

1864

The City Council next proceed to the election of a City Assessor when January 18th following Resolution is introduced.

Whereas this Council does not consider it justice to others who may be willing to fill offices in the gift of this Council, that one man should fill two separate and distinct offices of Enrolment in their gift.

Therefore Resolved that the office of Assessor shall be the only office of pay held by the party who may do the duties of said office, other offices to which no pay is attached may be held being merely offices of Honor. Moved by Ald Nash seconded by Ald Spence which on being put is lost 5 Voting for the same and 2 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus-

For the Resolution		against it	
Ald Nash		Pallister	Fin
Boggs		Senaman	Conway
Spence		Murphy	Jennings
Rocke		Egan	Richey
Dunbar 5		Mumford	Richardson
		Imley	Keagher 12

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Whereas heretofore there <sup>has been</sup> almost invariably been extras been paid to assessors for some work which he has been called upon to do, and which it was considered not a part of his duty.

Res. allowing the assessor no extras

Therefore resolved that for the future the assessor be not allowed any extras, but shall receive for the whole labor, heretofore done as City Assessor or poll tax assessor or that may in the opinion of this Council be a part of his duty, the sum of \$ and that this sum shall be in full of all claims for extra services of any kind in connection with the assessment or collection of Taxes

Moved by Ald Nash seconded by Ald Boggs which on being put is passed 10 Voting for the same and 7 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Resolution		against it	
Ald Nash	Richey	Ald Murphy	
Pallister	Boggs	Egan	
Senaman	Spence	Imley	
Mumford	Dunbar	Fin	
Jennings	Rocke 10	Conway	
		Richardson	
		Keagher 7	

Read application of Geo J Barry and How Cox for election of City Assessor. The names are next taken when Geo J Barry is elected City Assessor for ensuing year 14 voting for him and 3 against him.

The City Council next proceed to the election of a Board

Read applications of John Cahill and Edward Butler the names are taken when John Cahill is elected-



1861  
January 18th  
Appointment  
of Fire  
Wards

for ensuing year.

The following Gentlemen are elected Fire Wards and Fire Constables

Fire Wards

Ward No 1  
Wm Compton  
J B Senkrest  
J H Murphy

Ward No 4  
James Miles  
Wm Pallister  
Duch. Kearney

Ward No 2  
Saml R. Caldwell  
Willm Dunbar  
Jas Reeves

Ward No 5  
Peter Hogan  
John Finn  
Henry B. Reid

Ward No 3  
James Duggan  
James Eddy  
Wm McDonald

Ward No 6  
John Drummond  
John Blundell  
Joseph Coombes

Fire Constables

Ward No 1  
J. P. Hagarty  
John Bennett  
Henry Leverman  
Mr Brockly

Ward No 3  
William Parker  
William Jamphire  
Willm Smith  
Stephen Walsh

Ward No 5  
Willm Connors  
J. B. Bent  
Henry Carson  
John O'Leachy

Ward No 2  
Thos Goudge  
Donald Kirk  
James McGill  
Michl. Kennesey

Ward No 4  
Thos Beckett  
Michl O'Brien  
Thos Bushel  
Frederic Parsons

Ward No 6  
George Smith  
James Jackson  
Cuthbert Taux  
Henry Clarke

Com. from Dr  
Hattie rel to  
building

relative to a building  
to report upon.

Read communication from Dr. Hattie & Mr. McLearn

On motion the same is referred to the Alderman of the Ward

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved that the Internal Affairs Committee be respectfully requested to continue taking away the ashes and Sweepings from the Streets as usual, with as much economy as possible, and that this Council will bear the expense.

Moved by Ald. Richardson seconded by Alderman Drummond which on being put is lost 7 voting for the same and 9 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the Resolution  
Ald Senaman  
Murphy Richardson  
Egan Dunbar  
Drummond  
Conroy

against it  
Ald Nash  
Friday  
Pallister  
Jennings  
Richard  
Boggs  
Rochu  
Spence  
Maghera



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January 18th

On motion Council Aid



1864  
January 2nd

At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day Present  
His Worship the Mayor Alderman Antas, Stone, Dunbar, Mcagher, Richardson, Roggs,  
Nash, Senaman, Murphy, Conway, Piche, Richards & Jennings

Read over proceedings of 18. January 1864

The City Council were summoned to continue the Revision  
of the Statutes,

Ald Nash submits Report of Committee on  
Water Commissioners ordinance received.

