

CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 14th, 1937:

Minutes.

Resolution re accounts.

Report Finance Committee re extension of lien, business, household and real estate taxes.
" " re salary of Arthur Gray.
" " re payment to Miss Mary Lyons, retired matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital.
" " re payment to Mrs. Bessie Egan, retired policewoman.
" " re borrowing for equipment, Tuberculosis Hospital.
" " re letter, Halifax Relief Commission re assessment.

Report Laws and Privileges Committee re appointment of coal weigher
" " re Ordinance #34 - Duties of Tenders Committee.
" " re amendment to Ordinance #3- Snow shovelling area. First reading.
" " re amendment to Ordinance #3 re encroachment - First reading.
" " re amendment to Ordinance #3- Removal of snow and ice. Second reading.

Legislation.

Report Firewards Committee re purchase of new aerial ladder truck.

Questions by Aldermen.

Letter, City Solicitor re Harbor Championship fund.
" " re application of N. S. Light and Power Co. Ltd. to Public Utilities Board.
" " re action, McDonald versus City of Halifax.

Deferred business.

Appointment of coal weigher.

School Board estimates.

Report Halifax Relief Committee re borrowing.
" " re appropriation for Red Cross.
" " re rental relief.
" " re over-contribution by Federal Government on works project.

Report Directors of Point Pleasant Park re transfer of Point Pleasant and Cambridge Batteries.

Report Comm. on Works re proposal to advertise and call for tenders for the sale of Brunswick Street fire engine house and adjoining property.

Report Comm. on Works and City Engineer re deed of a portion of Atlantic Street.

" " re lease of City property, Beech Hill.

" " re proposal by Dept. of Pensions and National Health.

" " re sewer and water extension, Beech Street.

" " re water extension, Rockcliffe Street.

" " re amendment to Section 585 of the City Charter.

Report City Auditor re departmental appropriations and expenditures
" " re tax collections for December, 1936.

Report Charities Committee covering Supt's report re inmates in the City Home.

EVENING SESSION

8.05 o'clock,
Council Chamber,
City Hall,
January 14th, 1937.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening. At the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Chairman; and Aldermen Gates, Mitchell, Stech, Donovan, Burgess, Curran, Sullivan, Freda, McCarthy, McDonald, Keshen, O'Toole, Curtis, Power, Gough, Smeltzer and Walker.

The meeting was called to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

The following named papers were submitted:-

MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded by Alderman Donovan, that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor stated that, before starting the regular business of the meeting, he wished to welcome, back to the Council, Alderman O'Toole, who had been absent for some months through illness.

Alderman O'Toole expressed his thanks to the Mayor for his kind remarks.

ACCOUNTS

The following resolution covering accounts of various committees was submitted.

January 14th, 1937.

RESOLVED that the Council approve for payment the bills and accounts of expenditures submitted to this meeting by the Committee on Finance amounting to \$5,211.29; Committee on Charities amounting to \$10,710.26; Gardens Committee amounting to \$707.82, Fleming Park amounting to \$108.32; Library Committee amounting to \$371.58; City Prison Committee amounting to \$2,062.47; Committee on Firewards amounting to \$13,252.12 chargeable to Fire Department and \$463.79 chargeable to Fire Alarm; Committee on Works amounting to \$10,659.77; City Health Board amounting to \$5,751.59; Committee on Camp Hill Cemetery amounting to \$438.96; Point Pleasant Park Committee amounting to \$435.06; Police Committee amounting to \$10,083.21 under the provisions of Section 315 of the City Charter.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the resolution be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

EXTENSION OF LIEN

City Collector
Read report of the Finance Committee and letters of the City Collector and City Solicitor, also legislation in connection with the extension of the lien on the 1934 real estate tax and the 1936 business and household tax.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the City Collector recommending the extension of the lien on the 1934 real estate tax and 1936 business and household tax until the first of November, 1937, was considered.

Your committee recommends that legislation be obtained to extend the lien on the 1934 real estate and the 1936 business and household tax until November 1st, 1937.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

January 14th, 1937.

City Collector's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 12th, 1937.

Chairman and Members of the
Finance Committee,
City of Halifax,
CITY HALL.

Gentlemen:-

I submit for your approval the necessity of extending the 1934 real estate tax lien, and the 1936 business and household tax lien, as has been done in the past few years.

In the past, the lien has been extended to the first of November with the provision of a further extension by order in Council, if the members of the Finance Committee and the City Council, see fit.

In the past, owing to business conditions this extension has been a great help to the taxpayers, and I would urgently ask your co-operation in recommending the extension of these liens, as herein mentioned.

Yours very truly,

A. T. E. Crosby,
CITY COLLECTOR.

Office of City Solicitor,
Halifax, N. S.
December 10th, 1936.

H. J. Stech, Esq.,
Chairman,
Finance Committee,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:- Re: Extension of Liens

I am now drafting the City's legislation and would be pleased to be advised whether it is proposed to extend any or all of the liens for taxes this year.

Your instructions in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

January 14th, 1937.

(1) The lien on the personal property of any person for real property tax, business tax or household tax for the civic year 1936-1937 conferred by Section 438 of the Halifax City Charter is hereby extended from the expiry of that year up to and including the 1st day of November, 1937.

(2) The Governor-in-Council may, at the request of the City, made prior to the 21st day of September, 1937, and filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council, prior to the 21st day of September, 1937, extend the said lien for real property tax, business tax or household tax beyond the 1st day of November 1937 until such time as the City requests.

(3) This section should be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on from and after and not before the 29th day of April, A. D. 1937.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 437 the lien of the City upon real property for rates and taxes assessed for the civic year 1934-1935 is hereby extended from the expiry of the said lien up to and including the 1st day of November, 1937.

(2) The Governor-in-Council may, at the request of the City, made prior to the 21st day of September, 1937, extend the said lien upon real property for the civic year 1934-1935 beyond the 1st day of November, 1937, until such time as the City requests.

(3) This section shall be read and construed and shall be given effect as if it had been enacted on from and after and not before the 29th day of April, A. D. 1937.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted and the legislation as submitted be approved.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the item "household tax" be deleted from the legislation as submitted. Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the legislation as now amended, deleting the words "household tax" be approved. Motion passed.

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SALARY - ARTHUR GRAY

*of Treasurer
Auditor
Arthur Gray*

Read report of the Finance Committee,
letter of the City Auditor and resolution re salary
increase to Arthur Gray.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee
held this day, the attached letter from the City
Auditor regarding the salary increase due Mr.
Arthur Gray was considered.

Your committee recommends that the
letter of the City Auditor be approved, and that
the resolution which passed the City Council on
June 11th, 1936, providing that legislation be
obtained to enable the City to pay Mr. Gray the
increase in salary, be rescinded. The committee
also submits herewith a resolution for the adoption
of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

December 10th, 1936.

The Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

There is now available in the
Assessor's Department sufficient money to pay the
amount of salary increase due Mr. Arthur Gray
without recourse to legislation.

If you desire, to do it this way,
two things will be necessary, first, to pass a
resolution rescinding the request for legislation
and, second, to pass a resolution to appropriate
the money.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

January 14th, 1937.

WHEREAS funds are available in the appropriation for salaries in the Assessor's Department to pay to Arthur Gray the amount of salary increase voted by the Council at its meeting of June 11th, 1936; the said resolution increasing the salary to \$1,200.00 less 10%.

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution directing the application for legislation be repealed and the salary increase effective as of May 1st, 1936, be taken from the appropriation available for salaries in the Assessor's Department.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Finance Committee and resolution as submitted be adopted.

