of earning a living, the number of assistants employed, the
expense they have undergone, and the limited time in which they must provide for the winter before
the extreme disproportion made between the price of Watermen & Cabmen's licenses, and reduce the
price of Bumboatmen and Watermen's to an equality with said Truckmen's licenses, or to a sum
not exceeding 24s for the season, thereby affording relief which four petitioners trust the City Council
will be disposed to grant

Geo. Leatt et al

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When the following Resolution is next introduced

On reading the petition of George Lovat and others Watermen and Boatmen praying that a reduction be made in their licence

It was Resolved in consequence of the reasons therein stated the Licence for the present year be five dollars in place of Eight as heretofore, and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Clerk of Licence, with directions to collect the same

Res=rel to the price of Liquor Licence

Moved by Alderman Conway & Seconded by Alderman Smitay which on being put there appeared for the same 7 against it 7 and the names being called for they appeared thus

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| For the Resolution | against it |
| Alderman Egan | Alderman Frenneman |
| Edeman | Mynne |
| Conway | Senning's |
| Smitay | Palster |
| Hill | Boogs |
| Leahy | Dunbar |
| Spencey | Magier |

There being an equality of votes His Worship the Mayor being called upon for his casting vote gave it against the Resolution, being a minority vote

Alderman Conway gives notice of reconsideration

Res=rel to opening a cash account with the Bank of Nova Scotia for £3000

The following Resolution is next introduced

Whereas the sum of Five thousand pounds has been borrowed according to law for the purpose of laying Brick Sidewalks, and the amount expended for that purpose up to the present time exceeds that sum by about £40

And whereas the amount for materials to be charged to Citizens, amounts to about £1600, the greater part of which sum, cannot be made available for three months

And whereas there is now due for Bricks & Carting and selling Bricks about £500 which according to contract is to be paid monthly

Resolved therefore that the City Treasurer be authorized to open a Cash account with the Bank of Nova Scotia for the sum of Three thousand pounds to be repaid from the amount due by Citizens for materials furnished for that purpose

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Leahy which on being put is passed

Alderman Hill submits Report and plan of Extension of Property at Market Step

On motion the same is referred to the Committee of City Property to report upon

Had Letter from Mr. B. Almon J relative to his taxes

on motion the same is referred to Committee of Taxes to report upon

Alderman Frenneman submits proposed Ground plan of Building on Hares Block - when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Commissioners for erecting a provincial Building on the lot between Chopside, and George Street be permitted to erect said Building agreeably to plan submitted to this Council

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Hill which on being put is passed

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The Memorial of Andrew Downes

Memorial of
Andrew Downes
Acclimatisation Gardens

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialist has been advised by a number of influential Citizens to Memorialize your Worshipful Body, with the view of presenting the claims of his Gardens to your favourable consideration, and soliciting such cooperation and support as in your judgement, the Institution may merit. In England, France and on the Continent Zoological and acclimatisation Societies command a large share of public patronage and in some Countries are almost wholly sustained by Government Grants, and from Civic Corporations. They are daily growing in usefulness and in public favour and are considered indispensable Institutions in all educated and well regulated Communities for cultivating and encouraging pleasing and profitable sources of recreation and improvement. The study of Natural History is admitted to be one of the most fascinating and elevating employments that can engage our attention, and like the study of any other Science, will lose much of its attractions and become perfectly valueless unless practically understood as well as theoretically studied, and this can only be acquired by fostering such Institutions, as the one now presented to your consideration, and by encouraging the youth of the Country to embrace the various opportunities for self culture and improvement which it affords. Your Memorialist has spent a life time in the study of Natural History, and acquired a fondness for such pursuits which are daily acquiring additional charms. Stimulating him to persevere in perfecting some substantial and enduring monument of his labors in this branch of science.

