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Minutes of City Council,

CIVIC YEAR 1896-7.

DAVID McPHERSON, ESQUIRE, *Mayor.*

David McPherson, Esq., having been, at a meeting of the City Council held 30th April, A. D. 1896, declared duly elected Mayor of the City of Halifax for the civic year 1896-7, was at 10 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, A. D. 1896, sworn into office by His Honor M. B. Daly, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in the presence of Aldermen Lane, Hamilton, Mitchell and Redden, and the City Clerk.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

Edward W. O'Donnell, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 4, and Isaac Creighton, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward 6, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, the oath of office of Aldermen, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll as Aldermen of the City of Halifax, this sixth day of May, A. D. 1896.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

George E. Faulkner, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 1, Daniel H. Campbell, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 2, Thomas Mitchell, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 3, William McFatrige, Esq., duly elected Alderman for Ward No. 5, having taken and subscribed the oath of allegiance, the oath of office of Aldermen, as well as that of Justice of the Peace for the City of Halifax, signed the roll as Aldermen of the City of Halifax this seventh day of May, A. D. 1896.

H. TRENAMAN, *City Clerk.*

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 13TH, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present, His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen McFatrige, Campbell, Butler and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30, roll called. Present the above named together with Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Hamilton, Lane, Mitchell, Ryan, Hubley, Foster, Eden and Creighton.

The Council was summoned to elect the various civic officials for the year 1896-7, to appoint standing committees, to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman Ryan, chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.

Alderman O'Donnell, chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

Alderman Hubley, submits a petition for water extension Duncan Street.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers:

Letter of H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, covering application of John Tobin & Co. for a wholesale liquor license.

City Treasurer's statement "general," "water" and "balances" for month of April.

City Collector's returns of rates and water rates collected during the month of April.

Applications of the various civic officials for the year 1896-7.

Report of weighers and measurers of coal for the months of March and April.

Annual report of weighers and measurers of coal for the year 1895-6.

Report City Engineer *re* sidewalks for construction under the permanent pavement fund.

Report City Engineer *re* water extension Needham Street.

Report City Engineer *re* Water Extension, Sullivan Street.

Account of Drysdale, Newcombe & MacInnes, \$605.65, for costs in defending suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan, et al.

Letter from the Clerk of Works *re* Statement of Insurances effected on the various City properties.

Letter from the Law and Order Association *re* the issuing of certain liquor licenses.

Letter from J. J. Hunt, relative to the house of Mr. Ward, on Young Avenue.

List of standing committees for 1896-7.

Letter from Col. Leach, C. R. E., approving of the erection of the Keepers Lodge, Point Pleasant Park, covering plan of said proposed lodge.

His Worship the Mayor reports that he together with Alderman Mosher and the City Treasurer had a consultation with Mr. W. A. Henry, solicitor of J. A. Meldrum, Esq., Toronto, relative to the loan, when it was decided to offer said loan to Mr. Meldrum, \$100,000 @ \$102.536 and \$113,000 @ \$102.231, and accrued interest, bonds deliverable and money payable in Halifax and that said offer was made to and accepted by Mr. Meldrum.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the arrangements made by His Worship for placing the loan of \$213,000 be approved of by this council. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners recommending sundry accounts for payment.

COMMITTEE ROOM CITY HALL, 5th May, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council:

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report the following accounts for payment: John Davison & Son, \$1.04; John Tobin & Co., 3 accts, \$13.50; Daniel McLeod, \$6.57; W. M. Willis, 5.56; DeWolf, Son & Co., 14 85; Forsyth, Sutcliffe & Co., 3 accts., 13 78; A. Lamphier, 19.25; W. W. Howell & Co., 13.50; I. B. Shaffner & Co., 90.00; John G. Colb, 135.9; McDonald & Co., 41 22; Black Bros. & Co., 3 accts, 1.74; Matilda Ainsley, 2.50; Cragg Bros. & Co., 6.25; D. A. & G. M. Campbell, 13.40; John O'Connell, 13 94; R. Martin & Co., 9.53; Geo. E. Smith & Co., 12.25; John Starr, Son & Co., .50; John Fitzgerald, 7.50; Industrial School, 5 70; W. P. C. Inglis, 3.00; John F. Kelly, .25; Farquhar Bros., 14 20; William Roche, 56 85; Timothy Toomey, 52 00; Union Axe and Ladder Co., 87.40; Halifax Gas Co., 274.40; G. M. Cullen & Co., \$1.00. Total, \$917.

JOHN F. RYAN, *Chairman.*

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, that the report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, *re* accounts for payment be received and concurred in, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein amounting to \$917.18. Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman McFtridge and passed.

