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GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF PROVIDENCE,

For the year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1876.

MAYOR,
HON. THOMAS A. DOYLE.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,
First Ward, ALFRED METCALF.
Second Ward, ADDISON Q FISHER.
Third Ward, JOHN B. ANTHONY.
Fourth Ward, GEORGE T. SPICER.
Fifth Ward, ALBERT H. MANCHESTER.
Sixth Ward, NATHANIEL F. POTTER.
Seventh Ward, ABNER H. ANGELL.
Eighth Ward, HENRY C. CLARK.
Ninth Ward, GEORGE P TEW.
Tenth Ward, EDMUND W. RAYNSFORD.

COMMON COUNCIL.
First Ward,
ELISHA C. MOWRY, OREN WESTCOTT,
STILLMAN WHITE, JOHN P. COONEY.
Second Ward,
HENRY L. PARSONS, JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE,
CHARLES P. ROBINSON, FREDERICK MILLER.
Third Ward,
CLINTON D. SELLEW, THOMAS A. MILLETT,
EDWARD C. AMES, ARTHUR F. DEXTER.
Fourth Ward,
ABNER J BARNABY, GEORGE R. PHILLIPS,
CHARLES F. SAMPSON, THOMAS M. ROUNDS.
Fifth Ward,
WILLIAM SPENCER, JOHN W. BRIGGS,
WILLIAM W. RICKARD, JAMES H. TOWER.
Sixth Ward,
WILLIAM S. HAYWARD, DANIEL E. DAY,
ARCHIBALD B. RICE, GEORGE H. BURNHAM.
Seventh Ward,
JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY, GEORGE W. BABCOCK,
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, ANDREW WINSOR.
Eighth Ward,
EDWIN A. SMITH, RAYMOND G. PLACE,
BENJAMIN HUNT, Jr., SILAS A. SWEET.
Ninth Ward,
HENRY R. BARKER, WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,
WILLIAM Y. POTTER, ALFRED H. WILLARD.
Tenth Ward,
HUGH HAMMILL, JOHN BEHAN,
JOHN MORRIS, HENRY S. SMITH.

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September 4. 1876.

In Common Council - September 4. 1876.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment. President Barnaby in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are severally read and passed:

Oxford street.

Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Oxford street, formerly Square street, from Plain to Burnside streets and declare the same a public highway:

(Approved)

Eddy street.

Also, Resolution to cut and pave Eddy street from Broad to Pine streets.

(Approved)

Brown street.

Also (in concurrence) Resolution requesting said board to lay out Brown street, from Olney to Barnes streets, of a uniform width of fifty feet.

(Approved)

Sewer in Waterman and Prospect Sts.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on sewers, a resolution ordering a sewer in Waterman and Prospect streets,

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from the summit near Brown University in Waterman street to the sewer in College street corner of Prospect street, is read and passed.

Paint street
Sewer in.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions for and remonstrances against sewers in Point street from Prairie Avenue to Beacon street, report adversely thereon, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

(Said Com. report Res. for sewer in Place & Lockwood Sts, which is overlooked and goes over till next meeting.)

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

Moving building.

Thomas Miller, to move a building; and of

Raising buildings.

Sarah R. Chase

West Providence Land Co.,

to raise certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department. Said committee subsequently report the same, and also petition of

Do.

Amelia F. Palmer,

to raise a building, recommended, and the accompanying resolutions granting the prayers thereof are severally read and passed.

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on city property, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Resolution requesting the Water Commissioners to place one hydrant in the city

Hydrant in City Yard.

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yard;

(Approved)

Fire Alarm in
City Yard.

Also, resolution directing the Chief engineer of the fire department to place one fire alarm in the city yard.

(Approved)

Sarah M. Briggs &
Geo. A. Rickard.

Moving fence on
Eddy Street.

Said committee to whom on the 10th of July last was referred a petition of Sarah M. Briggs and Geo. A. Rickard, requesting that the fence around the schoolhouse lot on Eddy street be moved, make report, which is received, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

John Baxter.

Resolution to pay John Baxter \$60 for damage from overflow on Lippitt street.

(Approved)

James Gorman.

Also, resolution to pay James Gorman \$50 for damages resulting from overflow on Lippitt street;

(Approved)

E. F. Prentiss.

Also, resolution to pay Edmund F. Prentiss \$19⁵⁵ for costs incurred as special constable under the dog law.

(Concurred & approved)

Mary Martin.

Said committee to whom on the 10th of July last was referred a petition of Mary Martin for damages in re Lippitt

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make report, and on their recommendation are discharged from further consideration thereof; and it is ordered that said petition be referred to the Hon. board of aldermen.

John Mc Cartin

Said committee to whom on the 15th of May last was referred a petition of John Mc Cartin for remuneration for damage for overflow on Pond street, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

High School building

Dig out cellar &c.

The committee of conference on the disagreement between the two boards on the resolution to dig out the cellar under the High School building and to ventilate and drain the same, make report, and on their recommendation the Council recedes from its non-concurrence and concurs in the amendments of the board of aldermen.

(Approved)

Caleb W. Miller

Settlement with

The joint special committee appointed by resolution approved August 3. 1876 "to examine and inquire into all matters in controversy between Caleb W. Miller and the city"; submit their report, which is received, and on their recommendation the accompanying resolution to pay said Miller \$1200, the award of the Commissioners of estimate and assessment in the extension of Fountain street,

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and to abate the taxes against him for the years 1872, 3, 4 & 5, amounting to \$375²⁰/₁₀₀, whenever he shall pay into the city treasury the sewer assessments now due from him, is read and passed.

Reports received.

The Monthly Reports of
The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,
The City Auditor,
The City Treasurer,
The issue of registered bonds,
The Harbor-Master,

The tenth quarterly report of the board of Water Commissioners, and of the same on Sewers,
are severally presented, read and received.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Manton Ave.

Watering places
38.

Traverse st.
Sale of buildings.

Water for
Pawtucket.
27.

Resolution referring the Mayor's Message, dated Aug. 10th (which is read, to the joint committee on Water, said Message being relative to watering places on Manton Ave.

Also, resolution to sell buildings on Traverse street in Brook street district;

Also, resolution authorizing committee on Water to confer with town Council of Pawtucket on matter of furnishing

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said town with water;

James Brennan

Also, resolution to pay James Brennan \$150³³ for rent of rooms on Wickenden street used as a police station;

Canal St. Bridge

Widening of.

Also, resolution to widen bridge on Canal street between Heybosset and Washington bridges;

Prov. Water Works

Appropriation for.

Also, resolution appropriating \$50,000 for Providence Water Works;

Drain in Waterman St.

Also, resolution for laying a drain pipe under Waterman street;

Eddy St. Appeals

Committee on.

Also, resolution appointing a special committee to confer with appellants in the matter of laying out Eddy street. (and Messrs Hamill, Hunt and Rice added);

Fire officers Convention

Representatives to.

Also, resolution for sending representatives to Convention of fire officers at Philadelphia;

Thos. N. Pearce

Lease at Pawtucket.

Also, resolution to lease to Thomas N. Pearce, the mill site and water power at Pawtucket.

(Approved)

Property improperly Taxed.

22.

A resolution, from the board of aldermen, relating to property improperly taxed, is read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

Worcester St.

25.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) requesting the board to lay out Worcester street,

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is read and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

Ordinance to establish board of Water Comms.

13

The bill entitled "An ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners," which passed this Council on the 10th day of July last, is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with sundry amendments. Referred to the joint committee on water, with instructions to report a printed bill.

Do.

Subsequently a resolution is passed instructing said committee to report at the next meeting of the Common Council.

Roger Wms. Park

Appropriation for.

A resolution transferring \$1000. from the appropriation for public parks to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

Thos. Mullen

Petition referred.

16.

A petition of Thomas Mullen for damage by laying sewer through his land is presented received and referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs Millett, Behan and Barker of the Common Council with such as the board of aldermen may add with instructions to inquire into the liability of the city in said matter and report thereon.

(Concurred, Ald. Jew & Potter added)
(Approved)

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City Hall

Contract for iron flues

10.

A resolution authorizing the payment of \$1000. on acc of contract for iron flues for city hall is presented and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Clinton St.

89.

