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Accts
City Prison
for Feb

No.	1	Collyer Bros	7.00	
	2	W. H. Fuller	2.00	
	3	Sp. Doggs & Co	8.91	
	4	W. H. Montgomery & Co	3.24	
	5	Hospital for the Insane	8.00	
	6	Ing Parker Jr	43.20	
	7	Charles S. Watt	35.00	
	8	Edward Morrison	30.00	
	9	Jno J. Seiwald	19.25	
	10	Jno Hogan & Son	1.00	
	11	O. Street	10.04	
	12	Albro Soule	2.10	
	13	Charles Samstead	10.31	
	14	Sp. of O'Hall & Son	1.00	
	15	J. Leonard Eastwood	34.20	
	16	James Bullett & Co	15.48	
	17	Yealy White & Co	8.00	
	18	W. W. Harrington & Co	1.20	
	19	Wm. Barron	56.80	
	20	O. Hopkins	8.00	
	A	James O'Brien	24.00	
	B	William Cooper	30.00	
	C	Jno. Heaghe	10.00	
	D	James Doyle	18.00	
	E	J. D. Bell	18.00	
	F	P. O. Donnell	18.00	
	G	Wm. Doyle	10.00	
	H	Jas Cosgrove	6.00	
	I	Geo. Marcus	4.00	
	J	Wm. Brown	3.00	
	K	Connellly	8.31	
	L	J. H. Bent	1.00	\$464.54

Amounting in all to Four Hundred and Sixty four Dollars and fifty four cents

all of which is respectfully submitted

Jugh W. Blackadar
Chairman

Resolved that the accounts of the City Prison for the month of February amounting \$464.54 be paid and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a Prison check for that purpose. Moved by Alderman Stone seconded by Alderman Duggan which resolution on being put is passed

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On Motion the order of the day is suspended to allow the various papers handed in this day to be read

Committee on Taxes submitted this day

Read Report of the

Committee Room
March 9th 1890

Committee on Taxes met this day to consider the petition of Mrs. Mary Scott. Present: Ald. Smelair, Butler, Dunbar, and the Chairman

Report
Com on Taxes sets out that she let a shop and premises to Mrs. Donohoe at a rent of £30 per annum that Donohoe subsequently sub let it to another tenant named Wmlak and he informed the assessors that the petitioner was liable to assessment and that on receiving her first notice by some inadvertence she did not appeal

The Committee consider the case of the petitioner a very hard one but under the Law they cannot recommend and relief from the payment of the Tax

respectfully submitted
Thomas Walsh
Chairman

On Motion the same

preceeded and adopted

Read Report of the Special

Special Com on Committee on Horse Railway act with Copy of act
Horse Railway act

Read Report Committee

Report of Laws and Privileges

Read Petition of Capt

Com on Laws & Privileges
Petition of John W Cummins of Halifax Rifle Company
Capt Halifax Rifles

Read Petition of residents

Petition of White Street relatives to changing name of White Street, South End of residents of White St.

On Motion the same is

referred to Street Committee, to report on

Read Petition of Mrs

Petition of Mrs W. S. Entsch & Mrs J. J. Smith relatives to an alteration to their building
Mrs J. J. Smith

On Motion the same

is referred to Committee of Laws & Privileges to report

Read Petition of John

Petition of John Watson Watson relatives to alteration to his building

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Letter Secretary of
Walden Rifle Co
Walden Rifle Co

Secretary of Walden Rifle Company
Read Letter from
On Motion the order
of the day is suspended to allow Petitions from Rifle Companies to
be discussed

Resolution No 2 is introduced
Resolved that the
request of the Walden Rifle and Wauflowee Volunteer Companies
be granted so far as the power of the Council extends, and
that a Committee of three with His Honor the Recorder be
instructed to procure any legislation required to carry out the
wishes of the petitioners. Moved by Alderman Montgomery
seconded by Alderman Duggan which resolution
on being put is passed against the same against it

Alderman Dunbar. Duggan Walsh with His Honor the
Recorder
Alderman Duggan
gives notice of resolution asking His Honor the Recorder certain
questions relative to the franchises

Read Report of the
Committee in New City Hall
Committee Room
City Court House
Walden 22 Feb 1890

The Committee is invited by the Council on
the question of a new City Hall to submit the
following Report

Your Committee have thoroughly examined
the present City Building and find it occupied as follows
In the basement or cellar are the Police Station
the casnal, cells, coal bins and water closets. This portion of the
building has been lately well improved but is still exceedingly
badly ventilated and from it arises at all times a most
unpleasant and your Committee believe a most unwholesome
effluvia, which permeates the entire building, and the noise
made by riotous prisoners frequently disturbs the officials in
their offices above. Your Committee would therefore strongly
recommend in case new building are to be erected that the
Police Station and cells be in a separate building from the
City Hall.

