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Resolution Relative  
to the Fields on Common

Another is made that the said Report  
be received and adopted, to which the following amendment is  
introduced,

Resolved the fields enclosed on the  
Common be not let for Pasture and that a Keeper of the Common  
be returned in order that the trees be preserved from injury and  
that the triangular field be not let for any purpose moved  
by Alderman Jennings. Seconded by Alderman Evers, which  
on being put is passed by voting for the same and 7 against  
it and the names being called for they appeared thus.

For the amendment.  
Alderman Roome  
McCulloch  
Compton  
Mill  
Richer  
Jennings  
Kaye  
Evers  
Ackhurst 9.

Against,  
Alderman Nash  
Barnstead  
Merriman  
John Duggan  
Walsh  
J. Duggan  
Conroy 7

Reconsideration.  
Alderman Nash gives notice of  
Alderman Hill hands in Report  
of special Committee on Chimney Sweeps.

Read Report of Special Committee  
appointed to investigate the Charge against William  
Robb measurer of Grain.

Report of Special Committee  
Relative to Charges brought  
against Mr Robb. measurer  
of Grain

The Committee relative to Charges  
brought against Mr Robb. are of opinion that (said Charges)  
were not satisfactorily substantiated before them at a  
meeting held the 17th April 1861.

And therefore beg to recommend to  
the City Council, that he should have another Trial  
given him, with the distinct understanding, that the first  
time, it is proved that he has been taking intoxicating  
Liquors, or any other Complaint from the Superintendent,  
as to incapacity or otherwise, then to be dismissed.

(Signed) Joseph R. Kaye  
Thomas Walsh  
Richard J. Roome

Read Communication from Mr  
William Robb.  
on motion said report is adopted.

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The City Council next proceed to the election of a Weigher and measurer of Salt and grain.

Mr Hall - Elected  
Weigher & measurer of  
Salt & Grain

Read over the various applications the votes are then taken, when there appeared for David Hall 9 votes, and for Richard Anderson 7 votes.  
Mr Hall is therefore duly elected a weigher and measurer of salt and grain.

Report of Special Committee  
to investigate fire in Heslin & Golding's

Read report of Special Committee appointed to investigate the origin of the fire in Mr Heslin and Golding's building.

On motion the same is ordered to be filed with the Prothonotary a greably to Law.  
The said report is ordered to be Publishing for the City, for the information of citizens.

Petition of John Lindsay  
& others for a sewer

The order of the day is suspended to allow alderman Conway to have two Petitions Read,

Read Petition of John Lindsay and others for a sewer.

Read Petition of James Scott, and others for a sewer.

On motion the same is referred to the Street Committee to report upon.

Resolution relative to the  
Purchase of the Property  
and Rights of the Halifax  
Water Company

The following resolution (No. 2) is next introduced.

Whereas an act has recently passed the Legislative of the Province empowering the City to purchase the Property and Rights of the Halifax Water Company.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the terms on which such purchase can be effected, with power to enter into such preliminaries and provisional agreement with the Directors of the Company, as to them may seem desirable and that the Committee report thereupon to this Council, moved by Alderman Richey, seconded by Alderman Nash, which on being put is passed. Committee Alderman Richey, Walsh, Leahy, Tremnaman, McCulloch and Compton.

Read report of Special Committee appointed to make regulations relative to sweeping chimneys on motion said report is adopted. (See next page)

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hereby proposed by the committee appointed for that purpose,  
continued to carry out the ordinance concerning the sweeping of Chimneys  
The Persons licensed under this ordinance  
shall be entitled to Charge and receive the following Prices viz

Report of Special Committee.  
Relative to sweeping Chimneys

- For a flue one Story high \$ . 9
- " " " Two Stories high " 1. 0
- " " " Three Stories high " 1. 6
- " " " Four Stories high " 2. 0
- " " " every additional <sup>story</sup> " " "
- Story - " " "
- and no more - " " 3

Where practicable the Chimney shall be swept from the top. When it may be necessary to sweep the flue from below, proper precautions shall be taken to prevent injuring to the premises from soot.

