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At a Special meeting of the City Council held this
May 2nd day Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Searley, Hill, Sobin, Dunton, Meagher,
Egan, Bogg, Nash, Seenanam, Callister, Murphy, Conway, Roche, Rieky, Jennings.

Read over proceedings of 14th April.

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

Alderman Conway hands in report of Committee
of Lenders

Alderman Roche hands in Report of Committee on petition
of Edward Duffly and others

Alderman Will hands in report of Committee of City
Property

Alderman Sobin hands in Report of Committee of Millard
Kindlay and others relative to Mr. Barry

Also Report of Committee of Taxes

His Worship the Mayor hands in
communication from H. D. Townsend offering present of Books to Library

Also petition of Mr. Luman relative
to his taxes.

Also communication from J. C. Loggins.

Also from George Long relative to
erection of a small building

Also communication from J. Denton Munn

Also award of arbitrators in
the case of H. J. Turk.

Also award of arbitrators in the case of Sir Samuel Cunard

Also Quarterly Returns of Height
of Flour and Meal

Also communication from Mr. Leopold with plans of water
lot at North West Arm

Alderman Meagher hands in Report of Committee of Hacks
and Cabs

Read Report of Committee of Lenders.

Halifax April 23rd 1864

Committee Room

Committee of Lenders met this day. Present Alderman Meagher,
Seenanam, Searley, Egan & the Chairman, when the following Lenders were opened for a
loan of £1000 for side walks and crossings

No. 1 Elizabeth Head will lend the City of Halifax	£15.00	@ 5 1/2 per cent
No. 2 James Sobin	£500	400 5 1/2

The Committee would recommend that the Lender
of James Sobin be exempted it being the exact amount required.

all of which is respectfully submitted

Jeremiah Conway
Chairman

Report of the
Committee
of
Lenders

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On motion the said report is adopted.

Report of
Committee
on Petition
of S. Duffy

of S. Duffy

Read Report of Committee on petition

On motion the same is referred to the Internal Affairs Committee.

City Property.

Read Report of Committee of

The Committee of City Property beg to report for the information of the City Council that they let at auction this day two of the stores in the Dock Building adjoining Market Wharf No 1 store to Mr. Ash for £90. per annum also No 2 for £52. leaving the two eastern stores unlet (for which they have an offer from Alderman Nash of £50 each) also let the Dock Market to Mrs B and asked for the sum of £50- per annum

Henry Hill Chairman
City Property

Res
Motion Mr
Nash's offer
rel to House
on Market
Slip is accepted

On motion the offer of Mr. Nash is accepted at the end of the week, provided a better offer be not received in the meantime.

Motion is next made that the Dock

Market be let for 5 years amendment that the same be let for one year only. Amendment passed 13 for the amendment and two against it. and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the amendments
Ald. Leenanon

against it
Ald. Nash
W. O'Connell

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| Murphy | Kehey |
| Leahy | Roche |
| Egan | Boggs |
| Lotin | Pallister |
| Conway | Drughan |
| Lennings | Dunbar 13 |

Report of
Committee
on Report
of Jas Dindley
rel to the City
Assessor

Read Report of Committee on Report of James Dindley and others relative to the City Assessor Committee Room

The Committee appointed by vote of Council to investigate the petition of James Dindley and others embodying a charge of a serious character against the City Assessor met on two several occasions and invited all parties connected therewith to come and state their grievances so as to enable the Committee to arrive at a just conclusion.

Several subscribers attended and much evidence was taken and the Committee do not hesitate to pronounce the charges imformed and intolious and the subscribers with the exception of one or two design indigators of the whole scheme appended their names or allowed others to do so under the most flagrant and barefaced misrepresentations as the evidence fully demonstrates. The Committee regret that the names of two of the City Alderman should appear by the evidence of Dindley and others to have taken prominent part in the petition & subsequently moved it in the notice of the Council

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The Committee deprecate the unworthy means which appear to have been resorted to by the Alderman to influence the public mind against their trustworthiness deserving public office and damage his character with the Mayor & City Council.

James Dobin
Ch.

Read evidence given before the

of evidence given before the Committee

On motion the Report of the Committee is adopted.