Petitions of

Peleg W. Gardiner & others for curbing of Clinton street; of

Brown street.

James Burdick, Richard Davis & others for curbing of westerly side of Brown street,

are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Claims

A. W. Aldrich

Petitions of

A. W. Aldrich for damages from overflow of sewer on Washington street during the storm of Sept. 2^d; of

Wm. H. Gale.

102.

Wm. H. Gale for compensation for damage by overflow of Pearl st. sewer; of

Ida Landrum.

Ida Landrum for balance of salary as teacher in the public schools; of

C. G. McKnight, Adm.

85.

C. G. McKnight, Adm., for damages for overflow of sewer on Washington St.;

Perrin & Irons.

141.

Perrin & Irons, copartners, for damages by overflow of sewer on Manton Av.; of

Cordelia A. Roper.

102.

Cordelia A. Roper for remuneration for damage caused by overflow of sewer, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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Roger Wms Park

Dredging in.

The resolution for the excavation of muck at Roger Williams Park, provided the expense do not exceed \$6000. is taken from the table, read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered:

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Barker, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Hayward, Johnson, Miller, Mowry, Peirce, Phillips, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Sellow, Shattuck, and Tower. 18.

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Hamill, Hunt, Millett, Morris, Parsons, Rickard, Robinson, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott, White and Winsor. 17.

(Approved)

Tenth Ward

School Districts

Committee on.

Mr Tower is appointed a member (in place of Henry A. Cory, resigned) of the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 638, series of 1875, relating to school districts and curbing in the Tenth Ward.

Adjourn.

The Council adjourn until Monday, September 25, 1876, at 7.30 p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Ames, Dexter, Place, E. A. Smith & W. S. Smith 5.

J. M. Addeeman
Clerk.

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In Common Council- September 25. 1876.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment- the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance the following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed:

City Hall.

Payment for iron flues.

8.

Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to pay to the Architectural Iron Works \$1000. on account of contract for iron flues for the City Hall;

City Hall.

Appropriation for.

Also, Resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for building the city hall.

Appropriations

Bill making.

15.

Said committee report in print a bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. 1877."

Teachers Salaries.

Ord. fixing.

15.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first

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Monday in September A.D. 1876,
which are read and laid on the table for the present.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Railroads, the following bills are severally read and passed, viz:

South Water St.
Use of Steam on.

"An ordinance to limit the use of steam on South Water street";

Rails in
Elmwood Ave.

Also, "An ordinance permitting the Union Railroad Company to lay rails in Elmwood Avenue."

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed:

Jas. M. Baker.

Resolution to pay James M. Baker, Agt. \$47³⁹ for work done in the City Engineer's office;

John Bedworth.

Also, Resolution to pay John Bedworth \$70. for damage to his shooting saloon, at corner of Market Square and North Main street by overflow resulting from defect in hydrant;

John A. Ellis, Sr.

Also, Resolution to pay John A. Ellis, Guardian of Ann Ellis, \$100. for damage to estate on Blackstone street resulting from building of sewer;

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Wm. McKee.

Also, Resolution to pay to Wm. McKee \$75.00 for damage to estate on Lippitt street by overflow during construction of sewer.

Jas. Haggerty et al.

Said committee to whom on the 27th of April last was referred a petition of James Haggerty et al. for damages, make report which is received, and it is ordered that said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Seymour street.

The joint committee on Highways to whom on the 31st of July last was referred a resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Seymour street, make report recommending that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed.

Cove street.

Said committee to whom on the 17th of August last was referred the resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Cove street from Washington street to the northerly line of Harris Avenue, as said resolution was amended by the said board by inserting the words "lay out and"; report recommending concurrence therein; which amendment is thereupon read and concurred.

(Approved)

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Public Urinals.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on City Property, a resolution directing said committee to purchase and locate for public use four iron urinals, the cost not to exceed \$1500, is read and passed.

School-houses
completed.
Report on.

The joint committee on Education submit reports in relation to the building and completion of school houses on
Admiral street,
Aldrich street,
Julian street,
which are severally read and received.

City Registrar's
Report.

The joint committee on Printing to whom on the 24th of July last was referred the 21st Annual Report of the City Registrar with the accompanying order to print the same, report recommending concurrence with an amendment substituting "600 copies" for "750 copies", which report is received and said resolution passed in concurrence with said amendment.

Board of Water Comrs

Order to establish.

7.
21.

The joint committee on Water to whom at the last meeting was referred the bill entitled "An ordinance to establish a

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Board of Water Commissioners "with instructions to report a printed bill, submit said bill in print as it has been amended by the board of aldermen; and said amendments are thereupon read and concurred with the following amendments:

- (1) In amendment No. 1. strike out the word "August" and substitute "October."
- (2) In amendment No. 7. strike out the word "September" and substitute "November."

Pawtucket, -
Water fur.

Said committee report progress in the matter of conferring with the town council of Pawtucket relative to furnishing said town with Pawtucket water, and further time is granted by general consent.

Under a suspension of the rules,

Raising buildings petitions of

- 26. Margaret Buchanan
- 26. Terence Lunny,
- to raise certain buildings; and of
- Lewis Hopkins,
- Edward Munro,
- Mrs Louisa Munroe,
- James A. Searle,
- Stephen G. Smith,
- John J. Thorntow,

Moving (do)

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to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department. Said committee subsequently

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14. report recommending said petition of James A. Searle to move a building, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

Appropriation Bill.

10.

The bill entitled "An Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. 1877." is taken from the table read and passed.

School teachers.

Ord. fixing salaries.

10.

16.

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in September A.D. 1876" is taken from the table and read.

It is moved (by Mr Potter) to so amend the clause fixing the salary of the Secretary of the School committee that the same shall be \$1000. instead of \$750, on which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes.

- Messrs Barker, Burnham, Hayward,
- Hunt, Miller, Millett, Parsons, Peirce,
- Phillips, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds,
- Seller, Shattuck, Westcott and the President

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Mayor.

Members Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Hamill, Morris, Place, Robinson, Sampson, E. A. Smith, Spence, Sweet, Tower, White and Winsor.

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Said motion is therefore lost.

Teacher's Salaries.

15.

Said bill is then, on motion of Mr Robinson, by a vote of 17 to 12, recommitted to the joint committee on Finance with instructions to report a bill so reducing the salaries named that as nearly as possible there shall be a reduction of ten per cent. in all salaries named in the bill recommitted.

Ed. Randall's heirs

Report on controversy with.

The joint special committee appointed August 10, 1875, to settle and adjust all matters in controversy between the city and the heirs of Edward Randall, relative to the title to the tract of land lying between Sexton street and the Paotucket Turnpike make report that they are unable to agree upon any settlement, which report is received, and at their request said committee is discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Thos. Mullen

7.

The joint special committee to whom by resolution approved 7th of September inst. was referred a petition of Thomas Mullen for

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damages by laying sewers through his land make report that the city is liable and recommend the accompanying resolution authorizing the Mayor to agree to a reference of the same under rule of court, to three referees, one to be selected by said Thomas Mullen, one by the Mayor and the third by the two so chosen, which resolution is read and passed.

Unconfirmed police

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay unconfirmed police is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Tenth Ward

Com. on curbing &c.

A communication from the board of aldermen, appointing Alderman Metcalf a member of the joint special committee appointed Oct. 19, 1875 relative to school districts &c. in the Tenth Ward in place of Ex. Ald. Anthony declined, is received and read.

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:—

Interest.

Resolution transferring \$15000. from the appropriation for the fire department to the appropriation for interest.

Also, Resolution transferring from the

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Appropriations for appropriation for Asylum Walls & Buildings Knight St. Police Sta. \$57²⁷, to the appropriation for the Knight St. Police Station, and \$1697²⁶ to the appropriation for Salaries.

Oak Lumber for City Hall.

Also, Resolution making additional appropriation of \$6000 for Oak Lumber for finishing the City Hall.

Index of males reported in Census.

Also, Resolution authorizing the Superintendent of Health to prepare Index of males of 21 years of age and upwards in this city, contained in the last census, and appropriating \$200. therefor.

Doyle Ave. School House.

Pub. of proceedings.

Also, Resolution authorizing the publication of the proceedings at the dedication of Doyle Avenue School House.