Read letter of H. H. Banks, Chief License Inspector, *re* application of John Tobin & Co., for a wholesale liquor license, covering said application and Inspectors report thereon, recommending that said license be granted. Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the report of Inspector of License be adopted. Motion passed.

Read petition of George E. Franklyn and others, for water extension Duncan Street. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the said petition be referred to the Department of City Work for report. Motion passed.

Read report of City Engineer, *re* sidewalks for construction under the Permanent Pavement Fund.

SIDEWALKS.

May 13th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the Sidewalks mentioned below for construction under the Permanent Pavement Fund:

Gottingen Street, west side, from Cornwallis Street to Cunard Street. The curb and gutter has been prepared for permanent sidewalk, and nothing is necessary but grading and covering. McPherson & Freeman have already deposited their share of the cost of the work, and it was to have been done last Fall, but the

contractor was unable to overtake it. The estimated cost of this sidewalk laid in asphalt on cinders is \$300.00, and I would recommend that the work be carried out.

There are several small pieces of sidewalk which should be attended to before the Carnival, as they are in a delapidated condition.

On the east side of Barrington Street, from Salter Street to the north side of Macdonalds & Co.'s gateway, the sidewalk is very bad, and I would recommend that the concrete sidewalk here be extended to the corner of Salter Street. The estimated cost is \$475.00.

The sidewalk on the east side of Barrington Street, from Blowers Street north, to the north side of D. King & Co.'s property is in a bad condition, and I would recommend that it be replaced before the Carnival with concrete. Estimated cost \$300.00.

The Grand Parade is the principal Public Square in the business part of the City, and in connection with the City Hall is the most important of all City Property we have. There is a good sidewalk around the City Hall and along Barrington Street to the gateway, and I think the rest of the sidewalk should be completed, so that it would be in keeping with the rest of the property. It will be visited by a great many strangers during the next two or three months and should be made a credit to the city. I would recommend that the concrete sidewalk be extended on the west side of Barrington Street, from the entrance to the Parade to St. Paul's Street, and that asphalt on cinders be laid on the north side of St. Paul's Street and on the east side of Argyle Street, from St. Paul's Street to the City Hall. The estimated cost is \$350.00 for asphalt and \$340.00 for concrete.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* Water Extention Needham Street.

WATER EXTENSION NEEDHAM STREET.

May 13th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor.

SIR,—To extend the 6 inch water pipe to supply Henry W. Bayers, on Needham Street, only three lengths of pipe are required. The estimated cost is,

Pipe	\$14 70
Excavation and Pipe laying	50 00
1 Service Pipe	15 00
	\$79 70

I would recommend that the extension be made.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report City Engineer *re* water extention Sullivan Street.

SULLIVAN STREET WATER EXTENSION.

May 13th, 1896.

His Worship the Mayor:

SIR,—I beg to report on the accompanying petition for Water Extension on Sullivan Street.

The supply would be on the high service, and an extension of 590 feet of 6 inch pipe would be necessary. The excavation is nearly all rock. The estimated cost is:—

590 ft. of 6 inch pipe	\$325 50
590 " Rock excavation, \$1.25	733 50
One 6 inch valve	24 00
One " single branch	5 00
100 lbs. lead	3 00
17 service pipes	425 00

\$1516 00

The estimated revenue is sixty-eight (\$68.00) dollars.

There is no sewer in this street, but the property owners petitioned some time ago to have one constructed. At that time it was reported against, for two reasons:—First, the street had not been deeded to the City; second, there was no sewer on Gottingen Street to connect with. The estimated cost of a sewer is three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars. Estimated sewer assessment sixty hundred and twenty-five (\$1625.00) dollars. If the water extension were made while the sewer is being constructed, the cost would be reduced about one-third. The conditions here are somewhat like those on Duncan Street, and I would recommend that the water be extended and a sewer constructed at the same time provided the property owners will sign an agreement establishing the line of the street and releasing all claims to the street for a width of sixty feet. The sewer will connect with the new sewer ordered at last meeting for Gottingen Street.

The extensions on the high service are becoming very frequent and the new supplies are generally to houses of a poor class where there is very likely to be considerable waste of water. We have frequent complaints, especially during the winter, that the pressure on the upper parts of the high service is very weak. It is not advisable to extend the service further unless precautions are taken to keep down the consumption, and I would urgently recommend to the Council that they adopt a resolution providing that in future all new supplies on the high service shall be by meter.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read account of Drysdale, Newcombe & McInnes for professional services in suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan, et. al. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the same be placed on Order Paper for consideration with No. 6 thereon, viz, Letter Drysdale & McInnes *re* costs in suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan with report of His Honor the Recorder thereon. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Clerk of Works *re* Insurance on City Property. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works to deal with. Motion passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee *re* Accounts for payment and other matters.