Also Report of Committee on Mr Christopher  
Dart's Petition received

Also Report of City Architect on communication of Miss McLearn & Hattie  
relative to a Building with plan.

Alderman Roche in absence of the Chairman  
reports from Committee of City Property

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from H. Clarke  
relative to his appointment as Fire Constable.

Also communication from Mr. Calnan  
relative to his building

Also communication from J. C. Osgood with deed of dedication  
for certain Roads on his brother's field West side of the Common.

Also fair copies of clauses of Charter passed at last  
meeting

Read report of Committee on Petition of Christopher Dart submitted  
this day.

Read Report of Committee on ordinance of Water Company

Read Report of City Architect on Report of  
Miss Hattie & McLearn with plan.

Read Report of Committee of City Property submitted this

Report of the  
Committee  
of City Property

Halifax N.S. 22 Jan'y 1864

Committee of City Property met this day and appointed pro tem  
Ald Roche Chairman

The Committee examined the City Clock with Mr. Brown who pointed  
out the breakage of glass, the dirty and rusty condition of the machinery as the memorandum  
hereto sheweth.

The Committee are not prepared to say whether these deficiencies and  
breakages should be made good by the former contractor or by the City we recommend that  
the former contractor be sent for to make such explanations as may enable the Committee or  
the Council to decide.

The following Resolution is introduced.

On Reading the Report of Committee of City Property relative to repair  
of City Clock. It was resolved that the Committee be empowered to have said Clock and  
tower repaired provided that the repair do not exceed forty dollars.

Moved by Ald. Conway seconded by Ald. Bentley which on being  
put is passed.



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January 22<sup>nd</sup>

On motion the Report of the City Architect just read is referred to his Honor the Recorder with his Honor the Mayor to take decision upon.  
Read letter from W. B. Clarke submitted this day.

On motion Mr. Clarke is relieved from his appointment of Amc. Constable.

Read communication from Mr. Falmace relative to his building.

On motion the same is referred to the Alderman of Ward to report upon.

Communication from J. C. Cogswell with plan of certain lots plan near West side of Common

Read communication from J. C.

Reads of Mr. Cogswell West side of Common

To His Honor the Mayor  
Sir,

I enclose you a plan of my brother's property on the West side of the Common, in which he has laid out the roads which he desires to dedicate to the public. Will you be kind enough to lay the same before the Council for their acceptance which I think may be written on the plan like the dedication. But whatever is deemed necessary & according to usage will of course be done.

Your obt. servant  
Jas. C. Cogswell

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 1864

On motion the same is referred to the Committee of Street to report upon

The City Council now proceed to the further revision of the Charter.

Clauses of Charter

Read 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> forms of Article which on being put are passed  
The following Resolution is next introduced

That when it shall be proved to the satisfaction of Mayor and one Alderman or of any two Aldermen that any person is a habitual drunkard and is injuring his or her health by excessive drinking or neglecting his or her family (if any) it shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Alderman or two Aldermen to cause a notice to be published in one or more of the newspapers published in the City, prohibiting all persons from supplying such person with any spirituous or fermented liquors for any term not exceeding two years under a penalty of not less than £5 nor more than £20. and in default of payment of such fine the offender shall be imprisoned in the City Prison for not less than 20 days nor more than 90 days.

Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman Dunbar which on being put is passed unammously

Clauses of Charter

Read 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 191  
192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206  
207. 208. 209. Clauses

which on being put are severally passed

On motion the engrossing of laws is left to his Honor the Mayor with his Honor the Recorder and Alderman Fitch to attend to.

On motion the Council adjourn



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January 25.

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present  
His Worship the Mayor Alderman Inlay, John Dunbar, Ineager, Richardson, Briggs, Nash  
Senaman, Pallister, Murphy, Conroy, Spence, Roche, Fitch, Jennings, Mumford.

The City Council were summoned to continue the session  
of the Charter.

Read over proceedings of 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Alderman Nash hands in copy of Rules in connection  
with Water Commissioned ordinance.

His Worship the Mayor hands in Quarterly Return  
of Clerks of Licenses to 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Also Return of Mr. Gid gauger of oil.

Also fair copies of clauses of Charter passed at last meeting.

Read rules in connection with Water  
Commissioned ordinance.

Read 210 Clause of Charter which on being put is  
passed 10 yeas for the same and 8 against it.