continued

Twelve years ago your Memorialist pitched his tent in the midst of the forest, near the head of the North West Arm, and by dint of untiring application and perseverance rendered it one of the most attractive resorts in the Province. The various and numerous attractions of his Establishment and the large collection of Natural History which it contains are so well known and appreciated by His Worship the Mayor and the Members of his Council, and have been so recently enumerated in the Press that it is unnecessary to make further reference to it at present, that his exertions have been entirely unaided except by grants on two occasions generously awarded him by the Provincial Legislature, which have been wholly expended by him in enlarging the collection. That as the additional collection of live Birds and Animals increase the expense of accommodating and maintaining them, it entails upon your Memorialist a large annual expense, and he finds that it is impossible to render his Gardens as efficient as desirable and perfect the improvements and additions necessary to make it sufficiently attractive to the Student of Nature and the lovers of Natural History unless additional aid is afforded him. Similar Institutions have never proved self sustaining, even in more largely populated Communities, and although he does not expect his Gardens to be an exception, he is perfectly satisfied to persevere in the undertaking if a reasonable encouragement be afforded him by the public at large, that altho a much larger number of paying visitors are on the list than formerly still the receipts fall very far short of the actual expenditure, that your Memorialist desires to make it a public Institution and to offer free admission to the Representatives of the Legislature the Mayor and Corporation and their visiting friends, to inmates of Benevolent and Humane Institutions the Children of Public Schools of all classes and denominations, so that all may become acquainted with the many rare and curious inhabitants birds and fishes of this wonderful World, and which would be entirely unknown were it not for these and for kindred Institutions that the acclimatisation Societies of London and Australia are encouraged by public Grants the latter by a Grant of Seven Hundred acres and £7,500 for the last three years as also the Zoological and acclimatisation Society Gardens of France, comprising an area of 30 Acres, the Ground was given by the Corporation of Paris and is aided by them, the Mayor and Aldermen

1863 being Members thereof - that such Societies are largely patronised by the Nobility and leading Statesmen of these Countries, and in London the Duke of Newcastle is President

Your Memorialist therefore solicits the Cooperation of our Public Men and those interested in the advancement of the Institutions of our City, that as its proximity to the City must necessarily render it more of a Metropolitan than a Provincial Institution. Memorialist respectfully solicits the favourable consideration of this application, and at the instance of his friends urges its claims as a public Institution and prays that you will lend your aid in enabling him to make it an institution alike creditable to himself and the Community, and one to which we can point strangers & visitors to with feelings of pride and gratification and as in duty bound I

Andrew Downs

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the sum of £100 be granted to Andrew Downs

Set granting £100 to Andrew Downs in support of his Zoological Gardens

Moved by Alderman Meynell seconded by Alderman

Senning's Amendment introduced that the memorial stand over until next meeting of Council, Amendment lost, and the following Amendment introduced that £200 be appropriated to Mr Downs for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of his Zoological Gardens.

Moved by Alderman Egan seconded by Alderman Conway which on being put is passed. Voting for the same and against it

The adjournment is next put and lost

Letter from Captain of Watch relative to Law Suit instituted against himself and 4 Watchmen

Read Letter from Captain of Watch relative to Law Suit instituted against himself and 4 Watchmen

Causes 14. Sep 1863

On Saturday last we were served with a writ at the suit of one John Bradley, for an assault and false imprisonment in which he claims one thousand dollars damages

You will remember that the case was tried before you in the Police Court, and that it resulted in the acquittal of the said Bradley

As we acted on the occasion referred to strictly in the exercise of our duty, and used no more violence than was necessary in the premises, we feel it our duty to report the matter to you as it will be necessary to put in a defence within the time required by law

We are prepared with the most satisfactory proof to show that Bradley was exceedingly violent and insulting and as the neighbourhood was in a disturbed state at the time we acted with great discretion and forbearance

Donald Fraser, on behalf of John Bradley Watchmen

On motion the same is referred to a Special Committee to report at next meeting

Committee Alderman Smiley, Dunbar, Egan, Hallister, Leaty & Senning's with His Honor the Recorder, with power to send for persons & papers outside the Corporation

Read Memorial of Dr Davis and others relative to a House of ill fame in Grafton Street

On motion the same is referred to His Honor the Recorder to institute proceedings

On motion the Council rise

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At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present
His Worship The Mayor Alderman Compton, Sunday Hill, Mr. Cullock, Dunbar
Meagher, Ackhurst, Egan, Boggs, Alderman Drenneman Hauister, Leahy
Conway, Spence, Meynell, Pichey and Jennings

Read over proceedings of 14th Sept

Alderman Conway, Chairman, hands in Committee on Penders

Alderman Conway hands in Report of Committee of Streets

Alderman Conway submits list of persons indebted for sidewalks

Also Letter from Secretary of Telegraph Company

Alderman Hill hands in Report of Committee on location of Fire
Engines also

Report of Committee on W. Langs Building

Alderman Meynell hands in Report of Committee on Taxes

Alderman Ackhurst hands in Report of Committee of Public
Accounts

Alderman Egan hands in Report of Committee on W. Dodsons
Sidewalk

His Worship The Mayor hands in communication from W. A. Dewest
also, Memorial from W. Daniel Shea, relative to his taxes, also

Answers to certain questions put to His Honor the Recorder
relative to right of certain persons to vote

Alderman Conways notice of reconsideration is next taken up
and on being put is lost

