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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Hill, Jotro, McCulloch, Meagher, Richardson, Dunbar, Biggs, Ash. Ackhurst, Pallister, Murphy, Conway, Roche, Jennings, Mumford and Starr.

Read over proceedings of 10th April.

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

Alderman Ackhurst submits report of Committee of City Property.

Alderman Dunbar submits petition of Messrs McPhee & Thompson.

Alderman Jotro hands in petition of Pleimans for increase of salary.

Ald Hill hands in letter from G W Duke relative to line of street in front of street.

His Worship the Mayor hands in petition of John DeGroot for a drain.

Also letter from E Wilson for a sewer.

Letter from E. Wilson for a sewer.

On motion a Committee is appointed to draft a Resolution of condolence to the family of the late President of the United States on the recent tragical event.

Committee Ald Ackhurst, Dunbar and Jotro with His Honor the Recorder.

Read Draft of a Bill relative to side walks and crossings.

On motion the Blank in the Bill is ordered to be filled up with £3000 and transmitted to the Legislature for approval.

On motion the Chairman of Committee of City Property is requested to apply at the Crown Land Office for a grant of the water lot in front of the Bremner property and that His Worship the Mayor is authorized to draw a cheque for the amount of the grant.

Letter from Geo Henderson relative to South Collis Street.

Read letter from Geo Henderson relative to South Collis Street.

On motion the same is referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges with all papers connected therewith to report upon.

Read letter from G W Duke relative to line of building when the following Resolution is introduced.

Resolved that the property proposed by G W Duke be examined and if found necessary arbitrators appointed to value the same and report accordingly.

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to this Council and that such arbitrators fees do not exceed 12/6 each

Moved by Ald Nash seconded by Ald Tobin

on motion said Resolution is referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges

Report of the Committee to draft an address of condolence to the family of the late President

Read Report of Committee to draft an address of condolence to the family of the late President of the United States

That this Council have heard with deep regret that President of the United States has fallen a victim to the foul assassin and they desire to express their sincere sympathy with the bereaved family of the illustrious deceased and great nation of which he was the head to publicly mark their sense of regret this Body respectfully requests His Worship the Mayor will order the City flag to be dropped over this building on the day of the obsequies and further that His Worship the Mayor be requested to direct a copy of this Resolution to be forwarded to the representative of the U States Resident in this City

said report is adopted

Read Report of Committee of City Property on motion said report is adopted

Report of the Committee of City Property

following Resolution is next introduced Resolved that the water tax of the fish market be paid by Wm Bagely Moved by Ald Tobin seconded by Ald Richardson which on being put is passed

The following Resolution is next introduced

consequence of the City Property in charge of the tub-
-wheeler engine company having been used on the
right of the 13th or enforcing of the 14th inst by the
company without the consent of the Council Be it
Resolved in future no property be used for any
public demonstration in the City without the consent
of this Council first had and obtained Moved
by Ald Jennings seconded by Ald Roche which
on being put is passed 7 voting for the same &
4 against it and the names being called for

They appeared thus
Ald McCulloch Jennings
John Roche
Richardson
Murphy
Copney
Starr

Ald McCulloch is appointed Presiding officer for holding the election in Ward No 1

On motion Council Rise

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor Aldermen Sims, McCulloch, Magher, Richardson, Dunbar, Briggs, Nash, Ackhurst, Callister, Murphy, Fenimore, Conway, Roche, Jennings, Mumford and Starr

Read over proceedings of 17th April

The City Council were summoned to proceed with the business standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business.

His Worship the Mayor hands in letter from the United States Consul

Also communication from Chas C. Fleming Esq Chairman of Commissioners of the Poor.

Also resignation of Thos Hayden as Policeman

Read letter from Com of Common of Poor

Read letter from Chas Fleming Esq Chairman of Commissioners of Poor submitted this day.

