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City of Halifax

Council Minutes

Nov. 1, 1871

to

July 22, 1875

Records
of
City Council
from November 1st
1871
to
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Afternoon Session

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor. Alderman Messrs. McElloch, Hyde, Richardson, Smith, Buggan, Power, Ackhurst, Murphy, Blackadar, James Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Form, Hubert and Sullivan.

The Council was summoned to appoint six Commissioners of Schools for the City of Calicut, to appoint Financiers for ensuing year, and the transaction of other business.

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Hyde late Chairman of City Rates & Taxes submits report with suggestions on Assessment.

Also as late Chairman of Oil Lamp Committee a report of proceedings during the past year.

Also a report of the Library Committee with report of the Librarian for 1870 & 71

Alderman Power submits Report of Committee of Laws & Privileges on various petitions

Alderman Barron submits Petition of John O'Malley relative to his property taken for Extension of Lockman Street

The Mayor submits Petition of Dr. M. Eaton Esqr. on behalf of the Primitive Street Baptist Church relative to taxes.

Also letter from M. M. O'Grady Esqr. Solicitor on behalf of James O. Graham Esqr. relative to payment for the property taken for Lockman Street Extension.

Also report of the Commissioners of Water Supply relative to Finance and receipts of water taxes for 1870 & 71

Also a bound copy of the various reports of Departments in City of Saint John, presented to City of Calicut

Alderman McElloch has leave to submit a petition of Thomas C. Brown and others asking for drain on Church Street.

On motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in this day.

Report of water
Commissioners for 1870
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Read report of Committee of City Rates and Taxes for 1871 with the suggestions therein contained.

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Report Committee
City Rates and
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Report of
Committee of
Rates
and
Taxes

The Committee on City Rates and Taxes feel it incumbent upon them at the close of the year for which they were appointed to bring to the notice of the Council a few ideas that were suggested to them during the various investigations and inquiries that it became their duty to make.

First. They would refer to the mode of assessment. This subject has long occupied the attention of this Council and was last year considered of so much importance that a special committee was appointed to consider what improvements and alterations could be suggested with a view to the introduction of a more equitable system. A report from that committee is deemed most desirable. The committee cannot but believe that the system now acted upon operates more as a tax on enterprise and commerce, instead of distributing the burden of taxation fairly among the citizens.

Secondly. With reference to the mode of appeal. The committee cannot but think that to give the opportunity to every citizen to present to the City Assessor within a certain time an affidavit of the value of property to be assessed, partially invalid if it really does not actually induce misstatements of various kinds. They consequently are of the opinion that the power of making corrections and alterations on the faith of such affidavits should not be left entirely and alone in the hands of that official. They would recommend that the system pursued in many cities of having a court of appeals should be adopted. This court might be constructed under a special commission or presided over by the Aldermen comprising the committee on City Rates and Taxes in rotation assisted by the City Assessor. This court should be empowered to hear and determine all appeals from the rating of the City and Ward Assessors and opportunities could thus be afforded to make any inquiry that might be deemed necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John J. Felle
Chairman
Com. City Rates and Taxes

On motion the same is referred to present committee on the subject of Rates and Taxes to be incorporated with their proceedings.

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on Oil Lamps for 1871.

Read report of the Committee

Committee Room
Oct. 30th. 1871

Committee on Oil Lamps met this day. Present Alderman
Wylde, Taylor, and the Chairman - Mr. Spome.

Report Committee
Oil Lamps

The Chairman stated to the new Committee he
had called them together that they might get in working order.
to prosecute the duties pertaining to such. The former Chairman
Ald. Wylde stated he had a report to lay before the Council at its
next meeting, which would show its working for the past year.

It was also proposed to make a tour of the various wards
at an early day in order to become acquainted with their requirements
the Committee then Adjourned.

Nichols. S. Spome
Chairman

On motion the same is
referred to present Committee on Oil Lamps for their consideration

Read report of the Library
Committee for 1871 with memorandum and report from the Librarian
for the year.

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Report of
the Library
Committee

The Library Committee on retiring from the duties connected with
that department beg to lay on the table the Librarian's report
for the year 1870 which they deem appropriate for the present
time. Several of the scientific works therein recommended
to be procured have been supplied and the Committee trust
that they may be found as useful as their importance demand.
The sum of \$307.58 remains in the hands of the
City Treasurer to the credit of the Library account. A sum
quite sufficient to meet any ordinary demands for salary &c
until the first May 1872. The Committee regret that more
convenient apartments cannot now be found for the Library.
From the large number of citizens who make use of the books
&c. it must be obvious that a free Library will ever be appre-
ciated by the community, and should continue to receive the
countenance and support of this Council.

The Committee in closing would bear testimony to the faith-
fulness and efficiency of the Librarian, regretting at the same
time that the limited means at the disposal of the Council prevent
them from recommending an increase of the salary of that
Official.

All of which is respectfully submitted

John S. Wylde
Chairman

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Report Com. Laws and Privileges

On motion the same is referred to the present Library Committee for their consideration. Read report of Committee of Laws and Privileges submitted this day.

Albion Blackadar has special leave to submit report of Committee of City States and Taxes.

Also report of Committee of Public Accounts on a/c of Martin & Co. Also petition of fire insurers relative to delivery and sub of loss without being first measured.

Petition of John McElroy

John McElroy relative to his property taken for Lockman Street Extension. Read petition of

On motion the same is referred to a special committee consisting of Alderman Deekhurst, Smith and M. Hullock to report on.

Petition of E. H. Eaton

E. H. Eaton on behalf of Granville Street Baptist Church relative to taxes. Read petition of

Letter from Mr. H. Pichay in behalf of James R. Graham

is referred to Committee on Taxes. On motion the same

Read letter from Nathan S. Graham relative to claim for property taken for the Lockman Street Extension.

Same is referred to Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension to report on as early as possible. Read Report of the Committee of Public Accounts on the a/c of Messrs Martin & Co. for damages to their property by fire in Burton's building in March last.

To His Worship the Mayor and Alderman - Gentlemen

Report Committee Public Accounts on a/c of Martin and Company -

The Committee of Public Accounts have had before them an account of Martin & Co. for \$190.10 (Ninety and ten cents) damage done to goods in their store by the fire department on Monday the 27th March last. Whence a statement signed by Messrs Wm. H. Reed, Gustavus Cummings and Edward J. Smith to the effect that in their opinion the goods were damaged to the extent indicated. Your Committee recommend that the amount in question be paid to Messrs Martin & Co. but they take occasion to state as their belief that this is one of those cases in which the rate payers are called upon to suffer a pecuniary loss through the lack of ordinary business promptitude on the part of their representatives. Had the City Clerk been in a position to order an appraisement of the damages immediately after the fire, it is more than likely Messrs Martin & Co. would not have

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been obliged to keep their store closed so long, and the amount of damage to their business \$120.00 would have been proportionally less.
Respectfully Submitted

Hugh W. Blackadar
Chairman

Then the following resolution No. 1 is introduced

Resolved that the report of the Committee on Public Accounts presented this day be received and adopted that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to draw a cheque for the amount therein recommended to be paid to Messrs Martin & Company and that such amount be debited to the Contingent Fund. Moved by Alderman Somer seconded by Alderman McJulloch which resolution on being put is passed.

As recd report of Committee of Public Accounts

Petition of Thomas A. Somer

Read petition of Thomas A. Somer and others for a drain in Church Street

Alderman Dickhurst lays on the table a resolution by way of notice relative to Seeham Street Extension (to be taken up at next meeting of council)

Selection of School Comms.

Council next proceed to elect six Commissioners of Schools for ensuing year as provided in Chapter Acts of 1869, when the following Gentlemen are appointed

Wards	No	Who	Alderman	McJulloch
"	"	One	"	Hyde
"	"	Three	"	Buggan
"	"	Four	"	Blackadar
"	"	Five	"	Graham
"	"	Six	"	Somer

On the motion to appoint Alderman Somer an amendment was moved by Alderman Blackadar seconded by Alderman Barron that Alderman Fisher be appointed which amendment on being put is lost & voting for the amendment and 9 against it the names being called for appeared thus

For the Amendment	Against it
Alderman Barron	Alderman Dickhurst
" Blackadar	" Sullivan
" Richardson	" Murphy
" McJulloch	" Taylor
" Somer 5	" Smith 9
	" Graham
	" Neab
	" Thompson
	" Hyde

The original motion passes

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Councils next proceed to elect five wardens for City of Halifax for ensuing year, when the following Gentlemen are appointed

Election of five Wardens for ensuing year

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| Ward One
John W. Warkent
Alex. McNeil
William Muir | Ward Two
George W. Saylor
William Murray
W. B. Harrington | Ward Three
Alderman Duggan
William McDonald
William Paul |
| Ward Four
Alderman Blackadar
Michl. S. Porter
Michl. Harney | Ward Five
John S. Brown
Chas. S. McDonald
Thomas Porter | Ward Six
Alderman Nisbet
S. S. McDonald
Chas. Dentley |

Said resolution No. 4 of 16th Sept. 1871 was introduced relative to the appointment of a City Auditor
Said report of Committee of Public Accounts on the financial condition of the City was entered 6 Sept. 1871

When the following resolution is introduced in amendment to the first clause of said report =

Resolution relative to financial Affairs of the City

Whereas it appears to this Council from the statement of His Worship the Mayor from the report of the last Committee of Public Accounts from comments of several of the Public Papers, and from opinions entertained by citizens in many instances that there is reason to suppose that irregularities, deficiencies or something of a similar nature, exists in the condition of the accounts and financial affairs of the City Corporation and its accompaniments, and whereas it is incumbent on this Council to endeavour by all means that may be in its power to allow and remove all such suppositions if they have no grounds, and equally the duty of the Council to have the same rectified if there are good grounds for such suspicions.

Therefore be it resolved that the auditors appointed during last month with His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Blackadar as assistants be fully empowered and requested to thoroughly examine and investigate at once the financial affairs of the City and its accompaniments and also explicitly report the result of such examination to this Council at as early a day as possible, and further to that end that the said parties be authorized to demand and obtain from the several officials of the City, the several Committees of the Council past and present and from all others who may have the same in their possession or keeping all books, accounts, warrants, bills, vouchers, statements, reports and papers or information whatever that the said Auditors and their Assistants may deem necessary and of use to make them thoroughly to carry out the objects herein contemplated. And resolved also that any refusal, neglect or non-compliance with the request of the Auditors and their Assistants on the part of any person or persons whatever, who may have such means or materials be and referred to in the foregoing Resolution shall be considered to be evidence of contempt of this Council and treated accordingly. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman McDonald when Resolution on being put is passed.