Motion passed.

Health Board
PAYMENT TO MISS MARY LYONS, RETIRED MATRON
OF THE TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Read report of the Finance Committee submitting legislation regarding payment to Miss Mary Lyons, retired matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, a letter from the City Health Board regarding payment of allowance to Miss Mary Lyons, retired matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital, was considered.

Your committee is submitting herewith legislation for approval of the City Council which will enable the City to pay the sum of \$25.00 per month to Miss Mary Lyons for the remainder of her life.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

January 14th, 1937.

The City shall pay to Mary Lyons, retired matron of the Tuberculosis Hospital, an annuity of \$300.00 yearly for her life, to be paid in monthly payments of \$25.00, provided that such payment shall cease upon the death of said Mary Lyons. Any sums required for the said payments shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the said payment is to be made, and any sums required to pay the said annuity during the civic year 1937-1938 may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the estimates for the civic year 1938-1939.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Finance Committee and legislation as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

PAYMENT TO MRS. BESSIE EGAN, RETIRED POLICE-
WOMAN.

Read report of the Finance

Committee submitting legislation regarding payment to Mrs. Bessie Egan, retired policewoman.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the matter of paying an allowance to Mrs. Bessie Egan, retired policewoman, was considered,

Your committee is submitting herewith legislation for approval of the City Council which will enable the City to pay the sum of \$50.00 per month to Mrs. Bessie Egan for the remainder of her life.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

The City shall pay to Bessie Egan, retired policewoman, an annuity of \$600.00 yearly for her life, to be paid in monthly payments of \$50.00, provided that such payment shall cease upon the death of said Bessie Egan. Any sums required for the said payments shall be included in the estimates for the civic year in which the said payment is to be made, and any sums required to pay the said annuity during the civic year 1937-1938 may be borrowed from any bank or fund available and with the interest thereon included in the estimates for the civic year 1938-1939.

Police Com.

January 14th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report of the Finance Committee and legislation as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

BORROWING FOR EQUIPMENT - TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Health Board
Read report of the Finance Committee re borrowing for equipment, Tuberculosis Hospital.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, a letter from the City Health Board requesting that legislation be obtained to authorize the City to borrow the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing sterilizers and other equipment for the Tuberculosis Hospital, was considered.

Your committee recommends that legislation be obtained to borrow the sum of \$3,000.00 in accordance with the request of the City Health Board.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

8.30 P.M.,

Alderman Hendry arrives and takes his seat in Council.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee and letters of the Halifax Relief Commission as follows:-

January 14th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 12th, 1937.

Accession
His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day, the attached letter from the Halifax Relief Commission regarding assessment was considered.

Your committee is forwarding same to the City Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION.

139 Young Street,
Halifax, N. S.
November 25th, 1936.

Col. H. J. Stech,
City Hall,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the conference of the Committee of the City Council of which you are Chairman with The Halifax Relief Commission, on Thursday, November 19th, with respect to the Assessment figure at which The Halifax Relief Commission would accept the voluntary assessment notwithstanding their exemption under their Act of Incorporation, I beg to advise you that the Commission have decided on the following amounts:-

For the tax year	1937-1938	\$500,000.
"	" 1938-1939	450,000.
"	" 1939-1940	400,000.
"	" 1940-1941	400,000.
"	" 1941-1942	400,000.

Taxes will be paid on these voluntary assessments at the general rate decided upon by the City Council in the usual manner and the discount provided for ordinary taxpayers will also apply to taxes paid by this Commission. These voluntary assessments are accepted on the same basis and the same terms as is set forth in Sections 10 and 11 of the adjustment made by the Commissioners in the City of Halifax ~~canon~~ dated December 30th, 1926 with a further specific condition that:

January 14th, 1937.

1. The City accepts full responsibility for ownership of the Lanes in the Hydrostone Area regarding which there was some discussion in February, March and April of this year as these lanes became City property under Section 18 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1918.

2. That adequate police protection be given to Richmond Heights District.

3. That the District shall receive the same degree of attention in regard to civic service, streets, lights, sewer, water, etc. as is given other parts of the City.

The Commission regrets that it finds it necessary to reduce the amount of voluntary assessment after the tax year 1937/38 but as pointed out to your committee we have a considerable number of houses vacant at the present time, whereas at the time of our conference in 1931 all our houses were occupied; and the very large number of homes that are now being built in various parts of the City and in the County adjoining the City, will no doubt have some effect on the tenancies of the houses under our jurisdiction, and indeed has already affected us.

We wish to thank you for your courtesies in the past and to assure you that this Commission is anxious to co-operate with the Government of the City of Halifax in every way possible.

Yours very truly,
Halifax Relief Commission.
W. E. Tibbs,
COMPTROLLER.

THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION.

139 Young Street,
Halifax, N. S.
January 8th, 1937.

W. P. Publicover, Esq.,
City Clerk,
City Hall,
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24th, regarding our decision to accept the voluntary assessment of all properties, notwithstanding the fact that we are exempt from such assessment, for the amounts of:

January 14th, 1937.

\$500,000.00	for the civic year	1937-1938
450,000.00	"	1938-1939
400,000.00	"	1939-1940
		1940-1941
		1941-1942

subject to specific conditions set forth in our letter of November 25th, 1936.

We have considered the suggestions contained in your letter, but we regret that we feel ourselves unable to meet your requests. The question of the assessment was given very full and careful consideration by this Commission before arriving at the decision advised you in our letter of November 25th, 1936.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,
W. E. Tibbs,
COMPTROLLER.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the proposal of the Halifax Relief Commission as contained in their letter of November 25th, 1936, be accepted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 6 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gough
Hendry
McCarthy
McDonald
Smoltzer
Stech
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Gates
Keshon
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power
Walker

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CITY ASSESSOR

Read report of the Finance Committee recommending that Mr. A. J. Yeadon be appointed to the position of Assistant City Assessor.

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*Accepted
A. J. Yeadon*

January 14th, 1937.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee hold this day, applications for the position of Assistant City Assessor were considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr. A. J. Yeaton be appointed to the position of Assistant City Assessor; three voting for and two against.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that Mr. Chester G. Corbett be appointed to the position of Assistant City Assessor for the remainder of the present civic year. Amendment put and lost, 8 voting for the same and 10 against it as follows:-

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Aldermen Curren
Curtis
Gough
Mitchell
O'Toole
Power
Smeltzer
Walker

AGAINST IT

Aldermen Burgoss
Donovan
Froda
Gates
Hondry
Keshen
McCarthy
McDonald
Stech,
Sullivan

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The original motion put and passed, 11 voting for the same and 7 against it as follows:-

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FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Donovan
Froda
Gates
Hendry
Keshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
Stech
Sullivan

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Curran
Curtis
Gough
O'Toole
Power
Smoltzer
Walker

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His Worship the Mayor then declared Mr. A. J. Yeadon duly appointed to the position of Assistant City Assessor for the City of Halifax.

Alderman Gough gives notice of reconsideration.

APPOINTMENT OF COAL WEIGHER

Naval Priv.
Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that Mr. Chester A. Champion be sworn in as a temporary coal weigher.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached letter from the Halifax Fuel Company requesting to have Mr. Chester A. Champion sworn in as a permanent coal weigher was considered.

Your committee recommends that Mr. Champion be appointed temporarily for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted.

Motion passed.