Resolved that the Committee of Common be instructed to advertise that portions of the South Common lately occupied by the Commissioners of the Poor to be let at auction upon the terms and conditions they hitherto acted in letting for a term of years other parts of South Common

Moved by Ald Nash seconded by Ald Murphy to which the following amendment is introduced

objt declining to let the Common

Resolved that this Council declines to let any portion of the City Common without being advised thereto by the Committee of Common who have such City Property in charge

Moved by Ald Tobin seconded by Ald Ackhurst which amendment on being put is passed and the names being called for thus appeared thus

For the amdt
Ald Ackhurst, Roche,
Fenimore, Callister
Mumford, Richardson
Tobin, Briggs
Conway, Starr
Jennings, Magher &

against it
Nash
Murphy
Dunbar &

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that the funeral expenses incurred by Mr. W. Morris be reimbursed upon exhibition of the Bills paid by him and that His Worship the Mayor be requested

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Whereas the report of the Committee of Visitation of 21st Sep 1864 contains a recommendation that some acknowledgement be made to the Rev. M. Cochran for his past ministrations to the inmates of the Prison which recommendation this Council approves

Therefore Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to request the acceptance by the Rev. M. Cochran of the sum of as a slight recognition by this Council of his labours for the spiritual benefit of the prisoners rendered through a long series of years and that His Worship the Mayor be authorised to draw a cheque for the payment of the above amount

Moved by Ald Jennings seconded by Ald Fenoman

to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that a return of the visits of all Clergymen to the Prison at Rockhead their names dates of visits and such information as will enable this Council to estimate the value of their services during the last three years be prepared and signed by the Governor of the Institution and the Chairmen of Prison Committee and in the meantime the Resolution do lay on the table

Moved by Alderman Tobin seconded by Ald McCulloch which amendment on being put is passed getting for the same and against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

- For the ament
- Ald Nash
- McCulloch
- Tobin
- Starr
- Roche
- Keagher
- Richardson, Dunbar
- Boggs

- against it
- Ald Ashhurst
- Fenoman
- Mumford
- Murphy
- Conduff
- Jennings, Callister

The following Resolution is next introduced.

Whereas by Act Tich Chap 81 1864 the City Council is empowered to appoint such number of Firemen as they think necessary who are to be put under the direction of Fire Wardens appointed by the City Council see 3rd sect of said Act sect 89 specifies the same power vested in the City Council only to appoint engine men

Res. rel to return of the Clergymen

Res. rel to the appointment of Firemen

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Therefore Resolved that a list of one hundred names for Fire Men and Engine men be submitted to the Council by the Fire Wards for their sanction and election if approved

Moved by Ald. Roche seconded by Ald. Dunbar To which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the number of Engine Companies now be referred to a select Committee and report to this Council their deliberations thereon

Moved by Ald. Harris seconded by Ald. Ballister which on being put is lost & voting for the same and against it

The following amendt. is next introduced

Resolved that the Chairman of Fire Wards be requested to furnish this Council with a list of the names of the members of the Union Engine Company with the date of their election

Moved by Ald. McCallach seconded by Ald. Norway which on being put is passed & voting for the same and against it the amendment is therefore passed

on motion the Council Res

Stephen John Bigg having this day taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance as also the oath of qualification as also that of a justice of the peace is sworn into office as Alderman for the City of Halifax in presence of His Worship the Mayor

referred to list of the Firemen

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At a special meeting of the City Council held, this day, Present His Worship The Mayor, Aldermen, John Johnson, McCulloch, Magher, Richardson, Dunbar, Boggs, Nash, Ackhurst, Gulletter, Conway, Roche, Cullen, Lemming and Gurnford.

Read over proceedings of last April

Alderman Nash submits Petition of Jas Malcom and Geo Stratton relative to their Buildings

Alderman Ackhurst submits a petition from Wm Kennedys eral relative to a drain

Alderman Roche submits report of City Architect relative to Mr Dupes Building

Also returns of Governes of City Prison relative to attendance of Clergymen at the Institution

Also report of Committee of Public Accounts

Also communication from City Medical officer announcing the presence of a contagious disease in this City on motion the same was referred to the Board of Health

His Worship the Mayor hands in return from Mr Holt of the Returns of the concert for the Widens Free Library

Also communication from Mr Dibley supervisor relative to the demise of Wm Kennedys Coal Measurer

Also report of City Marshall relative to Policeman leaving the City without permission.