On motion Council adjourns.

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Evening Session

At a regular meeting of the City Council held this evening present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair Aldermen McCulloch, Orms, Ayles, Richardson, Smith, Duggan, Somers, Deekhurst, Blackadar, Starnon, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Spence, Ribbet, and Sullivan

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Deekhurst submits report of Committee of City Prison with accounts for month of October.

Alderman Ayles submits report of Committee of Streets on various subjects to be dealt with by the Council.

petition of H. H. Parker - The Mayor submits petition of Henry C. Carter relation to his services as Clerk of Markets

of City Prison for month of October - Read report of Committee

Committee of Poor
City Hall

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At a meeting of the Commissioners held this day, the following accounts for the month of October 1874 were submitted for examination viz -

Report Com-
City Council

1.	Wm. Montgomery	4.	42
2.	Wm. Montgomery	2.	68
3.	James McKeen	3.	00
4.	George Luzzie	2.	48
5.	John Allan	10.	00
6.	Chas. O. Earnstead & Sons	24.	92
7.	W. Spidaway & Co	6.	00
8.	Tom Elliott	2.	00
9.	Wm. Simley	23.	00
10.	Loddy and Simpson	10.	50
11.	R. M. Moly	18.	71
12.	J. J. Smith	84.	00
13.	Martin Barron	16.	00
14.	Chas. F. Mott	11.	40
15.	J. C. Dodge	10.	02
16.	Frank Reynolds & Co	33.	60
17.	P. A. Smith	15.	00
18.	John Gao	6.	51
19.	Wm. Kalk	1.	10
20.	Wm. Bross	18.	76
21.	John Carter Junr.	46.	00
22.	John Hagan & Sons	14.	56

James Hornsby. \$402.76

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Amount Brought Over		\$	cts
23.	L. Houlette etc.	402.	46
24.	John H. Bent	14.	82
25.	John Corral	11.	33
26.	Thos. Walsh	2.	98
27.	Capt. Hogan	19.	82
28.	Warrs etc.	5.	50
29.	neab White etc.	52.	20
30.	Ellen H. Gero	20.	00
31.	E. D. Longora etc.	21.	25
32.	Blackadar Bros.	112.	54
<u>Keepers Accounts</u>		12.	25
		<u>\$ 687.</u>	<u>98.</u>
			<u>\$ 687.98</u>
A.	John Meagher	19.	00
B.	Pitt. H. Rogers	18.	00
C.	James Doyle	18.	00
D.	Margaret Doyle	10.	00
E.	John Mulderray	20.	00
F.	George Kelly	18.	00
G.	Thos. O'Brien	19.	00
H.	John Cooper	20.	00
I.	John Tubert	10.	00
K.	Katherine Evans	2.	00
L.	Frederick O'Rourke	1.	50
M.	George Marcus	4.	00
		<u>\$ 159.</u>	<u>50</u>
			<u>\$ 843.23</u>

The accounts amounting to eight hundred and forty three dollars and twenty three cents, having been examined and found correct are respectfully recommended to the City Council for payment. The reason why the accounts for October is so large is owing to bills having been embraced for previous to the present Board of Commissioners coming into office. The Commissioners had to report for the information of the Council that in addition to the amount owing to them by the Street Department viz - \$407.52. there are at the present time about 40,000 bushels of broken stone now lying at the Prison Yard which at 3 cts per bushel are worth \$1200 they hope to be able to dispose of the stone to advantage and thus have sufficient funds to meet all the requirements for the current year.

There are in the Prison at the present time

- 50 males prisoners
- 29 females do
- 4 boys in the reformatory

All of which is respectfully submitted

Geo. J. Johnston
Chairman

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When the following Resolution No. 8 is introduced
 Resolved that the Report of the City Finance Committee
 with the accounts against the institution, for October amounting to
 \$843.23/100 be received and adopted and that His Worship the Mayor
 be authorized to draw a Cheque for the payment of said accounts.
 moved by Alderman Mackellar seconded by Alderman Nesbet
 which Resolution on being put is passed, on motion the order of the
 day is suspended to read report of the Committee of Streets relative
 to line of street taken up by Patrick Mahony, the wall at Rushmore
 Bridge and other matters for the Council to deal with, which were
 submitted this evening

Read report of the Committee of City
 Rates and Taxes on various petitions - "See page 11"

Report Committee
 Rates & Taxes
 re. to assessment
 of M. H. Pichey

To His Worship the Mayor and Alderman Galt
 The Committee on City Rates and Taxes beg leave
 to report on the following matters referred to them by the Council

1st. M. H. Pichey's Application for the repayment of the
 proportion of School Rate (\$57.72) levied by the Estate
 of Edward Billing in the Assessment of the firm of
 Anderson Billing & Co. for the year 1870

This claim is made under the 33rd Chapter 6th Clause of the acts
 of 1867 which reads as follows.

6. The words "real and personal property within the County
 of the residents of the section" in the third Clause of the act of 1866
 to amend the act for the better encouragement of Education, applies
 and shall be understood to apply to property lying in the City of
 Halifax the owner whereof resides in Dartmouth or other School
 Section in the County and the words "to be levied and collected from the
 inhabitants thereof" in Clause 19th of the said act applies and shall
 be understood to apply to property lying within the County, the owner whereof
 resides in the City: and on the payment of the required fee, the City
 Assessors shall furnish to the Trustees of Dartmouth or other School
 Section and the Clerk of the Peace for the County, shall furnish to the
 City Assessor the information necessary in order to give effect to this
 provision. Any person who may have been assessed, both in the City and
 in Dartmouth or any of the School Sections in respect of the same property
 shall be entitled to receive back the amount paid by him either in the City
 or in Dartmouth or other School Section, as the case may be in accordance
 with the foregoing construction of the Law

The claim now being considered is made as we have stated under this
 Clause. The Committee have given the matter much consideration. It is ascer-
 tained that through the operation of the Clause quoted, large sums of
 money have been lost to the City and the corresponding benefits have
 not been at all adequate. For two years at least after the passage
 of the act it was simply a qu- sibus arrangement. The Trustees of
 Dartmouth and other School Sections applied for and were furnished by our
 City Assessor the information necessary to give effect to the provision -
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which it contained while parties residing in the City and owning property in Dartmouth and other sections of the County paid their School Rates into the County Treasury the County thus derived the benefit from both assessments during the past two years; however your Committee find that a list of such parties has been duly furnished to the City Treasurer by the City Assessor, and in many cases the rates have been collected. But parties doing business in this City and residing in Dartmouth have been included in the list and their assessments form a part of the general valuation of the City in which the rate of taxation is based. the consequence is the amount thus rated, and paid into our Treasury or if paid, as in the case of the Billing Estate the Treasurer is called upon to refund. This is, at once, a serious matter, because every dollar of this money uncollected is estimated for and drawn by the Commissioners of Schools from the Treasurer. At the end of the year as a matter of course there is a balance in the Treasurer's books on this account against the City of Halifax.

By the reading of the Statute of 1864 referring to this subject of the statement as contained in Mr. Pichys letter to correct the Billing Estate in the opinion of your Committee, was entitled to have the money sought for refunded but the Committee recommend that the Council take no action in the matter until such time as the Billing estate show that the school rate has been actually paid to the Trustees in Dartmouth, and moreover submit a sworn statement showing the extent of interest of said Estate in property assessed within the City of Halifax upon which the school rate has been levied; and proof that the same property has been assessed in both School Districts.

2nd. In the matter of the Union Marine Insurance Company the Committee recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to accept the amount of Taxes tendered by the Secretary of the Company \$94. ²³/₁₀₀ instead of \$210 the amount the Company was originally rated.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Wm. Blackadar
Chairman

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Committee Room
Halifax Sept. 28th. 1872

Committee on City Rates and Taxes met this day -
Present - Alderman Duggan, Saylor, Blackader, and Pryor -
Mr. Barry in attendance -

J. Fernandez - With reference to the petition of J. Fernandez, the
Committee beg to recommend that the time for making
the necessary affidavit be extended to the petitioner and
that he have permission to make, under oath, his statement
of the value of his personal property for taxation. The
assessment thereon to be levied accordingly -

Report of
Committee of
Rates & Taxes
with Account
of Bank. N.S.

Bank of Nova Scotia - The Committee having had a full explanation from the
Cashier of the Bank of Nova Scotia respecting the objections
raised by the Directors relative to the amount assessed
upon that institution, and feeling that an opportunity
should be afforded the said corporation to amend the
Statement on which such assessment was based beg to
recommend that the Cashier be notified that this Council
will accept a statement based upon Capital instead of
Profits adding the sum held by the Bank also reserve
funds amounting to \$ 80,000.00. Said Statement to be
made in the usual manner under oath -

Thos. Granville - With reference to the petition of Thomas Granville the
Committee recommends that the time be extended in
his case for the reception of the usual Affidavit
provided that the petitioner also make Affidavit that
he was not a tenant of the house in Victoria Terrace
at the time the Assessment was levied -

All of which is
respectfully submitted

Edm. Pryor
Chairman

The first Clause relative to
assessment of J. Fernandez on motion is adopted -

The second Clause relative
to Bank of Nova Scotia assessment having been read and discussed.
On motion is deferred for the present -

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Third Clause relative to Crisis of Thomas Inawille was read and on motion accepted & voting for the same and against it. His Worship the Mayor giving his casting vote in favor of the adoption and the names being called for appeared thus -

In the adoption of Clause -		Against it	
Mr. Alderman	McKewen	Mr. Alderman	Thompson
do	Roome	do	Webb
do	Graham	do	Smith
do	Saylor	do	McCluckie &
do	Webb	do	Richardson
do	Wilde	do	Power
do	Stachadar	do	Sullivan
do	Duggan	do	Starron

Read report of the Committee of City Property relative to Engine House, the repairing of walls &c. in Grand Parade and other matters of repairs of City Property &c.