On the next or ground floor we find four
low ceiled offices. Two occupied by the Mayor and two
by the three Clerks; all without the least attempt at
ventilation, in one of the latter the Spendard Magistrate
generally has the prisoners brought up before him and the
City Clerk has his desk. The other and smaller one is the only
accommodation

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accomodation for two clerks all the suitors issuing writs, and others wishing to transact business with the City. These rooms have been made only one half the height of the story in order to put two small offices over them in the space of these the City Architect may be found and in the other the City Marshal. The remaining portion of the half of the hall story is devoted to a gallery in which the audience of the City Court formerly congregated, and we have the Court Room sufficiently large perhaps for its present requirements but very badly planned with regard to warming and ventilating the foul air from it being allowed to escape through a window on the stairs leading to the Council Chamber where it meets and mingles with its no less offensive though perhaps more unwholesome fellow from the cells below.

The Steward Magistrate has an office on this floor which has been also cut down to make apartments for the keeper of the building over it and there is on the other side a small room devoted to the Health Inspector.

Upon the upper floor we find the Council Chamber three narrow offices occupied by the Recorder, the Street Committee and the Treasurer respectively. The Committee room the library, and the Clerk of the Peace office. Your Committee here beg to call the attention of this Council to the fact that the Citizens Library for which we are ^{deeply} indebted to his Lordship Sir William Young is being sadly decimated from the fact that the apartment or wardrobe into which the books been handdled is not nearly large enough to hold them consequently a number of them have been placed on shelves in the Committee Room which is always open and from which there is nothing to prevent the removal of the books. Your Committee also note that there are no safes or vaults or other adequate protection from fire for the books and cash of the City, either in the Treasurers or Clerks offices, and in fact the whole building may be styled a model of discomfort and inconvenience, that does even uncomfortably and inconveniently accomodate all the City officials for we find the Commissioners of Water Supply & Sewing premises in one part of the City and the Commissioners of Schools in another part, and should it be necessary as it often is to hold public meetings it is quite possible that some intemperate Committeeman has to be congregated or his rights infringed upon in order that the Mayor of this City may be allowed to hire a Hall in which to exercise the Citizens.

Your Committee therefore suggest the propriety of erecting a new building capable of containing as many offices as are necessary for all the Civic officials beside Court Room Council Chamber and a Hall capable of holding from 1500 to 2000 people at a public meeting. Your Committee have procured from the City Architect a sketch of a building with all these requirements which is submitted herewith, but they would recommend this Council offering a prize for the best design plan, and specification of such a building to be accompanied with an estimate

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estimate of probable cost of erection and tenders for superintendence of construction. A site for the building has also engaged the attention of your Committee and many difficulties have presented themselves upon this point the chief being the expense of purchasing a suitable piece of ground in a central locality of the City were to buy a lot only large enough to be covered by the building, the building would be lost in its surroundings, and could not be properly lighted, while the cost of purchasing a block so as to give air and light would be more than that of the building itself. Your Committee therefore suggest the Parade as the most suitable site for such a building, and propose to have it placed with one front facing Easterly and the other westerly to George Street within ten or twelve feet of angle thus leaving a large open space to the Eastward and Northward and considerable space to the southward when the present old Engine House is removed, several objections have been urged against this site; one is the rights of the Dabhousie College to the grounds. Upon this point your Committee have much pleasure in informing the Council that in view of having a handsome building erected and the remaining portion of the Parade ornamented, the Governor of that Institution will not only not offer any opposition to the building being placed there but will aid as far as possible by their sanction and countenance so great a public improvement. Another objection is that the people have for years been in the habit of crossing the Parade at this point and a building would interfere with their rights this is answered thus, whereas the people now traverse a flight of steps or doors were the building erected they would do so under cover if being proposed to leave a passage through the New Walls as there is now through the Province Building another objection offered is that the Building would partially close an open square in the City. The only answer to this is that it is proposed to remove the Old Engine House and the New Hall will cover over three times as great an area as the Engine House does and therefore will not be a very great encroachment, and should a handsome building be erected thereon it is to be hoped that the remaining portion of the square will be so improved and decorated as to render it no lessening with such an edifice and at the same time an ornament instead of being as it now is a disgrace to the City.