Read the various applications for the situation of  
Measures of Coal.

The names are next taken when Daniel Long and Patrick Patis are  
elected measures of Coal for ensuing year.

Clauses of the  
Charter 219, 220.

Read 211<sup>th</sup>, 212<sup>th</sup>, 213<sup>th</sup>, 214<sup>th</sup>, 215<sup>th</sup>, 216<sup>th</sup>, 217<sup>th</sup>, 218<sup>th</sup>.

Read 221 Clause when following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the present clause in the act be allowed to remain,  
which relates to Auctioneers, moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Alderman  
Pallister which on being put is passed.

Read 222 Clause, passed

Ald. Senaman's Resolution relative to assessment on strangers  
coming to the City to do business is next taken up and read. On motion the Alderman  
has leave to withdraw the same.

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved that in future no person shall be  
allowed to set up or commence any business in the City of Halifax unless he shall previously  
give notice of his intention to do so, to the City Clerk in writing specifying the nature  
of such business, and the locality where he intends to carry it on, and shall pay a fee  
of £5 for such permission this clause not to apply to any person who may have  
resided for 12 months or upwards in the City immediately preceding and who shall have  
paid assessment therein.

Moved by Ald. Conroy seconded by Ald. Nash which on being  
put is passed.



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are passed.

Read 224, 225, 226, 227. Clauses which on being put

Old task gives notice of Reconsideration of last clause.

Read 228 & 229 Clauses passed.

On motion the word Gunpowder is directed to be inserted in 201st Clause of the Charter.

Read 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240. Clauses which on being severally put are passed.

On motion the Council Rise.



1864

February 1st

At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Dwyer, Min, Dunbar, Meagher, Richardson, Nash, Brennan, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Pichey, Roche, Jennings and Drumfords.

The City Council were summoned to continue the revision of the Charter.

Read over proceedings of 25th January

Alderman Brennan hands in Report of Committee on Mr. Galanans Petition.

His Worship the Mayor hands in Quarterly Return of Mr. Keenan Gauger of oil.

Also fair copies of clauses of Charter passed at last meeting.

Read Report of Committee on Petition of Mr. Callanan.

Report of the Committee on Petition of Mr. Callanan

The Committee whom the Petition of William Callanan was referred to beg leave to report that they met this day with the City Architect and proceeded to the premises in Beaufort St where the contemplated alterations are required and ascertained from Mr. Callanan that his intentions are to put in larger windows in the front of his house and also to raise the eave the same about 4 inches without raising the rafters so as to form a bell cast to throw the water from the front of his building which is only one story.

Your Committee do not consider there will be any danger attending the said alterations and therefore recommend that William Callanan be allowed to proceed with the contemplated improvements on his building.

Respectfully Submitted  
Samuel Brennan  
Chairman

Return of Mr. Keenan gauger of oil

Read Return of Mr. Keenan Gauger of oil.

Read clause 252 passed.

Streets, Read 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274.

Read 275 Clause to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that after the passing of this act no poll tax be levied or collected, and that all parties desiring the benefit of a franchise of voting for the election of Mayor or Alderman shall be entitled to that privilege by calling at the Treasurers Office and paying 75 for a Registry ticket which shall be paid previous to the 1st day of June before such election and shall be a British born male subject of the age of 21 years or a naturalized subject of Her Majesty not attainted with treason or felony and shall have resided at least 12 months in the City previous to the election

Moved by Ald Nash seconded by Ald Dunbar which on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and 7 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus



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February 1st

In the amendment  
Ald. Nash  
Smyth  
Foster  
Lenthing  
Spence  
Dunbar

against it  
Ald. Pinn  
Murphy  
Benjamin  
Fisher  
Richardson  
G. Cho  
Meagher. 4

Nash's notice of  
reconsideration

Ald. Nash gives notice of Reconsideration.

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The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved that the Council do offer a reward in the  
sum of \$200. for the apprehension of the person or persons that wantonly set fire to  
Mr. Butcher's furniture shop on the evening of the 20th instant.

Moved by Ald. Richardson seconded  
by Alderman Dunbar which on being put is passed.

On motion Council Rise

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1864  
February 12th

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day  
Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anday, O'Keefe, Dunbar, Duagher, Richardson  
Egan, Nash, Brennan, Callister, Murphy, Conroy, Roche, Pickett, Cunningham and Mumford.

