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Motion is then made that the Bill just read do now pass, be fairly engrossed and transmitted by His Worship the Mayor to the Town and County Members to be submitted to the Legislature for their sanction. *passed*

Read the advance relative to employment of Bridwell men 1st time

Action rel to Memo. of Wm Kennedy & others rel to a Stipendiary Magistrate

A Motion is made that the Memorial of William Kennedy and others submitted on 11th Inst relative to a Stipendiary Magistrate and election of Police Clerk and City Clerk be now taken up. A motion of adjournment is made which on being seconded

Alderman Evans asks leave to withdraw and not vote leave not granted

Motion is then put and lost 3 voting for it and 12 against it

The original is then put and carried 4 voting for it and 6 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For the Motion	Against Motion
Alderman Pughy Young	Alderman Anderson
Cochran	Stairs
Hills	Murray
Conway	King
Harvey	Sutherland
	Evans 6

Read said Memorial of William Kennedy and others when following resolution is introduced

Resolution rel to Petition of Wm Kennedy et al.

Resolved that the Introducer of the Petition for change of Officers in connection with the City Council have leave to withdraw the same. Moved by Alderman Pollock seconded by Alderman Sutherland which on being put is carried 12 voting for it and 2 against it

On Motion Council rise

Stapley May

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John Parker sworn into Office as
Wright of Town in presence of His Worship the Mayor

18th At a Special Meeting held this
day present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman
Pugsley, Stairs, Murray, Young, Cochran,
Messrs. Harvey, Pollock, Conway, King and
Langard,

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

There not being a quorum to do
business, Council stands adjourned until tomorrow
at two o'clock,

19th At an adjourned Meeting of City
Council held this day present His Worship the
Mayor, Alderman Pugsley, W. Heath, Pollock
Messrs. Young, Conway, Cochran,

There not being a sufficient number
of Gentlemen present to form a quorum
Council rises,

Wm. Pugsley Mayor

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March 3^d

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Pugsley, Stairs, Murray, McCreath, Young, Evans, Phipps, Pollock, Conway.

The City Council were summoned to appoint a Presiding Officer for Wards 3 & 4 to hold elections for Ward assessors the payment of accounts matters standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business.

There not being a quorum to do business of Council stands adjourned until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Wm. Phipps Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present Alderman Stairs, Murray, Young, Harvey & Conway.

There not being a quorum to business Council rises.

Wm. Phipps Mayor

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March 7th

At a Special Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor: Alderman Pugstey, Anderson, Stairs, Murray, Mr. Ibrath, Gowan, Roberts, Robt. Wills, Harvey, Pollock, Conway, King Longant,

The City Council were summoned to take up the Business for which the Council were last summoned and the transaction of other business

Read over proceedings of 1854 February and 3rd March,

Alderman Conway in absence of Chairman submits a report of the Committee of Tenders relative to building of an Engine House - received on Motion same is read

Report Committee of Tenders relative to a New Engine House

Extract from Committee of Tenders 3 March 1856

Ordered Six tenders for building Engine House in Uigyle Street.

1. Mr Benj. Elliott	£ 124. 0. 0
2. Richd. J. Brown	120. 0. 0
3. James W. Graham	80. 0. 0
4. Nelson & Harvie	69. 0. 0
5. Matthew Gowers	54. 0. 0
6. William H. Harvie	97. 0. 0

Resolved that the tender of Nelson & Harvie being the lowest be accepted

A true Extract

Signed Peter Ross
Chairman

when following resolution is introduced.

Resolved

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Resol. - rel. to -
Nelson Marvin's
Tender for
Engine House

Resolved that the Tender of
Nelson Marvin for the erection of an Engine House
be not received and that the Committee of City
Property do advertise for the erection of an Engine
House in Argyle Street. Moved by Alderman
Evans seconded by Alderman Longard, to which
following amendment is introduced

Amend^t to above
Resolution

Resolved that the tender of Nelson
Marvin be now received and adopted by his company
(ing) with the usual conditions. Moved by Alderman
Conway seconded by Alderman King, which
amendment being put there appeared for the same
9 against it 3 amendment carried.

On Motion Thomas Adams and
Arthur Murphy are approved as Sureties of Nelson
Marvin for erection of an Engine House in Argyle
Street.

Report Committee
of Public Accounts

Alderman Stairs Chairman of
Public Accounts submits report of 23rd Feb^r and
and 3rd March received.

Alderman Pugh Chairman
reads minutes of proceedings of Committee of City
Property of 5th and 25th Sept^r.