Also a copy of the laws and ordinances of Boston for 1863 and Auditors Report for 1864

Petition of Jas Malcom

Read petition of Jas Malcom and others submitted this day on motion the same is referred to the Committee of Laws & Privileges.

Read Petition of Wm Kennedys for a drain submitted this day on motion the same is referred to the Committee of Streets

Read petition of E. Roche and Jas Thompson relative to Building referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges

Read Report of City Architect relative to Mr Dupes Building

Read Report of Chairman of the Committee of City Prison

Read Report of Governes of Prison relative to attendance of Clergymen at the City Prison

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On motion Alderman Jas
John is appointed on the Street Committee in place
of Ald Hill resigned

On motion Ald Sebbin is ap-
pointed to fill the vacancies in the different Standing
Committees vacated by Ald Hill (except the Cemetery
Committee)

order to turn
of the Gas in
the West
Market

The following Resolution is next introduced
Resolved that the Committee on
City Property be instructed to have the Gas turned off
the West Market and Green Market and Market Clock
Moved by Ald Nash sec-
onded by Ald Ackhurst 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 Ald Dunbar seconded by Ald
which on being put is passed

order set to
Mr. Leonard
and Engine

The following Resolution is
next introduced
Resolved that notice be given to Mr. Leonard that
the agreement for providing a house and keeping therein
one of the City Steam Fire Engines be terminated it being
destrable to remove the Engine to a more elevated site

Moved by Ald Roche
seconded by Ald Beaulock which on being put is
passed

Report of
Committee
of Water
Supply

Read Report of Committee Water Supply
- Report -

In accordance with the Act of
the Legislature relating to Water Supply 25 Feb Chapter
the Commissioners appointed under that Act have now to
present to the City Council their Annual Report for the
Year terminating 31st Dec 1864.

In the annual Report
submitted at this time last year a detailed statement
was given of the work to be performed chiefly in the City
during the summer and autumn of 1864 This work has
been done with the exception of a portion of Water Street
yet to be laid with iron pipes from the Ordnance Depart-
ment to Bishop Street and the Fire Plug to be attached thereto
in the street and upon some of the wharfs on the completion
of this piece of work there will be a regular succession of Fire
Plugs in Water Street and upon the wharves at intervals of
about 200 ft from the foot of North Street to the Lumber Yard

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Committee of
Water
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contd.

These Fire Plugs as intimated are fed from an quick pipe wholly separate and distinct from the small main which supplies houses for domestic use and it may be observed that whenever practicable this rule of laying double sets of pipes has been adhered to throughout the City. In consequence of this arrangement it will seldom be necessary in case of fire to interrupt the domestic supply by turning off the water from the small mains and the larger mains having no draught upon them except when required for fire purposes will give a proportionately more effective supply to the fire hydrants.

By a clause in the Act amended April 1862 it was enacted that wharves within the district supplied with water by the City shall be rated upon a separate scale to be fixed by the Commissioners and approved by the City Council. In pursuance of that enactment about one half of the wharves of the City - say from the Dockyard to the ordinance Department will be subject to water Rates from 1st of May first ensuing and the remainder will come in next year the mode of rating will shortly be submitted to the City Council for approval.

During the first season over 400 tons of iron pipes have been laid in different parts of the City and nearly 8000 ft of lead service pipes from mains to houses on either side of the street. During the same period 50 additional fire hydrants have been put down making the whole number now laid in the City 171.

The Commissioners have made every exertion in their power to expedite arrangements for the high service certain information however which was necessary to be obtained could not be had in time for this report and it is now doubtful whether this portion of the works can be actually commenced this summer. In a matter of so much importance the Commissioners feel that it is better for the citizens to suffer the inconvenience of delay than to have their money reapplied or expended in a manner that might afterwards prove uneconomical. In a previous report it was intimated that the course most likely to be pursued was the construction of a Reservoir on the summit of a hill near the Chain Lakes into which the water was to be pumped by machinery, it will be remembered that the course here indicated is a departure from the plans for a High Service mentioned in Mr Laurier's Report.