CITY HALL, May 5th, 1896.

The Committee on City Prison met this day, present the chairman, Aldermen Eden and Geldert.

Your committee beg to report as follows:

1st. That the following accounts were examined, found correct and recommended for payment: George E. Smith & Co., \$11.06; Saunders & McLean, 3.48; R. F. Braine, 12.75; Irwin & Sons, 17.93; Constant Upham, 13.15; John J. Carnell, 8.75; Black & Flinn, 2.30; John F. Kelly, 1.45; George Rent, 7.20;

Bremner Bros., 1.50; Longard Bros., \$1.20; J. A. Leaman & Co., 19 44; Wm. Jordan, 5.78; R. N. McDonald, 25.75. Total \$131.74.

2nd. In reference to petition of the under keepers hereto annexed, for an increase of salary, your committee would recommend that the same be referred to the Salaries committee.

3rd. That all supplies required for the Prison be ordered under a similar system to that in vogue at the Poor's Asylum.

4th. Your committee would recommend that the sum of forty dollars be paid the secretary of the committee for his services during the past year.

5th. The Governor and Matrons returns for the past month are herewith submitted.

E. W. O'DONNELL, *Chairman.*

On motion of Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, the same is considered clause by clause.

Read Clause 1, *re* accounts for payment.

The following resolution is now introduced:—

Resolved, That Clause one of the report of the committee on City Prison be received and adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts referred to therein.

Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, and passed.

Read Clause 2, *re* increase of salaries of underkeepers.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that clause 2 do pass. Motion passed.

Read clause 3 *re* ordering of supplies. Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Lane, that the same be referred to the Committee on City Prison for 1896-7. Motion passed.

Read clause 4 *re* payment of secretary of committee. Moved by Alderman O'Donnell, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that this clause be adopted. Motion put and lost, 4 voting for the same and 11 against it. Names being called for there appeared:

For the motion.	Against it.
Aldermen Creighton, O'Donnell, Redden, Geldert.—4.	Aldermen McFatrige, Ryan, Hubley, Mitchell, Lane, Hamilton, Butler, Campbell, Faulkner, Musgrave.—11.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said report as amended be adopted. Motion passed.

Read letter from the Law and Order Association relative to the issuing of certain liquor licenses. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that the same be referred to His Worship the Mayor and His Honor the Recorder for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Chief Inspector of Licenses be directed to attend the next meeting of the City Council for the purpose of giving to the Council any information that may be required of him in respect to certain

licenses to sell liquors, having been issued without having been first signed by His Worship the Mayor. Motion passed.

Read letter of J. J. Hunt, solicitor, asking the Council's intentions as to purchase of Mr. Ward's house on Young Avenue. Laid over for consideration at next meeting of Council.

Read letter Col. Leach, R. E., C. R. E., approving of the erection of the proposed keeper's lodge in Point Pleasant Park.

The following resolution is now introduced :

The plan of the proposed lodge for keeper at Point Pleasant Park having been submitted for approval,

Resolved. That this Council approves of said plan and authorizes the chairman of Point Pleasant Park to pledge the additional annual grant of \$500 to enable him to raise the necessary funds for its completion, said amount to be deducted from the present annual grant until cost is paid.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Geldert, and passed.

Read report of weighers and measurers of coal for the months of March and April, 1896. Filed.

Read annual report of Weighers and Measurers of Coal, 1895-6. Filed.

Read City Collector's returns of Rates and Water Rates collected during the month of April. Filed.

Read City Treasurer's statement, General, Water and Balances for month of April. Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts for their information. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates the following standing committees for the year 1896-7 :

Commissioners Point Pleasant Park.—Aldermen Faulkner, Campbell, Hamilton, O'Donnell, Eden, Creighton.

Cemetery Committee.—Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Mitchell, O'Donnell, McFatridge, Creighton.

City Health Board.—Aldermen Eden, Mosher.

Department City Works.—Mayor, and City Engineer.

City Prison Committee.—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Hamilton, Hubley, Eden, Outhit.

Tenders Committee.—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Foster, Mosher.

Commissioners of Halifax Common.—Aldermen Musgrave, Butler, Mitchell, Ryan, Foster, Outhit.

Laws and Privileges Committee.—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Lane, Ryan, Foster, Mosher.

Commissioners of Cabs.—The Mayor, Alderman Lane, and the Recorder.

Public Accounts Committee.—Aldermen, Faulkner, Redden, Mitchell, Hubley, Eden, Mosher.

Library Committee.—Aldermen Geldert, Campbell, Hamilton, Hubley, Foster, Outhit.

Police Commissioners—Mayor, Alderman Geldert, Chief of Police.