Plane & Lockwood

Sts. Sewer in. 26.

The resolution ordering sewer in Plane & Lockwood streets, reported by the joint committee on Sewers at the last meeting, is taken from the table and recommitted.

Martin Street

Sewer in. 26.

A resolution for the construction of a sewer in Martin street is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Sewers with instructions to report at the next meeting.

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Fence for Engine Ho.

Putnam & Amherst Sts.

64.

A resolution to fence engine house on Putnam and Amherst streets is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on City Property.

D street

294.

Paine Street.

Petitions of Ira Harvey & others for setting curbing and paving gutters on D. street for Leicester street southerly; of L. F. Joslin & others to set curb-stones and pave gutters on Paine street, are received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

John A. Owen.

87.

John S. Palmer

211.

Mary J. Gardiner.

96.

R. C. & P. M. Sessions.

142.

John Taylor.

86.

Adjourn.

Petitions of John A. Owen for relief from tax; of John S. Palmer for refunding of tax erroneously assessed and paid; of Mary J. Gardiner for damage from overflow of sewer on Washington St.; Rebecca C. and Anna M. Sessions for damage by overflow of sewer on Washington street; of John Taylor for compensation for damage to vessel by collision with Point Street bridge, are received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday Oct. 2, 1876 at 8 p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Ames, Johnson

Murray & H. S. Smith, 4. — J. M. Addemaney Clerk.

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Special Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Common Council is called this day at 7.15 o'clock p.m. by the Mayor, whose warrant for that purpose is read, - a quorum present, and the President in the chair.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Messages.

Vacancies in office of Trustee, H.P. & F.R.R.

Messages are received from the Mayor, announcing that by the decease of Earl P. Mason Esq, a vacancy occurs in the office of Trustee under the mortgage given to the city by the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Railroad Co., which it is important should be promptly filled; and that by the death of Joseph F. Gilmore Esq, a vacancy exists in the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

Comr. N.B. Ground.

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Invitation to join in Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the election of certain city officers.

Accepted.

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the two boards join in Convention of the City Council.

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In Convention,
The Mayor in the chair.

Trustee of H.P. & F.R.R.

Nelson W. Aldrich is elected Trustee of the Hartford, Providence & Fishkill R. R. Co.

Comr. N.B. Ground

Andrew Winsor is elected a Commissioner of the North Burial Ground.

Croner

Constable.

Dr. Chas. H. Leonard is elected coroner, and J^m L. Whipple is elected Constable.

The two boards separate.

Mayor's Veto.

Ord. to establish Board of Water Com.

13.
35.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections thereto the bill entitled "An ordinance to establish a board of water commissioners"; which Message is read, ordered printed, and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Moving buildings

27.

27.

27.

30.

27.

Raising (no)

26.

30.

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Ezra Bisbee, Edward Hayden, Patrick Healey, John F. Long, & Oliver L. Marshall, to move buildings, Benj. M. Hubbard & John F. Long, to raise certain buildings,

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are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Property im-
properly taxed.
6.

The joint committee on ordinances to whom on the 4th of September last was referred a resolution (from the board of aldermen) relating to property improperly taxed, make report and on their recommendation the further consideration thereof is indefinitely postponed.

Pawnbrokers.

Said committee to whom on the 24th of July last was referred a resolution of inquiry whether any legislation is necessary to prevent pawnbrokers from dealing with minors, make report that there is no authority in the city government to pass ordinances upon this matter unless power be first obtained from the legislature: which report is received.

Teachers Salaries.

The joint committee on finance to whom at the last meeting was recommitted the bill fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools for the year ensuing the first Monday in September A.D. 1876, with instructions, report in print a bill fixing said salaries with a reduction of ten per cent. from the salaries named in the bill recommitted, and including a provision for one teacher of French until 1st of January next. The bill is read and on motion of Mr. Potter is amended by substituting the bill reported by the committee at the last

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meeting, and inserting the provision for pay of one teacher of French until January 1, 1877; (the salaries remaining the same as during the past year, except that of the Secretary of the School Committee which is \$750 instead of \$1000, as heretofore.)

Mr. Potter moves to amend the bill so that the salary of the Secretary of the School Committee shall be \$1000, instead of \$750; on which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result: viz
Yeas.

Meprs Barker, Burdham, Dexter, Hayward, Hunt, Millett, Mowry, Pierce, Phillips, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Tellew, Thattuck, Westcott & White. 17.

Nays.

Mr. President, Meprs J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Day, Hamill, Johnson, Place, Robinson, Sampson, C. A. Smith, W. F. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Tower & Winsor. 18.

Said motion is therefore lost.

Mr. Robinson then moves to lay the bill on the table till the next meeting, on which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Yeas

Meprs Briggs, Cooney, Hamill, Robinson, Spencer, Sweet, Tower and Winsor. 8.

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Teachers salaries,
(continued)

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Barker,
Behan, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Dexter,
Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Millett, Mowry,
Peirce, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard,
Rounds, Sampson, Tellew, Thattuck, E. A.
Smith, H. S. Smith, Westcott & White, 27.

Dn.

The bill, as amended, is then read and
passed by the following vote, the ayes and
nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Barker,
Behan, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Dexter,
Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Millett, Mowry,
Peirce, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard,
Rounds, Sampson, Tellew, Thattuck, E. A.
Smith, H. S. Smith, Sweet, Westcott & White, 28

Nays.

Messrs Briggs, Cooney, Hamill, Robinson,
Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 7.

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on Highways, the following reso-
lutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Blackstone St.

Resolution requesting the board of
aldermen to lay out Blackstone street from
Eddy street easterly to the Harbor line,

(Approved)

Also, Resolution requesting said board

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Hendrick Street. To receive Hendrick street from Academy
Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Avenue.

(Approved)

Worcester St.

6,
100.Broad St.
(Public to Greenwich)
33.

Said committee report favorably on
Resolution for layout of Worcester street;
Also, Resolution to set curb and
pare gutters on Broad street from Public
to Greenwich streets,
which are postponed till the next meeting.

Evening Schools.

Hiring rooms for.

Under a suspension of the rules, a
petition of the committee on Evening schools
for an appropriation for rent of rooms,
is presented and read.

Dn.

Mayor's message.

A Message of the Mayor (dated
Sept. 28) relative to hiring of rooms for
the evening schools, is taken from the
table and read. A resolution (from the
board of aldermen) referring the same to
the joint committee on education is
taken from the table, read and non-concurred.

A resolution appropriating the
sum of \$950. for the rent of rooms for the
several evening schools to be established
during the ensuing season, to be charged
to the appropriation for public schools,
is then presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint com-
mittee on sewers, a resolution ordering con-

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Sewer in Plane St. 18. structure of sewer in Plane street from Langley to Lockwood shuts to connect with sewer in Lockwood street, is read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

Sewer in Fulton St. 29. Said committee report, with recommendation, a resolution for sewer in Fulton street from Eddy to Dorrauce streets, which is recommitted;

Sewer in Martin St. 18. 29. Also, Resolution for sewer in Martin street, which is recommitted with instructions to obtain the opinion of Mr. Shedd, Chief Engineer &c. and to hear the abutting owners.

Mo. Report of Chief Eng. Fire Dept. The Monthly Report of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department is presented, read and received.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the following resolutions are read and passed: viz

Chemical Fire Exting'rs Resolution for purchase of one Chemical Fire Extinguisher for each Police Station.

Raising buildings. Also, Resolutions granting permission to Charles W. Atwood, Margaret Buchanan, Benj. M. Hubbard, Terence Dunny, John H. Springer.

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Moving buildings. 21. 21. 21. 14 21. 14 14 14 14 To raise certain buildings; and to Ezra Bisbee Patrick Healey, Edward Hayden, Lewis Hopkins, Oliver L. Marshall, Marshall B. Mead, Edward Munro, Mrs Lornisa Mumroe, Stephen G. Smith John T. Thornton, to move certain wooden buildings.

Pawtucket Water for. 5. The joint committee on Water, who by resolution approved September 4, 1876 were directed to confer with the Town Council of Pawtucket in relation to furnishing water to said Town, report that said Town have this day voted to obtain a supply of water by means of independent works, and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the resolution: which report is received and said committee discharged.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and concurred, viz: Resolution referring Mayor's Message

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Assessor's Office
Assistance in.

relative to assistance in the assessor's office to the joint committee on finance;

Drinking fountains

Also, Resolution for fifteen public drinking fountains for animals;

Mc Donough St.
Fluage of.
37.