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ORDINANCE RE "DUTIES OF TENDERS COMMITTEE"

Read report of the Laws and

Council
Privileges Committee regarding an Ordinance respecting duties of the Tenders Committee.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached Ordinance #34 respecting the duties of the Tenders Committee was considered.

Your committee recommends that this Ordinance be not approved, and that legislation be obtained to amend Section 109 of the City Charter to read "Committee on Tenders for office supplies, stationery and advertising".

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO "STREETS"

Read report of the Laws and

Council
Privileges Committee submitting draft amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets", amending Section 42 of said Ordinance dealing with the area in which snow must be removed.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached amendment to Sub-section 2 of Section 42 of Ordinance #3 relating to Streets was considered. This amendment was referred to this committee by the Committee on Works and deals with the boundaries of the area within which snow and ice shall be removed.

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Your committee recommends that the amendment to Ordinance #3 as submitted be approved and now read a first time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted and the draft amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" be accepted as read a first time. Motion passed.

Amendment to the report of the City Engineer of January 5th, 1937, made by the Committee on Works at its meeting held on the 6th of January 1937, regarding the areas within which snow must be shovelled.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council as follows:-

1. Ordinance No. 3 respecting Streets is hereby amended by repealing sub-section 2 of Section 42 and substituting the following therefor.
(2)

The boundaries of the area hereinbefore referred to shall be the following:-

of Halifax Beginning at a point on the shore of the Harbour where the prolongation eastwardly of the south line of Atlantic Street would meet the said shore;

Thence westwardly by the said prolongation of the said south line of Atlantic Street and by the said south line of Atlantic Street to the east line of Young Avenue;

Thence southwardly by the east line of Young Avenue to the north line of Miller St;

Thence westwardly by the north line of Miller Street to the west line of Young Avenue;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Young Avenue to the south line of Clarence Street;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Clarence Street to the east line of Tower Road;

Thence southwardly by the east line of Tower Road to the north line of Miller Street;

Thence westwardly by the north line of Miller Street to the west line of Tower Road;

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Thence northwardly by the west line of Tower Road to its intersection with the centre line of Owen Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Owen Street to the centre line of Tower Road;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Tower Road to the south line of Inglis Street;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Inglis Street to the west line of Wellington Street;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Wellington Street to the south line of South Street;

Thence westwardly by the south line of South Street to the centre line of Robie Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of Robie Street to the centre line of Inglis Street;

Thence westwardly by the centre line of Inglis Street to the centre line of Greenwood Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Greenwood Street to the north line of Inglis Street;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Inglis Street to the west line of Robie Street;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Robie Street to the south line of Oakland Road;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Oakland Road to the east line of Oxford Street;

Thence northwestwardly to the centre line of Dalhousie Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Dalhousie Street to the centre line of South Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of South Street to its intersection with the prolongation of the east boundary of Dalhousie College property;

Thence northwardly by the said prolongation of the said east line of Dalhousie College property and by the said east line to the south line of Coburg Road;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Coburg Road to the centre line of Oxford Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of Oxford Street to the north line of South Street;

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Thence westwardly by the north line of South Street to the west line of Oxford Street;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Oxford Street to the south line of Coburg Road;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Coburg Road to the east line of Connaught Avenue;

Thence northwardly by the east line of Connaught Avenue to the north line of Waegwoltic Avenue;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Waegwoltic Avenue to the west line of Cambridge Street;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Cambridge Street to the south line of Jubilee Road;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Jubilee Road to the west line of Bloomingdale Terrace;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Bloomingdale Terrace to the south line of Quinpool Road;

Thence westwardly by the south line of Quinpool Road to the centre line of Armview Avenue;

Thence northwardly at right angles to the south line of Quinpool Road to the centre line of Quinpool Road;

Thence northwestwardly by the centre line of Quinpool Road to the centre line of Chobucto Road;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Chobucto Road to the east line of Quinpool Road;

Thence southeastwardly and eastwardly by the east and north line of Quinpool Road to the west line of Newton Avenue;

Thence northwardly by the west line of Newton Avenue to the north line of Chobucto Road;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Chobucto Road and the north line of North Street to the centre line of Oxford Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Oxford Street to the centre line of Young Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Young Street to the centre line of Windsor Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of Windsor Street to the north line of Almon Street;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Almon Street to the west line of Robie Street;

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Thence northwardly by the west line of Robie Street to the centre line of Cabot Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Cabot Street to the centre line of Isleville Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Isleville Street to the north line of Duffus Street;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Duffus Street to the centre line of Gottingen Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of Gottingen Street to the north line of Young Street;

Thence eastwardly by the north line of Young Street and the prolongation thereof, to the shore of Halifax Harbour;

Thence southwardly by the shore of Halifax Harbour to the place of beginning.

EXCEPTING HOWEVER THEREFROM, the area included within the following boundaries.

Beginning at the intersection of the centre line of Sackville Street with the centre line of Brunswick Street;

Thence westwardly by the centre line of Sackville Street to the centre line of Summer Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Summer Street to the centre line of Jubilee Road;

Thence westwardly by the centre line of Jubilee Road to the centre line of Robie Street;

Thence northwardly by the centre line of Robie Street to the centre line of Cunard Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Cunard Street to the centre line of North Park Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of North Park Street to the centre line of Cogswell Street;

Thence eastwardly by the centre line of Cogswell Street to the centre line of Brunswick Street;

Thence southwardly by the centre line of Brunswick Street to the place of beginning.

AND INCLUDED ALSO in addition to the above described area, any sidewalk in any part of the City which has been covered with concrete or other permanent material.

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Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Gates that the draft amendment to Ordinance #3 be now passed a first time. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO "STREETS"

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee submitting draft amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets", amending Section 6 of said Ordinance dealing with excavations.

Committee Room, City Hall,
January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council,

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, an amendment to Ordinance #3 respecting "Permanent excavations in Streets" was under consideration. This was referred to the committee by the Committee on Works.

It was suggested by the City Solicitor that the word "encroachment" in the first and second clauses of the amendment be changed to "excavation".

It was decided to recommend that the change so suggested be made.

A copy of the said amended amendment to Ordinance #3 is attached hereto.

It was further pointed out that under the proposed draft, persons in the so-called "Building District" will be required to pay a higher rental than persons outside this district.

It was felt that some other dividing line be found to effect the charging of two different rates - for instance on the basis of Business Premises and Residential Premises or on the basis of certain streets.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

*Council
Clerk of Works*

January 14th, 1937.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted and the amended amendment to Ordinance No. 3 relating to "Streets" be now read a first time. Motion passed.

BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council as follows:-

1. Ordinance No. 3 respecting Streets is hereby amended by repealing Section 6 and substituting the following therefor:

6. (a) The owner of any property situated within the Building District as defined in the City Charter, in front of which any permanent excavation is made, shall pay to the City therefor on the first day of May in each and every year an annual rental of ten (10) cents for each sq. foot of the area of the street occupied by the excavation and not in any case less than Five Dollars for each year.

(b) In any other part of the City the owner of the property in front of which such excavation is made shall pay an annual rental for such excavation of five (5) cents per sq. foot of the area of the street occupied and not in any case less than \$2.50 per each year. Such rental shall be payable in advance on the first day of May in each year.

Read amended amendment as above

set out:

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the amended amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" as set out above be now passed a first time. Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #3 RELATING TO "STREETS"

Read report of the Laws and

Privileges Committee submitting draft amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets", providing for sanding dangerous sidewalks by adding a section immediately following Section 48 of said Ordinance.

*Reading Council
Clerk of Works*

January 14th, 1937.
Committee Room, City Hall,
January 11th, 1937.