Recommendation
of N. J. Boone, Jr
Captain of Ace
Company.

His Worship the Mayor submits
recommendation of Fire Ward recommending Mr
N. J. Boone Captain of Ace Company for the
office of Fire Ward, on a Motion recommendation
is complied with.

Letter from Secy
of Dalhousie College
rel to Platform

His Worship the Mayor submits
a Letter from Secretary of Dalhousie College of 5th
March relative to Platform leading up from Grand
Parade.

Letter from John
Booness rel to
publishing the acts
before the Legisla
ture

Read Letter from John Booness Esq^r
rel to the publishing of the several acts
now before the Legislature

Alderman Anderson appointed
Presiding Officer for holding Election in Ward One for
Apr^l 11

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Alderman Morrissey appointed Presiding Officer for holding Elections in Ward Three for J. W. Waplesons.

The following resolution No. 2 is next introduced.

When reading the communication from John Esson Esquire relative to the publication of the acts now before the Legislature sent up by the City Council for their consideration.

Resol. rel. to communication from John Esson

Resolved that the same be published once in the three City Papers having the Contract, to which the following amendment is introduced. Moved by Alderman Conway seconded by Alderman King

Resolved that they be not published moved by Alderman Ross, seconded by Alderman Stairs which on being put is lost A voting for and 8 against it

The following amendment No. 2 is next introduced

Resol. rel. to Bills being sent to the Legislature for sanction

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that all Bills which are intended to levy a Tax on the Citizens of Halifax should be published in the newspaper for the information of such Citizens before being sent to the Legislature to become Law. And further resolved that the Bills now before the Legislature relative to the amendment an alteration of the Statute Labour law be published in the newspapers which advertise for the period of twenty days for the information of the Citizens. Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Longard which on being put is lost 2 voting for it and 10 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For Amendment
Alderman Longard
Evans

Against Amendment
Alderman Pugsby
Stairs
Wills
Harvey
King
Conway
Young
Murray
Pollock
Ross

Amendment

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Amendment No 3 introduced by
Alderman Murray seconded by Alderman Longard
on Motion Alderman Murray has leave to withdraw
the same by consent of Council when following
amendment is introduced

Resolved that the Bills now
before the Legislature relative to the alterations in
amending the Statute labour law be published in
the City Newspapers for the period of ten days.

Read. rel. to Bills
being published in
City Newspapers

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman
Longard (which on being put there appeared for the
same & against it & and there being an equality of
votes His Worship the Mayor gives the casting
vote when he votes for the resolution the same is
therefore carried.

Alderman Evans gives notice of
reconsideration the names upon the original is next
called for when they appeared thus

For Resolution	Against Resolution
Alderman Pugsley	Alderman Young
Conway	Evans
Wills	Stairs
Pillock	Murray
Harvey	Longard
King	Ross

His Worship the Mayor submits
Letter from Mr Henry G Hill the Architect relative to
City Prison foundation the same is read

Letter from H. G.
Hill rel. to City
Prison

The City Council next proceed to
take up Alderman Pillock's resolution relative to sale
of South end of Common dated 28 October 1855

Resolved to Sale of
South end of Common

Whereas it would be for the best
interest of the Citizens on account of the high rate
of Taxes and the increasing demands on the finances
of the City, for this Council to lessen the City
debt, which now bears heavily on the Citizens,
with a view the better to provide for future exigencies
and public improvements in the City,

Be it therefore resolved that this
Council apply to Provincial Parliament of Nova Scotia
to pass a law authorising this Council to sell at Public
Auction all that Southern portion of the Common
lying in the rear of lots fronting on the Spring
& Garden Road. The amount produced by such
sale

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March 7th sale to be applied towards the liquidation of the debts due by the City, And that His Honor the Recorder, frame a Bill accordingly to be submitted to the Provincial Assembly at their first Meeting Moved by Alderman Pollock seconded by Alderman Pugsley;

Moved by Alderman King seconded by Alderman Young that this debate be adjourned until Monday next at Two o'clock which motion being put there appeared for the same for against it b. Motion carried and the names being called for appeared thus

<p>For the Motion Alderman Conway Stairs Harvey King Young Morrison Pollock</p>	<p>Against the Motion Alderman Pugsley Evans McNeath Longard Hills Rofs b</p>
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March 10th

At an adjourned Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Burgess, Anderson, Stairs, Murray, McAluath, Young,
Evans, Wils, Wills, Pollock, Conway, Sutherland King, Longard,