Read our proceedings of 1st City.

The City Council were summoned to take up the business stand-  
ing from last meeting and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Brennan hands in petition of James Neville  
and others for sewer in Altermare Street.

Alderman Pickett Chairman hands in report  
of Committee of City Prison

His Worship the Mayor hands in petition of Dr  
Cogwell and others for drainage near North Common.

Also annual accounts from  
Board of Works relative to Lunatic Paupers.

Also annual statement of  
Commissioners of Poor.

Also petition from Mr. McLarren relative to building  
corner of Argyle and Pemie Street.

His Worship the Mayor reports to the Council  
that proceedings were instituted against Mr. McLarren for erecting a  
Building contrary to law, and he was convicted before the Police Court, and the  
house declared a public nuisance.

His Worship the Mayor also submits a Bond  
from Mr. McLarren, to demolish the building, at any time appointed by the  
Council.

Alderman Conway submits report of Committee of Streets  
relative to Bricks sidewalks with last amounts due for the same. Also a draft of  
Sewerage act.

Read Report of Committee of City Prison submitted this day

Committee Room

City Prison 20th Feb.

The Committee of City Prison having examined the  
following accounts and find the same correct now recommend them for payment.

1	J. D. Nash	\$50.05
2	C. Lamont	19.00
3	C. Barnstead	141.07 1/2
4	J. Connolly	28.80
5	Jas Buller	36.00
6	Doggs & Co	14.50
7	John Parker	12.00
8	Jas Hanson	7.88
	Petty cash purchased for Comr.	37.34
	H. Harris, Son and Morrow	3.36
		<u>\$322.36 1/2</u>

Report of the  
Committee of  
City Prison



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When following Resolution is introduced.

On reading the Report of the City Prison Committee relative to City Prison expenditure it was resolved that the accounts be paid, and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to draw a cheque for the same

Moved by Alderman Lowry, seconded by Ald Dunbar, which on being put is passed

Report of the  
Committee of  
Streets

Read Report of Committee of Streets submitted this day.  
When following Resolution is next introduced

On reading the Report of Committee of Streets relative to Brick Sidewalks and the recommendations contained therein. It is resolved that City Treasurer be directed to cause notice to be given in the papers advertising for the City that he will receive at his office Tenders from persons willing to loan to the City the sum of \$1000 in sums of not less than \$100 from any one person until the day of agreement to law. Moved by Ald Lowry seconded by Ald Davis which on being put is passed.

Ald Nash hands in petition of Mrs Gault relative to his building.

Bill of Ald  
Dennings re  
the erection  
of Buildings

Alderman Dennings submits a Bill relative to the restriction of Buildings in the City of Halifax.

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved that a Committee of Three Aldermen be appointed write His Honor the Recorder to prepare the draft of an address of Congratulation to Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness The Prince and Princess of Wales on the late auspicious event of the birth of a Prince, and to report to this Council. Moved by Ald Dennings seconded by Alderman Ald Davis which on being put is passed.

Committee Ald Dennings, Davis, and Nash. with the Recorder

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Whereas in consequence of the crowded state of the Military Hospital, an application has been made for the use of the City Hospital for the month for such rent as may be mutually agreed upon.

Resolved that in the uncertainty whether some epidemic disease or other cause may not occur in the mean while to render the use of the building necessary to the City. The Council consider it inexpedient to enter into the proposed arrangement but that the military authorities be requested to accept of the free use of the Hospital until the 1st June next on condition of their paying gas and water rates and leaving the premises in the same state they found them

Moved by Alderman Dennings seconded by Ald Nash which on being put is passed

When following Resolution is next introduced.



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February 12th Whereas the want of a uniform suitable for the winter season for the Police has on many occasions been brought to the notice of the Council more especially on a recent important occasion

Resolved that a proper uniform overcoat and cap be provided for the Police constables, and eight watchmen, and that the funds necessary for the same be taken from the proceeds of the dog tax, such caps and coats be considered the property of the City, and that a Committee of three Aldermen, with His Worship the Mayor, be appointed to carry out the same. Moved by Ald Dunbar seconded by Ald Meagher which on being put is passed  
Committee Ald Dunbar Conway & Mumford and His Worship the Mayor

Sewerage  
Gills

Read sewerage bill submitted this day, submitted by His Honor the Recorder. Read sewerage bill

A motion is made that said bills lie on the table until next meeting of Council. Amendment that the same be referred to a Committee to report upon with all despatch. Committee Ald Conway, Penman, Robin, Richardson, Salk & Pichay.