Also, Resolution requesting Highway Committee to report relative to fluage on Mc Donough street.

(Approved)

Gladding Bros

Unlawful raising
of building

A resolution instructing the committee on the Fire Department to inquire and report relative to raising without permission of a wooden building located on a in the rear of Washington street belonging to Gladding, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Mary Martin
Claim.
62.

A petition of Mary Martin for damages by overflow on Lippitt street is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Petitions of

Sewer in Ringgold St.
29.

Silas B. Whitford & others for sewer in Ringgold street; of

Sewer in Waterman St.
30.

H. A. Campbell & others for sewer in Waterman St. from Cooke to Brook streets, are received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Atwell's Avenue
Paving of.

A petition of Richmond Mfg Co. & others for paving Atwell's Avenue from Knight St. to Harris St. is received and referred to the committee on highways.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until October 16. 1876 at 7 1/2 P.M.

Present - all the members except Mepu Ames, Babcock,

Miller, Morris & Parsons.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Revision of high-
way laws.
13th.

A Message is received from the Mayor, recommending a revision of the statutes relative to highways, which is read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & approved)

Sewers ordered

On the recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Fidelity Fulton St.

26.

Resolution to construct sewer in Eddy and Fulton streets from Washington to Fulton street in Eddy street and from Eddy to Dorrance street in Fulton street to connect with the Dorrance St. sewer;

(Concurred & approved)

Ringgold St.

28.

Also, Resolution to construct sewer in Ringgold street from Kenyon street to Broadway;

(Concurred & approved)

Marlin St.

Also, Resolution to construct sewer in

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Martin street from the R. R. bridge on said Martin street to connect Charles street with sewer in Martin street.

(Concurred & Approved)

Waterman St.

Sewer in.

25.
63.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of H. A. Campbell rother for a sewer in Waterman street between Cooke and Brook streets, make report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is received and said petition is recommitted.

Moving buildings.

38.

60.

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

Stephen C. Arnold,

Lewis Apley,

Henry F. Bishop, (Mrs.)

Wheeler M. Blanding,

Joseph Luther,

to move certain buildings; and of

Charles W. Atwood,

to raise a building, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Subsequently said committee make report, recommending petitions of

Stephen C. Arnold,

Lewis Apley,

Wheeler M. Blanding,

John F. Long,

to move certain buildings; and of

Charles W. Atwood,

John F. Long,

Raising (do)

Moving (do)

21.

Raising (do)

21.

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to raise certain buildings, and the accompanying resolutions granting the same are serially read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

New High School Plans.

The joint committee on Education make a verbal report submitting plans for a new High School building, which are laid on the table till the next meeting.

North Burying Ground

Interments in

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the North Burying Ground a resolution repealing Resolution No. 422, approved Aug. 2. 1875, prohibiting interments in a certain portion of said Ground, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Concurrences

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are serially read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

P. M. Flanders' appeal in re Hammond St.

102.

Resolution referring the Mayor's Message dated October 11th relative to appeal of Percy M. Flanders in the matter of the lay out of Hammond street to the joint committee on Claims.

Unconfirmed police

Also, Resolution to pay unconfirmed policeman Patrick H. Garrigan;

Bank St. District. Bank wall.

Also, Resolution to build a wall in rear of No. 53, Front street in the Brook street District;

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West Burial Ground

Vacating of.

Also, Resolution appointing the Beneficent Congregational Society to cause their portion of the West Burial Ground (as called) to be vacated;

City Hall Comrs
Eight Qu. ReportDo.
Referred.

Also, Order to receive the Eighth Quarterly Report of the City Hall Commissioners;

Also, Resolution to refer the same to a joint special committee consisting of the Mayor and Alderman Fisher on the part of the Board, and Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Potter and Parsons added on the part of this Council;

In re Brunk St.

Com. on Appeals.

108.

Also, Resolution appointing Alderman Potter on the part of the Board, a joint special committee to confer with parties who have taken appeals in the matter of laying out Brook street, and Messrs Peirce, Phillips and Barker added on the part of this Council.
(Approved.)

School Teachers.

Advance pay to.

A resolution directing the City Treasurer to advance to each of the teachers in the public schools a sum of money equal to one tenth part of the yearly salary paid teachers of the same grade for the year ending the first Monday in September 1875, having passed the board of Aldermen is read and laid on the table by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs J. B. Barnaby,

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Barker, Behan, Briggs, Burnham, Croesley, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Morris, Place, Rice, Richard, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, C. A. Smith, H. J. Smith, Sweet, Westcott & White, 24.

Nays.

Messrs Ames, Batecock, Cooney, Peirce, Robinson, Spencer, Winsor. 7.

No. Reports

The monthly reports of
The City Auditor, and
The City Treasurer,

are presented, read and received.

Broad Street.
Public to Greenwich
Curbings &c.

25.

The resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Broad street from Public street to Greenwich street on the west side, and on the east side from Greenwich street to the land of the South Ward Land Co., postponed from the 2^d of October inst., is taken from the table, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved.)

Hamilton St. &c.

Layout discontinued.

A resolution directing the City Solicitor to discontinue proceedings before the Supreme Court in the matter of laying out Hamilton street and a street commencing at the intersection of the southerly line of the estate of Ann Eliza Moore with the easterly line of Greenwich street and extending south to

October 16, 1876

The southerly line of Adelaide Avenue, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Com. on Finance to report Salary Bill to Common Council.

A resolution instructing the joint committee on Finance to report the general salary ordinance to the Common Council at its next meeting, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Com. Council and Board of Aldermen. Com. to report no salaries for.

Resolved.

That the joint Standing Committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed in reporting the Salary Bill for city officers for the year ensuing the first Monday in January 1877 to make no provision therein for the payment of any salaries to the members of the Common Council or Board of Aldermen.

Claims

Joshua R. Brown.

164.

Petitions of Joshua R. Brown for compensation for labor and materials furnished in the construction of the Mickenden street police station; of

Ferdinand Potter.

61.

Ferdinand Potter for abatement of tax, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Waterman St.

Sewer in. 48.

A petition of W. Maxwell Greene for sewer in Waterman street from Thayer to

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Brook Street, is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Mathew St.

Petitions of Peter Doyle for curbing Mathew street from Filmore street to Catholic Cemetery; of

Ford St.

62.

H. A. Perry for repairs on Ford street; of

Earle's Lane.

106.

Mrs F. Aldrich for receiving of Earle's Lane from Camp to North Main St.; of

West Exchange St.

106

B. Reily for opening of West Exchange street, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Ord. to establish a Board of Water Comrs. Mayor's Veto.

21.

The Mayor's veto of the bill entitled An ordinance to establish a Board of water commissioners, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, and it is now resolved that said bill pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding; - the following being the vote by ayes and nays, viz: -

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Ames, Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Morris, Pierce, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rickard, Robinson, Rounds, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott & White. 29.

Nays

Messrs Barker, Hayward, Sampson & Winsor. 4.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, Oct. 23, 1876 at 7 1/2 pm. Present all the members, except Messrs Day, Decker, Mowry, Parsons, Potter, Sellev & Tarr. 7. An. Addeman, Clerk.

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The southerly line of Adelaide Avenue, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

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(Concurred & approved)

Com. Council and Board of Aldermen. Com. to report on salaries for.

Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on Finance be and they are hereby directed in reporting the salary bill for city officers for the year ensuing the first Monday in January 1877 to make no provision therein for the payment of any salaries to the members of the Common Council or Board of Aldermen.

Claims

Joshua R. Brown.

134.

Petitions of Joshua R. Brown for compensation for labor and materials furnished in the construction of the Mickenden street police station; of Ferdinand Potter for abatement of tax, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Waterman St.

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Mayor's Veto.

21.

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Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Ames, Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Morris, Pierce, Phillips, Rice, Rickard, Robinson, Rounds, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, W. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott & White. 29.

Nays

Messrs Barker, Hayward, Sampson & Winsor. 4.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, Oct. 23. 1876 at 7 1/2 pm. Present all the members, except Messrs Day, Deane, Mowry, Parsons, Potter, Teller & Tower. 7. J. A. Caddeman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - October 23. 1876

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Prov. Water Works.