Committee Rooms
October 19th 1871

Report of Committee of City Property relative to Engine House, repairing of walls &c. in Grand Parade and other matters of repairs to City Property -

The Committee of City Property report that the New Engine House corner of Gunge and Park Street is now fast advancing towards completion and in a very few days will be handed over by the Contractor to the City. That the amount borrowed under an Act of Parliament to complete said building has been found insufficient therefor that already there has been overdrawn from the Treasury for this service the sum of thirteen hundred and ninety two dollars eighty six cents. That there is still due the Contractor on the original contract the sum of sixteen hundred and sixty four dollars. That for Gas fittings and other services not included in contract but absolutely necessary, there will be required a further sum of one thousand dollars, and for Apparatus for Chyming food and heating building a further sum of seven hundred dollars making a total of Five thousand one hundred and fifty six dollars eighty six cents. They further report that the City Property known as the Fish Market Slip, Ferry Slip and North Fish Market have been utterly destroyed by the gale of 13th Oct. and are now entirely useless that the annual appropriation for this Department is altogether inadequate for such an emergency that they must be rebuilt immediately for the public service that while doing so it will be important that they be enlarged and improved and if possible rendered remunerative, that for this service it will be necessary to borrow means that the amount required will not be less than Two thousand dollars. The Committee further report that they have had under consideration the purchasing of a strip of land adjoining on the North the property now being reclaimed from the sea at Grand Parade that the owners of said strip of land are willing to sell to the City on the most favorable terms viz. at the same price per foot that portions of

same

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Some property were sold for years since (provided it is not built upon) that the City has built a wall across the east front of said strip. Fenced the east front, and filled it up level with the street in the same manner as their own. And that in the opinion of the Committee it should not be allowed to pass into other hands. That for this purchase there will be required a sum of One thousand Dollars.

The condition of the square known as the Grand Parade. The walls and fences surrounding has long been a reproach to the Citizens of Halifax. The building of the new Engine House allows and necessitates the removal of the present unsightly building from off said square the Committee are unwilling to waste money in repairing said fences and walls and recommend the rebuilding of walls from foundations and surmounting the same with a neat railing. The recommend borrowing the means to accomplish this desired improvement the amount necessary there to is roughly estimated at seven thousand Dollars.

The Magazine lot at Richmond has been improved during the past summer and fences in, the entry in construction is in a dilapidated condition the Committee recommend rebuilding the same and establishing there public bathing houses which are loudly demanded by the Citizens the estimated cost is one thousand Dollars.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there is required for services that cannot be dispensed with the total sum of say fifteen thousand dollars the Committee recommend that application be made to the Legislature at its next session for permission to borrow said amount and that interest necessary to come upon the general revenues of the City.

They further recommend that the Treasurer be empowered to borrow immediately from one of the City Banks the amount necessary to complete the Engine House as recommended in the first clause of this report to be repaid out of the monies borrowed under said Act of the Legislature.

Respectfully Submitted
James Duggan
Chairman

Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Graham that said report be adopted after some discussion on the above Report On motion the further consideration of it is deferred until next meeting of Council

On motion of Alderman Graham seconded by Alderman Duggan Jeremiah Barnsted is appointed a dealer of leather for the City of Halifax

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Mr. Ford.

Resolution relative to investigate the origin of the fire at No. 4 Engine House

The following Resolution No 3 is next introduced -
Whereas the Chairman of Fire Ward has reported the loss by fire of No 4 Engine House and has stated such small probability the work of an incendiary
Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the origin and cause of the same and report fully to this Council at an early day and that Alderman of Ward five and Chairman of Fire Ward be such Committee. Moved by Alderman Ford seconded by Alderman Burns which on being put is passed -

Alderman Power lays on the table a resolution by way of notice relative to reconstruction

Alderman Thompson lays on the table a resolution by way of notice relative to plans of the City of Halifax.

Resolution relative to Extension of Barrack Street -

Alderman McEulloch lays on the table a resolution by way of notice relative to Extension of Barrack Street.

Alderman Aitchison's notice of Resolution relative to Commissioners of Lockton Street Extension, is next taken up, when the following is read (Ord. 3)

Resolution relative to Lockton St. Extension -

Whereas it has been intimated to this Council that the Commissioners of Lockton Street Extension have completed the work entrusted to them and whereas the new Street has been formally opened for the Public use. And whereas it is desirable that the result of the labors of said Commissioners should be reported to this Council at an early day. Therefore Resolved that the said Commissioners be requested to make to this Council their final report upon the work - entrusted to them, and also that a Committee be appointed to examine and report upon the accounts of the said Commissioners. Moved by Alderman Aitchison seconded by Alderman Barron which resolution on being put is passed 7 voting for the same 3 against it -

Committee Alderman Taylor, Aitchison and Doyle

On Motion Council Adjourn

Archie Barron is this day sworn into office as a Sealer of Deeds for the City of Halifax -

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- Stonem Session -

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair - Alderman McCulloch, Neab, Hyde, Smith, Power, Ackhurst, Graham Taylor, Thompson and Sullivan.

The Council were summoned to proceed with business standing over from previous meetings.

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Neab submits petition of Peter H. McCarthy relative to his taxes -

petition of Peter H. McCarthy.

Alderman Power submits petition of Mary Shammahan relative to her taxes -

petition of Mary Shammahan

His Worship the Mayor submits a statement of Clerk of License as to moneys received by him for month of October.

Statement of Clerk of License relative to moneys recd. for month of October -

Also letter from Bank of Nova Scotia relative to Assessment -

Also letter from Halifax Gas Light Company relative to placing of meters at Lamp Posts

Also letter from the Chairman of School Commissioners relative to amount required for School purposes -

Also petition of Peter McCarthy relative to an alteration to his building -

Also report of Charles J. Gossip relative to Steamer Franklin, arrived from St. Johns.

His Worship the Mayor having brought to the notice of this Council the demise of the Registrar of Camp Hill Cemetery it was resolved that the City Clerk issue an advertisement asking applications from persons desirous of obtaining the situation of Registrar of Cemetery. Moved by Alderman McCulloch seconded by Alderman Hyde, and Passed.

Read petition of Peter D. McCarthy relative to taxes -

On motion the same is referred to Committee on Taxes to report on -

Read petition of Mary Shammahan relative to her taxes

On motion the same is referred to Committee on Taxes

Read monthly return of Clerk of License.

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On motion the same is referred

Letter from Cashier of Bank of N. S.

to Committee on License

Read letter from Cashier of Bank of Nova Scotia relative to Assessment.

Letter from Secy. of Gas Company

of Gas Company with contract relative to Gas meters

Read letter from the Secretary

Letter from Mr. M. Umacke -

Umacke Chairman of School Commissioners relative to sum required

Read letter from C. M.

Petition of Chas. McCarthy -

McCarthy relative to repairs and alterations to his building

Read petition of Chas

Report of Inspecting Physician rel. to Steamer Franklin

Inspecting Physician of the Port of Halifax Charles J. Gossip relative to Steamer Franklin

Read report of the

Report Commr. Streets relative to Horse Railway

on Streets relative to Horse Railway, and other matters referred to them. Res. is introduced

Read report of Committee Patrick Mahony's Report. The following Resolution

Res. relative to Report Committee Streets -

contained in the report of the Streets Committee handed in on the 3rd inst. viz.

Resolved that the matters

The incorporation of Patrick Mahony's

The Property of Garrett Miller

The letter of Joseph Corbett

The tracks of the City Railroad Company -

be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder to take such action thereon as may be necessary. Moved by Alderman Wyld, seconded by Alderman McFulloch which on being put is passed.

The following Resolution No. 2 is now introduced

Res. rel. to Dead House -

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into their consideration and to report to this Council upon the propriety of erecting at the cost of the City a building for the reception of Dead Bodies of homeless persons and likewise to report as to a suitable design and locality for such a building, and that the Committee be requested to enquire into the recent case of a person whose remains were found exposed in the Streets. Moved by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Nead, which on being put is passed.

On motion the Committee of City Hospital are appointed that Committee

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Res. authorizing the Mayor to draw a cheque for a sum to be paid to Chairman of School Commissioners -

The following Resolution No. 3 is read introduced -
Resolved that the Mayor be and is hereby instructed to draw a cheque for the sum of Six Hundred and Dollars to be paid to the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners Moved by Alderman Pomer seconded by Alderman Rylands which on being put is passed.

Order of the day is suspended to allow Alderman McCulloch to introduce a Resolution by way of notice -

Read report of the Committee of Taxes relative to Assessment on Bank of Nova Scotia -

Then the following Resolution No. 4 is introduced in Amendment to the same -

Res. re. to Recorders Opinion on Assessment of Banks of N. S.

Resolved that the Recorders Opinion be requested as to the rights of the Banks of Nova Scotia to amend their statement for Assessment, Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman McCulloch which on being put is passed.

petition of S. Nichols -

Alderman Blackadar has leave to hand in petition of Sylvester Nichols relative to alteration to building -

Petition of Michl. Leonard.

Read petition of Michael Leonard relative to the water tax On motion the same is referred to Commissioners of Water Supply -

petition of W. S. Jefferson

Read petition of Wm. S. Jefferson relative to loss incurred by fitting up premises for carnival.

On motion is made that the petition lie on the table - to which an Amendment is moved that the same be referred to Committee of Public Accounts to report on which amendment on being put is lost and the original motion on being put is passed.

1/2 year return of Clerks of License

Read return of License Clerks collected by Clerk of License for 1/2 year ending 15th Sept 1871

On motion the same is referred to Committee on License

Alderman McCulloch's Resolution by way of notice relative to fitting up a Council Chamber is not taken up and read - as follows -

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Res. rel. to altering
South Wing of
City Market

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a plan and Estimate of altering the South wing of the City Market as a room for holding the meetings of this Council also a room for the City Clerk and a Committee Room for the use of the Alderman and report the Estimate of same to this Council. Moved by Alderman McCallister seconded by Alderman Neal, which on being put is passed.

On motion the Committee of City Property are appointed that Committee.

Read report of the Committee of Streets relative to property taken from John Hendill for widening Water Street - After some discussion on the Cabro Report

On motion the Council Adjourn

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Afternoon Session

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair - Aldermen McCulloch, Read, Mylde, Richardson, Smith, Duggan, former Ashhurst, Murphy, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Brown, Fisher and Sullivan -

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed -

Alderman Mylde submits a report of Committee of Streets relative to Expenditure on Streets for 13 months -

His Worship the Mayor submits opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Assessment of the Banks of Nova Scotia

Also letter from Nicholas Steward Superintendent of Horse Railway relative to Mayor's notice -

On motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in to day -

Read Opinions of His Honor the Recorder relative to Assessment on the Banks of Nova Scotia

Opinion of His Honor the Recorder re Assessment on Bank on N.S.

To His Worship the Mayor and the members of the City Council Gentlemen
The petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia dated the 14th September last containing statements relative to the losses of that institution and that the losses of the year were in excess of the profits and praying that your Honorable Body would be pleased to reduce the Assessment by deducting therefrom the amount assessed upon a valuation of profits having been referred to me to advise the right of the Council to grant such prayer I respectfully refer your Honors and the members of this Council to the 37th Section of the City Charter which reads thus "in case of any excess, profit or other objections made by any party or parties to the assessment for the City made on him or them the Court before which the same is investigated shall not in any case annul and set aside such whole rate but if he, she, or they can fully establish that the rate is excessive the Court may reduce the amount of his or her Assessment to what is ought to be in justice and shall give Judgment in favor of the City for the amount so reduced but such power shall in no case be exercised by the City Council. It is my Opinion that this Section relieves your Honorable Body from all embarrassment and that you cannot interfere in the said petition nor grant it"

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its prayer, but that relief can only be sought by the Bank from some other tribunal

I am
Yours respectfully
William Sutherland
Recorder

On motion the same is adopted and a copy directed to be sent to Cashier Bank of Nova Scotia.