HismWorship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Laws and Privileges Committee held this day, the attached amendment to Ordinance #3 respecting "Streets", which was given a first reading at a meeting of the City Council held on the 17th day of December, 1936, and referred to this committee, was considered.

Your committee recommends that the amendment to Ordinance #3 as read a first time be amended to read as follows:-

"BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Ordinance #3 respecting streets is amended by adding thereto immediately following Section 48 thereof the following Section:

48A. Within the area as described in Sub-section (2) of Section 42 hereof, the owner, agent, lessee or occupier of any premises shall, whenever the sidewalk in front of such premises is in a dangerous condition, arising from the presence of ice thereon, place ashes, sand, calcium chloride, common salt or a mixture of these materials on the sidewalk. The amount to be so placed shall not exceed the minimum quantity required to remedy the dangerous condition".

Your committee recommends that this amendment be now read a second time and referred to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report of the Laws and Privileges Committee be adopted and the amendment to Ordinance #3 be so amended as recommended therein and the same read. Motion passed.

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Read amendment as amended.

"BE IT ENACTED by the Mayor and City Council as follows:

Ordinance #3 respecting streets is amended by adding thereto immediately following Section 48 thereof the following Section:

48A. Within the area as described in Sub-section (2) of Section 42 hereof, the owner, agent, lessee or occupier of any premises shall, whenever the sidewalk in front of such premises is in a dangerous condition, arising from the presence of ice thereon, place ashes, sand, calcium chloride, common salt or a mixture of these materials on the sidewalk. The amount to be so placed shall not exceed the minimum quantity required to remedy the dangerous condition.

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Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the amended amendment to Ordinance #3 relating to "Streets" be now passed a second time and forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval. Motion passed.

LEGISLATION

The City Solicitor, submitted the following legislation which had been considered by the Laws and Privileges Committee and recommended to the City Council for approval.

1. Subsection (1) of Section 109 of the Charter is amended by adding to Clause 7 thereof immediately following the word "tenders" therein, the words "for stationery, office supplies and advertising".

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the amendment to Section 109 of the City Charter as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

2. Section 365 is amended by inserting between the words "notifies" and "the" in the fourth line thereof the words "in writing".

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Gough that the legislation amending Section 365 of the City Charter as submitted be approved. Motion passed.

3. Section 396 is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

(5) Every person who is liable under the provisions of this section to furnish the Assessor with any information shall, when requested by the Assessor so to do, verify the same by an affidavit under oath, and upon failure to comply with such request shall be liable to the penalty prescribed in the next preceding subsection.

The amendment to Section 396 was not approved.

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4. Subsection 2 of Section 397 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

2. (a) Such statement shall be verified by affidavit sworn before any justice of the peace or commissioner of the Supreme Court.

(b) No such affidavit shall be sufficient if sworn before the solicitor acting for the party on whose behalf the affidavit is to be used, or before any agent of such solicitor or before the party himself, and any affidavit which would be insufficient if sworn before such solicitor himself, shall be insufficient if sworn before his clerk or partner.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the legislation as submitted re Section 397 be approved. Motion passed.

5. Subsection 4 of Section 397 is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(4) Such statement may be in the form following, or to the like effect:

STATEMENT FOR APPEAL

IN THE MATTER of the Halifax City Charter

-and-

IN THE MATTER of the Assessment of.....
(name of person assessed),.....
in respect to property #.....

TAKE NOTICE that I do hereby appeal from said assessment on the following grounds:

1. That the actual value of said property is
 - (a) Value of land \$
 - (b) Value of Buildings \$
2. That the actual value of property occupied for.....purpose (Business, Residential or otherwise) is \$
3. That the annual rent paid in respect to such property for..... (Business, Residential or otherwise) purpose is \$, which includes
 - (a) Heat
 - (b) Light
 - (c) Janitor service
 - (d) Elevator service

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4. That Iliable to be
(am or am not)
assessed fortax.
(Business, household or otherwise)

5. And I do swear that the above statement is true.

SWORN to at Halifax, in the
County of Halifax, this
day of A.D.19
before me

A Commissioner, etc.,
J.P. in and for the County
of Halifax, etc.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded
by Alderman Stech that the words "in my opinion"
be inserted in clauses 1 and 2 of Sub-section 2 of
Section 397 immediately following the word "that",
and that the legislation as now amended be approved.
Motion put and passed, 14 voting for the same and
3 against it as follows,

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curran
Curtis
Donovan
Freda
Gates
Henry
Koshon
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
Stech
Sullivan
Walker

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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Gough
Power
Smeltzer

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6. Subsection (2) of Section 400 is repealed
and the following substituted therefor:

(2) Notice of the time and place of the
first meeting in any year and of every other meeting
not an adjourned meeting, shall be given to the
persons who have appealed by registered mail
addressed to such persons at their last known
address and shall be duly advertised for such time
and in such manner as the members determine, but the
Court may at any time, in its discretion hear an
appeal without such notice by consent of the person
appealing.

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Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Gates that the legislation as submitted re Section 400 be approved. Motion passed.

7. Section 587 is amended by striking out the word "Council" in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words "Committee on Works".

This amendment to Section 587 not approved.

Alderman Kehon, at this time, submitted proposed legislation in connection with "curfew" laws.

Subsection (1) of Section 938 is amended by adding thereto after the last word thereof the following paragraph;

For preventing persons under 14 years of age from walking or being on any street of the City after nine o'clock at night, and may provide that such ordinance shall not apply to certain persons in certain cases.

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the proposed legislation as submitted be referred to the Laws and Privileges Committee for consideration. Motion passed.

PURCHASE OF AERIAL LADDER TRUCK

Firewards
Read report of the Firewards Committee recommending that a new aerial ladder truck be purchased.

January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee of Firewards held this day, the purchase of a new ladder truck was considered.

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The Chief of Department had reported that the present truck, which has been in service for many years is showing a list and has weakened considerably. The stability of the ladder had been greatly effected, which, he says, is to be expected in a piece of equipment after so many years service.

The Chief recommended that some action be taken to replace this truck as he does not consider it safe for men to work on in its present condition.

The report of the Chief is borne out by the following letter from Mr. Henry Roper of the Brookfield Construction Company, who had been asked by our committee to act with a sub-committee to inspect this truck;

Board of Firewards,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

As requested, I have made a thorough examination and given considerable thought to the condition of the wood ladders on your fire truck.

These ladders are approximately twenty years old and in my opinion the fibre of the wood has been greatly deteriorated in that period of time, as the specimens of wood I have removed from the ladders will clearly show.

In sending men up these ladders I consider the City of Halifax is running a great risk, and where life is concerned there should be no risk, at least, as far as the material used in their construction is concerned.

I would therefore recommend that these ladders be built of chromium steel, which would entirely eliminate risk or breakage, and there would be no deterioration as this material is non-rustable.

Yours very truly,
Henry Roper.

In view of the foregoing reports your committee recommends that a new aerial truck be purchased.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Gates,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded
by Alderman Curran that the report be adopted.

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Moved in amendment by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Stech that this matter be referred back to the Firewards Committee for further consideration and full report as to the feasibility of having chromium steel ladders installed on the present chassis. Amendment put and passed unanimously.

The original motion not put.

Alderman Keshon requested that item No. 29 on the agenda be now considered.

There being no objections to this request, item no. 29 re "Proposal of Department of Pensions and National Health" was dealt with.

PROPOSAL OF DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

*City Engineer
Clerk of Works*

Read report of the City Health Board, Committee on Works and sub-committee appointed by the Committee on Works regarding a proposal made by the Department of Pensions and National Health.