Appropriation.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance, a resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for the Providence Water Works, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Police officers

Salaries of.
58.

Said committee submit in print a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, A.D. 1877;"

Fire Department.

Salaries of.
58.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of the members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, A.D. 1877;"

City Officers

Salaries of.
50.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, A.D. 1877;"

which are severally read, and the consideration thereof postponed till the first Monday in November next, and made the special order for that time.

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Registered Bonds.

Report.

The Monthly Report of the issue of Registered Bonds is presented, read and received.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Brown St.

Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on the westerly side of Brown street from Barnes street to Brighton street;

(Approved)

McDonough St.
28.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on McDonough street from Marvin street to the Stonington railroad;

(Approved)

Nichols Street.

Also, Resolution requesting the board of Aldermen to receive Nichols street from Walling street to Ash Lane, and declare the same a public highway;

(Approved)

Shore Street.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Shore street from Ash Lane to Healey street;

(Approved)

Wheaton Street.

Also, Resolution to set curbstones and pave gutters on Wheaton street from South Court street to Bowen street.

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on the Fire Department, a resolu-

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Mrs. H. F. Bishop. lion granting Mrs. H. F. Bishop permission
 Moving building. to move a certain building is read and passed.
 30.
 (Concurred & approved)

Manton Avenue On the recommendation of the joint com-
 Pump & watering trough, mitted on Paper, a resolution to place a
 5. pump and watering trough at the well on
 Manton Avenue, near the Manton Post
 Office, is read and passed.
 (Concurred & approved)

Chap. XLII. Ordinances A bill entitled An ordinance in amend-
 Prospect Terrace. ment of Chapter XLII of the ordinances of the
 City of Providence entitled "Public Grounds";
 (changing name of Prospect Square to Pros-
 pect Terrace), having passed the board of
 aldermen, is read and passed in concurrence.
 (Approved)

B. M. Hubbard A resolution granting permission to
 Raising building. Benjamin M. Hubbard to raise a building,
 having passed the board of aldermen, is
 read and passed in concurrence.
 (Approved)

Army street. A resolution requesting the board of
 88. aldermen to receive Army street, having passed
 the Board, is read and referred to the joint
 Committee on Highways.

The semi-annual report of the City Solicitor

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City Solicitor's Report. is presented, read and received.

City Hall Resolved,
 Com. to furnish. That Mr Parsons of the Common
 Council be and he is hereby added to the
 joint special committee to procure furniture
 for the new City Hall and to furnish the
 same when completed, appointed by resolu-
 tion No. 589, series of 1875, approved Sept. 30.
 1875.
 (Concurred & approved)

Invitation to join in convention. Resolved,
 That His Honor the Mayor
 and the Board of Aldermen be invited to
 join the Common Council in convention on
 Thursday evening October 26. at 5 o'clock
 for the purpose of electing three water com-
 missioners.

Swan Point Cemetery to cause West Burial Grounds to be vacated. Upon the application of the Proprietors
 of Swan Point Cemetery, a resolution
 appointing said proprietors, pursuant to
 the provisions of Chapter 553 of the Public
 Laws, to cause certain portions of the
 West Burial Grounds (so called) to be vaca-
 ted, is presented, read and passed.
 (Concurred & approved)

Review of Fire Dept. An invitation from the Board of
 Engineers to attend a review of the Fire De-

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partment on Wednesday next at 3½ o'clock p.m. at the Crawford St. bridge is presented, read and accepted.

Drawing & French.

Teaching of.

84.

98.

An application of the School Committee for an appropriation for teacher in drawing and French is received and referred to the joint committee on finance.

James W. Hale.

141.

A claim of James W. Hale for damages;

Gen. G. Hood Ex'r.

85.

Also, claim of Gen. G. Hood, Ex'r estate of Sarah L. Hood that tax improperly assessed and paid under protest, may be refunded;

Margaret Mc Grady

86.

Also, petition of Margaret Mc Grady for damages for injuries received from defective highway, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Petitions of

Pettis Street.

105

Edward A. Moran & others for cutting Pettis street from Polk to Shore streets; of

Perry Street.

105.

Nicholas Molter & others for receiving Perry street;

Transit Street.

106

Also, resolution to re-set cut betimes on Transit street between Benefit and Brook streets, are received and referred to the joint committee on highway.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Thursday, October 26. 1876 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Day, Dexter, and H.S. Smith. 3. M. Coddemany Clerk.

October 26. 1876.

In Common Council - October 26. 1876

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Caucus in

Water Commissioners.

The Common Council take a recess and are joined by the Aldermen for the informal consideration of candidates for the office of Water Commissioners; after which in Common Council.

High School Building.

in Summer St.

45.

The joint committee on Education submit a report, accompanied by a resolution appointing a special committee to erect on the land owned by the city on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, a High School building in accordance with the plans and specifications reported by the joint committee on Education, provided that said building can be erected as specified for a sum not to exceed \$100,000. which report is received, and the consideration of said resolution postponed till the next meeting and made the special order for that time.

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Adjournment.

Voted. That when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Monday next at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Ordinance relating to execution of contracts & of the city.

The joint committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the Mayor's Message dated July 27, 1876, relative to want of uniformity in the execution of contracts and other instruments, make report and submit a bill entitled "An ordinance relating to the execution of contracts & of the city," which is thereupon read and passed.

Patrick Collins

Moving building.
59.

A petition of Patrick Collins to move a wooden building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

John Trainor

Discharge of judgment.
48.

A resolution (from the board of Aldermen) to pay John Trainor \$64²⁵ in discharge of a judgment obtained at the September term of the Court of Common Pleas, is read and postponed till the next meeting.

Wd. N.F. Potter,
resigned.

A message is received from the board of Aldermen, announcing that Nathaniel F. Potter has resigned his position as a member of said board.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and

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In Convention.

the board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in Convention for the purpose of electing three water commissioners

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the two boards join in Convention, the Mayor in the chair.

Water Comis elected.

A. D. Lockwood

Amos D. Lockwood is elected Water Commissioner for the term ending July 1, 1879.

I. Brayton.

Lodovick Brayton is elected Water Commissioner for the term ending July 1, 1878.

N. F. Potter.

Nathaniel F. Potter is elected Water Commissioner for the term ending July 1, 1877.

The two boards separate.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday next, October 30, 1876 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members, except Messrs
Cooney, Day, Mowry & Sampson, 4.

J. M. Caddenary
Clerk.

October 30, 1876.

In Common Council - October 30, 1876.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message.
Water Comm'rs &c.

A Message is received from the Mayor, recommending that the new Commissioners or such of them as are qualified to act under the ordinance establishing a Board of Water Commissioners, which goes into effect on the 2^d of November next, be authorized to retain the present employees of the Water Commissioners, until a re-organization can properly be made; and recommending an amendment to said ordinance so that the same shall go into effect on the first instead of the second day of the month, the present board having made up their accounts to the 31st day of October inclusive; which Message is read, and communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Water Commissioners
to retain
present employe's.

It is thereupon Resolved,

That the Board of Water Commissioners or such portion of said Board as may be elected and quali-

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fied to act on the first day of November 1876 be and hereby is authorized to continue in office such of the officers, engineers, servants and clerks of the present water department as may be required to keep the water works in repair and in operation, until the City Council shall approve the appointments as provided for by the ordinance establishing a Board of Water Commissioners passed in October 1876.

The foregoing resolution is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the word "approve" and all thereafter and substituting the words "act upon the matter of the employment of engineers, agents and servants and their compensation as provided for by the ordinance to establish a Board of Water Commissioners," which amendment is read and concurred.

(Approved)

High School (new)

Building of.

41.
26.

The special order, viz: the resolution appointing a special committee to build a High School building on Summer, Bond and Spring streets is taken from the table, read and laid on the table temporarily.

Mayor's Message

Declination of
A. D. Lockwood.

A Message is received from the Mayor communicating the declination of Amos D. Lockwood to serve as Water Commissioner.

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Caucus on
Water Commissioner

It is voted

That the Council take a recess and that the Mayor and aldermen be invited to join the council in caucus for the purpose of considering the matter of the election of a water commissioner.