Read Report of Committee

of Report of the Committee on Taxes

April 26th 1864

The Committee on Taxes report after due consideration and going into the particulars of the undermentioned claims that they can afford no redress to petitioners namely

- James Connolly
- H. H. Rudolph
- Mary Whitney
- Miss Cook

The particulars of objection are appended to each petition and can be referred to at any time. The case of Cornelius O'Brien has been assayed and the Committee satisfied

James Dobin
Ch.

On motion said report is adopted

Communication from W. J. Townsend with offer of books to New Library with books to the Library

Read communication from W. J. Townsend

On motion the thanks of the Council are tendered to Mr. Townsend for the gift.

Read petition of H. Lenneman

relative to his taxes

Read communication from T. C. Bogswell relative to a

brick sidewalk

On motion the first part of Mr. Bogswell's communication is referred to the Street Committee the latter part having already been attended to by the proper authorities

to which the following amendment is introduced

That the Council proceed with the order of the day which amendment on being put is lost & voting for the same and against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

- For the amendment
- Ald. Bran
 - Jenlay
 - John
 - Conway
 - Roche 5

- against it
- Ald. Nash
 - Magher
 - Donnaman
 - & Dunbar
 - Murphy
 - Lennings
 - Boggs
 - Pallister

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Motion passed.

Read communication from George Long
Builder relative to the erection of a Building
on motion the prayer of the petitioner

is granted

Read communication from Dr. Curme Esq. M.D.

Communication
from J. D. Curme
Esq. M.D.

To His Honor the Mayor and
City Council of Halifax

Gentlemen,

In forwarding to you my appli-
cation for the office of Surgeon to the City Prison held by my deceased father I have
the honor to state that since my arrival in this country two years ago the whole active
duty in Medical Attendance on that institution has almost entirely devolved upon me
and I have endeavored to discharge the duty faithfully with my utmost ability

I am further emboldened to solicit
this appointment in consideration of the long and faithful service performed
by my late father in connection with that institution he having filled the office
for the last quarter of a century

Should you honor me with your confidence be
assured that I will endeavor to discharge the duties entrusted to me to the best
of my ability and will seek by my every act to justify your choice

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Obedt Servt.

Dentham Hurst.

When following Resolutions is introduced

Resolved that in consequence of the
disease of Dr Curme whose son has been in the practice of performing the
duty at the City Prison will be continued in the performance of the duty at
the same annual rate received by his late father until the 15th Oct.

Moved by Alderman Roche seconded by Ald. Sobin

So which the following amendment is introduced

That the usual practice of advertising be adhered
to, which on being put is lost 6 voting for the same and 8 against it and the names
being called for they stood thus

For the amendment

Ald. Nash

Senaman

Murphy

Egan

Conway

Dunbar 6

against it

Ald. Inlay

Will

Sobin

Jennings

Roche

Boggs

Pallister

Knaght 8

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Award of the Arbitrators in and with the matter of the City and West

The Resolution is therefore carried

Read award of Arbitrators in the matter of the City

Read award of Arbitrators in case of City and Sir Samuel Cunard

When following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the sum of £415 or \$1554 be paid to Sir Samuel Cunard, being the full amount awarded to him for 1412 feet of land in Upper Water Street as per agreement with the City of Halifax and that His Worship the Mayor, be authorised to draw a cheque for the same, less one half of the cost for arbitration, on receiving the proper conveyances and that the Committee of Public Accounts make provision for the same in this years estimate, Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Ald. Roche which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Resolved that the sum awarded to be paid to Mr. Risto for the transfer of his property on Water Street in the 5th Ward be paid him on the reception of the title deeds, and that the Committee of Public Accounts be instructed to insert that sum in the amount to be assessed, for the present year Moved by Ald. Roche, seconded by Alderman Vallister which on being put is passed.

Letter from Mr. Leppard with plan of Water Lot at North West Arm

Read letter from Mr Leppard with Plan of Water Lot at North West Arm. When following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the lot of land at the North West Arm owned by George Leppard and offered by him to the City of Halifax for Fifty Pounds to be purchased, and the money be paid upon the title being found satisfactory to the Recorder, and the deed prepared, Moved by Ald. Nash seconded by Ald. Roche which on being put is passed

Report of the Committee on Sacks and Trucks

Read Report of Committee of Sacks and Trucks

third or first time

Read ordinance relating

Alderman Hill introduces a Resolution by way of notice.

An adjournment is next put and lost And the following Resolution is introduced.