Alderman Drenneman hands in Report of Committee of Commerce

Read answers from His Honor the Recorder submitted

Recorders Office New York 15. Sept. 1863

Answers of
His Honor this day
The Recorder

To His Worship
The Mayor of the City Council

I do myself the honor to submit answers
to the questions which were required of me at a former day

By Act Can Voters vote on receipts for taxes signed by Constables

Section 17th of the Charter says the evidence of payment of Rates by a Voter
shall be the receipt signed by the City Treasurer or by his Agent appointed with the consent
or recognition of the City Council, which receipt shall be produced at the time of voting and lodged
with the Presiding Officer

The law requires the Warrant of distress to collect rates from a defaulter
to be directed by the Treasurer to one of the City Constables, and the Constable is thus made

1863 the agent of the Treasurer, and is presumed to be acting as such agent by recognition
September 28 of the Council, I therefore think that the receipt of the Constable, will be sufficient to
authorize the presiding officer to receive the vote

Query 2 Can the presiding Officers at the Election on the first day of October
although not residing in the Ward in which they preside vote in that Ward

Section 29th of the Charter says "If there shall be at the final closing of the polls
an equal number of Votes polled for two or more persons, the presiding Officer shall give
a vote for one or other of the persons having such equality of Votes, in order to give
a majority to one of them at the Election"

It is obvious that until the emergency arises the presiding Officer
is not to vote

Query 3 Is it lawful for fire and other Companies not rate payers to
vote at the next election for Mayor and Alderman & on the Certificate of the
Captain of the Company, Countersigned by the Mayor

By the Act of 1863 verified lists are to be returned to the
Treasurer containing the names of the Members of Companies entitled to vote
and it is expressly enacted that "No Member of any such Companies shall
be entitled to vote unless he has been enrolled in the Company six months
previously to the return of the lists, and unless his name is contained in such
lists, as an effective Member" the Certificate of the Treasurer is made by the act
the evidence of the Members rights to vote, as set down in the returned lists
and unless his Certificate is produced to the presiding Officer, I do not think that
the vote can be received, and I do not think that the Certificate of any other
Officers, in the face of this act, would be sufficient to confer the vote

of William Sutherland
Recorder

Petition of
Wm. C. Deeb
to his Taxes

Alderman Compton hands in Petition of Wm Pitts relative to his Taxes

Read Report of the Committee on location of Fire Engines

The Special Committee on the location of Fire Engines, beg to
report for the information of this Council, that your Committee carefully reexamined the
several sites mentioned in a former report dated 27. Aug. last, for the purpose of more
fully ascertaining the best positions for locating Fire Engines and Fire Alarm Bells, and
after deliberation unanimously came to the conclusion that the Barn at Hseride in
the North Suburbs, belonging to the heirs of the late Hon. Hugh Bell, was the best position
that could be obtained in that vicinity for that purpose, and beg to recommend that
the offer of said Barn for a term of years, by the executors be accepted

The City Architect was directed to examine the necessary
repairs and alterations, required on said Barn, and to furnish a Specification of the
same with an estimate of costs which are as follows. £10 for alterations and repairs with a
hanging Chimney. Nine pounds, also cost for the erection of a Gaffrey on the apex of the
roof. Nine pounds

The Committee has also ascertained that a Steel Bell weighing
1100 lbs can be got at the rate of 1/2 p lb

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The Committee also examined the Premises of Mr. Thos Mitchell, at the South end of the City, below Fresh Water Bridge - Mr Mitchell desires giving the space required in one of his buildings for a Hose Shed, as he only contemplated room for hanging up some two or three lengths of Hose

And after examining the Building called the Snowing Shop which Mr Mitchell had offered for the erection of a Hose Shed, said Committee after consideration came to the conclusion to recommend to this Council that it would be best for the public interest to build a Hose Shed 10 x 15 feet with a gable on the North east corner of Fresh Water Bridge, agreeable to a plan and Specification furnished by the City Architect. Said Building complete, not to exceed the sum of fifty pounds and also that a Street Steel Bell be provided, similar to one recommended for the North Suburb

H. G. Bell. Chairman

Resolved that this Council do adopt the Report just read

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Meynell which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that this Council do authorize the Committee on Location of Fire Engines and Bells, to purchase two suitable Bells of about 400 lb weight each

Moved by Alderman Bell seconded by Alderman Compton which on being put is passed

Alderman McCulloch reports from Commission for revising the

Charter

Read Report of Committee of Public accounts
Committee Room 28. Sep 1863

The Committee of Public accounts met this day present

Alderman Conway, Meynell, Compton McCulloch & Chairman

The following accounts were submitted for examination

City	W. Starr Sons	11. 20
	W & J Compton for Printing	107. 25
City Meat Market	Rob. Isdale & Co	22. 48
Mr. Loneragan	Contractor	190. 40
		331. 33