Office of City Health Board,
Halifax, N. S.
January 13th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members, Board of Works.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board held on Tuesday, January 12th, consideration was given to a proposal from the Department of Pensions and National Health that the city transfer to the Federal Government a piece of land 100 feet wide, around the north, east and south of the present government holding at the Tracoma Hospital property, Rockhead, in order that the government may erect a hospital with an eight or twelve bed capacity for the accommodation of smallpox patients. In consideration of the proposed transfer of property from the City to the government the Department of National Health would be prepared to allow the City conditional use of the hospital accommodation should necessity arise.

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The City Health Board unanimously approved of the proposal submitted by the Department of Pensions & National Health and recommends its approval by the Board of Works.

Copies of all correspondence in connection with this matter and also a copy of a plan showing the property involved in the proposed transfer to make possible the erection of the hospital, are attached for your information.

Respectfully yours,

Arthur C. Pottipas,
SECRETARY, C. H. B.

City Works Office,
Halifax, N. S.

January 14th, 1937.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached letter from the City Health Board regarding a request that the City of Halifax transfer to the Federal Government a piece of land in the vicinity of the Tracoma Hospital, was considered by the Committee on Works, January 13th, 1937, and the matter was referred to Alderman Keshon and the City Engineer with the request that they submit a report thereon to City Council.

A report of the Sub-Committee in reference thereto, is submitted herewith.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

January 14th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

The Committee on Works referred the question of giving land to the Department of National Health at the Tracoma Hospital, Gottingen Street, for the purpose of erecting a "Quarantine Hospital" to Alderman Keshon and the City Engineer.

The Department asked for a strip of land one hundred (100) feet on the north, west and south sides of the lot. The land adjoining the hospital to the north is not owned by the City, on the west and south sides the City is the owner and would be able to convey the desired land. On the south this would include the lane running from Gottingen Street to Robie Street. This could be re-located at the southern boundary of the strip granted to the Department.

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The Committee on Works^w are favorably disposed towards the project provided your Sub-Committee found no objection to it. The land could be relocated and constructed by labor from the City Prison at no expense to the City and it is recommended that the land be granted for the purpose named, it to revert to the City should its use for hospital purposes be discontinued at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,

S. H. Keshen.

Moved by Alderman Keshen, seconded by Alderman Gough that the reports as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

With the consent of Council, items 21, 22 and 23 on the agenda dealing with Direct Relief were next considered.

DIRECT RELIEF BORROWING

*W. H. Keshen
Auditor*

The following resolution, approved by the Direct Relief Committee at a meeting held on January 6th, 1937, was recommended by that body to the City Council for adoption.

BE IT RESOLVED, that under the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, and an agreement between the Province and the City of Halifax in respect to disbursement of Direct Relief, the City do borrow from any bank or fund available, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be expended between the first day of February 1937 and the thirtieth day of April 1937, on the order of the Direct Relief Committee, for the purpose of giving Direct Relief and Temporary Shelter as approved by Council from time to time, to bona fide residents of the City of Halifax or Temporary Direct Relief to any other persons as the committee may deem advisable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City, under the authority of Chapter 7 of the Acts of 1932, authorize an appropriation of not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of administration of Direct Relief for the period from February 1st, 1937, to April 30th, 1937.

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This resolution is conditional upon the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia contributing during the period aforesaid such an amount as may be agreed upon between the Province and the City as representing the shares of the Provincial Government and the Dominion Government, the City contributing the balance of the cost.

The money so borrowed by the City as set forth in the first and second paragraphs of this resolution may be included in whole or in part in the civic estimates in the year ensuing that in which the money is borrowed or may be repaid by means of a special loan to be issued on such terms as the Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, later decides.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion put and passed, 12 voting for the same and 4 against it as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Aldermen Burgess
Curtis
Donovan
Froda
Gates
Hondry
McCarthy
McDonald
Mitchell
Smeltzer
Stech
Sullivan
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AGAINST IT

Aldermen Cufran
Gough
Power
Walker

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APPROPRIATION FOR RED CROSS SOCIETY

Read resolution submitted by the Halifax Direct Relief Committee re appropriation for Red Cross Society.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council, at the request of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee, contribute to the Red Cross Society, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be used for providing clothing and footwear for the needy and unemployed, PROVIDED that a like contribution of an equal amount be made by each of the Governments, the Provincial and the Federal.

*Treasurer
Auditor*

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Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Donovan that the resolution as submitted be adopted. Motion passed.

Sullivan
Alderman Gates suggested that Council should appoint someone to represent the City Council in the distribution of relief clothing, which is made possible through the City's quarterly grant to the Red Cross Society.

Alderman Gough suggested that Alderman Sullivan act in this capacity.

Alderman Sullivan expressed her willingness to act.

The Mayor thereupon declared Alderman Sullivan duly elected as City Council's representative to the Red Cross Society,

RELIEF RENTAL

Read report of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee, also report of the Special Committee appointed by the Halifax Direct Relief Committee regarding relief rental.

City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.
December 30th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

A special meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee was held in the Mayor's Office at 3 P.M. December 30th to discuss the rent situation with Government Representatives, in accordance with resolution passed at regular meeting December 28th.

There was a full attendance of committee and Mr. Paul, Deputy Minister of Labor; Mr. McKay, Supervisor of Relief for Nova Scotia, and Mr. Taggart of Department of Labor staff were also present.

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Considerable discussion took place in which the Mayor stated that the time had arrived to take some definite action.

Other members of the committee expressed themselves in like manner and qualified their remarks by reference to deserving and undeserving cases, necessity for strict supervision and other safeguards.

Mr. Paul, in his remarks, referred to the fact that the Government had been willing to pay rents since April 1934, but suggestions were not received in a co-operative spirit. He is prepared to submit to his Government a proposition to pay two-thirds of the cost of rental, subject to rigid inspection and his Department will assist in supervision. In mentioning rent payments in Sydney and Amherst he contended that the rent problem was primarily a matter for municipal authorities. This brought about a further discussion in which it was pointed out that the matter will have to be brought before the City Council and the following resolution was passed;

"Where cases of necessity arise, that this committee recommend to Council to pay rentals on a basis of three times the assessment plus water rates, and that the rentals be paid in instalments of one-twelfth monthly. In cases where a portion of a house is occupied that the rental be paid in proportion to assessment of the space occupied, and that a committee be appointed to bring in a report to this Relief Committee forthwith".

The Mayor, Aldermen Curtis, Gates and Donovan were selected to act as the committee referred to.

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

Mayor's Office,
Halifax, N. S.
January 6th, 1937.

The Halifax Direct Relief Committee,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

Your special committee have given attention to the matter of rental relief referred to it, and beg to report as follows:-

It is assumed that the Halifax Direct Relief Committee have decided that some action should be taken to alleviate the distress caused by frequent evictions of tenants, and the strain put upon owners of real estate by their inability to collect rents from tenants. Your committee reluctantly agree that measures should be

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adopted to assist necessitous persons on relief to provide themselves with shelter - their reluctance is based entirely on economic reasons - from a humanitarian standpoint they recognize its necessity. The following is a list, selected at random, of some of the properties occupied by recipients of direct relief, showing the number of tenants, valuation by the City Assessor, and the rentals paid.