Charities Committee.—Aldermen Faulkner, Butler, Lane, Hubley, McFatrige, Creighton.

Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.—Aldermen Geldert, Redden, Hamilton, Ryan, McFatrige, Creighton.

Board of Fire Escapes.—Aldermen O'Donnell, McFatrige, Mosher. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said nominations be confirmed. Motion passed.

The Council now proceed to elect the Civic Officers for the year 1896-7. The following applications are now read.

Assistant City Clerk.—L. F. Monaghan, re-elected.

2nd " " " W. J. Nisbet, "

3rd " " " W. R. Hamilton, "

City Marshal.—Garret Cotter, re-elected.

Clerk of License.—Robert Theakston, re-elected.

Clerk of Works.—W. F. Reilly, "

Assistant Clerk of Works—James J. Hopewell, re-elected.

Foreman Street Work—John McDonald, "

Foreman Water Works.—Ewan Morrison, "

Assistant City Engineer.—H. W. Johnston, Jr., "

Stenographer and Typewriter—Minnie Hunter, "

Clerks Water Department.—Miss Anslow, James Laidaw, re-elected.

Clerk in Collectors Office.—H. S. Rhind, re-elected.

Caretaker City Property.—Thomas Spelman, "

Inspector of Buildings.—Thomas Spelman, "

Health Inspector.—Nicholas Meagher, "

Water Inspector.—John E. Burns, "

City Medical Officer.—Thomas Trenaman, M. D., re-elected.

Janitor City Hall.—John Spruhan, "

Measurers of Sult and Grain.—D. J. Smith, Supervisor; J. K. Wetmore, Maurice McDonnell, Richard D'Arcy, Thomas Wood, James Mahar, James Mitchell, re-elected.

Measurers of Coal.—Simon Cummins, Supervisor, D. Grant, Wm. J. Egan, W. R. Cogswell, R. Woodill, G. Grono, A. J. Smith, C. F. F. VonSchoppe, re-elected.

Registrar of Cemetery.—Alexander McDougall, re-elected.

Governor of City Prison.—William Murray, "

- Matron of City Prison*—Mrs. Wm. Murray, re-elected.
- Under Keepers City Prison*.—J. M. Anderson, Daniel E. Keating, William Higlett, George Grant, re-elected.
- Messenger City Prison*.—Daniel McDonald, re-elected.
- Supt. Poors Asylum*.—James H. Dow, re-elected.
- Matron Poors Asylum*.—Mrs. Annie F. Dow, re-elected.
- Assistant Engineer Poors Asylum*.—John H. Grant, re-elected.
- Fireman Poors Asylum*.—John R. Henigan, re-elected.
- Baker, &c., Poors Asylum*.—Daniel McIntosh, re-elected.
- Secretary Poors Asylum*.—B. Mulcahy, re-elected.
- Lumber Surveyor*.—John C. Potts, re-elected.
- Sealer of Leather*.—Jeremiah Barnstead, re-elected.
- Fence Viewer*.—William F. Horton, re-elected.
- Inspectors Painters' Work*.—J. E. M. Taylor, David Roche, re-elected.
- Inspectors Masons' Work*.—Samuel Marshall, John Cawsey, re-elected.
- Police Matron*.—Mrs. Mary Spruhan, re-elected.
- Pound Keepers*.—John Punch, George W. Bowser, re-elected.
- Weighers of Bundle Hay*.—Richard Currie, A. E. Cashen, William Johnston, re-elected.
- Weighers of Loose Hay*.—Wm. McC. Boak, Thomas Keating, Joseph S. Hubley, re-elected.
- Keeper Dog Pound*.—Thomas Bushell, re-elected.
- Foreman City Work Shops*.—Joseph B. Scriven, re-elected.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Eden, that No. 7 on Order Paper, viz.:—Report City Engineer, *re* Ashalt Sidewalk on Brunswick Street, and also, No. 8, viz.:—Report City Engineer, *re* Sewers constructed and Sewers required in district bounded by Jacob Street, Brunswick Street, Spring Garden Road and the Harbour, and report City Collector showing amount due for Sewer frontage be struck therefrom. Motion passed.

The Council now proceed to appoint a Physician as a member of the City Health Board.

Dr. C. D. Murray is nominated by Aldermen Foster and Eden.

Dr. Carleton, Jones, is nominated by Aldermen Redden and Creighton. On the vote being taken there appeared for

DR. JONES.	DR. MURRAY.
Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner,	Aldermen Geldert, Campbell,
Butler, Redden,	O'Donnell, Ryan,
Hamilton, Lane,	Eden, Hubley,
Mitchell, McFatridge,	Foster.—7.
Creighton.—9.	