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Report of
Commissioner of
Water
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By one of these plans the water was to be brought through a canal and pipes from the Ragged Lake direct to the City. The Ragged Lake having a height of some 325 ft above tide another plan was to conduct the water from the present Lakes to St Andrews Cross and force it thence by Steam power into a reservoir on Shrapshots hill in the North suburbs of the City. Neither of these plans is very strongly recommended by Mr. Laurie; in fact he suggests some objections to both and the matter is left to some extent an open question, with regard to Ragged Lake it is very doubtful whether any great quantity of water from that source could be depended upon in a dry time, the drainage area of this lake is extremely limited and the stream of water issuing from the outlet is quite small even in winter. The Commissioner thinks it would be altogether inadvisable to spend a large sum either upon Ragged or for the purpose of constructing a reservoir at so great a distance from the Lakes as Shapshots hill evidently the most suitable economical point for a reservoir is the hill near the St. Chams Lake as has been explained in a previous report. The first question that naturally arises is the best mode of getting the water into this reservoir Mr. Laurie computes the cost of pumping by steam power as follows

Cost of 2 Steam Engines each 35 horse power	13.000
Engine houses house for men &c.	7.500
Cost of pipes stop cocks &c.	29.350
Cost of Reservoir	10.000
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The annual expense of maintenance including coal Engine men, wear and tear of machinery &c. he puts down at \$2288.75. By the plan now proposed of placing the reservoir near the Lakes the cost would be much less, as one large item in Laurie's estimate is the cost of pipes the distance to his reservoir being so great instead of 10,000 feet of pipes at a cost of probably \$30,000 the main pipes the main pipes necessary to lead the water into the reservoir at present intended will not exceed 2300 feet to cost say \$5000, the expense of pumping by steam however is so great machinery fuel wear and tear and liability to accident all taken into account that the Commissioners from the first have kept in view the possibility of raising the required quantity of water by means of a wheel and water power. There is no doubt at all of the comparative cheapness and simplicity of water power the only question in this case is whether our present sources of supply can yield sufficient water to supply the lower parts of the City to work the water wheel and keep the reservoirs full allowing one million of gallons for the daily wants of high service.

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the
Commissioners
of
Water
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It has been computed by Mr Laurie
Mr Gossup and others that the quantity of water daily coming
to the City at present is about 2 1/2 million gallons probably from
3 to 3 1/2 millions more run over the waste weir or through the
cut pipes to Westermans Mills and this 5 1/2 millions of gallons
represent the whole quantity that can be drawn with safety
from the lakes that support the City. During the summer
of 1864 which was an unusual dry the Long Lake was drawn
down nearly to the bottom of the Canal though the supply
to the mills had been cut off for two months. Now as in
addition to the 5 millions or less of ordinary draft which
is the utmost available capacity of our lakes, there would
be required some 2 or 3 millions extra to work the wheel
and keep the reservoir full it is plain that water power
cannot be employed as matters stand at present

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Taking all these circumstances
into consideration and bearing in mind that the day cannot
be far distant when a larger supply of water will be needed
for the City the Commissioners some time since made
it their special duty to enquire what other sources of supply
were available within a reasonable distance of the Lakes at
present controlled by the City. The result of these enquiries
may be briefly stated

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The Lakes apparently most eligible
for city purposes are the Spruce Hill and Board Wood Hill
Lakes about 2 miles to the southward of Long Lake. These
Lakes are as yet ungranted and the Surveyor General
gave the board to understand that if required for City
purposes a memorial from the City Authorities would
take precedence of any private application. During
the past winter repeated visits have been made to the
locality of these Lakes and the Commissioners were
so strongly impressed with their great value and
suitability that they deemed it proper to employ a
competent person to have partially surveyed so as to
ascertain their surface area and their height above
tide. These operations necessarily occupied so much time
the weather not always permitting work that it
was quite impossible to have the conclusions arrived
at fully matured and considered in time for this
Annual Report