	<u>NO. OF FAMILIES</u>	<u>ROOMS</u>	<u>MONTHLY RENT</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
1 & s Black Court	4	14	\$32.00	\$2,000.00
949 Barrington Street	7	17	66.00	2,800.00
293 Brunswick Street	4	10	45.00	2,600.00
12 Fern Street	2	8	25.00	900.00
1-3-5-7-Bedford Court	8	28	100.00	3,200.00
25 Almon Street	3	12	39.00	2,500.00 for
				25 & 27
33 Almon Street	3	13	47.00	2,000.00 for
				21 & 33
357 Brunswick Street	3	8	39.00	1,800.00
222 Brunswick Street	5	14	53.00	2,000.00
208 Market Street	7	12	53.00	2,000.00
7 Maitland Street	4	18	73.00	2,500.00
117 Creighton Street	3	6	32.00	1,750.00
35 Upper Water Street	6	15 & Store	69.00	8,000.00 for
			exclusive of Store	33-5-7
1017 Barrington Street	2	10	36.00	2,000.00
1031 Barrington Street	4	9	40.00	1,700.00

From the above table, it is apparent that rental exacted from persons suffering from economic distress, is somewhat out of line with the value of the properties occupied. From the owners standpoint, high rentals must be charged, due to the fact that a considerable portion of the rental charged is not collectable, and so the vicious circle continues.

The amount of rental to be paid is to be based on the valuation of the property for assessment purposes, and your committee recommend that three times the assessment, plus water rates, be adopted as said rental. This amount is arrived by the following figures:

\$1,000. Interest 5%	\$50.00
Taxes	36.30
Insurance $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1%	7.50
Maintenance $1\frac{1}{2}$ %	15.00
	<hr/>
	\$108.80

Assessment against this property would be \$36.30. Amount payable by the Relief Committee would be \$108.90. This, we submit is a fair rate of compensation to the owner.

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Rental to be paid 1/12 monthly - water bills to be made up each month. Rental to be paid for parts of houses occupied in proportion to the part the occupied area bears to the whole house.

The conditions under which relief rental would be paid, are as follows:-

Where earnings have been insufficient to pay rent, and the tenant is behind in his payments, an agreement will be entered into between the tenant, the landlord and the Relief Committee, the tenant to agree to preserve the property rented and if required by the Relief Committee to deliver up the premises on demand, and to make monthly attested return of earnings.

Landlord to accept compensation as agreed upon in full payment for premises during the period covered by agreement. No other charges whatsoever to be levied in any form.

Persons entitled to, and receiving, rent relief, may be required to give to the City of Halifax services to the full amount of rent relief - such services to be used to provide greater comfort and convenience to the taxpayers of Halifax, in any form whatsoever required, and such services to be of a class or kind not ordinarily performed by the City.

Compensation for said services to be credited to the relief recipient at the regular hourly, or other rate, adopted by the City. And full service may be required from the recipient of rent relief under a competent foreman or director.

This to be in addition to the regular work test - as now required. In no case is the rental to exceed ten dollars per month. If there are any taxes or water rates outstanding and due the City, the City shall have first claim on rental monies.

The above, of course, will be subject to the approval of the Government of Nova Scotia.

It is with some hesitation that your committee recommend the imposition of any additional financial burden on the taxpayers of Halifax, but in view of the very evident fact that distress does exist both on the part of tenant and proprietor, we are forced to recommend the adoption of this scheme.

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Your committee would also like to point out that in addition to the very considerable cost involved in the carrying out of the above outlined proposal, which, unfortunately, it is impossible to estimate, there will also be an increase in the cost of administration, as every safeguard must be set up to assure the proper use of the public monies involved, and to see that no one improperly benefits from this arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Cragg,
CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor then calls upon the Deputy Mayor to assume the chair while he addressed Council from the floor of the Chamber.

The Mayor stated that although he would hesitate to place any further burden upon the taxpayers, yet it is desirable that the Relief Committee be able to provide for people who for the past two or three years have been thrown on the streets, through evictions.

The Mayor said that, if the plan as outlined in the committee's report, were accepted, it would be in force during the life of the present Council. Every effort, he said, would be made to obtain work for the unemployed.

The Mayor further stated that he had the virtual assurance of Provincial authorities that the plan would be approved by the Government. The City's share, he said, would normally be one-third, but, with the Federal grant-in-aid, it would be considerably less than that.

The Mayor then resumed the Chair.

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Alderman McCarthy wished to be recorded as saying that the total cost of rental relief will not be more than \$5,000.00 a month.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Smeltzer that the report be adopted and authority given the Halifax Direct Relief Committee to expend up to the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of direct relief rental for the next three months, under the same conditions governing direct relief. Motion passed.

Alderman Gough wishing to be recorded against,

APPLICATION OF N. S. LIGHT AND POWER CO., LTD,
TO PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD.

Solicitor
Read letter from the City Solicitor re application of N. S. Light and Power Co. Ltd. to Public Utilities Board.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

I wish to call the attention of the City Council to an application about to be made to the Public Utilities Board on behalf of the Nova Scotia Light & Power Company Limited, and seven other subsidiary companies, for approval of an issue of 3000 six percent preference shares of the par value of \$100.00 each, and for an issue of first mortgage bonds in the principal amount of \$7,000,000.00.

The hearing has been set for February 3rd. In view of the fact that this is an important matter in so far as the company is concerned, and in view of the further fact that the result of such new financing may in the future have some effect on the rates charged in this City for electrical energy, I would suggest, that the City at least appear at the hearing and make such representations as are necessary in the interests of the consumers in the City of Halifax.

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Owing to the somewhat involved nature of the application this will necessitate considerable study by me and I would therefore appreciate some latitude in the instructions to be given me in this connection.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bothuno,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Curtis that the City Solicitor be authorized to appear before the Public Utilities Board when the application of the N. S. Light and Power Co. Ltd. is being heard, and take such action as may be necessary in the best interests of the City. Motion passed.

MCDONALD VERSUS CITY OF HALIFAX

Solicitors
Read letter from the City Solicitor re McDonald versus City of Halifax.

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His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

I wish to advise that I made an application to the Judge presiding in Supreme Court Chambers on Friday last, to strike out the statement of claim delivered in this action, and to dismiss the action on the grounds that the Corporation of the City of Halifax was not a proper party to the action and that the statement of claim discloses no cause of action against the Corporation of the City of Halifax.

The application was heard by His Lordship Mr. Justice Carroll, who reserved decision in the matter and subsequently filed the same, dismissing the application on behalf of the City. I attach hereto a copy of the decision. The following extract was taken from this decision:

"Now, while it is true that the council has, as a council, nothing to do with the granting of such permission, the section does not, at least directly, make the action of the committee final, and without dealing at length with the matter, I think the City Council has power to intervene

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regarding the activities of any of its duly appointed committees unless that power is taken away by the statute creating the corporation, that is, the power is incidental to the proper carrying on of the business of a city or town. However, be that as it may, I think on the face of the statement of claim there is an allegation that the defendant city has intervened in this matter and assumed authority to intervene, and intervened to the probable prejudice of the plaintiff. This is a statement of fact which apart from all other questions which may arise, should be tried out.

The application will be dismissed, costs to be plaintiff's in any event".

The intervention of the City as referred to by His Lordship, in my opinion, can only be attributed to the fact that upon being requested by the Committee on Works to give advice on the question of the right of a chairman of a committee to have a second or casting vote, I will give the committee my opinion.

This decision seems to suggest definitely that the City Council has power to intervene regarding the activities of any of its duly appointed committees, unless that power is taken away by the statute creating the corporation, for the reason that the power is incidental to the proper carrying on of the business of the City or Town.