Declined.

The board of aldermen decline the invitation for a caucus, and after the recess, it is

Resolved.

Invitation for Con-
vention on Water Commr

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the purpose of electing a water Commissioner, which invitation is declined.

New High School.

Building of.
45.

The resolution to build a High School Building on the city's lot on Summer, Pond and Spring streets is taken from the table.

Postponement of
(refused.)

A motion that the same lie on the table till the first Monday in December next is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered:

Ayes

Messrs Ames, Babcock, Behan, Dexter, Hamill, Miller, Morris, Parsons, Rickard, Robinson, Spencer, Tower & White. 13.

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Briggs, Burnham,

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Cooney, Crossley, Day, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Millett, Peirce, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Sellen, C. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Westcott & Winsor. 21.

Said Resolution is then read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Messrs Barker, Behan, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Day, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Millett, Morris, Parsons, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sellen, C. A. Smith, Westcott & Winsor. 20.

Nays.

Messrs Ames, Babcock, Briggs, Dexter, Hamill, Miller, Peirce, Rickard, Robinson, Sampson, H. S. Smith, Tower, Spencer, & White. 14.

High School.
Com. appointed
to build.

Subsequently the chair appoints as members of said committee on the part of this Council, Messrs Barker, Morris, C. A. Smith and Peirce, the members of the joint committee on Education from this Council.

A motion that said committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject, is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being

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ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Ames, Burnham, Briggs, Dexter, Hamill, Miller, Parsons, Robinson, Tower, Westcott and White. 11.

Nays

Messrs Barker, Behan, Cooney, Johnson, Millett, Morris, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Sampson, Tellew, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, and Winsor. 17.

(Messrs Barker, Burnham and Pierce requested to be excused, but the Council refused the request.)

John Trainor.

42.
86.

The resolution to pay John Trainor, postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Police Force

Reduction of.

A resolution instructing the joint committee on Ordinances to report a bill reducing the police force to 180 men is presented and referred to the joint committee on Police.

Sewer in Waterman St.

34.

63.

The joint committee on Sewers report a resolution for a sewer on Waterman street, which lies on the table till the next meeting.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, November 6. 1876 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Mowry, Phillips, Shattuck and Sweet. 5.

J. M. Addey, Clerk.

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In Common Council - November 6. 1876.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message
Settlement with
Henry C. Clark.

93.

A Message is received from the Mayor relative to a settlement of the cases pending in the courts and all matters of difference between Henry C. Clark Esq. and the city, which is read and referred to the joint committee on claims to examine and report thereon.

(Approved)

Alex. Farnum.

Moving building.

59.

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of Alexandra Farnum to move a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Chas. H. Clark

Remission of tax.

84.

A petition of Charles H. Clark for remission of tax is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Gangway from
Custom House St. to
Aborn's Gangway.

88.

A proposition of owners of gangway leading from Custom House street to Aborn's gangway to present the same to the city upon conditions is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

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Salary Bill.
City officers.
36.

The special order, viz the bill entitled
An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers
of the city of Providence, for the year ensuing
the first Monday in January, A.D. 1877; is
taken from the table and read.

Reg. of Transfers.

A motion (by Mr Burnham) that the
salary of the Register of transfers be fixed at
\$1500 instead of \$1250 is rejected.

Recommitment of
Bill.

A motion (by Mr Potter) that said bill
be recommitted to the joint committee on
finance with instructions to report at the next
meeting a bill making a more equitable reduction
of the salaries, is rejected by the following vote
the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Crossley, Hamill,
Hayward, Millett, Morris, Potter, Rice, Rounds,
Shattuck, Spencer, and Tower. 13

Nays.

Messrs Briggs, Burnham, Cooney, Day,
Dexter, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Mowry,
Parsons, Peirce, Phillips, Place, Rickard,
Robinson, Sampson, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith,
Sweet, Westcott, White and Winsor. 22

Mayor's Salary.

On motion of Mr Peirce it is voted to so amend
the bill as to fix the salary of the Mayor at
\$3420 instead of \$3000, the ayes and nays
being ordered, as follows, viz:—

Ayes

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney,

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Salary Bill.
(continued)

Crossley, Dexter, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt,
Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Place, Rice,
Rickard, Robinson, Shattuck, E. A. Smith,
H. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Tower & Winsor. 24

Nays

Messrs Barker, Burnham, Day, Millett,
Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Potter, Rounds,
Sampson, Seller, Westcott and White. 13.

Salary of Mayor's Clk.

The salary of the clerk in the Mayor's
office is fixed at \$1125 instead of \$1250, as
reported in the bill; of each Alderman at
\$225 instead of \$250 by a rising vote of 20 to
9; of each Common Councilman at \$90
instead of \$100. (Motions to fix the same
at \$75, and that there be no salary attached
to the last named office, having severally
been rejected.)

Aldermen vs.

City Clerk.

The salary of the city clerk is fixed
at \$2250 instead of \$2500.

City Treasurer.

The salary of the city treasurer is
fixed at \$3150 instead of \$3500, by the fol-
lowing vote, the ayes and nays being
ordered as follows, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney,
Crossley, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt,
Johnson, Morris, Peirce, Rice, Rickard,
Robinson, Shattuck, H. S. Smith, Spencer,
Sweet, Tower & Winsor. 20

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Salary Bill.
(Continued.)

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Burnham, Day, Dexter,
Miller, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips,
Place, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Sellow,
E. A. Smith, Westcott and White. 17

Deputy city treasurer.

The salary of the deputy city treasurer
is fixed at \$2250 instead of \$2500, by the fol-
lowing vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney,
Crossley, Dexter, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt,
Johnson, Morris, Peirce, Rice, Rickard, Robinson,
Shattuck, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Street,
Tower & Winsor. 21

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Burnham, Day, Miller,
Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place,
Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Sellow, E. A.
Smith, Westcott & White. 16

Treasurer's Assistants

The salary of the assistants in the
office of the city treasurer is fixed at
\$2880 instead of \$3200 as reported.

City Auditor.

A motion to fix the salary of the
City Auditor at \$2250 instead of \$2500 as re-
ported, is rejected by the following vote, the
ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney,

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Salary Bill
(Continued.)

Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Morris,
Peirce, Rickard, Robinson, Shattuck, H. S.
Smith, Spencer, Street, Tower & Winsor. 18

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Burnham, Day,
Dexter, Hayward, Miller, Millett,
Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter,
Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Sellow, E. A.
Smith, Westcott & White. 19

Said salary is then fixed at \$2500
as reported in the bill.

City Solicitor &c.

The salary of the City Solicitor and
assistant is fixed at \$5400 instead of \$6000;
of the superintendent of health at \$1800
instead of \$2000; of the judge of the
municipal court at \$2025 instead of \$2250;
of the clerk of the municipal court at
\$1800 instead of \$2000; of each justice
of the police court at \$900 instead of \$1000;
of the recorder of deeds at \$1350 instead of
\$1500; of each commissioner of highways
at \$1440 instead of \$1600; of the clerk of
the highway department \$1080 instead of
\$1200; of the chief engineer of the fire
department \$1800 instead of \$2000; of
each assistant engineer \$270 instead of \$300;
of the Chief of police \$2025 instead of \$2250;
of the overseer of the poor \$1620 instead of \$1800.

The salary of the Superintendent of public

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Salary Bill (continued) Buildings is fixed at \$1620 instead of \$1800, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Day, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Shattuck, W. F. Smith, Spencer, Sweet & Winsor.

20

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Burnham, Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Teller, E. A. Smith, Tower, Westcott and White.

17

City Engineer.

The salary of the city engineer is fixed at \$2700 instead of \$3000, (a motion to strike out the clause altogether being rejected.)

Harbor Master.

The salary of the harbor master is fixed at \$1300, as reported in the bill, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Babcock, Barker, Behan, Briggs, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Hamill, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Parsons, Phillips, Potter, Rice, Richard, Sampson, Teller, Shattuck, Spencer, Tower, Westcott & White.

27

Nays.

Messrs Morris, Mowry, Peirce, Place, Robinson, Rounds, E. A. Smith, W. F. Smith,

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Salary Bill. (continued)

Sweet & Winsor.