- Consequently your Committee recommend this Council to apply to the Legislature for an act
- 1st To authorize the City Council to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to be expended in the erection of a new City Hall upon the Parade.
 - and To authorize the City Council to erect a suitable Police station with proper offices and cells either on land belonging to the City or if necessary
 - 3rd To authorize the City Council to purchase a lot of land

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lands to erect such Police Station upon and

to authorize the City Council to sell and dispose of the present Court House and lands and apply the proceeds of such sale to building the Police Station and to properly furnishing the

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Your Committee are quite aware that the taxes of the City are annually increasing and feel deeply the responsibility of imposing additional burdens upon the Citizens, yet they are convinced that a community which erects and supports such an establishment as the City Prison for the occupancy of criminals, that contributed so largely towards the erection of the asylum for the Poor and annually spends so much money upon the maintenance of its paupers and devotes such large sums to the building of Public School Houses and the education of the youth of the City, will not begrudge paying the interest upon the cost of a structure in which their poor employees may have proper accommodation and where their representatives who transact the affairs of the City gratuitously may do so without running the risk of endangering their healths.

All which is respectfully submitted

Wm. W. Gray
Chairman

Read Letter from George Thomson Esq Secretary of Dalhousie College Governors

Halifax Feb 28th 1870

Wm. W. Gray Esq
Alderman, Chairman
Com. on New City Hall

Sir The Governors

of Dalhousie College now in the Province have considered your letter of the 23rd met addressed to their President and having the strongest equitable claims to the Parade Ground in front of their building without raising at present any question as to their legal title) which they would warmly oppose its being put to any use that would disturb or embarrass the Professors and Students in the exercise of their respective duties. They are disposed to acquiesce in any suggestion not inconsistent with the legitimate uses of the building which may be sanctioned by the City Council and by the Legislature should it be thought advisable therefore to erect a City Wall in the Parade ground under an act declaring as you propose that the remaining portion of the land shall be kept forever open and the whole space not covered by the College and Wall improved and beautified as a public square no opposition will be offered on the part.

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part of the Governors.

They will require only that the bill shall be submitted to them before it is presented to the Legislature and that any suggestions they may offer for the security of the college and the protection of the classes from the annoyances to which they are at present subjected may be fairly considered and incorporated with the bill.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obt. Servt
Geo. Thomson
Secretary to Governors
Dartmouth College

when the following resolution

No 3 is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Special Committee on City Hall be received and adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature for enactment in accordance therewith after having received the sanction of the Council. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Montgomery which resolution on being put is passed 10 voting for the same and 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

Res
rel to City
Hall

For the resolution
Ald. Montgomery Gray.
Blinn. Graham.
Nash. Davis.
Korley. Wapony.
Duggan. Keldie

against it
Ald. Butler Smelair
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Alderman Butter goes

notice of reconsideration

Draft

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to Building
to new City Hall

Read Draft as an act

Read some clause by clause

is filled up with \$20,000. second Blank \$100,000 3 Blank 40 years

On Motion 1st Blank

is directed to be fairly engrossed and presented to the Legislature for their approval

On Motion the same

The following resolution

No 4 is next introduced

Resolved that the superintendant of the Gas Company be notified to have the lamps in front of the old Poor Asylum lighted as one of the

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The public lamps of the City. Moved by Alderman Weyde seconded by Alderman Dunbar which resolution on being put is passed

Read Resolution of Committee of Laws & Privileges, relative to the act appointing a Stipendiary Magistrate

Resolved, That the following amendments of the "Act to appoint a Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Galveston, passed May 1st 1864" be approved by this Council, and that His Honor the Recorder be instructed to have the same printed, engraved and presented to the Legislature now in session to be sanctioned by its approval.

Res of Committee of Laws & Privileges, relative to the act appointing a Stipendiary Magistrate

Section 3 of the Act, to be amended so as to read. The Stipendiary Magistrate shall sit every day sundays and ecc. holidays excepted, for such time as may be requisite, and shall perform all the duties and functions now performed by the Mayor and Alderman in the administration of the Police Court within the City of Galveston, and shall conduct the business of the City Court, excepting all the duties of that Court as heretofore performed, by the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen, and the City Clerk or assistant City Clerk shall act as clerk of the Police & City Courts

Section 4th to be amended so as to read. The Magistrate so appointed shall perform every act pertaining to the office of Justice of the Peace necessary for the apprehension, conviction, commitment and punishment of criminal offenders within the City limits, and shall have power over all offences set forth in the acts of 1865, relative to trials of offenders in a summary way at the Police Court, or many other act now in existence, or hereafter to be made relative to Police Court business.