It is understood that the regulations now in force with regard to Chimneys shall continue in force except so far as they are altered by the ordinance passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April instant, or by this report. Attest April 20th, 1861.

Sign<sup>d</sup> J. C. Hill  
Alderman,

Res. Rel. to Publishing  
Regulations sweeping Chimneys

The following resolution (No. 3) is  
next introduced,  
Resolved that the ordinance and regulations now adopted be published, and that applications for Licenses be requested, moved by Alderman Hill seconded by Alderman McCulloch, which on being put is passed.

On motion the Council rise.

April 27th  
David Hall sworn into  
office as Salt & Grain Measurer -

David Hall sworn into office, as weigher and measurer of Salt and grain in presence of His Worship the Mayor.

April 29th,

At a special meeting of the City Council held this day, Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Hill, Barnstead, Nash, McCulloch, Walsh, Ackhurst, James Duggan, Thermanan, Coleman, Conway, Roome, Leahy and Kaye.

The City Council were summoned to consider the report on reorganization of Fire Department, and the transaction of other business.

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Read over proceedings of 22nd April  
His Worship the Mayor hands into the Council Certain  
resolutions passed at a Public Meeting held at Temperance  
Hall on the 23rd instant relative to raising the Citizens £100,000  
for Railway Purposes.

Mem<sup>o</sup>. from Geo Heard by  
rel. to alterations in house

Memorial of Mr George Handley  
relative to alteration of his house, also report of City Architect  
in reference thereto.

Also Specification. Tender for  
preparing place for Steam Fire Engine under City Court House,

Mem<sup>o</sup>. from Charles Twining Esq.  
rel. to lamp post

Alderman Hill, presents a Memorial  
from Charles Twining Esq. and others, relative to a Lamp Post.

The following resolution no. 1 is introduced.

Resolution relative to Messrs  
Black's building Water Street

Resolved that the question of Messrs  
Black's building in Water Street be referred to the Recorder for  
his opinion, to be reported to this Council with all reasonable  
dispatch. moved by Alderman James Duggan seconded by Alder-  
man Kaye, which on being put is passed.

Mem<sup>o</sup>. of the City of Halifax  
To His Excellency, relative  
to a bill before the Legislature  
for raising the Citizens for £100,000

Read memorial of the City to His Ex-  
cellency, relative to bill before the Legislature for taking the Citizens  
for £100,000, for Railway purposes, as recorded Liber G. folio 276.

Answer from His Excellency

Read Answer from his Excellency in  
reference to above, as recorded. Liber G. folio 277.

Mem<sup>o</sup> and Answer of His  
Excellency, are ordered to be  
published for information of Citizens

On motion said memorial and Answer  
thereto are ordered to be published for the information of  
Citizens.

The following resolution no. 2,  
is next introduced.

Resol. rel. to open account  
with the Bank to credit of  
£4,000 for Street Committee

Resolved that the City Treasurer  
be authorized to open an account for the Streets  
Committee with the bank, to the extent of Four Thousand  
dollars to be repaid out of the general assessment for the  
present year. moved by Alderman James Duggan seconded  
by Alderman Kaye, which on being put is passed.

Alderman James Duggan  
hands in a Resolution relative  
to appointment of Clerk of  
Committee of Streets

Alderman James Duggan, hands  
in a resolution by way of notice, relative to appointment of  
Clerk for Committee of Streets.

order of the day suspended to  
allow the report of Committee on reception of the Victoria Steam  
Fire Engine and Mr. Moirs. report in reference thereto to be read  
On motion said report is adopted.

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Report of Committee. rel.  
to testing Steam fire engine  
- Victoria -

The Committee to whom were referred the testing of the steam fire engine "Victoria" prior to its being accepted by the City, beg leave to report.

That they employed Mr. Moir, late Railway Superintendent, to give the Engine a trial, and on the afternoon of the 11th Instant, it was taken to Creightons Wharf from the end of which, notwithstanding the hoses were run out to disadvantage, a stream of water of great volume was thrown completely over the Temperance Hall, from the upper side, two streams were thrown over buildings in Grafton Street, and three over three story house on Water Street, not only did the Engine work to the satisfaction of the Committee, but to every person who witnessed its performances in the day above named.