The Committee have to report that they have examined the above accounts, find them correct and recommend that they be paid

W. Ackhurst. Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Public accounts be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw Checks and pay the same

Moved by Alderman Ackhurst. seconded by

Alderman Pallister which on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee on Taxes

Committee Room 18. Sep 1863

The Committee on City rates and taxes to whom the Memorial of Mr W Almon J was referred in which petitioner complains of not having received notice of his assessment agreeable to law and consequently could not make an appeal. beg to report, that having investigated the matter, they find by reference to the assessors Check Book for the Ward, that the usual notice was left at Petitioners dwelling house on the 19th May, last and consequently the Committee cannot recommend the Council to listen to the prayer of the Petitioner

"In sanction said Report is adopted"

C. D. Meynell. Chairman

Report of the Committee of Public Accounts

Report of the Committee on Taxes

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Read Report of Committee on Tenders
Committee Room Halifax 29. Sep 1863

Report of the
Committee of
Tenders.

Committee of Tenders met this day present Alderman Smithey
Ritchie & the Chairman - when the following tenders were opened the same having reference
to reporting the details of City Council

No 1	J. H. Stewart	1 paper Chronicle only	\$120
2	"	" " Ch + Journal	100
3	"	" " Ch + Express	180
4	"	" " Ch. Ch + Journal	200
5	Crackie & Peronet	will report in the reporter, Sun Journal & Colonist, or in the reporter and any one of the above papers	175
		in the reporter or any two others of the above	192
6	A. S. Ritchie	in the day only	100
	of John Quinn	Chronicle & Express	150

The Committee beg to state that the parties tendering limits the
reporting to two solid columns with the exception of A. S. Ritchie who will report in full
in the Sun Newspaper only, the Committee are unanimous in recommending
the tender of John Quinn to be accepted, he publishing in the express and Chronicle
a morning and evening paper although the tender of J. H. Stewart was equally as low
but in consequence of his publishing in two morning papers the former was
preferred

Geo. Conway "Chairman"

On Motion Said Report is adopted

On Motion the usual advertisement is ordered to issue for the
situation of Wood Measurer. Amendment, that the Council proceed to the
Election of Wood Measurer. Amendment Passed.

Read application of Patrick Feirny - the names are taken when
Patrick Feirny is Elected

Report of the
Street
Committee

Read Report of Street Committee on dedication of Starr Street
Streets Office Halifax 28. Sep 1863

The Committee of Streets, beg leave to report, that in accordance
with the minute of Council of 21. July referring to them the petition of a number of
Citizens, requesting that Starr Street should be taken in charge by the City

They directed the Clerk of Streets to call on the owners
of property on the street to ascertain, whether they would agree to dedicate the
street to the City, and for the information of the Council now submit their
answers - John Northrup Esq
Matthew Gounds Esq
Mrs W. Bennet

} object to give a deed

W. Starr. Miss McNeil of the Temperance Hall Co, agree with
the understanding, that their Porches & Steps be not removed

Yours Conchele. W. Pells. W. Harrington, the Trustees of Poplar Grove
Church, and W. C. A. Hunter consent without any reservation

The Committee would therefore recommend, that unless
the Owners of Property are unanimous in dedicating the said Street to the
City, that the street should be as here before, left in charge of the proprietors
or be laid out under the law

John M. Cullock Chairman

On Motion Said Report is adopted.

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Resolved that the list just read, respecting debts due the City for Brick Sidewalks and granite Curbing, be referred to His Honor the Recorder for the purpose of enforcing payment, without further delay

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Fenneman which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Appointment of appraisers to appraise Starr Street

On reading the report of the Committee of Streets, respecting the refusal of certain owners of real Estate in Starr Street to dedicate said Street to the City of Halifax

It is resolved, that three competent persons be appointed by this Council, for the purpose of appraising the damages to be paid by the City to them whose lands may be taken up to form said Street, and that said Street be laid out according to law

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Jennings, which on being put is passed

Appraisers Messrs Hugh Brown, Duncan Grant & Henry Peters

Report of George Langs Building

Read Report on George Langs Building

Committee Room 10. Sep 1863

The Special Committee sent out by this Council on the 28 Aug, on the petition of Mr Geo Lang, relative to a Building erecting by them in Argyle Street beg to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor and the City Council that after a careful investigation concerning the time or date, that the Contract for Erecting a brick building on a lot of Land in Argyle Street, was entered into with Mr Lang by Mr Delhanty on the 21st April last, and before the New Building act became Law