The duties now and appertaining to the City Court, which were heretofore executed by the Recorder shall hereafter be performed by the officer appointed under this act. Section 5th of the act to be stricken out

which resolutions on being put are passed, unanimously

Read Draft of an act relative to amendment of City Horse Railway act when the following resolutions have been introduced

Resolved That the draft of an act submitted by the Special Committee on the City Railroad Company Charter be engraved and sent to the Legislature for enactment. Moved by Alderman Grant seconded by Alderman Weyde, which resolution on being put is passed 12 voting for the same and 3 against it and the names were called for, appeared thus

Res of engraving City Horse Railway charter

For the Resolution
Ald. Montgomery Grant. Plinn.
Walsh & Graham. Inglar
Dwyer. Mahoney. Story
Weyde Dunbar. Duggan. 12.

Against it
Ald. Davis
Korley
Butler 3

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Petition
Wm Craig

Read Petition of Williams
Craig asking relief having been disabled in the service of the City
when the following

Resolution No 6 is introduced

Res
rel to Petition
Wm Craig

Resolved that the sum of eight dollars be placed at the disposal of the Mayor to be given to Wm Craig and taken from the contingent fund of next year. Moved by Alderman Sims seconded by Alderman Montgomery which resolution on being put is passed.

The following Resolution

is next introduced

Resolved that the scale of fees for Licenses of all kinds now in force in this City be continued for the year commencing 15th March and that the Clerk of Licenses be instructed to notify License holders in accordance herewith. Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Sinclair which Resolution on being put is passed.

Report
Com of Laws &
Privileges rel
to Soap & Candle
Factory

Read Report of Committee of Laws & Privileges relative to Petition of Charles Campbell for leave to erect a Soap and Candle Factory in City
and adapted
On Motion the same is recorded

On Motion Council adjourns

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Sinclair. Whahoney. Hyde. Butler. Gray. Duggan. Blackadar. Walsh. Murphy. Limb. Graham. Corley. Story and Davis

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business

of last Meeting which were confirmed

Read over proceedings

Alderman Sinclair submits report of Committee of Public Accounts

Alderman Gray

submits report of Committee of Laws and Privileges on various Petitions

Alderman Butler

submits report of Committee of Street relative to changing the name of South end of City Street

Alderman Duggan

verbally reports that the Committee entrusted with the resolutions relative to the Franchise for Volunteer Rifle Companies had submitted a Bill to the Legislature in accordance with instruction from the City Council.

Alderman Limb

submits a Petition from residents of North end of City Street relative to changing the name of Street

Alderman Davis

submits Petition of Robert H. Nichols relative to an alterations to his building

His Worship the Mayor

submits an answer of His Honor the Recorder to question of Alderman Duggan relative to Franchise

Alderman Butler

notice of reconsideration given at last Meeting relative to the Building at City Hall is reset taken up and on being put is lost & voting for the same and 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the reconsideration

Ald. Murphy. Sinclair
Butler. Story.

against it
Ald. Gray. Limb
Graham. Walsh
Davis. Corley
Murphy. Duggan
Hyde. Blackadar
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His Worship the Mayor submits Letter from Secretary of Cotton Company relative to Taxes

On Motion the order

of the day is suspended to read the various petitions and papers handed in this day.

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Read Report of Committee

of Public Accounts submitted this day

Tuesday March 15th 1890

Committee of Public Accounts met this day. Present: Ald. Sinclair, Gray, Wyld, Graham, when the following account examined, found correct and recommended to be paid

Fire Department

No 1	Blackadar Bro	6.00	
2	James Burns	5.60	
3	Thos. Biggs & Co	24.39	
4	Comstock & Co.	2.00	
5	Peter Sulger	39.40	
6	Edward Oran	11.50	
7	Thomas Edwards	15.40	
8	Wm O. Hurmaton	15.00	
9	O. A. W. Kay & Co.	3.95	
10	W. J. O'Brien & Co.	232.00	
11	Henry Rhoades	6.00	
12	R. F. Boone	30.61	
13	Wm. S. Coleman	31.00	
14	No. 6 Division	21.50	447.65
Miscellaneous			
15	A. & H. W. Kmlar	382.50	
16	Chas. Ammand	9.00	
17	Do	5.50	
18	Galileo Gas Co.	48.90	
19	Do	40.00	
20	Do	40.80	
21	Alexander Smith	56.05	1,613.74
			<u>\$1,061.30</u>

Report
 Com. of Public
 accts

It having been represented to this Committee by the City Treasurer that the amount allowed by law to be assessed for ordinary purposes, viz. \$2,000 is not sufficient to meet the expenses, the following resolution was moved by Ald. Gray and seconded by Alderman Wyld, and passed.

Resolved, that application be made to the Legislature to increase the sum allowed to be assessed from \$2,000 to \$200,000 with power to extend the same to \$100,000 by order of the Governor in Council.