The Committee have to advise Mr Moir's report and from the satisfactory testimony he gives of the Engine, recommend that it be taken off the hands of the maker, and placed in charge of such parties as the City Council may appoint for that purpose.

(Signed) William Compton  
William Evers.  
Joseph Kaye.

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

Gentlemen

Report of A. Moir, Engineer  
Relative to trial Committee  
New Steam fire Engine

Having been requested by His Worship the Mayor and a Committee of Aldermen to make a working trial, examine, and report on the new steam fire Engine, I beg to state that in compliance with request, I have done so, on the 11th Instant, we had a working trial when I found the Engine to work very satisfactory. I have seen it working on other & separate occasions, also Examined the machine and am of opinion that it will suite well its intended purpose if properly taken care of

Gentlemen,  
I am,  
Your obt. Servt.  
A. Moir.

(Signed)

The following resolution (No 3) is now introduced.

Resolved that City Treasurer be authorized to pay on account of the ~~intended~~ internal health Committee the amount of one thousand dollars to be paid out of the general assessment of the City for the present year, which on being put is passed.

Resolution authorizing  
City Treasurer to pay on a/c  
of internal health Committee  
1,000. to be paid out of general  
assessment - - -

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The City Council next proceed to take up report on reorganizing the Fire Department.

act relative to Fire-  
Department

Read first clause of report and Res-  
olution past on 8th April in amendment thereto passed.

- Read 2 clause passed
- Read 3 clause passed
- Read 4 clause passed
- Read 5 clause expunged
- Read 6 clause passed
- Read 7 clause passed
- Read 8 clause passed
- Read 9 clause passed

The report is therefore adopted as amended.

Comm. from Secretary of Union  
Engine Company

Read communication from Secretary of Union Engine Company, relative to change of officers &c.

On motion the same is adopted.

Petition from R Oakes

Alderman James Duggan, submits a resolution by way of notice relative to Union Engine Company.

Read Petition from Mr. R. Oakes

On motion Mr R Oakes has leave to withdraw his Petition.

Extract from minutes of  
Board of Health

Read Extract from minutes of Board of Health when following resolution No. 4, is introduced.

Resolution Relative to  
introduction of Gas into  
City Hospital

Resolved that the Gas be introduced into the City Hospital forthwith, moved by Alderman Nash, seconded by Alderman Kaye, which on being put is past.

The following Resolution (No. 5) is next introduced.

Resolution relative to  
City assessment on Real  
& Personal Property.

Resolved that the City Assessor be required to commence forthwith the valuation of the Real and Personal property in the City, liable to assessment, for the present year, moved by Alderman James Duggan - seconded by Alderman Hill.

Motion - led to House for  
Steam fire Engine with tender  
&c referred to Committee

On motion, the Specification &c for House for Steam fire Engine with Tender &c be referred to the Committee of City property to Report on.

The following resolution (No 6) is next introduced.

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Resol. rel. to taking a  
Correct. lines. of the City

take such steps as will enable them to have a correct Census taken  
of this City providing the expense does not exceed sixty pounds  
Moved by alderman Nash. Seconded by alderman Kaye. which  
being put is passed.

On motion the matter is referred  
to a committee of three. Committee alderman Nash. James Duggan  
and Kaye. with His Worship the Mayor.

On motion the Council rise.

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At a Special meeting of the City Council held this day Present His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Mill, John Duggan, Barnstead, Nash, W. Culloch, Aethurst, James Duggan, Treshmanian, Coleman, Conway, Leahy, Richey, Jennings and Hoyle

The City Council were summoned to take up minutes of public meeting relative to railway assessment and the transaction of other business.

Alderman Richey, Chairman, submits report of Committee of City Prison, with accounts.

On motion the same is received.

His Worship the Mayor, Submits Communication from Secretary of Free ward's with accompanying Estimate for the ensuing year.