Whereas it has come to the knowledge of this Council that one of the Body viz. Alderman Spence is frequently intoxicated and has in one instance in a Booz Shop so far forgot the dignity of his situation as to square off put himself in a Boxing attitude and did then and there fight with one Durwin who has on several occasions been in Rockhead.

Therefore Resolved that Mr Spence be requested to resign his seat as Alderman, and the Council will remit the fine for resignation Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Ald. Magher

On motion Council Rise

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May 7th

James Lyell is this day sworn into office as a Night
Watchman and Special Constable in presence of His Worship the Mayor

Thomas Dillon sworn is this day as Watchman
and Special Constable in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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May 9th this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Inlay. Hill. John Dunbar
Magher. Richardson. Egan. Boggs Nash. Kenamara. Callister Conway Spence
Roche Rickay Jennings and Munford.

Read over proceedings of May 2

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

Alderman Conway hands in report of Street Committee relative to expenditure for 1864.

Alderman Jennings hands in petition of Charles Swining and others relative to drain in Melville

Alderman Boggs hands in City Prison accounts for April.

His Worship the Mayor submits petition of R Kealern relative to a drain.

Also communication from A J Turk relative to land awarded to the City in Upper Water Street

Also communication from Clerk of the Peace relative to amounts required to be assessed on the City for County purposes

Also communication from Mr Wiswell Secretary to Telegraph Company.

Also auditors report of Water Commissioners accounts.

Also letter from A S Jones in reply to offer of City Block to Government Building Commissioners

Also from Alderman Nash accompanying a gift of books for the Free Library.

Also letter from His Honor the Recorder relative to the Leppard lot

Also from Commissioners of Water Supply relative to late Water Act

Also copy of an Act to authorize the finding of the City debt.

Read Report of Committee of City Prison submitted this day.

Committee Room
5th May 1864

The Committee of City Prison respectfully submit and recommend for payment the following accounts which have been examined and find correct.

1	Wm Thomas	\$ 3.90
2	S.A. White & Co	24.50
3	Boggs & Roll	9.56
4	C. Kornstad	8.88
5	Mr. Sullivan	12.00
6	Geo. Parker	14.92
7	Geo. Russell	26.40
8	Belate J Callister	31.64
		<u>\$ 137.80</u>

Report of the Committee of City Prison

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Post Forward

\$ 134.80

Cash purchases and disbursements
for Commissioner

56.42

Underkeepers acct.

89.33
\$ 282.85

Two hundred and eighty three dollars eighty five

cents

W. H. Richey
Chairman

When following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the accounts relative to the City Prison just read be approved of and paid and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw cheques for the same, moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Ald. Sealey, which on being put is passed.

Report of the
Street
Committee

submitted this day.

Read Report of Street Committee sub.

Street Office

Halifax 19 May 1864

The Committee of Streets beg leave to report for the information of His Worship the Mayor & City Council that since their report on the Sidewalk Service of 12 City last they have had placed to their credit the sum Two thousand pounds borrowed by the City and which has been disposed off as follows

paid Balance due the Treasurer at that date	699. 16. 11
paid R. Maccom Bill for Boecks	595. 19. 0
paid St Peter's Bill	19. 12. 3
paid A. Robertson's Bill	125. 0. 9
paid on acct of Curbing and Crossings	655. 0. 0
paid Labour	331. 7. 3
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	2426. 16. 1
Amount Borrowed	2000 0. 0
Amount paid by Citizens	355. 2. 8
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	2355. 2. 8
	41 " 13 " 5

Amount overdrawn.

leaving £1392. 5. 5 still due by the Citizens for Boeck & Curbing at present there is 2514 feet of Granite Curbing set and ~~part~~ kept on the streets ready for setting there is also 2000 ft of crossings delivered which 1000 ft more Curbing that will be delivered this month - will require at least £500 to be paid on the 1st of June the contracts being paid monthly your Committee are therefore compelled to call upon the Council to authorize the Treasurer to advertise for £1000 to enable them to prosecute the work. The Committee would further state that they have contracted for sea gravel for the service at 1/4 p load and also for laying Boecks at 8/9 p to the parties in both cases giving security for the due performance of their contract.

Ald. Conway
Chairman

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Read petition of Charles Sumner et al relative to a drain in Leedville.

Read petition of R Malcom relative to a sewer.