Also to add to the General Assessment the sum of \$2,000 expended on Prince Arthur's reception, and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an act for that purpose.

Jos. A. Sinclair
 Chairman

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resolution No 10 is introduced

of the Committee of Public Accounts of March 15th be received and adopted and that the bills thereon recommended amounting to \$1061.70 be paid and His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a cheque for the amount. Moved by Alderman Sinclair seconded by Alderman Gray which resolution on being put is passed

when the following

Resolved That the report

asked leave to suspend the order of the day to introduce a Bill relative to the assessment on the City of Halifax.

Alderman Sinclair

on Motion ordered to be fairly engrossed and presented to the Legislators for their approval. which Motion on being put is passed

The same read

Read Report of Committee of Law & Privileges relative to certain Petitions

Read Report of

Committee: Rooms

City Building

Halifax March 15th 1870

The Committee on Laws and Privileges beg leave to submit the following report upon the different matters referred to them

1st Mr Clark asks leave to convert two wooden stores with gabled roofs into one building with flat roof and finish the whole with two shop fronts. This property is on the line of the Lockman Street Extension. The building was cut in two to make room for the street and the portion on the street was turned round and placed beside the remaining part of the building on the adjacent lot. Your Committee see no reason for objecting to this alteration

Com of Laws & Privileges on Petition

2nd Mr Watson is raising part of the roof of the brick building corner of Backville and Hollis St and is building three sides of brick the fourth side will be partially inside the remaining part of the roof. he wants permission to build the portion of the side between the roof and the front and rear of wood covered with slate similar to a dome, window and as it is impossible to build it of brick or stone your Committee recommend that such permission be given him

3rd Messrs Mcintosh and McInnes want to raise their back work shop one story and put on a flat roof, no alteration to be made in front. only part of this building is within the brick district. your Committee therefore recommend that they have leave to proceed with their contemplated work

all which is respectfully submitted

Wm Hayes Gray
Acty Chairman

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is received and adopted

Committee of Streets relative to changing name of South end of City Street to Waynard Street

On Motion The same

Road Report of

Streets Office

11th March 1870

Report to report in favor of the petition of A. G. Crows and others requesting Council that that portion of City Street between Cunard and Gerrish streets be for the future termed Waynard Street

James Butler
Chairman

resolution No 2 is introduced

when the following

Resolved that the report of the Street Committee on the Petition of Alfred G. Crows & others be adopted and that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare an act to change the name of that portion of City Street between Cunard and Gerrish Streets to Waynard Street to be presented to Legislature for enactment. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Graham which was being put & passed

Petition

of James Crawford relative to North end of City Street to north end City St

Read Petition of

On Motion The same

is referred to Committee of Streets to report on

His Honor the Recorder on question of Alderman Duggan relative to the franchise

Read opinion of

Recorder's Office
Keefe 14th March
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To His Worship The Mayor
and
The Members of the
City Council

Sentences

In answer to the question proposed for my consideration by your Honorable body: "If there is any law in operation in this City which requires citizens to pay into the City Treasurer any sum or sums of money after the 1st of January

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January of the current year can qualify himself to vote at the next city elections? If so what is the law and up to what date can a citizen so qualify himself? I respectfully submit that the 5th section of the 33rd Chapter of the laws of 1867 directs that every male person of full age having been resident in the City six months or upwards immediately previous to the levying of the assessment in any Year not being assessed to the amount of one dollar for the support of Public Schools in respect of real or personal property, shall be assessed in the sum of one dollar for the support of such Schools during the year and the person who pays this is entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen on any elections for the Mayor.

The 4th chapter of the acts of 1869 directs that the Poll tax for the support of Schools imposed by the above acts of 1867 shall be paid before the first day of September in each Year in order to entitle the person paying the same, to vote at the ensuing City elections.

So that by this last law persons who are assessed for the dollar Poll tax to support Public Schools by paying the tax before the first day of September in each year are entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen at any election for the year.

This is the only law by which a citizen can qualify himself to vote after the first day of January of the current Year at the (third) next City Election.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
William Sutherland
Recorder

Letter
from Secy of
Cotton Manufg

Read Letter from
Secretary of Cotton Manufacturing Company
On Motion
The same is referred to Committee on Taxes

Letter
Robt H Nichols

Read Petition of
Robt H Nichols relative to making an alteration to his
building
On Motion the same
is referred to Committee on Laws and Privileges to report on

Read Report of Supt
of Streets relative to Letter from J. W. & J. H. Ritchie on behalf of
Wm Edward Kelly, relative to defective sewer.