Also opinion of His Honor the Recorder relative to line of Wm Blacks Property.

On motion the same is received

Also draft of by law relative to

Rag and Junk Shops.

Read report of Committee of City Prison submitted this day. (See file)

On motion the <sup>same</sup> was adopted, and

His Worship the Mayor, directed, to draw checks for the amounts therein contained

Read Proceedings of meeting held at Temperance Hall, on the 23rd April in reference to the Bill before the Legislature, to ~~pay~~ tax the citizens for £100,000 for Railway Purposes.

at a Public meeting of the Citizens of Halifax held at Temperance Hall pursuant to Public Notice given on the 23rd April 1861. His Worship, the Mayor in the Chair

The report of the Committee appointed at a meeting of the Citizens on 30th April 1861 having been read to the meeting, was approved of and adopted. Whereupon Mr. Cunard Esqr. moved, James Thomson Seconded.

The first resolution No 1, which passed unanimously.

Resolved that the report of the Joint Committee just read be received, and that this meeting approve of the steps taken by such Committee up to this time

A. M. Uniacke, having made a statement of the present state of the bill for the Taxation of the City, moved A. McNilay Esqr. Custos of the County seconded Resolution

Report of Committee of City Prison

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The second resolution No 2

Proceedings of meeting  
at Temperance Hall. Rel.  
to taxing the citizens with  
\$100,000 for Railway purposes

Resolved that it is the opinion of this meeting that His Worship the Mayor and City Council be authorized and empowered to accept such measures and incur such expense as may in their judgment be deemed advisable and necessary to bring the whole question in relation to the bill for assessing the City of Halifax for Railway liabilities under Consideration of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that Her Majesty's assent thereto may be withheld, and that the opinion of the Imperial Crown officer, as well, as that of the judicial Committee of England may be obtained as to the right of the Colonial Legislature to pass such an act, and to take all and such other steps as may be considered right and proper to prevent the said act from becoming a law of this Province

Which Passed unanimously, the Recorder of the City and several other gentlemen having addressed the meeting, it next adjourned

Sign'd James B O'Leary  
Secretary

Read report of joint Committee of Citizens, and this Council in reference thereto.

Report of joint committee  
of City Council, relative to  
Petition: Legislative against  
the passage of the act to enforce  
payment \$100,000 for Railway  
purposes.

The joint Committee of the City Council and Citizens appointed at the Public meeting held on the 30th day of March, to petition the Legislature against the passage of the act to enforce the payment of 100,000, and arrears of interest under Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes, beg to report as follows.

The Committee lost no time in preparing memorials to the house of Assembly and Legislature Council, copies of which are hereto Annexed. Setting forth the injustice of the proposed measure towards the City, which was placed in the Public reading room and sent round by competent persons to the citizens for signature, and which were signed by about 1500 of the principal ratepayers of the City

The Committee asked permission to be heard by Council at the bar of the House of Assembly and of the Legislature Council, permission was refused by the house but granted by the Council, where the rights of the Citizens were ably advocated by the Recorder of the City and by W. M. Wendeke Esqr.

a memorial to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was also presented by his worship the Mayor, and on behalf of the City Council, a copy of which is hereto annexed, requesting His Excellency not to assent to the proposed act

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without a clause suspending its operation until Her Majesty's pleasure should be known. in order to afford the citizens an opportunity of bringing under the notice of the Imperial Government, the injustice which the passing of such an act would entail upon them

The act transmitted by the attorney General, and read at the Court of Quarter Sessions was with one or two alterations, introduced into the Legislature, and notwithstanding, the memorials above mentioned, has passed, with however the addition of a suspending clause.

Your Committee are informed that the act has not been transmitted to the Colonial Office at present and will not probably be sent immediately, time is therefore afforded to the citizens, to take such further steps as they may deem necessary to prevent the final passage of the act.

Your Committee having thus discharged the duty imposed on them, by the citizens at the previous meeting, now leave the matter in the hands of those most interested, the citizens of Halifax.