Read letter from W Turk submitted this day

Read letter from Clerk

Letter from Clerk of Peace

of the Peace submitted this day.

On motion the Clerk of the Peace ^{is requested} to furnish the Council with a list which will show how the amount to be assessed is to be made up

Read letter from Secretary of Telegraph Company submitted this day.

Letter from Secret of American Telegraph Company

American Telegraph Company Office
Halifax May 7th 1864

Jas L Craig Esq
City Clerk

Dear Sir

Annexed I beg leave to hand you an account of Expenses paid by this company in consequence of obstruction to the erection of Line in North Street on the part of the City Officers &c in June last

I have not added the damages for delay and inconvenience occasioned by the interference referred to although these were serious to the company and tended to the disarrangement of our stipulation with the Railway Line and with the men employed

As our accounts are made up to 1st of May in each year I will feel obliged by your having the account submitted and paid as early as possible

Yours Respectfully
W W. Huswell

Jas. Ann L. C.

When following Resolution is introduced.

Get handing the letter to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion and that he be requested to hand in the same at his earliest convenience. Moved by Alderman Nash, seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed.

Resolved that the communication in reference to claim of Telegraph Company be handed to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion and that he be requested to hand in the same at his earliest convenience. Moved by Alderman Nash, seconded by Alderman Jennings which on being put is passed.

Read auditors report of Water Commissioner Account
Halifax 14 May 10, 1864

Read auditors report of Water Commisr

Sir.

Having been appointed by the City Council to audit the accounts of Commissioners of Water Supply up to 31st December 1863.

We have to report that we find the disbursements properly vouched and the balance sheet corresponding correctly with the balances on the books.

We are yours respectfully

W. S. Ashhurst

H. J. Coleman

Jas. McCallister

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On motion said Report is adopted.

Letter from
A. G. Jones

this day
Sir

Read letter from A. G. Jones submitted.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4 April enclosing Resolution of Council offering the City Block for the new building on the market square lot and I am desired by the Commissioners to convey their thanks for the very liberal offer which they will have much pleasure in submitting to the Government

Yours
A. Jones

Letter from
Ald. Nash
with gift of
books

with gift of Books

Read letter from Alderman Nash

On motion the thanks of the Council are tendered to Alderman Nash for his handsome present of 81 volumes of Books to the Law Library

Read opinion of His Honor the Recorder on Mr. Leppard's lot at N. W. Arm

Read communications from State Commissioners relative to Water Rates.

On motion the same is referred to a Committee with His Honor the Recorder to report upon.

Committee Alderman, Hill, Richardson, Nash, Grenaman, Spence and Richey

His Honor the Mayor submits communication from Miss McCully of Blanchard relative to Mr. McFarren's Building. When following Resolution is introduced.

Communication
from Miss
McLearn and
Blanchard

Resolved that the petition of Mr. McFarren with the accompanying letter from Miss McCully and Blanchard just read be referred to His Honor the Recorder, Moved by Alderman Richey seconded by Ald. Roche, which on being put is passed.

Read Act for funding the City debt when following Resolution is introduced

Whereas an Act passed at last session of General Assembly entitled an act to fund certain debts due by the City of Halifax

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to give notice in the papers advertising for the papers the City that he will receive tenders at his office until — day of — from persons wishing to loan the City the sum required by the Act, Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Dunbar which on being put are passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the Recorder be requested to request the Chief Justice will be pleased to favour the City Council with copies of His Honors notes and the verdict of the jury in the trial of

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Ordinances versus Fraser Captain of Night Watch moved by Alderman Sobie seconded by Alderman Nash, which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the City Assessor be directed to forthwith commence the valuation of the Real and Personal estate in the City of Halifax liable to assessment, for the current year. Moved by Alderman Dunbar seconded by Alderman Meagher.