Read over the proceedings of 7 March

Memo. of Michael Delaney re his Taxes

Alderman Evans presents Memorial of Michael Delaney relative to his assessment on Action same is read and referred to the Committee on Taxes

Council next take up Alderman Evans notice of reconsideration given at last Meeting when resolution N^o 1 is introduced

Resol. re to Bills

Resolved that the Resolution passed at last Meeting relative to publishing Bills now before the Legislature be now reconsidered; Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Longard which on being put is lost 11 Voting for it 9 against it and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Resolution

Alderman Anderson

Longard

Evans

Wils 4

Against Resolution

Alderman Burgess, Wills

King, Conway

Stairs, Pollock

Sutherland Young

9 Murray

Read Alderman Pollock's resolution relative to Sale of South end of Common as entered at last meeting to which following amendment is introduced,

Resol. re to Sale of South end Common

Whereas The Public necessities are not sufficient to call for the Sale of the open Ground known as the South Common. And whereas in the opinion of this Council the possession of this ground is of importance to the future welfare of the City;

It is resolved that the South Common be reserved for the use of the City as open Ground, with a view to their being ornamented and improved when such may be desirable and in accordance with the requirements of a growing City. Moved by Alderman Stairs seconded by Alderman Murray;

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Call of Council is here made,

On Motion the report of the
 Committee of Public Accounts are taken up when the
 following are read

Committee Aroun February 22. 1856

Report Committee
 of Public Accounts

The Committee of Public accounts
 met this day present The Chairman Alderman Conway,
 Longard, & Cochran

The following accounts were
 presented for examination.

City of Halifax Bank of Nova Scotia due
 31st December 1855 £750.0.0

For interest on Capital £1.5.0

£751.5.0

William G. Anderson	1 st 3.9
William Gosset	" 12.6
John Lithgow	" 1.3.9
Murray & Co.	" 7.0
Andrew M. Gregory	2.5.0
Halifax Water Company	5.19.10
Tompson & Lesson	4.7.6
Benj. Smithers	2.5.0
J. B. Elliot & Co.	2.2.14
Edward. Albr & Co.	2.0.0
Geo. Hume Gilpin	1.3.4
Longlish & Blackadar	1.6.13
Richard Sugent	2.15.9 1/2
Gazette Office	1.15.0
Wm. Stairs Son & Moncur	1.19.9
Wm. & S. Pickford	" 12.0
Allen & Horton	" 13.9
William Grant	34.4.8

City Market - Bank of Nova Scotia

6 months interest on Capital } 135.0.0

Roads. Patrick Walsh	£ 10.6
Albr & Co.	1.0.0
William Grant	5.12.9
William Murray & Co.	7.6.4
Joseph Jennings	2.16.8 1/2
Thomas Adams	11.15.1 1/2
The Caldwellells	30.19.10
	60.1.3

City Market Halifax Water Co 1.3.2

£ 1036^{rs} 6^d 5^{1/2}

amounting

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March 10th amounting in all to One thousand and thirty six pounds six shillings and 3^d which were found correct it is recommended that the sum be paid William Pykes account for Beef furnished for the use of Bidwell and Thomas Adams account for Sugar for the same being inaccurate amount passed

Signed W. J. Stairs
Chairman

when on Motion of Alderman King seconded by Alderman Murray said report is received adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to draw Checks for said amounts.

Read following report of Committee of Public Accounts of 28 February amounting to £1148.10.0

Committee sworn Febry, 28th 1856

Report of Comm-
ittee of Public
Accounts

The Committee of Public Accounts met this day present The Chairman, Alderman Rips Longard, and Conway

The following accounts were presented for examination

Roads	Richard Nugent	1.14.6
City of Halifax	Halifax Gas Company	10.0.0
	Ditto Ditto	180.0.0
	De Chezeau & Crow	6.2.0
	Halifax Water Company	542.0.0 108.2.0
Bidwell	J. W. Hennerty	0.15.0
	W ^m Russell	29.17.0
	Thomas Adams	3.8.3
	John H. McRob & Co	12.4.0
	De Chezeau & Crow	3.4.2
	Halifax Water Company	0.17.6
	Thos. Biggs & Co	3.8.7
	Charles Baumstead	1.13.4
	John Wall	1.17.4
	James Adams & Co	2.13.7 1/2
	Black & Brothers	7.10.0
	William Mc Donald	6.2.7
	James Hume	50.0.0
	Halifax Water Co	2.10.0
	William Mc Donald	2.11.11 1/2 108.13.6
		<u>£1148.10.0</u>

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amounting in all to eleven hundred and forty eight pounds ten shillings which on examination were found correct and it is recommended that they be paid.