Henry G. Bell. Chairman

On Motion said report is adopted

The following Resolution is next introduced

Let remitting the fine of C. H. Fuller

Resolved that the fine imposed on Mr C. H. Fuller for violation of the Building act, be remitted he having complied with the order of the Council

Moved by Alderman McCulloch, seconded by Alderman Ackhurst which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the sum of Twenty five pounds, be granted to Mr James Spike in consideration of his services, connected with the Internat Steam department during the past year

Moved by Alderman Compton seconded by Alderman Smitay to which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that the further discussion of the Resolution now before the Council granting to Mr Spike \$100 for extra services, performed within the year, be deferred until the 15th of October next

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Smitay which amendment on being put is passed. 11 Voting for the same and 7 against it

Read Letter from Secretary of Telegraph Co relative to the Creation of Telegraph posts and the same is ordered to lie on the Table

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Read petition of Robert O. Oakes

On motion the Council rise

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And Returns of Elections for the different Wards on 1st October

October 3rd Inst

James Devin, Robert Richardson, John D. Nash, John Murphy
Return of Keana John Mumford, having taken and subscribed the Oath of Allegiance, the
Oath of Qualification, and also the oath of Justice of the Peace, are sworn into Office
14th October as Aldermen and Justices of the Peace for the City of Halifax

Alderman Jennings hands in petition of Edward Leaky and
other Electors of Ward No 5. against the return of Wm Roche.

Opinion of
Viz. Lord the same is read
The Recorder

On motion His Honor The Recorder is called upon for his opinion

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I think the return of the Presiding
Alderman is intended by the law to determine the Election as the 26. Section
of the Charter says "the Alderman presiding at every Election, shall on or before
the next day make a return to the Clerk of the City, of the names of the Persons having
the Majority of Votes, and declared by him Elected"

The Charter does not contemplate a scrutiny of votes, it is next
to impossible under the ballot system to ascertain for which of the Candidates an
Electors votes, the law points out too, the Penalties to be enforced against In-
dividuals who swear falsely, or act fraudulently at Elections - indeed the whole
scope of the Charter points to the Election before the Presiding Alderman being
final

Should other Candidates who have not been returned feel aggrieved it
is my opinion that they must apply to the Supreme Court for redress

In the mean time it is my opinion, that the Gentleman returned by
the presiding Officer, should take his seat at the Council Board

A Motion is made that the petition of Edward Leaky be read

Amendment that Wm Roche be sworn into Office

Amendment Carried 12 Voting for the same

and 4 against it

William Roche Esq is then sworn into Office as Alderman
and Justice of the Peace, for the City of Halifax.

Return of all
Wards as follows

The votes for Mayor are next summed up - when they appeared

Ward	For P. C Hill Esq	For William Coleman Esq
1	175	80
2	120	50
3	191	89
4	139	39
5	309	205
6	172	111
	1010	544

Majority for P. C Hill Esq

Philip Cantarut Hill Esquire is therefore publicly declared
Mayor of the City of Halifax for the ensuing year

1863 Archibald Harshaw and George A. F. Paw, are next appointed
October 3rd City Auditors for ensuing year

Read Memorial of John O'Connor and others relative
to return of W. Roche as Alderman for Ward 5.

On motion the same is ordered to lie on the table

Alderman Nash, hands in a resolution by way of notice

On motion a Committee is appointed to draft the Standing Committees
for ensuing year

Committee Alderman Hill Dunbar, Egan, Frenneman
Conway and Richey

The Committee retire and return with the following Report

Standing Committees 1863 & 1864

Standing
Committees
for 1863 & 64

Public Accounts Alderman. John, Meagher, Nash, Pauster, Conway, Richey

Common Imlay, Richardson, Egan, Frenneman, Roche, Jennings

Cemetery Hill, Richardson, Boggs, Pauster, Roche, Jennings

City Prison Hill, Dunbar, Boggs, Pauster, Conway, Richey

City Property Hill, Dunbar, Nash, Frenneman, Roche, Jennings

Senders Imlay, Meagher, Egan, Frenneman, Conway, Mumford

Cabs & Trucks Imlay, Meagher, Murphy, Spence

City Hospital John, Richardson, Nash, Murphy, Spence, Mumford

Taxes John, Richardson, Nash, Murphy, Conway, Mumford

Streets Hill, Frenneman, Conway

Internal Health Dunbar, Egan, Jennings

Laws and Privileges 3 John, Dunbar, Boggs, Pauster, Roche, Richey

Water Appeals Imlay, Meagher, Boggs, Murphy, Roche, Mumford

On motion the Report is adopted

On motion the Council rise