His Worship the Mayor declares Dr. Jones elected as a member of the City Health Board for the Civic year 1896-7.

Alderman Foster gives notice of reconsideration.

Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that No. 15 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed.

Read No. 15, viz.:—An Ordinance in relation to poles and wires in the City of Halifax. 3rd reading.

On motion said Ordinance is read clause by clause.

Read the preamble. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Read clause 1, 2, 3 and 4, which were severally passed.

Read clause 5. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Lane, that said clause be amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: "In all cases where directed by the Mayor and City Engineer, square poles shall be erected. Motion passed.

Read clauses 6 to 52 inclusive. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that clause 5, 6, 8, 16, 24, 33, 36, 44, 47 and 48 be amended by inserting before the word "Engineer," wherever it appears in said causes, the words "Mayor and." Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that clauses 5 to 52 pass as amended. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said Ordinance as amended do now pass as a whole, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby instructed to forward the same to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that His Honor the Recorder and the City Engineer report at next meeting on the alleged encroachment on the east side of Brunswick Street, between Duke and Buckingham Streets, by the erection of a fence thereon, and the steps necessary to be taken for the removal of same. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that the City Auditor be appointed as the officer under the Charter of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, to collect from said Company the percentage due to the City from the earnings of said Company to 1st May, 1896. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 6 on Order Paper be now taken up. Motion passed. Read No. 6, viz.: Letter Drysdale & McInnes *re* costs in suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan, with report of His Honor the Recorder thereon together with the account of Drysdale, Newcombe & McInnes, \$605.65, for costs in defending suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan, et al, submitted this meeting.

The following resolution is now introduced:

Resolved, That the bill of Drysdale & McInnes be paid and that His Worship the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to arrange the costs and damages in the suit Bulmer vs. O'Sullivan if he thinks proper in such way as he may deem necessary.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Foster, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that the Order of the Day be suspended to allow Alderman Musgrave to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Musgrave, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Alderman Hamilton, be the Deputy Mayor for the civic year, 1896-7. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Butler, that No. 19 on Order Paper, viz: Draft Ordinance *re* Livery Stables, Horses, Carriages, &c., be referred to the commissioners of cabs for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Eden, that the Council adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 11.05 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

MAY 28TH, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above hour there were present Aldermen Geldert, Creighton, Butler, Campbell and O'Donnell. Moved by Alderman Geldert, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30. Roll called. Alderman Hamilton, Deputy Mayor, in the chair. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Musgrave, Faulkner, Redden, Mitchell, Lane, Hubley, Outhit, Elen, McFatrige and Ryan.

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

The minutes of last meeting are read and confirmed.

Alderman McFatrige submits a petition from Charles Rozee and others for water extension Oxford Street.

The Deputy Mayor submits the following papers :

Petition of J. E. Roy, et al, for an electric light at the corner of Buckingham and Barrington Streets.

Report of Chief License Inspector, *re* the issuing of certain liquor licenses.

Letter from the City Clerk of Toronto in *re* reduction of postage rates on drop letters.

Minutes of meeting of property owners on Quinpool road appointing M. E. Keefe as arbitrator on their behalf.

Letter from His Lordship the Chief Justice, covering the appointment of Donald Grant, New Glasgow, as the third Arbitrator in the matter of expropriation of properties on Lockman Street and Quinpool Road.

Annual report of Charities Committee for 1895-6.

Reports (4) from the City Engineer, viz :

Re water extension Kline, Beech and Oxford streets; *re* asphalt sidewalk Brunswick street; *re* water extension Duncan street; *re* water extension Atlantic street.

Draft ordinance in relation to the keeping of cows within the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Butler, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on petition of Geo. E. Francklyn, et al, for water extension Duncan street.

WATER EXTENSION DUNCAN STREET.

His Worship the Mayor :

May 28th, 1896.

SIR,—Water extension on Duncan street has been reported on several times. 10 houses to be supplied; 6 in. pipe required; supply high service; length of pipe 512 feet; estimated cost \$1200

I am informed that all the property owners are prepared to sign the agreement in reference to the street line and I would recommend that the water be extended when the sewer is constructed. The cost would be little more than one-half the above estimate.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman McFatridge, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on petition of residents of Kline, Beech and Oxford streets for water extension Kline street. Objected to and placed on Order Paper.

Read report of the City Engineer on petition of Miner T. Foster, et al, for an asphalt sidewalk on Brunswick street, east side, from Jacob to North streets.

BRUNSWICK STREET SIDEWALK.

His Worship the Mayor :

May 28th, 1896.

SIR,—The accompanying petition is for the east sidewalk on Brunswick street as far as I can ascertain, although it is not clear on the face of it.