Street Office
28th February 1870

To His Worship the Mayor
Sir
According to your

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March 18 your instructions of the 26th inst. I visited Rummation Street for the purpose of reporting on the state of Main Sewer

Report
I carefully examined the place in question, and could not find any fault in the Sewer. Street or sidewalk, neither could I see any appearance of any damage having been done
Your obedient

B. Austin
Supt

On Motion the same is received and adopted

Read Report of Special Committee on property taken from William Smith to straighten line of Water Street

Committee Room
28th February 1846

The Committee appointed to consider the petition of Wm Smith Esq relative to remuneration for property in Lower Water Street, by leave to report

Special Com on property taken from Wm Smith

Your Committee visited the premises and after a careful examination consider that the present line of Street as owned by Wm Smith is the proper one, and further consider that he should be remunerated for the ground taken from him. They therefore recommend that this Council award Wm Smith the sum of \$160^{00/100} (One Hundred and Sixty Dollars) as a compensation for the loss sustained by him

Respectfully submitted
James Butler

when the following resolution has been introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Committee of Streets respecting William Smith's property taken from Wm Smith upon his giving a deed to the City of the piece of land taken for extension of Water Street Moved by Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Gray which on being put is passed

Committee on Taxes

Read Report of Committee Room
February 28th 1846

The Committee on Taxes met

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met this day Present Alderman Snelair, Dunbar, Butler, Graham, Wooley & the Chairman

Comm on Taxes

The Committee had under consideration the Petition of Thomas Bushel relative to Dog Tax on a number of Dogs kept for sale and for feeding purposes, and Your Committee cannot recommend any relief to Petitioner as the ordinance of the City allows of no exemption but enforces the Tax of one dollar on each Dog kept within the City

The Petition of George Pait was next considered and the Committee were of opinion that Petitioner was not entitled to any relief as he is the owner of Real Estate property in the South Suburbs of the City

respectfully submitted

Thomas Walsh
Chairman

is received and adopted

On Motion the same

No 4 is next introduced

The following Resolution

Resolved That the City Treasurer be authorized to open an account with the Bank of Nova Scotia for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars the same to be placed to the credit of the Committee of Streets for the purpose of enabling them to commence work as soon as the weather will permit and to be deducted from the estimate of street service for the to the ensuing year. Moved by Alderman Butler seconded by Alderman Blackadar, which on being put is passed

The following Resolution

No 5 is next introduced

Resolved That the street Committees be requested to have the street and roads in the suburbs of the City inspected with a view to ascertaining where encroachments have been or are being made upon them and also to ascertain if in many places the same cannot be widened without expense to the City. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Murphy which resolution on being put is passed.

The following Resolution

No 6 is next introduced

Whereas His Honor the Recorder in reply to a question referred to him by the City Council has this day reported that under certain sections of the School act a person having no stake in the Community or claim upon it other than a residence of six months next upon the payment of a dollar for school purposes previous to the 1st of September of the current year qualifies himself to vote at the next ensuing election thus giving him a

Res
\$2000 for
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privileges not enjoyed by the largest tax payer or property holder of the city

Resolved
to entitle a
rate payer to
vote at the
Election

Resolved that a clause be added to the act about to be presented to the Legislature, in order to entitle a tax payer to vote at the City Election and to extend the time for the payment of taxes to all tax payers to the 1st of September of the current year thus placing said tax payer on an equality with those paying School Tax only. Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Story to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the assessment act be so amended as to make the Poll Tax for the support of Schools payable at the same time as the General assessment is and that if not paid before the 31st of December the tax payer to be disqualified for voting at the next city election. Moved by Alderman Gray seconded by Alderman Walsh which amendment on being put is passed. Voting for the same and against it: His Worship the Mayor being called on for his casting vote gives it for the amendment and the name being called for appeared thus

For the amendment
Ald Gray, Graham,
Smyclair, Davis
Wabony, Worley
Wefelde

Against it
Ald Duggan, Story
Wyphig, Walsh
Butler, Slimm
Blackadar

Alderman Duggan

gives notice of reconsideration.