Read letter from W. Leman Superintendent of Corso Railway in answer to Mayors Notice

Read resignation of Alderman Montgomery of his Office as Alderman for Ward No. One.

The following resolution No. 1 is next introduced

Whereas William Montgomery Esq. was a duly Elected Alderman for Ward Number One of the City of Halifax and he having entered upon the duties of Office has served for the space of two years and upwards and having given One Month's notice in writing to His Worship the Mayor of his intention to resign the said Office of Alderman as directed by the 59th Section of the 81st Chapter of 2nd Vict. and the One month since said notice was given having been expired -

Resolved that the resignation of William Montgomery Esq. is now accepted and that the Office of Alderman for Ward No. One is now vacant and be it further Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be respectfully requested to take the means prescribed by Law to fill up the said vacancy and that Alderman McEllock is hereby appointed as presiding Alderman to act at the Election to be held to fill the said vacancy in Ward No. One here by Alderman Ryalls seconded by Alderman Taylor which on being put is passed.

On motion Alderman McEllock is appointed presiding Officer for holding Election in Ward One -

Read Report of the Committee of Shute relative to line of Ironsills property

When the following Resolution No. 2 is introduced

Resolved that the matter of the appointments appraisement of Mr. Ironsills property in Upper Water Street and all the papers in connection therewith be referred to the Committee on Shute to report upon at as early a day as convenient. Moved by Alderman Jones seconded by Alderman Fisher which on being put is passed.

Read to resignation of Wm Montgomery as Alderman Ward No One.

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Read report of the Committee of City Property
relative to New Engine House and other matters. "See page 12"

When the following Resolution is introduced
That the debate on the above report be postponed till next
meeting of Council. Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman
Taylor which on being put is passed-

Read Report of the Committee
of City Property relative to Slaughter Houses-

Moved by Alderman Duggan
seconded by Alderman Graham that the report be adopted to
which the following Amendment is introduced

Resolved that in accordance
with authority conferred by Charter the Slaughtering of Cattle and
other Animals be prohibited on 1st May next on the South of a line
commencing at the rapids near the Richmond Depot and running
Westwardly along the road past the Richmond School house and
continuing in that direction until said line reaches the Westward bounds
of the City. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman
Hyde which Amendment on being put is lost 5 voting for the same
& against it. And the following second Amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Slaughtering of Cattle be not permitted
within the City limits after the first of July 1872 Moved by
Alderman Ingullock seconded by Alderman Taylor which on being
put is passed 8 voting for the same and 6 against it and the
names being called for appeared thus

For the Amendment
Alderman Power
do Adams
do Taylor
do Hyde
do Sullivan
do Power
do Ingullock
do Smith

Against it
Alderman Duggan
do Graham
do Thompson
do Richardson
do Fisher
do Blackadar

Alderman Duggan gives notice
of reconsideration.

Alderman Blackadar hands
in final Report of Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension

The following
Resolution is next introduced

Resolved that His Worship
the Mayor is hereby instructed to draw a Cheque at his earliest
Convenience for a sum of One Thousand Dollars portion of
"the same"
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the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars, which the City Treasurer was authorized to borrow by Resolution of Council passed at the meeting of October 20th 1871 such sum of five thousand dollars to be charged to such accounts as the Council shall hereafter determine, Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Kelly which Resolution on being put is passed. 12 voting for the same and two against it and the names being called for appeared thus -

- For Resolution
- Ald. Power, Torne
- do. Niskel, Graham
- do. Sullivan, Richardson
- do. Zachadar, Thompson
- do. Mills, Taylor
- do. Ackhurst, Duggan

- Against it -
- Alderman McEllock
- do Smith

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On motion the Council Adjourn

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- Evening Session -

At a regular meeting of the City Council held this evening Present: His Honor the Mayor, Alderman McFulloch, Messrs. Ryals, Richardson, Smith, Duggan, Power, Ackland, Murphy, Barron, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Spence, Pickett and Sullivan.

The Council were summoned to appoint a Registrar of the Camp Hill Cemetery - Resolutions in Board of Sanitary - And the transaction of other business -

Spence Over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Mess Chairman submits report of the Sanitary Committee relative to present condition of Small Po Hospital at Rockhead

Alderman Richardson submits report of Hospital Committee on subject of a dead House which was referred to them -

Alderman Thompson submits petition of Charles Craigmiles relative to Steam Ferry at narrow.

Alderman Thompson submits report of Special Committee relative to Fire at West Engine House

Alderman Taylor submits report of Committee of Auditors relative to Accounts &c of the Rockham Street Commissioners -

Alderman Power submits petition of William Hyman relative to an alteration to his building in George Street.

On motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in this evening.

Read report of the Sanitary Committee submitted this evening -

Committee Room
Rockham Nov. 16th 1871

Report Sanitary
Com Nov 14/71

The Sanitary Committee beg leave to submit the following Report -

1st. That on assuming their duties for the current year they found the keeper of the Fever Hospital had given up the situation, this vacancy was shortly afterwards filled by the appointment of Mr. Semey who reported to your Committee that several urgent repairs were needed and that a great deal of the out-pits of the Hospital had suffered considerably from exposure's neglect

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a personal inspection by some members of the Committee confirmed this statement. The buildings and fences had suffered from the effects of the heavy gale of last month. The shed and outhouse were completely blown down and some 11 or 12 panes of glass in the Hospital broken. This was at once attended to and the windows repaired, but a sum of about \$300 will be required to repair fences and outhouse and rebuild the barn, as presents there is no place to store fuel for the winter or to keep the carriage used for the conveyance of patients. As the winter is rapidly approaching this matter should be immediately attended to. Your Committee respectfully suggest that they be authorized to complete those repairs forthwith.

As regards the furniture and outfit the late keeper does not appear to have taken the care that was necessary a great deal of the crockeryware and cooking utensils are so cracked and broken as to be of no use. Your Committee have therefore taken an inventory of the presents outfit that are available for use if needed which will be found appended to present report but fear if a comparison were made of what ought to be there and what really is, a very great deficiency will be apparent.

Sac. Your Committee feel it to be their duty to call the attention of His Honor the Mayor and this Council to the apparent discrepancy that exists between the reports furnished by the Health Officer for this port relative to the state of the steamer Franklin which here and the accounts that have reached us since her arrival at New York and recommend that an investigation be made to ascertain the facts of this case. This measure seems the more necessary from the fact that the Waterman who attended the ship has since died from a similar complaint. The City Medical Officer reports that he deemed it only prudent to order a portion of the clothes and bed linen of the deceased to be destroyed at once and further recommends that the feather bed, mattress, blankets &c. be also burnt and that also as the widow cannot very well afford to bear this loss that a sum of \$30.00 be given to her as the value of the articles so destroyed meantime he has had the house cleaned and the bedroom locked up and no one allowed to enter it.

For inventory of furniture and outfit at Hospital see Report on file
E See report on file

On behalf of Sanitary Committee.

J. H. Reed
Chairman

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When the following Resolution No. 1 is introduced -

Res. rel. to
Sanitary Committee
Reports

Resolved that the Report of the Sanitary Committee presented to day be received and accepted, and that the Committee be authorized to expend the necessary amounts for the repairs and other objects therein recommended. Moved by Alderman Penn. Seconded by Alderman McShellock which Resolution on being put is passed.

Read report of a suitable place for dead house for deceased homeless persons -

On motion the same is laid over for presents -

Read letter from Charles Santanks relative to Steam Ferry at narrows

On motions the same is referred to Committee of three Aldermen to report on, Committee Alderman Nisbet, Thompson and Ryland.

Read report of Committee appointed to investigate the late fire at the No. 4 Engine House in Ward Five.

Report
Committee to
investigate the
fire at No. 4
Engine House.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of Council of the 30th of November to investigate the origin of the fire in No. 4 Engine House, in Mackintosh Street, by leave to report as follows.

The Committee, immediately upon their being organized, called upon the City Marshal and requested him to detail one of the Police Officers for detective duty in connection with the investigation. They also requested the Lieutenant in charge of No. 4 Division of firemen to be present at the meeting of the Committee with such of the men of his Division as could give any explanations in reference to the fire. The Committee then assembled and proceeded to examine upon oath the witnesses who attended in obedience to their call. Eighteen persons, excluding members of the fire Division, residents in the vicinity of the Engine House, firemen and citizens who were concerned in the fire were subjected, one by one, to the most searching examination which the Committee could institute. The evidence of these persons has been reduced to writing with a view to its being useful hereafter in case further developments should be made and is returned herewith to the City Council. The substance of that evidence may be stated as follows. Number 4 Engine House was in charge of a Division of eighteen or twenty firemen who frequented the building in the manner which is usual in all such bodies in this City and elsewhere. The Committee failed to find, after the fullest enquiry, anything to corroborate the suspicions which appeared to exist in some quarters that there was an unusual want of order and propriety among those who resorted to the building, were in a sense. It appeared that for some time previous to the fire the gas pipe and stove pipe of the building were in a somewhat unsafe condition and it was further proved.

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on fire at
No. 4 Engine
House.

proved that the doors of the house were so ill secured that almost any person who desired to gain admission, could do so without a key. In reference to these matters the Committee would suggest the propriety of closer supervision and of a prompt attention to the regulations of the firemen even though such regulations be made, as they appear to have been in this case, in a somewhat informal manner. On the night previous to the fire several of the firemen were in the building until some time after eleven o'clock and they testify that they left it in apparently a safe condition as regards fire, - the gas had been turned off and the fire in the stove was almost out a neighbour stated in his evidence that he passed the building sometime afterwards and within an hour of the alarm being given - that he saw a light inside apparently the gas light and that just as he was turning to go into his house he heard a noise apparently as of someone falling in the Engine House. When the alarm was given at about two o'clock and when half arrived the fire had made such progress that it was impossible to save any of the property in the interior. This being the nature of the evidence and nothing further of importance having been elicited the Committee are unable to say that they found anything to establish the conclusion that the fire was the work of an incendiary and they likewise report that they have been unable to ascertain beyond mere conjecture the origin of the fire. The Committee are indebted to Dr. Power for the skillful and energetic assistance which he afforded them in this investigation. They would close their report by strongly urging upon the Council the necessity for taking immediate steps to replace the Engine House by a more suitable and commodious building and the necessity for providing at once a fire alarm in that portion of the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted -

A. S. DeThompson
Chairman

On motion the same is received and adopted -

Read petition of William Petrus asking permission to alter a building in George Street.