Read Resolution as entered at last meeting

Res- Ref to
Ald Nash,
resigning his
seat in
Council

eng when following amendment is introduced.
Whereas a Resolution has been moved in the City Council by Alderman Nash, seconded by Alderman Meagher and published in the City Newspapers before the said resolution has been disposed of in the City Council, and whereas the said allegations in said Resolution are untrue malicious and libelous, brought forward at a time when I have a suit pending against the City, in the Supreme Court, for damages in consequence of a similar attempt to exclude me from the Office, and place assigned me by the people by election, and my right, to seat in the Council was confirmed by a decree of the Supreme Court,

Therefore this attempt by Alderman Nash to prevent the course of justice and prevent a right decision, by publishing untrue and malicious statements to prejudice the public against me an Alderman with perfect right established by a legal decision, to act as an Alderman is base and malignant, and renders the said John D. Nash unfit longer to remain in the Society of Gentlemen

Therefore Resolved that the said John D. Nash be requested to resign his seat in Council, to prevent his being expelled, Moved by Ald Spence seconded by Ald Roche, which amendment on being put is lost and the following amendment is next introduced

That said Resolution be referred to a Committee to report upon, passed.
Committee Alderman Sobie, Richardson, Egan, Pellister, Conway, and Mumford

A motion is next made that the report of the Street Committee submitted this day be adopted.

Amendment introduced that the same be deferred for information, which amendment on being put is lost 11 voting for the same and 11 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the amendment

Ald Nash
Roche
Spence
Boggs 4

against it

Ald Leeman
Mumford
Egan
Lentay
Hill
Conway
Jennings
Richardson
Pallister
Meagher
Dunbar 11

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The Report of the Street Committee is next put

and adopted.

Report of the Street Committee

Alderman Nash gives notice of Reconsideration

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Res. authorizing the Treasurer to open an ac with the Bank of Nova Scotia for the sum of \$6000

On reading the report of Committee of Streets submitted this day it was Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to open a cash account with the Bank of Nova Scotia, for the sum of \$6000 for the purpose of enabling the Committee to carry out the intention of said report and that the same be paid from the Assessment of 1864

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Dunbar which on being put are passed

Read petition of Chas Brown and other residents of Melville

On motion the same is referred to the Street Committee

On motion the thanks of the Council is tendered to Alderman Jennings for his handsome present of Books to the Library.

Read report of Street Committee relative to sidewalks. (see file) when the following Resolution is introduced

Res. adopting the report of Committee of Streets

Resolved that the Report of Committee of Streets having reference to Brick sidewalks and crossings be adopted, Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Brennan to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that no money be granted to Street Committee for the purpose of sidewalks, and crossings until a report is made to this Council of a plan of the intended work.

Moved by Ald. Nash seconded by Ald. Dunbar which amendment on being put is lost 30 voting for the same and 10 against it and the names being called for they stood thus

For the amendment	against it
Ald. Nash	Ald. Brennan
Boggs	Mumford
Dunbar 3	egan
	Jonday
	Hill
	Conway
	Jennings
	Richardson
	Pallister
	Roche 10

The original Resolution is therefore passed

Alderman Jennings hands in a Resolution by way of notice subject

On motion Council Rise

May 17th

Pat. McNamara is this day sworn into office as a Special Constable for the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

1864

June 3rd At a Special meeting of the City Council Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Selley, Hill, Lobin, Dunbar, Maguire, Richardson, Egan, Roggs, Nash, Senaman, Callister, Murphy, Conway, Spence, Roche, Jennings and Mumford

Read over proceedings of 25th June 9th May The City Council were summoned to continue the business standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

Alderman Dunbar in absence of the Chairman hands in report of Committee of City Prison

Alderman Conway hands in petition of Margaret Hutchings relative to a drain

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from Water Commissioners offering a gift of Drinking Fountain

Also communication from His Honor the Recorder with evidence in the case of Doodly vs Decker Capt of Night Watch

Also opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Mr Carrons petition

Also opinion relative to communication from Telegraph Company

Also petition of Donald Decker Capt of Night Watch

Also petition of Henry T. Saynt relative to allegation to Baptist Church

Also communication from Clerk of Peace containing particulars relative to amount required for County Assessment

Also City Architects report relative to Gault and Kearneys Building

His Worship the Mayor brings to the notice of the Council the suspension of Romkey and Hart two of the City Watchmen

On motion they are ordered to be severely censured but reinstated being first offences

Alderman Conin hands in report of Library Committee

Alderman Lobin hands in report of Special Committee on Alderman Spences resolution

Alderman Jennings submits letter from Mr Robert Austin

Read Report of Committee of City Prison

Report of the Committee of City Prison

Committee Room

30th June 1864

Committee of City Prison met this day Present Alderman Hill, Dunbar, Roggs, Callister and the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted examined and found correct