Story is next introduced:

The following Resolution

Resolved that a Committee, consisting of one Alderman from each Ward with His Honor the Recorder be appointed to frame an Ordinance in accordance with the act of the Legislature of 1869 authorizing the collection of Poll Tax from Non-Rate payers for School purposes. Moved by Alderman Blackadar seconded by Alderman Amos, which resolution on being put is passed

Committee Alderman
Mayor, Dunbar, Duggan, Blackadar, Slimm and Worley,
with His Honor the Recorder

On Motion the Council adjourns

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At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Sinclair. Mayor. Dunbar. Keahon. Hyde. Butler Gray Duggan. Blackadar. Walsh. Murphy. Barron. Flinn. Graham. Kotley and Stone

The Council were summoned to receive the report of Commissioners of Lochman Street Extension and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of last Meeting which were confirmed

Alderman Duggan Chairman of City Property submits a report of that Committee on various matters referred to them relative to Fire Department, Engine Houses &c

Alderman Dunbar submits report Special Committee on sites for New Market

Alderman Butler Chairman submits report of Committee of Streets on petition of James Crawford & others relative to changing the name of City Street to Maynard Street (North end)

Alderman Gray submits report Commissioners of Lochman Street with report from Engineers and appendices &c

Alderman Dunbar submits report of Special Committee of Revisors of Electoral List

Alderman Pritor submits Petition of John Lane and others relative to the introduction of Water pipes into Bland Street

Alderman Graham submits Petition of Patrick Godfrey relative to damage done his property by the Lochman Street Extension - and asking remuneration therefor

Also Petition of James Muir and others against changing the name of North End of City Street to Maynard Street

Also Petition of James Chand relative to an alteration to a building in Buckingham Street

Alderman Dunbar submits Petition of William Thomas, relative to building alterations

His Worship the Mayor submits 1/2 Yearly return of Commissioners of Poor

Also 1/2 Yearly returns of Clerk of Licenses to 15th March 1870

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Also Letter from
Wepcar Blake Esq^r Clerk of the Peace asking statement of
the accounts of valuation of property in the City of Valparaiso upon
which assessment was made in 1839

Also Letter from
Secretary of Dalhousie. (Governors) College: relative to Water Rates
charged on said building

Also Letter from
the Revd Dean Bullock relative to Spiritual condition of
the inmates of Poor asylum and Provincial Hospital

Alderman Duggan
notice of reconsideration given at last Meeting on the amendment
to No. 1 resolution relative to the Franchise is next taken up
and on being put is passed voting for ^{reconsideration} against it

The amendment of
last Meeting on being put is lost voting for the amendment
and against it

The original resolution
in then on Motion with drawn and the following resolution No 1
introduced in its place:

Whereas it has been
brought to the notice of this Council that there are many Citizens
owners of Real and Personal Estate who being assessed for
City Rates for the year 1839 did from some cause or reason
neglect to pay unto the City Treasurer
to persons not said rates previous to the 1st of January 1840 and are therefore
having paid under the existing assessment law disfranchised and whereas
that City Rates by Honor the Recorder has advised this Council that under
the present Law it is allowed to persons not owners of
Real or Personal Estate or having claims upon the City
other than a six months residence therein to qualify them-
selves to vote at the next City Election by the payment into
the City Treasury of the sum of one dollar at any time previous
to the 1st of September of the current year thus giving said
persons a manifest advantage over the property owners who
have paid large sums into the said Treasury subsequently to
the 1st January and rendering it quite possible that at said
Election the property owners who have to provide nearly the whole
City Expenditure may be outvoted and unable to elect proper
representatives to this Council. Therefore Resolved that a Committee
be appointed with His Honor the Recorder to prepare a bill to
be submitted to the Legislature asking them to enfranchise

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all such citizens as shall have paid their City Rates at any
time between the 1st of January and the 1st of September of
the present year and so to amend the assessment act for the
City of Valparaiso as in any future year to qualify to vote all
Citizens who shall pay their City Rates on or before the 30th day
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of April, preceding the election at which they shall present themselves to vote and so to amend the School act as applied to the City of Halifax as to render it necessary that persons desirous of qualifying themselves to vote under said act at said Election shall have paid the school rate on or before the 30th day of April preceding the election at which they shall present themselves to vote. Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Blackadar, which resolution on being put is passed.

Committee Alderman Mylde, Gray and Duggan with His Honor the recorder

A Motion is made that the Blank be filled up with the 30th day of April, amendment that that the Blank is filled up with 31st March, which amendment on being put is lost - Motion for the same and against it and the original Motion on being put is passed

Read Report of Committee of City Property relative to report on Fire Department. Engine Houses to be referred to them

Committee Room
March 30th -

The Committee of City Property to whom was referred the report of the Chairman of the Board of Firewards contains a suggestion for the improvement of the Fire Department

Report of the City Com. of Affairs inspected the engine houses and found them as described in the report of the Fire Dept. considered each and all of the proposals made and have agreed to recommend to the Council that application be made to the Legislature to enable the Council to borrow sufficient money to effect such portions of the said improvements as are hereinafter mentioned, not to exceed in the whole \$10000.00