On motion the clauses of the Charter as far as passed are ordered to be handed to the Committee of Laws and Privileges for presentation to the Legislature.

Read Act to restrain the erection of wooden buildings in the City of Halifax

On motion the same lay on the table for three months. Read 15 Clause of Chapter 29 of Acts of 1863, relating to the appointment of Aldermen to revise the list of voters following resolution is introduced

Resolved that the Alderman composing the Committee of Laws and Privileges be the Commissioners for serving the list of voters as provided in the act of 1863 Chapter 29. Moved by Ald Demming seconded by Ald Roche, which on being put is passed.

Read Report of Committee on Mr. Calahans Petition on motion said report is adopted.

Read petition of William Quab submitted this day

On motion the same is referred to the Alderman of Ward No 3 to report upon.

On motion the Council Rise



1864

February 15th Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Arday, Dunbar, Magher, Richardson, Egan, Nash, Keenan, Callister, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Rieley, Jennings & Mumford.

Read over proceedings of 12th February

The City Council were summoned to continue the revision of the Charter and the transaction of other business.

His Worship the Mayor submits fair clauses of Charter passed at last meeting.

On motion a Committee is appointed to draw up a petition to the Legislature relative to County Rates, On motion the Committee of Laws and Privileges are requested to take the matter, and present the same to the Legislature.

Alderman Conway submits certain resolutions on sewerage bill adopted by Committee appointed last meeting.

Alderman Nash's notice of reconsideration is next taken up and on being put is lost.

Nash's notice of reconsideration clauses of the Charter

Read 275 clause is next read when following amendment is introduced

Every male inhabitant of the City over 21 years subject of the crown, and who shall not be attainted with felony or treason and who shall pay to the Treasurer a poll tax of one dollar and fifty cents previous to the 31st of December in each succeeding year, shall be entitled to vote at all civic elections, in the ward in which he resides, for Mayor and Alderman, by producing a receipt for the same signed by the Treasurer or his assistant or whose name shall appear on the Registry provided, that such poll tax payer shall be a resident in the City twelve months previous to said election but nothing in this shall apply to persons whose names shall appear on the assessment book as rate payers or to Fire or Axe Companies or any other Companies who are exempted from poll tax by law, and are therefore entitled to vote under the present law. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Nash which amendment on being put is passed & voting for the same and against it and the names being called for stay appeared thus

For the amendment  
Ald Nash  
Keenan  
Murphy  
Conway  
Arday  
Richardson  
Callister  
Dunbar &

against it  
Ald Egan  
Rieley  
Jennings  
Roche  
Spence  
Magher &

Draft of address to Her Majesty

Read draft of an address to Her Majesty the Queen and Prince and Princess of Wales on the Birth of a Prince.

On motion of Alderman Jennings seconded by Ald Richardson that the same be fairly engrossed and forwarded to the foot of the throne.



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February 16

Read 276 Clause, passed

Clauses of Charter

Read 277 Clause, which on being put is passed, 8 voting for the same and 6 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the clause  
Ald. Nash

against it  
Ald. Penman

Egan  
Rickey  
Sennings  
Roche  
Richardson  
Pallister  
Spence 8

Murphy  
Aulay  
Conway  
Dunbar  
Magher 6

Read 278 Clause, passed.

ditto

Read 279 Clause, passed, as amended making 6 the Committee of Streets, which on being put is passed 9 voting for the same and 5 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the amendment  
Ald. Nash

against it  
Ald. Penman

Aulay  
Sennings  
Rickey  
Roche  
Richardson  
Spence  
Magher  
Dunbar 9

Murphy  
Egan  
Conway  
Pallister 5

Read 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289.

290, 291, passed

ditto

Read 292. Internal Health Committee, Clause, passed, 10 voting for the same and 4 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the clause  
Ald. Murphy

against it  
Ald. Nash

Penman  
Egan  
Conway  
Aulay  
Rickey  
Richardson  
Pallister  
Magher  
Dunbar 10

Sennings  
Roche  
Spence 4

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved, that the Internal Health Committee proceed with their work as usual, and attend to the duties as heretofore moved by Ald. Nash next Ald. Richardson, which on being put is lost, 5 voting for the same and 8 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.