10

The words "including the duties of superintending the dredging" are stricken from the bill.

Reg. of transfers.

The salary of the register of transfers is fixed at \$1250 as reported; and of the clerk in the assessor's office at \$1250, as reported, the words "including the duties of a surveyor" being added thereto.

Assessors of taxes.

The salary of each assessor of taxes is fixed at \$1620 instead of \$1800; of the city messenger at \$1350 instead of \$1500 (a motion to fix the same at \$1500 as reported being rejected by a vote of 11 to 14)

City Messenger

Supt. of Lights.

The salary of the superintendent of lights is fixed at \$1350 instead of \$1500; of the keeper of Washington Bridge and the keeper of Central Bridge at \$450 each instead of \$500.

Inspector of steam boilers.

The clause, "to the inspector of steam boilers, fees", is amended by adding the words "less ten per cent. which amount shall be paid into the city treasury", by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Babcock, Barker, Behan, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Hayward, Miller, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Peirce, Potter, Richard, Robinson, Sampson, Teller, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, W. F. Smith, Tower, Westcott, White & Winsor.

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Salary Bill.
(continued)

Nays

Messrs Briggs, Cooney, Hamill, Hunt,
Johnson, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rounds,
Spencer & Sweet.

Clerk of Com. Council.

The salary of the clerk of the common
Council is fixed at \$500 as reported in the bill,
motions to fix the same at \$450 and at \$475
being severally rejected.

Sealer of weights &c.

The clause "To the sealer of weights and
measures, fees" is amended by adding the
words "less ten per cent. which amount shall be
paid into the city treasury," by a vote of 16 to 15.

City Sergeant.

A motion to add the same words to
the next clause "To the city sergeant, fees", is
rejected, and the clause remains as reported.

Warden &c.

The salaries of warden and ward and
district clerks remain as reported (\$7 per day, &c.)

Canvassers' clerks &c.

The salaries of clerks of boards of canvass-
ers are fixed at \$70 instead of \$100, each;
of each license commissioner at \$720 instead
of \$800; of the Secretary of the board of li-
cense commissioners at \$270 instead of \$300;
Berk Street Commissioners \$270 instead of
\$300 each; of the city clerk's assistant at
\$630 instead of \$700; assistant to the clerk
of the municipal court \$720 instead of \$800;
City auditor's assistant \$720 instead of \$800.

Three female assistants instead of four
are allowed to the recorder of deeds, the salary
of each remaining at \$500, as reported in the
bill.

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Salary Bill.
(continued)

Reconsider,
City Auditor.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby
the salary of the city auditor was fixed at
\$2500 is made and rejected by the follow-
ing vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:

Yeas.

Messrs Barker, Behan, Hunt, Johnson,
Millelt, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Potter,
Robinson, Shattuck, Spencer, Sweet,
Westcott, White & Winsor.

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, Briggs, Burnham,
Crony, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Hamill, Hay-
ward, Miller, Peirce, Phillips, Place,
Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Sampson, Teller,
E. A. Smith, H. J. Smith & Tower.

Assessor's clerk.

A motion to amend the clause fixing the
salary of the clerk in the assessor's office
by striking out the words "including the
duties of a surveyor", is made and rejected.

Ordinance
adopted.

The ordinance as amended is then read
and passed by the following vote, the
yeas and nays being ordered, viz:-

Yeas

Messrs Babcock, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley,
Hamill, Hayward, Hunt, Johnson, Miller,
Morris, Peirce, Rice, Rickard, Robinson,
Shattuck, W. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Tower,
& Winsor.

Nays.

Messrs Barker, Behan, Burnham, Day,

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Salary Bill.
(Continued.)

Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips,
Hace, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Yellew,
E.A. Smith, Westcott & White. 27

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Subsequently Mr Cooney gives notice
of his intention at the next meeting to
move a reconsideration of the foregoing
vote.

Salaries of
police.
36,
66.

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing
the compensation of police officers of the
city of Providence for the year ensuing the
first day in January A.D. 1877," is taken
from the table and read.

The salary of the deputy chief of police
is fixed at \$1350 instead of \$1500 as reported.

Motions to amend the remaining portions
of the bill are rejected, and with the above
named amendment the bill as reported is
read and passed.

66

Mr Potter gives notice of his intention at
the next meeting to move a reconsideration of the
foregoing vote.

Salaries of Fire
Dept.
36.

The bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the
compensation of the members of the fire
department of the city of Providence for the
year ensuing the first Monday in January
A.D. 1877" is postponed till the next meeting.

Sale of buildings
on Summer St. re.
98.

A resolution directing the joint committee
on city property to sell the buildings on the

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City's lot on Summer, Pond and Spring streets,
is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

Unconfirmed police.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen)
to pay unconfirmed police;

Wall in Brook St. Dist.

To build a wall in the Brook street
district in rear of 51 Front street;

Moving building.

To grant to Patrick Collins permission
to move a building,

42.

are severally read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Water Commr.

Final Report.

The final report of the board of water
Commissioners is presented, received and
1000 copies thereof ordered printed in pamphlet
form for the use of the city council.

Water Commr

Final Report on
Sewers.

The final report of the board of water
Commissioners on sewers is presented, received
and 750 copies thereof ordered printed in
pamphlet form for the use of the city council.

Alex. Farnum

Moving building
249.

Thos. Miller,

Raising (etc)

On recommendation of the joint committee
on the fire department, the petitions of
Alexander Farnum, to move a
building; and of

Thomas Miller, to raise a building
are granted, and the accompanying resolutions
severally read and passed.

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Jas. Luther.
Moving building
30.

On the recommendation of said Committee Joseph Luther, petitioner to move a building, has leave to withdraw.

Broad street.
Public to Greenwich
Curbing of.

A resolution directing the Highway Commissioners forthwith to curb Broad street as ordered by resolution No. 526, is presented read and passed.

Petitions of

A. W. Aldrich connec-
tion with sewer.
143.

A. W. Aldrich to have estate on Eddy street connected with sewer; of

Sewer in Union St.
89.

Sarah H. Batley others for a sewer in Union street,

are received and referred to the joint Committee on Sewers.

Water pipes in Broad St.

A communication from Board of Water Commissioners relating to laying water pipes in Broad Street, Cranston is received and referred to the joint committee on water.

Jas. Maguire.
62.

The joint committee on claims report on petition of James Maguire for damages. On the table.

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 11.30 p.m.) adjourn until Monday next, November 13, 1876 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Ames & J. B. Barnaby.

M. Goddeman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - November 13, 1876.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Wm. S. Hayward
Resignation of.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting the resignation of Wm. S. Hayward Esq. a member of this Council from the Sixth Ward.

Claims allowed.

On the recommendation of the joint Committee on Claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Patrick Fletcher.

Resolution to pay Patrick Fletcher \$35 in full for injuries received by minor son from obstructions in sidewalk on High street.

Ferdinand Potter.
34.

Also, Resolution to remit, or if already paid, to refund to Ferdinand Potter \$14 from assessment for Bridgham Street sewer.

Seth Padelford et ux.

Also, Resolution directing the City Solicitor to settle case of Seth Padelford & wife growing out of widening of Dyer street.

Also, Resolution (reported at the last

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James Maguire. meeting, directing payment of \$250. to
60. James Maguire for damage from overflow of
his estate on Lippitt street.

Leave to withdraw. Said committee to whom on the 2^d of
Mary Martin. October last was referred a petition of
28. Mary Martin for damages by overflow on
Lippitt street, make report recommending that
the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which
report is received and adopted.

The joint committee on highways to whom
were referred petitions of
Dye street. Joseph B. Chace to set curb and pare
gutters on Dye street; and of
Ford Street. H. N. Perry others for repairs on
35. Ford street,
make reports recommending that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw; which reports are
received and adopted.

On the recommendation of said commit-
tee, the following resolution is read and passed:

Resolved.

Resolutions
rescinded. That the resolution No. 104 (approved
July 17. 1873) ordering curbstones to be set and
gutters paved on Ives street from Power street
to Front street; and resolution No. 166 (approved
Aug. 21. 1873) ordering Westminster street to be paved
with granite blocks to and the same are hereby
rescinded.