The charge made by the Halifax Water Company for extra wages to men employed at Pines from 1854 to Nov^r 1855 is referred to the consideration of the City Council amount £4.10.0

Your Committee would remark that many of the amounts of Sundries furnished for the use of the Bridewell were placed before your Committee vouchered by the keeper of the institution. They would recommend that the Alderman of the Month who has oversight of Bridewell should approve of these accounts before they are handed to the Committee of Public Accounts. Alderman Ross recording his dissent to the passing of the foregoing Bridewell accounts, that were not vouchered by the Alderman in charge.

Signed W^m J. Stairs
Chairman

when on Motion said report is received adopted and His Worship the Mayor authorized to draw checks for the same.

The following resolution No 2 is next introduced

Resolved that the amount of nine pounds ten shillings charged by the Water Company be referred to his Honor the Recorder to report upon the same after examining the contract and agreement with the Company for the supply of water to the City. Moved by Alderman Bugsbey seconded by Alderman Evans which on being put is passed

Resolution re to payment of Water account

The Hour having expired since the call of Council was made and Alderman Armissy and Harvey having come in.

Alderman Pollocks resolution and Alderman Stairs amendment are read.

His Worship

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His Worship the Mayor puts the amendment when three appeared for the same & against it 11 and the names being called for they appeared thus

For Amendment
Alderman Conway
Hannay
Murray
Stairs
Sutherland 5

Against Amendment
Alderman Anderson - Morrissey
Pugstey - King
M^r. Heath - Longard
Wills - Evans
Young - Kops
Pollock 11

when following amendment to Alderman Pollock's resolution is introduced

Resolution re. to
Sale of Common

Resolved that the lots on the South Common be disposed of in accordance with the plan submitted by B. Fuller Esq. as Chairman of the Committee of Common and that five thousand pounds of the proceeds thereof shall be applied to build a City Prison, and the remainder to be appropriated as the majority of the Council shall decide
Moved by Alderman King seconded by Alderman Pugstey

Motion of
adjournment

Alderman Sutherland moves that the Council adjourn until Wednesday next at Two o'clock which on being seconded by Alderman Evans the question is put when three appeared for the adjournment & against it 8 and the Mayor being called upon gives his casting vote in favour of adjournment

Council adjourned until Wednesday at Two o'clock.

Wm. Pitt Rivers Mayor

1856
March 12th

At an adjourned Meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, Stairs, Young, Murray, Kops, Wills, Pollock, King and Longard,

There not being a quorum to do business Council rise

Wm. J. May

March 20th

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, Stairs, Murray, W. Heath, Young, Wills, Harvey, Sutcliffe and

The Council were summoned to take into consideration payment of accounts to take up matters standing over from last meeting and the transaction of other business

There not being a quorum to do business Council rise

Wm. J. May

1856
March 24th

(At a Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Anderson, Stairs, Young, Morrissey, Evans, Wills, Conway, Sutherland and King's Sergeant.

There not being a quorum to do business Council stands adjourned until tomorrow at Two o'clock

Wm. J. M. [Signature]

March 25th

(At an adjourned meeting of City Council held this day present His Worship the Mayor Alderman Pugsley, Anderson, Stairs, Murray, M. S. Heath, Young, Morrissey, Evans, Wills, Hawley, Pollock, Conway, Sutherland and King

Read over proceedings of 10. 12. 20th 24th March Instant are read

Memorandum of James Heam etc Pension

Alderman Morrissey submits Memorial of James Heam one of the Constables of the City when on Motion the same is received

A Motion is made that the same be received and read

Amendment is moved that that Council proceed with the business of the day

Which amendment being put there appeared for the same against it His Worship the Mayor being called upon gives his casting vote in proceeding with the order of the day

Alderman [Signature]

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Memo. of D.
A. Sibbett rel.
to her Assessment

Alderman, Mc. Heath submits
Memorial of Dorothy Ann. Sibbett relative to her
assessment which on Motion the same is received
and read when on Motion the same is referred to the
Committee on Taxes, passed,

Memo. of Elizth
Clay rel. to
her Taxes

Alderman Sutherland submits
Memorial of Elizabeth Clay relative to her Taxes. on
Motion it is received and read and on Motion the
same is referred to the Committee on Taxes

Letter from
Mayor of Portland

His Worship the Mayor submits
and reads a letter from Mayor of Portland, March 6th 1856