I reported in September last on this work, estimating the cost of an asphalt sidewalk on the east side of Brunswick street, from Jacob street to North street, as follows: 5031 sq. yards of asphalt, \$3521.70; 300 ft. of straight gutter at 46, 1380.00; 200 ft. of circular gutter at 68, 136.00; resetting 3200 ft. of curb, laying gutters and providing and resetting hatches and coal holes, 3410.00; Macadamizing street to new grade from Jacob street to Artz Lane and resetting crossings, 3200 00; Total \$11647.70.

I could not recommend the construction of any sidewalk under the Permanent Pavement Act until all rainwater leaders are connected with a sewer. Where there is a sewer in the street we can compel property owners to connect, but between North street and Gerrish street, and between Proctor's Lane and Jacob street, there is no sewer. All houses in those blocks have drains, however, and if they choose to do so the property owners could have their leaders connected.

If the Council should order the construction of this sidewalk I would recommend asphalt laid on cinders as the material, and that no work be done on any block until all the houses in the block have the rainwater leaders connected with a sewer.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer.*

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman McFatridge, seconded by Alderman Eden, that an asphalt sidewalk be constructed on the east side of Brunswick street, from Jacob to North street, and that the recommendation contained in the last section of the City Engineer's report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of the City Engineer on petition of residents of Atlantic street for water extension.

WATER EXTENSION ATLANTIC STREET.

His Worship the Mayor :

May 28th, 1896.

SIR,—To supply petitioners on Atlantic Street, the estimated cost is:

820 feet 6 in. pipe, S. Bland Street, 25,420 lbs. @ 1½c.....	\$444 85
390 feet 6 in. pipe Atlantic Street, 12,090	211 67

3 6 in. valves	72 00
1 6 in. double brauch.....	5 74
150 lbs. lead	4 50
1210 feet of rock excavation @ \$1.25.....	1512 00
8 service pipes ..	240 00
	\$2490 76
Interest on outlay @ 5%	124 53

I could not recommend the extension except on a bond.
The special rate would be \$24.56.

F. W. W. DOANE, *City Engineer*

Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman Butler, that said report be adopted. Motion passed.

Read report of the Chief Inspector of Licenses, on the matter of the issuing by him of certain Liquor Licenses, said Licenses not having received the signature of His Worship the Mayor. Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the matter be placed on the Order Paper for consideration at the next meeting of Council, and that the Inspector of Licenses be notified to attend said meeting. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk of Toronto inviting the assistance of the City Council in securing a reduction of postage rates for drop letters. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that this Council concur in the opinion expressed by the City Council of Toronto as the excessive postage rate on drop letters; and further that a committee of two members of this Council be appointed to interview the candidates of Halifax County for election to the Dominion parliament with the view of securing their assistance in the matter, in the event of their being elected. Motion passed.

Read letter from Chief Justice MacDonald covering appointments (2) of Donald Grant of New Glasgow as the third appraiser in the matters of widening Quinpool Road and Lockman street respectively. Filed.

Read minutes of meeting of property owners of Quinpool Road appointing M. E. Keefe as the arbitrator on their behalf. Filed.

Read Annual Report of the Charities Committee for the civic year 1895-6. Filed.

Read petition of Charles Rozee and others, for Water extension, Oxford Street. Moved by Alderman McFatrige, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that said petition be referred the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read petition of J. E. Roy, et al., for an Electric Light at the corner of Buckingham and Barrington Streest. Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read draft Ordinance in relation to the keeping of cows in the City of Halifax, 1st reading; said draft ordinance is now read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Lane be appointed a Commissioner of Halifax Common, in place of Alderman Ryan. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that Alderman Redden be appointed on the Prison Committee in place of Alderman Butler. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that Alderman Butler be a member of the Committee on Public Accounts in place of Alderman Redden. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Eden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Alderman Foster be appointed on the Committee of Public Accounts in place of Alderman Eden. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mitchell, that Alderman Eden be a member of the Committee on Laws and Privileges, in place of Alderman Foster. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Butler, that Alderman Redden be allowed to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Whereas, The rate paid for water by meter measurement by business houses seems in some cases very large;

And whereas, The amount paid by charitable and educational institutions is in many cases a severe tax on the funds of said institutions;

Therefore resolved, That the Department of City Works be and is hereby requested to report at an early date on the advisability of amending the meter rates for such institutions and to prepare an amended schedule of rates for submission to this Council for approval. Said amended rates if adopted to take effect from the first of May, 1896.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Ryan, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Redden to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, that the Works Department be requested to report at the next meeting of this Council, on the best method of removing the alleged nuisance at the Esplanade.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman Eden, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, that the Order of the Day be further suspended to allow Alderman Hubley to introduce a resolution. Motion passed.