On motion the same is referred to Committee of Laws and Ordinances.

Mr. DeThompson has leave to submit report Committee of Streets on subject of Roadside property in Upper Water Street. The same is read and laid over for present.

Mr. DeThompson also has special leave to submit and read a resolution by way of notice relative to Slaughter &c.

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Alderman Duggan's notice of Reconsideration relative to report of Committee on Slaughter Houses is next taken up and the reconsideration on being put is passed voting for the same and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For the Reconsideration		Against it	
Alderman	Graham	Alderman	Dehurs
do	Murphy	do	Keel
do	Kirk	do	Smith
do	Waldo	do	Sullivan
do	Blackadar	do	Saylor
do	Richardson	do	James
do	Thompson	do	McLulloch
do	Duggan	do	Power
do	Barron 9.		8

The amendment of Alderman McLulloch and the original motion to adopt the Report of Committee of City Property relative to Slaughter House is now before the Council when it is moved that the time for closing said Slaughter Houses be made July instead of May, which amendment on being put is passed.

The amendment is again put to the Council and passed voting for the same and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the Amendment		Against it	
Alderman	Waldo	Alderman	Barron
do	Saylor	do	Richardson
do	Dehurs	do	Duggan
do	Power	do	Kirk
do	Ward	do	Thompson
do	McLulloch	do	Graham
do	Smith	do	Blackadar
do	Power	do	Murphy
do	Sullivan 9.		8

Amendments Passed -

Council proceed to the order of the day

Read applications of Edward Bamstead, James Hutton, William Pike, Thomas Sir, and William W. Finner for situation of Registrar of Mortality. When the votes are taken James Hutton is elected.

On motion R. H. Head Esqr. is elected Fire Ward for Ward No.

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On motion James St. Smith is elected for Ward No. Three -

The following Resolution No. 3 is next introduced

Resolved that the Committee of City Property be instructed to provide without delay, the necessary apparatus for horse drying and heating the New Engine House and that this Council will provide the means necessary to defray the expense of the same in accordance with the Resolution passed October 20th 1871. The Expenditure for this purpose not to exceed the sum of One thousand dollars. Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Johnson & which on being put is passed unanimously -

On motion the Report of Committee of Laws and Ordinances relative to various petitions for alterations to buildings is next taken up and read

Committee Report
31st October 1871

Report Com
Laws & Ordinances
31st Oct 1871

The Committee on Laws and Ordinances have agreed to report and do report as follows:

The Committee have considered the various petitions referred to them and would beg leave to make the following recommendations to the City Council.

1st. That the prayer of the petition of Daniel Corrad be not granted. This petitioner having already obtained permission from the Council to put a flag roof upon the building situated on the corner of Argyle and Flowers Streets and occupied by him as a dwelling house and shop, proceeded without any authority to carry the roof over two outhouses and a passage way lying to the East of the building referred to. The outhouses were in a very dilapidated condition; and the petitioner has caused new corner posts and stiles to be erected so that if allowed to proceed, he would have an entirely new two story building. This direct violation of the letter and spirit of the Building Act is, if possible, aggravated by the fact that the premises adjoining one of the outbuildings to the north, and separated from it only by a very indifferent board partition, are used as a blacksmiths forge; and by the fact that the petitioner, in defiance of the City Architects prohibition has continued to work at the alteration in question.

2nd. The Committee recommend that the first prayer of the petition of Adam Bier be granted, and the second be rejected. Mr. Bier is the owner of a wooden building on the corner of Pills Bend and Beckman Streets Extension, which the Engineer of the latter Street has compelled him to move back up the hill. This has necessitated the raising of the structure some distance, and the petitioners first prayer is that he shall be allowed to raise it so much farther as to give him a suitable story for shops, such shops to be not more than ten feet and a half in height. The second prayer of the petition asked for a flag

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a flat roof instead of the present pitch roof, but this prayer the Committee are not disposed to grant, owing as it would a three story wooden building upon the corner of what promises to be a leading thoroughfare.

3rd. The Committee recommend that C. Myers have leave to make the alteration asked for in his premises, Number 66 Lower Water Street on the conditions hereinafter specified:

Mr. Myers owns a wooden building fronting on the West Side of Water Street, bought by him some years ago. In the rear of this building he has erected a forge, two stories high, built entirely of brick and running back some sixty feet. Between this forge and the wooden building is a brick joining only one story high. This being found inconvenient, Mr. Myers has determined to carry the brick structure up to a level with the top of the forge, and only asks permission of the Council to run a small flat roof from the top of the wooden building in front, to the top of the proposed brick addition. As the whole proposed alteration will make less wooden surface than is at present exposed, and will improve the appearance of the premises the Committee can see no objection to granting Mr. Myers the permission asked for, on condition that the sides, as well as the roof of the proposed addition shall be covered with some uninflamable material.

4th. The Committee recommend that the petition of James Spike be not favorably received.

Mr. Spike wishes to put a flat roof on a wooden building owned by him and standing on the West side of Marlboro Street, between and in the rear of the City Mission House and Mr. Taylor's Shoe Factory. The Committee can see no necessity for the alteration and think that if allowed, it would form a very bad precedent and one likely to be extensively made use of in the neighborhood.

5th. The Committee recommend that the prayer of the petition of John Kearney and Mrs. Hall be not granted.

The petitioners ask permission to be allowed to add a third story to the two story wooden building on the East Side of Water Street opposite the City Corns House. This building was originally of only one story to which a second was some time since added in a rather regular manner. The inconvenience resulting from snow and rain complained of by the petitioners can be easily got rid of by raising the roof of the building a few inches in the middle. The alteration asked not being absolutely necessary, could not consistently be allowed.

6th. The Committee recommend that the prayer of James Stanford's petition be not granted. Mr. Stanford owns and occupies a building opposite the head of Bennett's Wharf only one story in height, but with a very long and high roof. The putting on of a flat roof would give Mr. Stanford a three story wooden building. This is to block filled.

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filled with valuable property, would, the Committee feel, be very
undesirable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. G. Power
Chairman

A motion is made that the said report be taken up as
a whole, to which an amendment is moved that the report be taken
up serially which amendment on being put is lost.

Moved by Alderman Power
seconded by Alderman Reas - that the report be adopted, to which the
following amendment is introduced -

Resolved that so much of the report
of the Committee of Laws & Privileges as refers to the Petitions of James
Stamford, John Kearney, Mrs. Wick, Philon and James Spike be
not received and that said Citizens be allowed to improve their buildings
in accordance with the prayer of their petitions. Moved by Alderman
Duggan seconded by Alderman Reas which amendment on being
put is lost, voting for the same and 11 against it and the names
being called for appeared thus.

For the Amendment.		Against it	
Alderman	Ashurst's	Alderman	Smith - Graham
do	Murphy	do	Reas
do	Reas	do	Sullivan Taylor
do	Richardson	do	McKee's Kirk
do	Thompson	do	Power. Sackader
do	Duggan 6	do	Barron. 11

The original motion to adopt the report on being put
is passed 11 voting for and 6 against it

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James Hutton was this day sworn into office as Registrar
of Camp Hill Cemetery in presence of His Worship the Mayor

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Joseph Sutton Esqr. having been
returned as duly elected an Alderman for Ward No One
in place of Alderman Montgomery resigned, was sworn into
Office as Alderman and Justice of the Peace for the City
of Halifax by His Worship the Mayor this day.

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Afternoon Session

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Selton, Peab, Ryals, Pickens, Smith, Power, Shackard, Paron, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Ricks,

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

On motion William Mendick, Robert Selton, and Charles Ryals are appointed Health Wardens for Ward No. One.

On motion James Crawford Thomas Ryals and Arthur Anderson are appointed Health Wardens for Ward No. Five.

On motion Stephen R. Sincorn and Edward Butler are appointed Health Wardens for Ward No. Six.

Read Report Committee on Rates and Taxes submitted 1st. Nov. 1871. "See page 9 and 10"

When the following Resolutions are introduced-

Resolved to claim of Billing Estate.

Resolved that the portion of the report of the Committee of City Rates and Taxes respecting the claim made on behalf of the Billing Estate be received and adopted and the Solicitor of the Billing Estate be notified accordingly. Moved by Alderman Shackard seconded by Alderman Ryals which being put is passed.

Resolved that the City Treasurer be authorized to accept the tender of the Union Marine Insurance Co. \$9,433 in full for their taxes for 1870. Moved by Alderman Shackard seconded by Alderman Ryals and passed.

Read report of Committee of Streets relative to property taken from Mr. John Wadell to widen water streets

To His Worship the Mayor and Members of the City Council

Streets office
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The Committee of Streets to whom was referred the matter in dispute with Mr. John Wadell with reference to property taken from him for the widening of Water Street. Report that they have had an interview with Mr. Wadell on the subject and would recommend that the Arbitrators be requested to furnish a report on the subject under an Affidavit for the satisfaction of Mr. Wadell as they are of the opinion that that gentleman only requires to be satisfied that said Arbitrators did really base their calculations

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calculations on more land than was actually taken from him to carry out the improvements aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

John J. Gyles
Chairman

On motion the report is adopted and His Honor the Mayor requested to have the Arbitrators notified accordingly -

Read report of Special Committee relative to locality and the location of Dead house for homeless persons deceased,

When the following Resolution No. 3 is introduced -

Resolved to Dead House.

Resolved that the Committee of City Hospitals be requested to communicate with the County and Provincial Authorities with a view to obtaining a site on which to locate the Dead house and with a view likewise to inducing said authorities to participate in the cost of such an institution. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Graham which on being put is passed.

Alderman Power's Resolution by way of notice relative to City Charter is next taken up, and read as follows -

Whereas it is at the present time very difficult to ascertain by what Law the City is governed in any given case.

And whereas the existing Law needs amendment in many particulars.

Therefore Resolved that what is known as the City Charter including the Ordinances and By Laws shall be revised as soon as convenient and such changes in the Law as may may be necessary and desirable shall be effected at the next sitting of the Local Legislature and Resolved that a Committee of six Aldermen be appointed to revise and amend the City Charter and report their proceedings from time to time for the approval of this Council. Moved by Alderman Power seconded by Alderman Gyles.

On motion the Committee of Laws and Privileges with His Honor the Recorder are appointed that Committee.