In this particular case the question involved was the granting of permission by the Committee on Works under Section 815 (6) of the City Charter, for the alteration of a residential building in the residential district into a shop. There is no provision in the City Charter providing for the intervention of the corporation through the City Council or otherwise, and it is my view in the matter that for this purpose the Committee on Works is a separate entity from the Corporation of the City, and the City is not responsible for its acts while acting within the scope of its authority. This was the stand which I took before the Court and which the learned Judge disagreed with.

I would recommend that the City appeal from this decision in order to prevent the grounds of His Lordship's decision from becoming res judicata. I would then suggest that the hearing of the appeal be deferred until the end of the present term of the Appeal Court, and in the meantime that the City proceed to trial on the action, and if the decision in the action is adverse to the City's contention that an appeal be asserted from that decision and consolidated with the appeal from the decision of Mr. Justice Carroll.

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In this way only one appeal will be involved and the matter would then be definitely decided by the highest court in the Province.

I am moved to make this recommendation for the reason that the points of law involved are important from the City's point of view, and with due deference to the decision of the learned Trial Judge, it is important that the City secure the opinion of the highest court in the Province.

Yours very truly,

Carl P. Bethune,
CITY SOLICITOR.

Moved by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Freda that the letter of the City Solicitor be approved, and that he be instructed to enter an appeal and serve the City in its best interests. Motion passed.

Alderman Gates wishing to be recorded against.

HARBOR CHAMPIONSHIP FUND

A letter from the City Solicitor regarding the Harbor Championship Fund was deferred.

APPOINTMENT - COAL WEIGHER

Read extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council held on the 17th day of December, 1936, re appointment of Mr. Leslie John King as coal weigher.

"Appointment of Coal Weigher

Read report of the Laws and Privileges Committee recommending that Mr. Leslie John King be appointed as a permanent coal weigher.

Committee Room, City Hall,
December 10th, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The attached letter from the Lorne Coal Company requesting to have Mr. Leslie John King appointed a permanent coal weigher was considered by the Laws and Privileges Committee at a meeting held on the above date.

January 14th, 1937.

Your committee recommends that the application be granted and Mr. Leslie John King sworn in as a permanent coal weigher.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Burgess that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Walker that this appointment be deferred for one month, and in the meantime Mr. King be sworn in temporary. Amendment put and passed.

A true extract,
W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Gough that Mr. Leslie John King be sworn in as a permanent coal weigher. Motion passed.

SCHOOL BOARD ESTIMATES

Moved by Alderman Donovan, seconded by Alderman Gates that the estimates of the Halifax School Board be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

OVER-CONTRIBUTION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
ON WORKS PROJECT

Mr. Mackay
Read letter from the Halifax Direct Relief Committee submitting extract from minutes of a meeting of the Halifax Direct Relief Committee re over-contribution by the Federal Government.

January 13th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor,
and Members of the City Council,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

As per instructions from our committee I enclose herewith an extract from the minutes of January 11th, 1937, re an overpayment of \$807.11 by the Federal Government in connection with work project in Halifax.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Vaughan,
SECRETARY.

January 14th, 1937.

Extract from Minutes

Letter from Mr. R. H. McKay, Supervisor of Relief for Nova Scotia road, asking for payment of \$807.11 claimed to be an over-contribution by Federal Government on work project in Halifax under Schedule 25 Unemployment and Farm Relief Act of 1931, under an agreement between City of Halifax and Department of Highways.

Aldermen Gates and McCarthy took up the matter with Auditor Butler over the telephone in an endeavor to ascertain particulars and it was finally decided to pay the amount.

Moved by Alderman Keshon, seconded by Alderman Gates that the committee accept the alternative suggestion of Mr. McKay to deduct the amount of \$807.11 from Grant in Aid which the City is receiving at present and copies of minute be sent to the Board of Works and City Council for their information.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Gates that Mr. R. H. McKay, Supervisor of Relief, be authorized to deduct the sum of \$807.11 from the Grant-in-Aid which the City is at present receiving. Motion passed.

TRANSFER OF POINT PLEASANT AND CAMBRIDGE BATTERIES

Point Pleasant Park
Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the resolution covering the transfer of Point Pleasant and Cambridge Batteries be referred to the Directors of Point Pleasant Park. Motion passed.

BRUNSWICK STREET FIRE ENGINE HOUSE

Firewards
Read report of the Committee on Works recommending that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for tenders in connection with the sale of Brunswick Street fire engine house.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 13th, 1937, on motion of Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman O'Toole, it was decided to recommend to Council that the City Engineer be authorized to advertise for tenders re sale of Brunswick Street engine house and the adjoining property owned by the City of Halifax. Alderman Gates and Alderman Donovan voting against.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gough, seconded by Alderman Curtis that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Alderman McCarthy, seconded by Alderman Donovan that this matter be referred to the Firewards Committee for consideration and report at next regular meeting of Council. Amendment put and passed.

Motion not put.

DEED OF A PORTION OF ATLANTIC STREET

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re deed of portion of Atlantic Street.

December 31st, 1936.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

For some months I have been endeavoring to obtain deeds from the Estate of Henry A. McDonald and Mr. C. F. Collins of the western portion of Atlantic Street extending from Tower Road about 325 feet eastwardly, and have at last succeeded in obtaining deeds of this portion of the street for a nominal sum of \$1.00 for each property.

This street is opened from Bland Street to Tower Road, but the portion through the two properties mentioned has never been dedicated, although it has been laid down on the Street Plan as an extension of the rest of the street.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

January 14th, 1937.

It is recommended that the deeds be approved and that this portion of the street be accepted as a City street.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council,

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 6th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re Atlantic Street was approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

LEASE OF CITY PROPERTY - BEECH HILL

Engineering Works
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re lease of City property, Beech Hill.

January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on a request from the Halifax Gun Club for permission to operate a Gun Club on City property on the north side of St. Margaret Bay Road at Beech Hill, that the location is on a part of property recently acquired by the City for the purpose of preserving the purity of the water supply.

The specifications for a "skeot" ground would appear to require a piece of land measuring about 300 yards by 600 yards. The President of the Club says in his letter that there will be no refuse, garbage, etc., in connection with the Club and that a chemical lavatory will be installed.

January 14th, 1937.

The City acquired this and other lands on the watershed of the Lakes so as to take every precaution against pollution of the water supply, and while the proposed use of the land is one that would probably cause less damage than any other that it might be put to, it would seem to be a precedent to set, to allow any of the lands acquired to be occupied.

I am unable to recommend that the lease be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 13th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer on a request from the Halifax Gun Club for permission to operate a Gun Club on city property on the north side of the St. Margaret Bay Road at Beech Hill, was considered.

On motion of Alderman Keshon and Alderman Gates, the committee recommended to Council that the request of the Halifax Gun Club be granted and that a lease be effected containing provisions satisfactory to the City Engineer and including a yearly rental of \$25.00.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the report of the Committee on Works be adopted. Motion passed.

SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION - BEECH STREET

*Engineer
Committee on Works*
Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer, re sewer and water extension, Beech Street.

January 12th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on an application, copy of which is attached, for the extension of sewer and water on Beech Street between Goldert Street and Jubilee Road, that owing to the configuration of the ground it is not possible to drain into Jubilee

January 14th, 1937.

Road and as Geldert Street would have to be extended through Railway property in order to get an outlet to Connaught Avenue, a sewer cannot under existing conditions be laid.