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, that the Engineer be requested to report to the Council at the next meeting, the several amounts paid by the various Charitable Institutions for Water service.

Moved by Alderman Hubley, seconded by Alderman Creighton, and passed.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Redden, that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

8.10 o'clock.

JUNE 4TH, 1896.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. - At the above hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Campbell, and O'Donnell.

Moved by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the time for meeting be extended until 8.30 o'clock. Motion passed.

8.30 Roll called. Present the above named, together with Aldermen Geldert, Musgrave, Faulkner, Butler, Hamilton, Lane, Ryan, Hubley, Foster, McFatrige, Outhit, Mosher and Creighton.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Alderman Butler, Chairman, submits a report from the Committee on Charities.

Alderman Ryan, Chairman, submits a report from the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners.

Alderman Hamilton, Chairman, submits a report from the City Prison Committee.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following papers :

Report City Engineer, on petition for Sewer, Brunswick Court.

Letter from the Union Axe and Ladder Co., relative to their standing in the present Fire Department.

Report City Health Board on letter of G. H. A. Short, *re* offensive odor from Sewer on Brunswick Street.

Letter from Joseph F. Frame on behalf of Executor of Elroy O'Brien, asking for reimbursement of expenses incurred consequent upon the accident and death of said Elroy O'Brien.

Letter from the City Clerk, covering accounts for the consideration of Committee on Public Accounts.

Petition of Allan Pollok and others for water extension along Franklyn Street.

Petition of Clifford H. Smith, *et al.*, for water extension on Clifton Street.

Letter from Dartmouth Ferry Commission, *re* better accommodation to the ferry on the Halifax side of the Harbour.

Letter from Joseph Mont, *re* amount due his father's estate from the Police Superannuation Fund.

City Treasurer's Statements, "General" and "Water" for month of May.

City Collector's returns Rates and Water Rates for month of May.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Mosher, that the Order of the Day be suspended to read the papers submitted at this meeting. Motion passed.

Read report of Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners, recommending the appointment of certain men as members of the Halifax Fire Department. Accounts for payment, etc.

June 4th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners beg to report as follows :

1. The following named men having passed the required Medical examination, your Board recommend that they be appointed members of the Paid Fire Department, viz :

James A. Gibbons, Edward Brunt, William J. Howie, William N. Sutherland, Michael Sheehan, James Myers, Anthony Galloway, Jeremiah Shea, John T. Woods, Thomas Leary, John Healy, Edward Phelan, William Connors, James Harris, Charles A. Smith, John Bowser Patrick Lynch, Michael Miller, John Churchill, Wm. Hotchkiss, Edward Hoare, James Curran, John W. Lewin, Wm Edward Smith, Freckleton, Isaiah Beals, Samuel Trenaman, Wm. Robinson, Arthur Quinn, Alfred W. H. Lewin, Patrick Dwyer, Thomas Burns, Thomas Downey, Edward Coy, Thomas Inglis, William McGinnis, H. James Barnaby, Frank Bowers, Thomas Healy, John Kennedy, John Washington, James Quirk, Dominick Healy, Alfred Pitts, William P. C. Inglis, Robert Walker, Robert Isnor, John Quinn, James Ryan, Gregory Thomas, Charles W. White, John Tobin, George Whiston, John F. Wells, Edward Lanigan, James Brady, Jas. Brooks, James Donnolly, John Waugh, Patrick McDonald, Arthur T. Lownds, Charles Pheeney, John Whelan, Henry Quirk, Charles Smith, Stephen C. Mayor, William F. Adams, Thomas Whelan, John Lomas, David Irons, Thomas Sunderland, Daniel Kennedy, Michael Ryan, Albert Calnan and Richard J. Anderson, subject to his passing the required examination.

2. The following accounts were examined and recommended for payment :— John O'Connell, horse-shoeing for May, \$11.28 ; I. Sallis, removing night soil, \$5 00 ; R. Martin & Co., harness work, \$4.15 ; Daniel McLeod, horse shoeing for May, \$16 68 ; Gamewell Fire Alarm Telegraph Co., 2 Boxes \$170.00 ; N. S Telephone Co., Rent of Telephones to Nov. 1, 1896, \$130 00 ; I. B. Shaffer & Co., Feed, etc., \$127.02. Total \$464.13.

JOHN F. RYAN, Chairman

The following resolutions are now introduced :

Resolved, that the first clause of the Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be adopted, and the several men whose names are mentioned therein be hereby appointed Members of the Fire Department of the City of Halifax.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Geldert, and passed.

Resolved, that the second clause of the Report of the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners be adopted, and His Worship the Mayor authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the several accounts named therein amounting to \$464.13.

Moved by Alderman Ryan, seconded by Alderman Geldert, and passed.