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(Signed) Samuel Caldwell (Mayor, in behalf of  
City Council.  
Andrew McKinlay A. M. Uniacke.  
Peter Lynch John Duffus  
Thomas Kenney James Cochran  
John A. Bell

The following resolution No 1,  
is next introduced,

Resolved that the report just read be referred to committee of laws and privileges, to report to this Council at as early a day as possible such resolutions thereupon as they may deem expedient, moved by alderman Jennings, seconded by alderman Ackhurst (which being put is passed).

Read opinion of His Honor the recorder relative to line of street at Mrs Black's building in Water Street when following amendment is introduced (No 2.)

Report of Joint Committee of City Council & Citizens relative to Petition - Legislation, against the passage of the act to enforce payment of £100,000 for Railway purposes

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Resol. rel. to the opinion of His honor the recorder. to Messrs Blacks building Wat. St.

Resolved the Commendation. contained in the opinion of His Honor the recorder. relative to Messrs Black's building in Water Street. be adopted. and that His Honor be requested to make the application pointed out in the 12th Section of Chapter 64 of the Revised Statutes. without delay and to report to the Council. the result of such proceedings. moved by Alderman Jennings seconded by Alderman John Duggan. which on being put is passed.

On motion the application for Engines, an Fire man for new Steam Fire Engine do lie on the table for the present. and further publicity be given for further applicants

The City Council next proceed to appoint a Superintendant of Streets.

Read applications of James Pollock and Robert Auston.

James Pollock is elected Superintendant of Streets for ensuing year.

On motion James Pollock is unammously elected Superintendant of Streets. for the ensuing year.

On motion the resolution relative to appointment, a block of Streets. stands over for the present.

Read application of George Handley. Relative to altering his House.

Application of Geo Handley relative to alteration on house Barrington Street

Malabar April 27th 1861.  
Sir,  
Having it in contemplation to make alterations on the House in Barrington Street occupied by me. wish to obtain permission from the City authorities to raise the building and reduce the ridge as much as the House is raised from its present foundations. and make a flat roof.  
I am Sir,  
Your most obt. Servt.  
Geo Handley.

To His Worship. The Mayor.

Signed

Report of City Architect Relative to Geo Handley's building

on Same Subject. Read report of City architect

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City Architects office  
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To His Worship, The Mayor.

Sir,

The letter of Mr Handley's referred to me by your worship. (of this date) I have considered and from Mr Handley's own Explanations. beg leave to report that the alterations suggested by Mr Handley will be contrary to the 8th section of the act passed this Session of Legislature and therefore I think cannot be allowed.

Signd

Your obedient servant  
D. G. Marshall.

On motion Mr Handley is ordered to be informed on the subject that it is Contrary to Law.

Communication from Charles Twining Esqr. relative to lamp post.

Read communication from Charles Twining Esqr. relative to lamp post.

A motion is made that the prayer of Petitioner be complied with, to which the following amendment is introduced.

Resolution relative to Examination of lamp posts in various wards of city.

Resolved that a Committee of Six be appointed to examine the lamps in the various wards of the city and report to this Council when (deficiencies) deficiencies exist, and additional lamps are requested, required. Moved by Alderman McCulloch. Seconded by Alderman Coleman which on being put is passed. Committee Alderman Hill, McCulloch, Wickhuist, Coleman, Leary, and Jennings.

The following resolution (No 3) is next introduced.

Resolution relative to fire Brigade of the City.

Resolved that in future no person be acknowledged by this Council as a member of the Fire Brigade of the City, or entitled to receive the privilege allowed by law to Firemen, unless they shall be elected by this Council in accordance with the law, and that the Captain of the Union Engine Company shall report to this Council through His Worship, the Mayor. Any vacancies that may from time to time occur in the ranks of said Company in order that the Law may be filled up by the Council. Moved by Alderman James Duggan. Seconded by Alderman Walsh, to which the following amendment is introduced.

Whereas the Union Engine Company has rendered good service to the Citizens at large, at times of danger, and has saved the City a large sum of money as a volunteer body that requires no pay for their services.