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To build a retaining wall at the north side of the Culvert at Freshwater from Pleasant Street 120 feet east into the harbor and from thence 55 feet North until it meets the south east angle of the wall of Mr. Preckers property and thus to reclaim from the sea nearly 400 superficial feet of Land (now worthless) which when filled in as it is presumed it would be in a very short space of time without expense to the City would serve for a site for an engine house and other purposes and when so reclaimed is believed by competent judges to be worth \$4000 The estimate cost of said wall is \$1200.00

To purchase a piece of Land on the corner of Barrack and Serps Street owned by William Evans Esq and by that gentleman offered to the Committee for 1500 and to erect thereon a Building which shall be the principal Engine House of the City and afford accommodation for a steam engine Victoria now temporarily located at the engine house

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houses to all materials necessary to be maintained in the centre of the city with a hose drying tower, a Hall of Meetings for the Firewards and the union engine and axe companies and apartments for a keeper who shall have charge of and reside therein. The cost of which shall not exceed \$6500.00.

While agreeing with the other recommendations of the report the Committee are of opinion that it would be unwise to attempt too much at once and do not recommend borrowing money for the erection of engine houses at the north and south ends of the city as such houses will not require to be large or expensive and the cost of the erection of one in each of the next succeeding years may be borne upon the Estimates for those years without materially increasing the taxation.

The Committee desire to call the attention of the Council to the southern portion of the water lot owned by the City of Fresh Water and recommend the Council to lease the same for a term of years. It is now entirely worthless and it is believed that certain citizens would be willing to pay a small rent for it and improve in such manner as would not fail to be beneficial to the City.

In reference to providing offices and workshops for the Water Commissioners the Committee report that it is very difficult to obtain premises at all suitable and that it cannot be done under \$50,000.00 or thereabouts. They therefore recommend that a portion of the wing of the Market House be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted
James Duggan
Chairman

when the following Resolution is introduced (read) Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Walker

Resolved that the report of the Committee of City Reports, this day presented be adopted and that said Council be ordered to instruct to prepare a bill to be presented to the Legislature to carry into effect the recommendations thereof relative to the Fire Department which resolution on being put is passed.

Secondly Resolved that the Committee be instructed to fit up offices in the Market House for the Commissioners of Water Supply which resolution on being put is passed a voting for the same and 5 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

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| For Resolution | Against it |
| Ald. Walker, McGarron, Murphy, | Ald. Blackadar, |
| Slims, Mayor, Mahony, | Graham, Storr, |
| Butler, Duggan, Wilds, | Gray, Omlar, |
| 9 | 5 |

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Resolved that the Committee be instructed to lease at public auction the Water Lots owned by the City at Freshwater for a term of years not exceeding fifteen under such regulations as may protect the interest of the Citizens thereon. which resolution on being put is passed

Ulderman Duggan lays on the table a Draft of a Bill to carry out the object of the first resolution

Special Committee on Hay Market

Read Report of

The Committee

appointed to look for a suitable place for a Hay Market met Report this day present Alderman Smelair Duggan Storr Graham & Dunbar

Com (Special)
Hay Market

The Committee after several inquiries unanimously recommends that Mr Keating's offer be accepted. he will lend a suitable place for the north end, according to a plan annexed, with stabling, yard room, and scales, for the sum of twenty five cents per load of hay, to be paid by the parties using the same

The Committee req to submit a draft of an act prepared by His Honor the Recorder, in accordance with the above

All of which is respectfully submitted

Wm Dunbar
Chairman

Read Draft of an Act to enable the City of Halifax to carry out said report in the sending of Hay straw to

On Motion the same is ordered to be fairly engrossed and sent to the Legislature for their concurrence

Report
of Com of Streets
at north end of City Street
City Street

Read Report of Committee of Streets relative to changing the name of North City Street to Waynard Street

An act concerning City Street within the City of Halifax.

Be it enacted by the Mayor Council and assembly as follows Hereafter that portion of the Street known at present as City Street within the City of Halifax situated between Dunlop Street and Berish Street shall be called designated Waynard Street

John P Muir
et al

Read Petition John P Muir & others residents of Waynard Street against changing name of said Street

A Motion is made that the report be received and adopted, which Motion on being put is passed lost 4 voting for and 9 against it

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relatives to changing name of Street

Read Draft of an act

that the Bill be laid on the Table for 3 months, to which
the following amendment is introduced. That the Bill be fairly
engrossed and presented to the Legislature for their approval
which amendment on being put is lost. Voting for the same and
against it.

and the original Motion on being put is passed

On Motion the Council adjourns till
Friday at 3 P.M.