The water pipes are laid on both Geldert Street and Jubilee Road and eventually the pipe will be extended to connect to both Streets, but as at present the two properties fronting on Jubilee Road are supplied with water from the street, and as the proposed development and buildings are on the property between these lots and Geldert Street, the extension if made should in my opinion be from Geldert Street north, in order that the two properties abutting on Jubilee Road should not be charged with the assessment in connection with the extension of the main, although eventually when the main is extended as it will have to be, the assessment will remain.

The two applicants are the owners of Lots 6 and 14. A house is under construction on Lot. no. 19 and the owner of no. 16 has applied for a building permit. The estimated cost of extending the water from Geldert Street to supply Lot No. 14 is \$1150. The estimated assessment is \$518.00. The length of extension would be 310 feet, and the size of pipe 6 inches.

It is recommended that the water be extended when at least three houses are under construction, in addition to those now being built, on Lots no. 10 and 19, provided permission to build is obtained from the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 13th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re Beech Street sewer and water extension, was on motion of Alderman Donovan and Alderman Keshen, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

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WATER EXTENSION - ROCKCLIFFE STREET

Engineer
Clerk of Works

Read report of the Committee of Works and City Engineer re water extension, Rockcliffe Street.

January 13th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

On December 16th a report was made on a petition from Mr. Ernest Hess for the extension of the water supply to serve his property, being Lot No. 8 of the Sub-division of a portion of the land of the Estate of Roderick Macdonald which fronted on Rockcliffe Street. In this report it is recommended that the question of the extension be deferred as there was only the one applicant and it was considered that the revenue would not warrant the expenditure.

A further petition dated January 6th, 1937, has been received, a copy of which is attached, and signed by the owners of prospective owners of five additional properties.

The estimated cost of the extension from Oxford Street westwardly on Oakland Road to Rockcliffe Street; thence northwardly to Lot No. 2, is \$3,900. The estimated assessment is \$1,160. The length of extension about 940 feet. The reason for the low assessment revenue is that the extension crosses the railway track and it is unlikely that we will receive any revenue from the railway frontage on either side of the street.

In view of the length of frontage not represented on the petition, I would hesitate to recommend the extension but, if as is suggested in the petition, five houses will be built in the locations shown, then in the general interests of the City the extension should be made. It is recommended that the extension be made when five houses are under construction.

No application has been made for the extension of the sewer which at present runs in front of two of the lots on which it is proposed to build. The other three lots are on the west side of the street and due to the slope of the ground, it is extremely unlikely that the houses on these lots can be drained in the sewer on Rockcliffe Street but will drain either into cesspools or the Arm intercepting sewer. On the opposite side of the street no lots have been sold so that the sewer would be of no immediate benefit to anyone.

January 14th, 1937.

While ordinarily it is advisable on the grounds of cost, to construct the sewer and water at the same time, in this case due to the indefinite period which may elapse before the sewer would be used, I think it would be advisable to delay the construction of the sewer until the necessity for it arises.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 13th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re Rockcliffe Street water extension was on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Gough, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Mitchell, seconded by Alderman Gates that the reports be adopted.

Motion passed.

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 585 OF THE CITY CHARTER

Read report of the Committee on Works and City Engineer re amendment to Section 585 of the City Charter.

January 11th, 1937.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

Section 585 of the City Charter gives the City power by Ordinance to regulate the erection and maintenance of electric signs on buildings and by such Ordinance may permit such signs to encroach on any street to an extent not exceeding 2 feet 6 inches.

Section 804 provides by implication, that the amount of projection for the building line shall be specified from time to time by Ordinance passed by the City Council.

*Engineer
Clerk of Works*

January 14th, 1937.

Ordinance 21, Section 7, provides that no sign shall overhang any street for a distance greater than two-thirds of the width of the sidewalk from the street line to the outside line of the nearest curb.

It would appear that if the City Council decides that the clause in the Ordinance should govern, then Section 585 of the Charter should be amended by striking out all the words after the word "street" in the fifth line of the Section, - otherwise it would appear that the Council had no power to enact Clause 7 of the Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston,
CITY ENGINEER.

January 14th, 1937.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Committee on Works January 13th, 1937, the attached report of the City Engineer re Amendment to Section 585 of the City Charter, was on motion of Alderman Gates and Alderman Donovan, approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

E. J. Cragg,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Gates, seconded by Alderman Mitchell that the reports be adopted.
Motion passed.

REPORT - N. S. SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

Read report of the N. S. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty as follows:-

QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an itemized report covering the activities of our Society within the City of Halifax during the period October 1st to December 31st, 1936:-

Complaints and inquiries made in person by callers at the S.P.C. office	219
Telephone calls	998
Dogs, cats and other small animals humanely destroyed and their bodies disposed of at the Incinerator	630
(N.B. - a daily average of over 10 such animals)	

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Injured Animals removed from the streets and cared for	119
Stray and unclaimed dogs and cats placed in homes	73
Lost and neglected animals sheltered by the Society	216
Dead animals removed from City streets and disposed of at the Incinerator	45
Injured or crippled horses removed from the Streets	8
Total number of City calls personally responded to by Agent Kelly	812
Total mileage covered by the Society's Animal Ambulance in the City	2608

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TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1936.

Read report of the City Auditor covering tax collections for the month of December, 1936.

TAX COLLECTIONS, DECEMBER, 1936.

Property Taxes

Year	Reserve	Outstanding Balances November	New accounts and adjustments	December Collections	Outstanding Balances December
1933	\$53,117.12*	\$46,921.71	+ \$175.93	\$300.00	\$46,797.54
1934	58,731.60*	95,451.20	+ 1,023.85	7,872.10	88,602.95
1935	53,663.80*	245,835.11	+ 22.47	11,161.38	234,696.20
1936	54,944.43	407,994.03	- 194.25	21,488.98	386,310.80
		<u>796,202.05</u>	+ 1,028.00	40,822.56	756,407.49

License Taxes

1937	54,616.94	689,145.33	+10,266.16	28,965.19	670,446.30
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Other Dept.

Gas, etc.	97,858.75			31,418.79	66,439.96
	<u>1,583,206.13</u>	+11,294.16		101,206.54	1,493,293.75

Taxes 1932-33	3,188.81	- 2,989.56	32.50	166.75
Taxes 1933-34	2,550.23	+ 28.85	91.50	2,487.58
Taxes 1934-35	3,813.41	+ 52.66	146.00	3,720.07
Taxes 1935-36	5,253.28	+ 122.05	466.00	4,909.33
Taxes 1936-37	15,986.50	+ 208.21	872.50	15,322.21

Additional Collections

years 1908-9 to 1924-25	\$105.25
responding period last year	\$4.48
years 1925-26 to 1931-32	1,107.08
responding period last year	327.04
collections per above statement	101,206.54
responding period last year	<u>112,471.61</u>
	<u>102,418.87</u>
	<u>112,803.13</u>

Collections of Poll Taxes

1st to Dec. 31st, 1936	\$17,192.42
responding period last year	\$16,638.50

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* Includes special tax payments, and, unexpended balances. Any excess in this account above the outstanding tax balances is transferable to the General Reserve or the General Sinking Fund, as the case requires, on April 30th of each year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. Butler,
CITY AUDITOR.

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SUPT'S REPORT RE INMATES IN THE CITY HOME FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1936.

Read report of the Charities
Committee for the month of December, 1936, showing
the number of inmates in the City Home to be 462.

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11.45 P.M.,
Moved by Alderman Smeltzer, seconded
by Alderman Donovan that this meeting do now
adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

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E. J. Orger,
MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN.


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.