Read petition of Nicholas Smith relative to His Auction License -

On motion the same is referred to the Committee on License -

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Read report of the Commissioners of
Lockman Street Extension with the report of the Engineer on the
final completion of the work =

= Lockman Street Extension =

To His Worship the Mayor
and Aldermen of the City of Halifax

Gentlemen

The Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension
leave, respectfully, to report the completion of the work entrusted
to them, viz. that of opening up Lockman Street South to
Street Eden Berrington Street and North to the Campbell Road,
with report of
the progress of the works. There remains, of necessity, little of importance
to state, now that the Street is finished and opened up to the public.
In fact, since the last Official Statement was submitted to the Council
the labours of the Commissioners have been comparatively light, consisting
for the most part, in having the specifications of Contracts carefully and
faithfully carried out, and in arranging and adjusting little differences
naturally incidental to the performance of a work of this nature.

The Resolutions of your body appointing the Commissioners, empowered
them to make the new Street in accordance with the plan adopted by the
Council and the Acts of the Legislature relating to the subject. Had the
work thus so simply specified, been all that your Commissioners would
be called upon to perform, the amount of labour involved and time required
would not have been very great, but when, as the Council and others
after the Contracts had been entered into the unpleasant task of
contesting, if we may so use the term - the enterprise through, not only
with the private parties interested, but with the Superior
Authorities, upon whose lands in three different sections the line of
Street was located when such a task was imposed upon your Commis-
sioners in addition to their other duties it may well be imagined the
gratification they feel in being enabled to report that all the
difficulties were, eventually, amicably settled, that the whole work
has been finished satisfactorily, the Contractor paid off, and that
no claims for "extras" were required to be entertained.

It is not necessary for us, of course, in submitting a final
report to give a historical record of the events that occurred in connection
with our labors during nearly three years that this work has engaged our
attention. The Engineers reports together with our own already referred to,
handed in from time to time, form a continuous narrative in themselves
and the Report of the Engineer at present in charge of the
Extension - John Sutcliffe Esqr. (mentioned in the appendix) treats
very fully of the work to its completion; this Report contains moreover
some valuable suggestions which may be adopted by the City with profit.

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Lockman Street Extension Report
"Continued"

The Committee appointed by your Council to Audit our accounts from the date to which they were last Audited, 2nd Feb'y 1871 were placed in possession of all the documents, and these will likely accompany their report.

Of all the papers, Letters &c, referred to the Commissioners by the Council, there are but two papers remaining to report up, the first is that respecting the claim of S. Godfrey. This claim has arisen out of the second appraisement ordered by the Council when they deemed it expedient to widen that portion of Lockman Street opening out into Commercial Street, &c. - Your Commissioners gave the Solicitors of Mr. Godfrey a hearing, and they find that the petitioner does not complain that more land has been taken from him than that appraised and shown on the plan, but rather that the award was insufficient. With this matter of course the Commissioners have nothing to do, and they therefore respectfully return the papers.

In the matter of Mr. Gurr the Commissioners would recommend that the case be taken into the parallel consideration of the Council.

The Commissioners following the plan prepared by the City Architect and adopted by the City Council before the Engineer was appointed, it is alleged, took up more land than was included in the Appraisers award. There seems to be a difference of opinion on this point, existing between the City Architect and Mr. Barry the Chairman of the appraisers, it occurs to your Commissioners, then, that this may be a subject for a special Committee of the Council, but so far as the Commissioners are concerned, no more land was taken than marked on the plan.

The parties owning property on the eastern side of the new Street were all duly notified to fence in their lots and the public safety required that such should be done. In nearly every case the request has been cheerfully complied with.

Since the work was taken off the Contractors hands the Commissioners have found it necessary to keep constantly employed several men to protect the Roadway from becoming impassable through the traffic being solely confined to one particular side of the Street. We would recommend that the Street Committee under whose supervision the new Street, will of course, now be placed continue the same method for a short time longer until the Roadway becomes thoroughly consolidated. We would likewise strongly urge upon the Council the necessity of opening up the drain at the foot of Bull's Lane and the construction of a sewer equal to the capacity of the one in the new Street, to connect at the Oldmaney. Get with Military Sewer running through the Imperial Government Property to the Beach. It will not be a very long time before the quantity of sewerage seeking an outlet at this junction will be such that the Cellars on both the upper and lower sides of Water Street in this vicinity will be flooded and the City,
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perhaps, multiplied in heavy damages.

In conclusion the Commissioners desire to thank the Council for the promptitude with which they invariably adopted the suggestions offered by them, and more particularly at an early period of the work, when the difficulties which were coming up on every hand, seemed destined to imperil the success of the undertaking.

It is not our province of course to say anything in commendation of the enterprise that prompted and urged the opening up of this great and much needed thoroughfare or of the inestimable benefits conferred on the City in a sanitary point of view but we have no doubt that every year will more clearly demonstrate the utility of the work, the wisdom of its promoters and the superiority of the Street as a piece of workmanship and Engineering skill.

All of which is respectfully submitted -

Geo. J. Troop
Chairman

For Engineers Reports 'see paper on file'

Read Report of the Committee of Auditors on the accounts of the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension 'see paper on file'

When the following Resolution No 5 is introduced

Resolved that the Report of the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension & the report of the Auditors thereon be read this day be received and adopted, and referred to the Committee of Streets likewise that the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension be requested to hand over all papers letters, plans &c in connection with said work to the same Committee. Moved by Alderman Macpherson seconded by Alderman Taylor to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Report of the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension & the report of the Auditors thereon be read this day be received and adopted, and referred to the Committee of Streets likewise that the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension be requested to hand over all papers letters, plans &c in connection with said work to the same Committee. Moved by Alderman Macpherson seconded by Alderman Taylor to which the following amendment is introduced.

That the consideration of the Report and Resolution be deferred till next meeting of Council. Moved by Alderman Thompson seconded by Alderman Graham which on being put is lost - voting for the same and 9 against it.

The original Resolution on being put is passed.

The following Resolution No 6 is next introduced

Resolved that so much of the new Street now known as Lockman Street Extension as lies south of Cornwallis Street shall hereafter be called and known by the name of Remington Street

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Streets, and that the portion lying north of North Street shall be called and known by the name of Lockman Street. Moved by Alderman Tower seconded by Alderman Nicks.

To which an amendment is introduced that the prayer of the petition of John Gordill and others asking it to be called Central Street be granted. Moved by Alderman [unclear] seconded by Alderman [unclear] which amendment on being put is lost 3 voting for the same 9 against it, and the original Resolution on being put is passed.

Alderman Blackadar hands in to Council Memorandum of account for the services of the six Commissioners

Read Resolution of Alderman Barron asking further accommodation for the press. (as follows)

Equal to providing desks for the Clerks.

Resolved that suitable desks be provided for the press and the cost of said desks be charged to the Contingent Fund and that the Committee of City Property be requested to attend to the providing of said desks immediately. Moved by Alderman Barron seconded by Alderman Nicks which on being put is passed.

On motion the above resolution is referred to Committee of City Property to report on the cost of the same to the City Council.

Read petitions of Sylvester Nichols and Charles Mcarty claim to alterations to their buildings

On motion the same are referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on.

Alderman Tower submits Report of Committee of Laws and Privileges on the petition of Sylvester Nichols & others, the same is read, and on motion deferred.

On motion the account of the Commissioners of Lockman Street is to be the first thing on the order of the day for next meeting.

— On motion the Council Adjourn —

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Nov 29thAfternoon Session

A special meeting of the City Council held this day. Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Sutton, Neal, Dudge, Richardson, Smith, Power, Ackhurst, Blackader, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Borne, Nisbet and Sullivan.

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Neal hands in suggestions from the Sanitary Committee, relative to Sanitary affairs.

Alderman Smith submits report on petition of Nicholas Wirrell relative to Auction License.

Alderman Richardson submits petition of Michael Power and others of Ward No 3 relative to Lamp Post.

His Worship the Mayor submits annual Report of City Treasurer of City of Quebec 1870-71

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from John Woodill relative to his property taken to Linden Water Street.

Also letter from City Architect relative to building of Ephraim Wright on Barrington Street.

On motion the order of the day is suspended to read the papers handed in to day.

Read suggestions from the Sanitary Committee submitted this day.

Read Report of the Committee on Nicholas Wirrell's petition relative to Auction License.

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The Committee on License to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Wirrell Auctioneer have given the matter their careful consideration.

Mr. Wirrell is a licensed Auctioneer doing business in Upper Water Street and has recently taken premises in Grenville Street for a term of three months, where he is now conducting the Auction business

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on Petition
of Nicholas
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business himself. the business at the old premises in Water Street being carried on by his Clerk or deputy, and he asks to be allowed to pay one quarter of a years License the term for which he has engaged the Granville Street premises.

While the Committee would be disposed under the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Dimells case to deal generously and in a liberal spirit towards him they are of opinion that the Council have not the power to grant the prayer of his petition as no Auction License can be issued until the payment to the Treasurer of Eighty Dollars and such License shall be for one year.

They consider that under Mr. Dimells present License he is not entitled to sell at Auction himself in one place and by Deputy in another place at the same time as it appears he is now doing and they see no remedy for him except either to take out a License for the year or confine himself to one place of business.

The Committee would also suggest to the Council the propriety of obtaining from his Honor the Recorder an opinion in reference to granting Auction License to a firm consisting of two or more partners, and if under a License issued to such firm it would be competent for more than one of the firm to sell at Auction at one and the same time.

Respectfully Submitted.
Edward Smith
Chairman

On motion the same is received and adopted and the latter portion referred to His Honor the Recorder for His Legals opinion thereon

Attest Michael
Egan Clerk

Read petition of Michael Power & others relative to Lamp Post at North end of Queen Street.

On motion the same is referred to Streets Committee to report on.

Attest John
Woodill

Read letter from John Woodill relative to his property taken to widen Water Street.

Attest City
Architect

Read letter from City Architect relative to buildings being erected contrary to Law by Mr. Ophraim Wright and other parties.

On motion the same is referred to His Honor the Recorder to take Legals proceedings against the parties.

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Read Accounts of Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension for their services in carrying through the Lockman Street

When the following Resolution

no. 1 is introduced.

Whereas the Commissioners appointed by this Council to open up Lockman Street North and South have Officially reported that the work has been completed and their labors have ceased.

And whereas it is provided in the Statute which authorizes a loan for the construction of said Street that the Commissioners shall receive such remuneration for their services as this Council may decide.