The Commissioners consequently must ask
the indulgence of the City to enable them to make further
enquiries and take it for granted that in a matter of
so much moment the employment of an engineer qualified
to make all necessary surveys and calculations is the
proper course to pursue

During the session of 1864
an alteration was made by the Legislature in the
Law by which liability of owners of property except
in periods of less than one year was transferred to

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tenants so that the rates have now to be collected from tenants. It is quite probable that the effect of this alteration will be to cause some loss of revenue to the City but the law has not been in operation long enough to speak on this point with confidence, it will be seen that the revenue from all sources during the past year amounted to £8060.3.3 which is a considerable advance on the previous year.

Inclusive of the amount required for the High Service which will be reported upon as soon as the facts can be ascertained, the sum of two thousand pounds will be required for operations within the City during the coming summer the whole amount at present borrowed on account of the water works is £13,000.

Accompanying this Report will be found the Annual Financial accounts from this department also the City Treasurer's account for the same period with a detailed statement of the work from the Superintendent Mr. Durr.

Respectfully Submitted
Geo A Bell Secy
Geo L Barry
C. H. Ingham

The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolution for
Water Supply
to borrow
£2000

Resolved that no money be furnished to lay down new water pipes in places already laid down, until the places where parties have petitioned for water pipes, be extended, so as to fulfill the prayer of petitioners.

Moved by Alderman Nash seconded by Alderman McCulloch to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to give notice in the papers advertising for the City, that tenders will be received at his Office until the day of for the sum of Two Thousand pounds for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners of Water Supply, to carry into effect the plan furnished by Mr. Laurie, and agreeably to law.

Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman Jennings, which amendment on being put is passed. 9 voting for the same and 5 against it, and the names being called for they stood thus

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| For the amendment | against |
| Alderman Bethurst | Alderman S. John |
| Conway | Nash |
| Jennings | McCulloch |
| Richardson | J. John |
| Boyd | Roche 5 |
| Tallister | |
| Cullen | |
| Meagher | |
| Dunbar 9 | |

Alderman Nash gives notice of reconsideration

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The following Resolution is next introduced

Resolution
Water Works
Dorror Street
£1000

Resolved that the City Treasurer be further authorized to give notice in the papers advertising for the City that tenders will be received at his Office until the day of _____ for the sum of one Thousand Pounds to enable the Commissioners of Water Supply, to extend the Water Works to Victoria Street and Studley South end, and to Founhill the premises of Thomas Lacey and others. North end.

Moved by Alderman Conway. seconded by Alderman Nash
A call of the Council is made at 5 minutes to 4 o'clock

A motion is next made that advertisements do issue for the situation of measurers of Flour & Coal now vacant

Amendment. that the appointments be made at next meeting of this Council - Amendment passed 8 voting for the same and 4 against it, and the names being called for they appeared thus

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| For the amendment | against it |
| Alderman Nash | Alderman Jennings |
| Ackhurst | Boyes |
| McCulloch | Cullen |
| J Sobin | Meagher 4 |
| S Sobin | |
| Conway | |
| Roche | |
| Richardson 8 | |

City Marshals
Report in re
Police men
Dillon & Hearn

Read communication from the City Marshal, relative to Policemen Dillon & Hearn, absenting themselves from duty without permission

Sir City Marshals Office May 2 1865

I beg leave to report for your Worship's information that Policeman No 23 Thomas Dillon, an Policeman No 24, John Hearn absented themselves from duty for two nights the 29 & 30 April, they having left the City without obtaining permission

Also Policeman No 23, Thomas Dillon for having absented himself from duty last night, without sending information to the Deputy Marshal or myself the cause of his absence

His Worship
The Mayor

I am &c
Garret Coffey

when the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that Privates Hearn & Dillon of the Police force, guilty of an act of disobedience and absence from duty be ordered to pay into the Police Fund, the sum of four dollars each, to be deducted from their pay allowance, and His Worship the Mayor will be pleased to admonish them accordingly

Moved by Alderman Sobin seconded by Alderman Meagher which on being put is passed

On Motion the Council rise