Resolution rel.
to Common

Read Alderman Pitlocks resolution
as entered 7th March

Read Alderman Pugsley
amendment as entered 10th March
which amendment
being put there appeared for the same 5 against it 9
the amendment is therefore lost - and the names being
called for they appeared thus

For Amendment	Against Amendment
Alderman Pugsley	Alderman Anderson, Stairs
Morrissey	Wills Evans
King	Corway, Murray
Mc. Heath	Sutherland
Harvey 5	9 Pitlock, Young

The original resolution (Alderman
Pitlocks) as entered 7th March is now before the Council

Alderman Reps comes in
which resolution being
put there appeared for the same 10 against it
3 resolution is therefore carried and the names being
called for they appeared thus

For Resolution	Against Resolution
Alderman Anderson, Morrissey	Corway
Pugsley, King	Harvey
Pitlock, Evans	Stairs
Young, Reps	Murray
Wills, Mc. Heath 10	Sutherland 5

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Alderman Sutherland gives notice
of reconsideration

The following resolution No. 1 is
introduced

Resolution rel-
to His Honor the
Recorder opinion
of Sale of Common

Resolved that the Bill prepared
by His Honor the Recorder and presented to the Members
of the City of Halifax to present to the Legislature
for the sale of the Common be now taken up and
discussed Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded
by Alderman McCreath what resolution being
put is carried 8 voting for it and 5 against it.

On Motion the Bill submitted to
the City Council relative to the Sale of the South
end of Common and read and passed on 7th Feb 1855
last is next taken up. on Motion

Bill for Sale
of Common

Read 1st Clause

Moved by Alderman McCreath
seconded by Alderman Evans that said Clause
do pass which Motion on being put is passed.

Read 2 Clause

Moved by Alderman Evans seconded
by Alderman Monsey that said Clause do pass
which on Motion (being put) is passed

Read 3 Clause

Moved by Alderman Pugsley
seconded by Alderman Evans that said Clause
do pass to which following amendment is
introduced

Resol- rel to Sale
being leasehold

Resolved that the Sale of the Lots
be leasehold - the same as the Lots previously disposed
of - Moved by Alderman Pitt seconded by
Alderman Sutherland which amendment being
put there appeared for the same 5 against it
amendment lost.

Clause No 3 is next put and passed

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Resol. rel to
appropriation of
funds from
Common

Resol. that His
Honor the Recorder
prepare a Bill
rel to Sale of
South Common

Motion of
adjournment

The following resolution is next

introduced

Resolved that the Proceeds from Sales of such lots shall be applied after the following manner viz The sum of Five thousand pounds to be appropriated towards paying off the money borrowed from Sir James Kempthorpe expended on the Streets of the City of Halifax amounting to £9000.0 the Sum of Five Hundred pounds towards paying off the debt now due on the Common. the Residue whatever the same may be to pay off other now existing debts of the City At the discretion of the Council Moved by Alderman Evans seconded by Alderman Pugsley which on being put is passed

The following resolution 3rd is next introduced

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to prepare a Bill in accordance with Clause one Two Three and four of a Bill discussed this day for the Sale of the South Common Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Evans which on being put is passed.

A Motion is made that Council do adjourn until to morrow at Two o'clock which motion being put there appeared for the same 5 against it & Motion lost

The following resolution 3rd is next introduced

Resolved that His Honor the Recorder be requested to draft a Bill immediately in conformity with the resolutions passed this day for the Sale of the South Common Moved by Alderman Pugsley seconded by Alderman Evans which on being put is passed

Read

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Read Clause 1st as passed last year
Read Clause 3rd as passed last year
Read Clause 3 as passed last year
Read Clause 4 as introduced this day

The following resolution is now introduced

Resolved that the Bill now before the Council do pass Moved by Alderman Young seconded by Alderman A. Heath which on being put is passed ye being for it and Nay against it and the names being called they appeared

For Resolution		Against Resolution	
Alderman Anderson	Young	Alderman Conway	
Dugley	Murray	Harvey	
A. Heath	Evans	Stans	
Wills	Rob	Harvey	
Pitlock	"		

The following resolution is now introduced

Resolved that His Worship the Mayor be requested to transmit the Bills now passed when engrossed to the Honorable the Legislative Council Moved by Alderman Dugley seconded by Alderman Evans which on being put is passed

Council adjourn until to morrow at 3 o'clock

John J. Mayor

Resol. re. to Bill for Sale of Common passed.

Resol. that the Bills be sent to the Legislature for Sanction