Be it therefore Resolved that in consideration of the services performed by the said Commissioners they be paid a sum equivalent to two and a half per cent on the whole amount expended in the undertaking, and that the Commissioners are hereby authorized to charge that amount in their final account to this Council Moved by Alderman Neab seconded by Alderman Graham to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension shall be entitled to receive the sum of Eighteen hundred dollars in full for their services as such Board of Commissioners and that they are hereby authorized to charge that amount in their final account to the Council. Moved by Alderman Neab seconded by Alderman Smith which on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and 10 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the amendment		Against it	
Alderman Seton		Alderman Aghurst	Murphy
do Power		do Graham	Nesbit
do Smith		do McFulloch	Poore
do Thompson		do Richardson	Taylor
do Sullivan		do Barron	Wylie

The following Second Amendment is next introduced.

Resolved that the sum of twenty one hundred dollars be allowed the Commissioners of Lockman Street Extension and that they charge that sum in their final account. Moved by Alderman Taylor seconded by Alderman McFulloch which amendment on being put is passed 10 voting for the same & against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the Amendment		Against it	
Alderman Thompson	Taylor	Alderman Aghurst	
Sullivan	McFulloch	do	Nesbit
Wilde	Smith	do	Barron
Graham	Power	do	Poore
Murphy	Seton		

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Marion Barron gives notice of reconsideration

Council proceed to appoint additional Health Wardens for
Wards 1. 3. 5 and 6 when the following Gentlemen are appointed

Ward One
M. J. Almon
Peter McPhee
Samuel Grant

Ward Three
George Sanford
John Whacke

Ward Five
H. L. Corbett
The Amstrong
David Ellis

Ward Six
Alexander Grant
John Blundell
George Brighton
J. J. McDonald

Committee of Laws and Privileges on Petitions of Charles McCarthy
and others.

Read report of the

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The Committee on Laws and Privileges have agreed to
report and do report as follows.

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They have had under consideration the
Petitions of Sylvester Nichols, Charles McCarthy and William Newman.

Mr. Nichols is the owner of a building on the East side of
Grafton Street between Duke and Buckingham Streets, which
is used by him as a forge and Carriage factory. He sometime
since obtained permission from the City Council to put a flat
roof upon the main building, but was not allowed to add a
Story to the small building in the rear. He now asks to be
allowed to make such addition. Your Committee can see no sufficient
reason for coming to a determination different from that arrived
at by the former Committee: and they therefore recommend that
the prayer of the petition be not granted.

Mr. McCarthy recently received permission from the Council
to put a flat roof upon an old building in Lower Water Street
owned and occupied by himself. Following the course usually
adopted in such cases the petitioner has put up a new two story
building and now asks to be allowed to add a third story.

Your Committee cannot recommend the granting of the prayer
of the petition.

The petition of William Newman asks that the petitioner
be allowed to put a large window on the South side of the
roof of the premises number 38 George Street occupied by him
as a Photographic Studio.

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As the proposed alteration will, as far as the Committee can judge, do no harm, and will involve considerably less wooden surface than is at present exposed. Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition be granted upon condition that the ends of the new work shall be covered with sheet iron or some other inflammable material.

All of which is respectfully Submitted.

L. J. Power

Chairman

Read first clause relative to petition of Sylvester Nichols when a motion is made that the said clause be adopted which motion on being put is lost yeering for the same and 8 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

For the adoption of Clause		Against it	
Murphy	McKinnon	Murphy	
do	Sutton	do	Sutton
do	Power	do	Power
do	McLussock 7	do	Blackadar 8
do	Nisbet	do	Richardson
do	Smith	do	Graham
do	Taylor	do	Thompson
		do	Wylde

Murphy Power gives notice of a reconsideration.

Read second Clause relative to petition of Charles McLaughlin. A motion is made that the same be adopted which on being put is passed yeering for the same and 6 against it, and the names being called for appeared thus.

For Adoption of Clause		Against it	
Murphy	Black. Sutton	Murphy	Richardson
do	Power. McLussock	do	Thompson
do	Smith. Taylor	do	Sutton
do	Nisbet. McKinnon 11	do	Blackadar 6
do	Power. Wylde	do	O'Connell
do	Graham	do	Murphy

William Norman's petition adopted.

Read third Clause relative to

A motion is made that the same be

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which motion on being put is lost voting for and 11 against it and the names being called for appeared thus.

	For or the Clause
Alderman	Murphy
do	Foster
do	Smith
do	Boone
do	Thompson
	(5)

	Against it
Alderman	Rehner, Fisher
do	Osgood, Wylde
do	Sutton, Graham
do	McLellan, Taylor
do	Richardson, Sub.
do	Sullivan. (11)

The following Resolution.

No. 2 is now introduced.

Resolved that in view of the work necessary to be done in cleansing the City that the sum of One thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the Committee of Internal Health and that this Council will provide for the same in the Estimate of the ensuing year. Moved by Alderman Osgood seconded by Alderman Foster which on being put is passed.

On motion Council Adjourn -

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At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Sctm. Neal, Gylde, Richardson, Smith, Fowler, Taylor, Thompson and Horne.

There not being a quorum to do business the Council stands adjourned till tomorrow at same hour.

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Decr. 12th.

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Aldermen Sctm. McFulloch, W. Neal, Smith, Duggan, Fowler, Ackhurst, Taylor, Thompson, Horne.

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

Read over proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed. Alderman Ackhurst hands in Report of Committee of City Prison.

Alderman Neal submits petition of Citizens relative to the numbering of Streets.

Also letter from Nicholas Wrobb relative to Auction License Alderman Duggan submits petition of John Sheridan relative to his Taxes.

Alderman Thompson submits Petition of George Johnson relative to his Taxes.

Alderman Fowler submits a first portion of the Act to consolidate and revise the City Charter.

His Worship the Mayor hands in Opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to Auction License

Also the Bonds of various City Officers

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Also letter from George B. Heany, relative to fine
in Shands Store in Wawa Court.

On motion the order of the
day is suspended to read the papers handed in this day.

Read Report of the
Committee of City Prison with spec. for November 1871

Commissioners from
City Prison
December 6th 1871

The Commissioners met this day present Alderman
Smith, Thompson and the Chairman. The accounts for the month
of November were presented for examination, viz -
Report Com of City Prison

No.	Name	\$	
1	A. & P. Smith	46.90	
2	J. J. Serrin	87.93	
3	Chipman Bros.	19.67	
4	W. J. Smith	38.33	
5	Chat. Barnstead & sons.	29.32	
6	O. C. Herbert	3.50	
7	John Allan	7.50	
8	John Whitman	1.70	
9	George Bent	23.53	
10	Peter Gross & Co	62.05	
11	A. & H. Crighton	0.90	
12	James A. Walker	3.80	
13	John Forrest	0.96	
14	John Parker Jr.	64.00	
15	Mathew Kelly	6.25	
16	P. Barnes	6.00	
17	Erwin J. Findlays ac. for October	0.75	\$403.07
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18	John Muldowney	20.00	
19	Robert M. Rodgers	18.00	
20	George Kelly	18.00	
21	James Doyle	18.00	
22	John Magner	19.00	
23	Margaret Doyle	10.00	
24	Catherine Evans	2.00	
25	Wm. Cooper \$30.00 error last month \$10	40.00	
26	James O'Brien	24.00	
27	George Marcus	4.00	
28	George Tibbet	6.00	\$179.00
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Total			\$582.07

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The Accounts for the month of November amounting to Five Hundred and Eighty-two Dollars and seven cents having been found correct, are recommended for payment. The Commissioners recommend the appointment of a suitable person to act as a Schoolmaster in the Reformatory, and also as a Clerk for the purpose of keeping a complete record of everything connected with the Prison -

for Gammors Reports see file
All of which is respectfully Submitted

J. A. A. A. A.

Chairman

when the following Resolution No. one is introduced.

By adopting report Com. City Prison.

Resolved that the Reports from the Commissioners of City Prison together with the accounts for the month of November amounting to Five hundred and eighty two Dollars, and seven cents be received and adopted, and that His Honor the Mayor be authorized to draw on the City Treasurer to pay the said accounts, and be it further Resolved that the recommendation to appoint a suitable person as a School master and Clerk be approved by this Council, Moved by Alderman A. A. A. A. which Resolution on being put is passed -

Read petition of a number of Citizens relative to numbering the Streets

On motion the same is referred to Committee of Streets,

relative to his taxes.

Read petition of John Sheridan

Johnson relative to his Taxes

Read petition of George

referred to Committee on Taxes.

On motion the same is

the Recorder relative to Cuestion License -

Read Opinion of His Honor

McCarry relative to fire at Stand's Store in Ward No. Four -

Read letter from Gurgis to

Treasurer, City Clerk, City Marshal, Clerk of Streets, Clerk of License and Health Inspector with names of Sureties

On motion the same are

accepted and approved of -

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Read Act to revise and consolidate the City Charter of the City of Albany -

On motion Alderman Taylor takes the Chair in the absence of His Worship the Mayor who was called away on special business

On motion Alderman Adams' notice of reconsideration lays over for the present.

Alderman Adams' notice of reconsideration on being put is passed yeering for and 5 against it.

Read Clause relative to petition of Sylvester Nichols. A motion is made that the Clause be adopted which motion on being put is passed & yeering for the same and 4 against it and the names being called for appeared thus

For the motion
Ald. Sawyer, Read
" Ackhurst, Nisbet
" McTurck, Sutton
" Smith, Suggan

Against it
Ald. Sullivan
" Rogers
" Thompson
" Graham

Read annual report of Commissioners of Water Supply
Read report of Commissioners of Water Supply relative to Annual Account &c.

On motion of Alderman Ackhurst seconded by Alderman Nisbet that the same be referred to a Special Committee of Six Aldermen to report on. Committee - Alderman Sutton, Nylas, Ackhurst, Blackadar, Thompson and Sullivan =

Order of the day is suspended to allow Alderman Suggan to introduce a resolution

When the following Resolutions

No 3 is introduced

Resolved that the Committee

Resolved that the Committee be and are hereby instructed to cause to be made a specification of the work necessary to repair the City Property known as the Irish Market Slip, and to advertise for and receive bids for the performance of said work, and to report the same to this Council at as early a date as possible. Moved by Alderman Suggan seconded by Alderman Ackhurst which on being put is passed

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Read petition of Henry M. Porter asking remuneration for extra services, where a motion is made that the said petition be referred to Committee of Public Accounts which motion on being put is lost 5 voting for the same and 6 against it and the following Resolution is introduced

Resolved that the prayer of the petition of Henry M. Porter Clerk of Markets be granted and that His Worship the Mayor be requested to pay said Porter the sum of Twenty five Dollars being the amount that would have been paid to his partner in Office had he extra services rendered to discharge the duties of his Office

Moved by Alderman Duggan seconded by Alderman Poome which resolution on being put is passed.