Read report Charities Committee re accounts, etc., for month of May.

HALIFAX, June 3rd, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Charities Committee met this day, and beg to submit the following report :

That they examined accounts chargeable to maintenance to the amount of \$1732.79, which were found correct and recommended for payment.

The Superintendent's report showed that during the month of May there had been 20 admitted to the Poor's Asylum, 2 born, 2 died, and 35 discharged. Of the number admitted 10 were chargeable to the City, 8 to the Province, and 2 to Colchester Co. Number of inmates May 31st, 188 men, 133 women and 6 children. Total 327. On the same date last year the total number of inmates in the institution was 308.

Tenders for Coal were received from William Roche, H. D. Mackenzie, S. Cunard & Co. The tender of Wm. Roche being the lowest was accepted.

Superintendent's report in re landing of paupers was read, and the Chairman and Superintendent were appointed to wait on the Hon. W. S. Fielding to secure co-operation of the Local Government in reference to this matter.

WM. J. BUTLER, *Chairman*

The following resolution is now introduced :

Resolved, that the Report of the Charities Committee be adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to sign warrants for the payment of accounts contained therein.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, and passed.

Read report of City Prison Committee for the month of May.

June 4th, 1896.

To His Worship the Mayor and City Council :

GENTLEMEN,—The Committee on City Prison beg to report that at a meeting held June 2nd, inst., they had before them the various accounts for the month of May, all of which were certified and found correct, and are herewith recommended for payment, viz.:—R. N. McDonald, corn meal, \$25.75; Granite House, dry goods, \$8.81; H. H. Fuller & Co., hardware, \$2.02; J. A. Leaman & Co., ox heads, \$14.40; N. S. Telephone Co., 6 months Telephones, \$20.00; Davidson Bros., groceries, \$50.14. Total \$121.12.

Your Committee beg to recommend that the pay of the Messenger of the Prison hereafter be \$40.00 per month, instead of as in the past \$30.00 and board.

The returns of the Governor and Matron for May, are forwarded herewith.

J. T. HAMILTON, *Chairman*.

And the following resolution introduced :

Resolved, that the Report of the Committee on City Prison be received and concurred in, and His Worship the authorized to sign warrants for the payment of the accounts named therein.

Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Outhit, and passed.

Read letter from the Union Axe and Ladder Company relative to their present position in connection with the Fire Department, etc.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Campbell, that said letter be referred to the Board of Fire Wards and Fire Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Read Report of City Engineer on petition of John L. McEachren and others, for Sewer, Brunswick Court. Placed on Order Paper for

consideration, with No. 14 thereon, viz.:—Report City Health Board, *re* unsanitary condition of Brunswick Court.

Read Report City Health Board on letters (2) from G. H. A. Short, *re* offensive odor from Sewer on Brunswick Street.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman McFatrige, that this matter be referred to Department City Works to remedy the evil complained of if considered advisable so to do, otherwise to report to the Council. Motion passed.

Read letter from Joseph S Frame, on behalf of the Executors of the estate of Elroy O'Brien, asking for reimbursement by the City of expenses incurred consequent upon the accident and death of said Elroy O'Brien.

Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the matter be referred to the Committee on Laws and Privileges. Motion passed.

Read letter from the City Clerk, covering accounts of T. C. Allen and Co., for Stationery supplies. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman Hubley, that the same be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts. Motion passed.

Read petition of Allan Pollock and others, for water extension, Francklyn Street. Moved by Alderman Hamilton, seconded by Alderman Musgrave, that the same be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from Joseph Mont, claiming on behalf of his late father, Thomas Mont's estate, the sum of sixty-four dollars, amount contributed to the Police Superannuation Fund by said Thomas Mont, by extra Police service. Moved by Alderman Butler, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the same be referred to the Police Commissioners for report. Motion passed.

Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman O'Donnell, that the Commissioners of Police take into consideration the matter of returning to the heirs of the late Angus Fraser, Policeman, the fees received by the City for extra duty performed by the said Angus Fraser. Motion passed.

Read petition of Clifford H. Smith and others, for water extension on Clifton Street. Moved by Alderman Mosher, seconded by Alderman Foster, that said petition be referred to the Department of City Works for report. Motion passed.

Read letter from John W. Jago, Secretary of the Dartmouth Ferry Commissioners, asking that the City Council appoint a Committee to meet His Worship the Mayor of Dartmouth, and Commissioners George J. Troop and J. Walter Allison, to discuss the question of giving better accommodation to the Ferry on the Halifax side of the harbour. Moved by Alderman Lane, seconded by Alderman Hamilton, that the request conveyed in said letter be granted. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor nominates Aldermen Hamilton, Lane and Geldert as a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Dartmouth