On motion the Resolution of Alderman M. Galloway by way of notice relative to Barrack Street South to the new street recently opened by the Commissioners of the Port between Queen Street and Spring Garden Road is a necessary and desirable improvement and can be effected at a small cost, the space required being in the possession of the Imperial Government lying between the South Barrack and the Artillery Park and that the Committee of Streets are hereby authorized to have a plan of the route prepared by a competent Engineer and submitted to this Council and that a communication be addressed to His Excellency Major General Sir Hastings Doyle asking his assistance and to ascertain the terms on which the proposed extension of so necessary a work for the improvement of the City can be made. Moved by Alderman M. Galloway seconded by Alderman Poome which on being put is passed.

Alderman Saver lays on the table by way of notice a Resolution relative to Payments of certain Civil Officers in Common Council.

On Motion Council Adjourn

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At a special meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor in the Chair, Aldermen Seaton, M. Woodcock, W. B. Kelly, Richardson, Smith, Ferris, Murphy, Graham, Taylor, Thompson and Sullivan.

Read our proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Read our proceedings of last meeting which were confirmed.

Alderman Smith submits Report of Committee on petition of John O'Malley, relative to property taken for Lockman Street Extension.

Alderman Ferris submits second part of the Act for the revision and consolidation of the City Charter.

Alderman Neal submits a petition of Joey Mc. Neister relative to Street called Barry Street.

Alderman Graham submits Petition of inhabitants of North end of Broad St. relative to same going at large and vagrants.

His Worship the Mayor submits letter from Colonel Ansell relative to a nuisance from Brennan's Soap Factory.

Also Petition of Charles Murdoch & Co. relative to their cases

Also letter of J. Mc. Neister relative to erection of Factory for canning lobsters.

Also letter from the City Architects relative to infringement of Building Act by Sylvester Nichols.

Alderman Blackadar submits petition of Citizens relative to changing of name of Barrack Street to Brunswick Street.

On motion the order of the day is suspended to read the various papers handed in this day.

Read report of the Committee on petition of John O'Malley relative to his property taken for Extension of Lockman Street.

Read petition of Joey Mc. Neister relative to an annoyance suspended on Barry Street.

On motion the same is referred to Committee of Streets.

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Read petition of William Kent and others
relative to nuisance from Diggings kept in North end City and asking an
amendment to be made in the Law

On motion the same is
referred to Committee of Laws and Privileges -

Read letter from A. G.
Ansell Esqr. Military Secretary relative to nuisance caused by the
Smoke from Brechts Soap Factory near the Military Hospital

On motion the same is
referred to the Sanitary Committee to report on.

Read petition of W. G.
C. Murdoch Esq. relative to Chimney Dues

On motion the same
is referred to the Committee on Dues.

Read Letter from J. H.
Baker relative to erection of a Factory for Churning Butter

On motion the same
is referred to the Sanitary Committee, to report on.

Read letter from the
City Architect relative to infringements of the Building Act by
Sebastian Nichols

On motion the same is
referred to the Committee of Laws and Privileges to report on

Read petition of
Citizens relative to changing the name of Barrack Street to Garrison
Street.

On motion the same is
referred to Committee on Streets.

Read letter from W. J.
Doster secretary Philharmonic Society relative to carrying
Musical Instruments on Parade.

Read letter from the Clerk
of Peace relative to a dead house with extracts from Presentments
of George Jeday relative to same

Admiral Smith lays on
the table by way of notice a resolution relative to Snow Plough being
used on the Streets of the City.

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The granting Engine
House to Poor for
Winter -

The following resolution No 1

is next introduced. Resolved the Old Engine House situated on the Grand Parade be granted to the association for the improvement of the condition of the Poor for the winter months to be used by them for the purpose of affording employment to poor females. Moved by Alderman Seal, seconded by Alderman Mc Culloch, when on Motion the same is referred to the Committee of City Property to report on.

On Motion of Alderman Richardson, Messrs Thomas Wall, Richard Currie, and Alfred Pryor are appointed additional Health Wardens in Ward No 2nd.

Read following resolution (No 2) as introduced by Alderman Wilde by way of Notice - ~~simultaneous~~ since

Resolution
relative to
Sewerage
Etc.

Whereas the necessity existing for extended Sewerage and drainage is every year becoming more and more apparent to this Council; Studying as it desires to do the health as well as the convenience of the Citizens

And whereas it is considered that the sum yearly expended on such works from the appropriations made to Street Service is injudiciously spent in point of economy, at the same time totally inadequate as regards efficiency,

And whereas it is considered necessary to extend the laying down of Granite Curbs and crossings to other parts of the City which said Services are also considered by this Council to be works of a permanent character.

And whereas the said Street Service is seriously crippled by such Expenditure, as well as the money intended for the improvement of the road surface and the extension of New Streets is being diverted thereby unto works of a permanent character.

Be it therefore resolved that a committee of three Alderman be appointed to act in conjunction with His Honor the Recorder in preparing a Bill to be submitted to the Legislature authorizing this Corporation to borrow for the said Services of Sewerage, drainage and granite Curbs and crossings through the proper official from time to time as may be required provided such sum shall not exceed in all - hundred thousand dollars of which not more than - Thousand dollars shall be either borrowed or expended in any one year -

The Expenditure of the same to be under the charge of the Streets Committee for the time being or such other authority as the Council may determine. Moved by Alderman Wilde seconded by Alderman Mc Culloch which on being put is passed,

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Order to
Revision of
City Charter

On Motion the said resolution is referred to Street Committee.
Read act to revise and Consolidate the City Charter Clause by Clause.
Read first clause which is passed
Read 2^d & 3^d Clauses which are passed,
Read fourth Clause. A Motion is made that this Clause pass, to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the Consideration of the Section referring to the division of the City into Seven Wards, be deferred and that Published Copies of the same be furnished to the Members of this Council.
Moved by Alderman Mc Culloch seconded by Alderman Sexton, which amendment on being put is lost.

Call of Council is made at 5 minutes to 5 O'Clock.

Read 5th Clause, which on Motion is deferred.
Read 6th Clause which on being put is passed.
Read 7th Clause which is deferred.

Read 8th Clause 9th 10th and 11th Clauses which on being put is passed.
Read 12th Clause, to which an amendment is introduced that the clause remains as it is in the Charter, which amendment on being put is passed.

For the amendment
Ald. Blackadar,
" Taylor
" Sullivan
" Sexton
" Mc Culloch
" Graham
" Wylde
" Smith (8)

Against it
Ald. Thompson
" Power
" Neal (3)

Alderman Power gives notice of reconsideration—

Read 13th Clause. A Motion is made that the same pass, to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolved that the name of Halifax Field Battery be added to the list of those having the right to vote under Section 13 of the act under discussion. Moved by Alderman Mc Culloch seconded by Alderman Graham, which on being put is lost.

Order to Add
Field Battery,
voting etc

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Alderman Mc Culloch gives notice of reconsideration-

And the original clause on being put is lost. the names being called for appeared thus.

For the clause
Ald. Smith

- Neal
- Sullivan
- Power
- Blackadar (5)

Against it
Ald. Graham

- Wylde
- Thompson
- Sutton
- Taylor
- Mc. Culloch (6)

Alderman Power gives notice of reconsideration-

5 min. to 6. Call of Council Expired.

- On Motion Council Adjourns -

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- Quarterly Meeting -
Evening Session

At a quarterly meeting of the City Council held this Evening, present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Sutton, McCulloch, Wyld, Smith, Duggan, Power, Ackhurst, Barron, Graham, Taylor, Thompson, Roomer, Nisbet, and Sullivan.

The Minutes of last Meeting which were read, were confirmed on amendment,

Alderman Smith submits report Committee on Tenders for advertising & Printing &c for next year 1872,

Alderman Power submits Petition of Police force relative to payment in Dominion Currency.

On motion the order of the Day is suspended to read the papers handed in this Evening,

Read report Committee on Tenders relative to Advertising, Stationery and Printing &c for next year,

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Report Com. Tenders
Printing & Adver.
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The Committee on Tenders met this day, when the following Tenders were received,

For Advertising
From Messrs Compton and Co
Forty cents per square and one fourth
for each continuance
From H. W. Blackadar
Thirty four cents per square and
one fourth for each continuance
From J. C. Croftell
Thirty cents per square and one fourth
for each continuance

For Printing
From Messrs Compton & Co
Blank Paper per Quire at Thirty Cents
Hand Bills per Set at Fifty Cents

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From H. D. Blackadar

Blanks per quire at 15 cents
Hand Bills per Set at 44 cents

From J. C. Crosskill

Blanks per quire at Eighteen cents
Hand Bills per Set at Fifty Eight cents

From Wm. M. Nab

Blanks per quire at Seventeen cents
Hand Bills per Set at Fifty Six "

For Stationary

The only Tender received was from Messrs A. & W. M. Kindlay, who submitted a number of samples with prices of the various qualities.

The Committee recommend that Messrs Mackinlays Tender for Stationary be accepted, and that the City Clerk shall select from samples such qualities as he may consider most suitable and order as required.

That H. D. Blackadars Tender for Hand Bills and Blanks be accepted.

That H. D. Blackadars and C. C. Crosskills Tenders for advertising be accepted -

Edward Smith
Chairman

On motion the same is received and Adopted -

Read Memorial of the Police force relative to payment in Dominion Currency.

Ad. Powers notice of reconsideration

Alderman Powers notice of reconsideration of 12th Clause of revised Charter is next taken up and on being put is lost.

Ad. Mcullochs notice of reconsideration

Alderman Mc. Cullochs Notice of reconsideration of the Amendment to 13th Clause is next taken up and on being put reconsideration is lost.

Ad. Powers notice of reconsideration

Alderman Powers notice of reconsideration relative to the 13th Clause is taken up and on being put is passed.

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Resolved to
voting at
elections for
Mayor and
Aldermen.

The 13th Clause is next read
to which the following amendment is introduced

Resolved that the right of
voting at Elections for Mayor and Aldermen rests
on the payment of Taxes and it is the opinion of
this Council that rate payers only should be allowed
to vote at Civic Elections. Moved by Alderman
Mr. Culloch, seconded by Alderman Graham, which
amendment on being put is lost 2 voting for the same,
and 12 against it.

The Clause 13th on being put is passed.

Read 4th Clause relative to dividing the City into
seven Wards (as laid over from last meeting)

A Motion is
made that the clause be referred back to the
Committee, which motion on being put is lost.

Alderman Blackadar
hands in report of Committee of Public Accounts.

- On motion Council adjourn -