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Sewer in Waterman St.
Hoje to Brook St. The joint committee on Sewers to
30. whom on the 2^d of October last was referred
a petition of H. A. Campbell et al. and
to whom the same petition was recommitted
on the 16th of October last, make report
and recommend that the petitioners have
leave to withdraw: which report is received,
and a resolution ordering a sewer in Water-
man street from a point opposite the east-
erly line of H. A. Campbell's estate to Brook
street is then presented, and read and
passed by the following vote, the ayes
and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Burnham, Day, Dexter, Johnson,
Miller, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Seice,
Phillips, Place, Potter, Richard, Robinson,
Rounds, E. A. Smith, Spencer, Westcott,
White & Winsor. 20

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan,
Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt,
Morris, Rice, Sampson, Shattuck, H. S.
Smith, Sweet & Tower. 15

Rules not suspended. The Council refuse to suspend the rules for
the purpose of considering the salary bill.

Sewer in Waterman St.
(Prayer to Brook) Under a suspension of the rules, the res-
48. olution ordering a sewer in Waterman street
from Thayer to Brook streets, postponed

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from the 30th of October last, is taken from the table, read and passed.

Engine house Lot.

Putnam & Amherst sts.

Fencing re.

19.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on City Property, a resolution to fence and concrete engine house lot corner of Putnam and Amherst streets, is read and passed.

H.P. & E. R. R.

Drain to river.

Said committee to whom on the 22nd of May last was referred a draft resolution to lay drain pipe from Monasquatucket River to Hartford, Providence & Fishkill Round House make report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that said resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Water pipes in
Hidden St. and
Linton Street.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) directing the Water Commissioners to lay water pipes in Hidden Street and in Linton Street,

Brook St. District.

Grades & streets.

Also, Resolution establishing grades and streets in the Brook Street District, are severally read and passed in concurrence.
(Approved)

Dexter Training Ground

Fencing re.

The report of the special committee on the improvement of Dexter Training Ground is received in concurrence.

A resolution (recommended by said Committee) to enclose the Dexter Training Ground with iron rail and posts is read and non-concurred.

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Drinking Fountain

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to move a drinking fountain to junction of Howell's Avenue and Manton Avenue, is read and referred to the joint committee on Water.

Adjournment.

A motion that when the Common Council adjourn, it adjourn for three weeks from this day, is made and adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behan, Briggs, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Hamill, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds & Sampson. 18.

Nays.

Messrs Cooney, Dexter, Hunt, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Pierce, Robinson, Shattuck, C. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Street, Tower, Westcott, White & Winsor. 17.

Roger Wms. Park

Excavation

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution authorizing the committee on Parks to finish the excavation of the lake in Roger Williams Park by days work, provided they shall expend no more than the sum appropriated for said purpose, is presented, read and passed.

Ordinance

Sinking Funds.

71

The bill from the board of Aldermen, entitled An ordinance in amendment of

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Chapter II of the ordinances of the city of Providence "Sinking Funds"; is taken from the table, and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

Compensation of Police.

Vote reconsidered, 58, 69.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr Potter makes the motion (of which he gave notice at the last meeting), to reconsider the vote, whereby the bill fixing the compensation of the police officers was at the last meeting adopted; and said vote is reconsidered, the ayes and nays being ordered with the following result:

Ayes.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Behar, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Dexter, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Shattuck, Westcott & White, 18

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, Briggs, Day, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Peirce, Rickard, Robinson, Sampson, C. A. Smith, W. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Tower & Winsor. 17

Said bill is then temporarily laid on the table.

Salary Bill.

Vote reconsidered.

66, 71.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr Cooney makes the motion of which he gave notice at the last meeting, to reconsider the vote, whereby the ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city, was

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at the last meeting passed, and said vote is now reconsidered.

The bill is amended by striking out in the clauses allowing fees to the inspectors of steam boilers and the sealer of weights and measures the words "less ten per cent, which amount shall be paid into the city treasury."

Special committee on reduction of salaries.

Mr Dexter offers a resolution for the appointment of a joint special committee to consider the question of the reduction of the amount of salaries to be paid to the employees of the city and report thereon at the next meeting of the Council, which is rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Messrs Burnham, Crossley, Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Westcott, & White. 14.

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Behar, Briggs, Cooney, Day, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Robinson, Sampson, Shattuck, C. A. Smith, W. S. Smith, Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 20

City Solicitor's salary.

On motion of Mr Robinson, the clause fixing the salary of the city solicitor including his assistant, is amended so that the

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salary shall be "at the rate of six thousand dollars per annum until the first Monday of May A.D. 1877, after which date it shall be at the rate of fifty four hundred dollars per annum."

City Auditor.

The bill is further amended by fixing the salary of the City Auditor at \$2250 instead of \$2500.

Clerk of Com. Council.

The bill is further amended by fixing the salary of the clerk of the Common Council at \$450 instead of \$500, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Tower, Winsor & the President. 18

Nays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Hamill, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Westcott & White. 17

Salary Bill.

Mr Burnham moves to strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute the bill reported by the finance committee, which motion is rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Burnham, Day, Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips,

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Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Westcott & White. 15

Nays.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 19

The bill is then passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 19

Nays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Burnham, Day, Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Westcott & White. 15

(Renewed)

(Retired)

Police officers
Compensation.66.
73.

The bill fixing the compensation of the police officers of the city for the year ensuing the first day in January A.D. 1877, is now taken from the table.

A motion by Mr Burnham to allow the police for extra duty performed is rejected.

On motion of Mr Spencer, the bill is amended so as to fix the salary of the

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deputy chief of police at \$1500 instead of \$1350.

Motions to amend so as to fix the pay of police captains at \$3.50 per day instead of \$3.25 per day; and of patrolmen who have served two or more years continuously at \$3.00 per day instead of \$2.75, are rejected; and the bill with the above amendment relative to deputy chief of police, is then read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Vetted)

Adjourn.

The Common Council (at 11.50 p.m.) adjourn until Monday, December 4. 1876. at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Ames, Barker, and Lellow. 3

M. Addeman, Clerk.

In Common Council, November 21. 1876

Special Meeting

Called by the Mayor, pursuant to his Warrant dated November 20. 1876.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assemble in their Chamber this day at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock p.m.,

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the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The warrant of the Mayor calling the present meeting, with the officer's return thereon, is read.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Reasons for meeting.

A Message is received from the Mayor giving his reasons for calling the present meeting, viz: for action upon the Salary bills and upon the ordinance in amendment of Chapter II of the ordinances entitled Sinking Funds: which Message is read.

Chapter II.
Ordinances.
Sinking Funds

65.

Under a suspension of the rules, the joint Committee on ordinances report the bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter II of the ordinances of the City of Providence, Sinking Funds"; which is thereupon read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Veto message

Salary Bill.

66.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877"; which passed this Common

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Salary bill.

Council at the last meeting and was concurred in by the board of aldermen on the 16th inst.; which Message is read.

It is then moved that said bill pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, upon which motion the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Yeas.

Mr President, Messrs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crowley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Pierce, Rickard, Robinson, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 19

Nays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Burnham, Day, Dexter, Millett, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sampson, Westcott & White. 16

Said motion is therefore lost. (not three-fifths of all the members elected to this Council voting in the affirmative.)

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr. Dexter offers a resolution in the following words, viz:

Resolved.

That Messrs of the Common Council, with such as the Board of aldermen may add, are hereby appointed a joint special committee to consider the question of the reduction of

Special committee
on reduction of
Salaries &c.

77.

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the salaries of the officers and employees of the city, and to report a plan for such reduction to the first meeting of the Common Council in December next,

which resolution is read and passed and Messrs Dexter, Phillips, J. B. Barnaby, Robinson and Rickard are subsequently appointed on the part of this Council.

(Concurred, Old Fisher's Hayward added)

(Approved)

Mayor's Veto of
Bill fixing salaries
of Police.

69.

A Message is received from the Mayor, returning with his objections, the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day in January A.D. 1877," passed by this Council and concurred in by the board of aldermen on the 16th inst., which Message is read and referred to the committee, appointed by the foregoing resolution, by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:-

Yeas.

Mr President, Messrs Babcock, Barker, Behan, Cooney, Crowley, Dexter, Hamill, Johnson, Miller, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, Westcott, and White. 23

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Aays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Burnham,
Day, Hunt, Millett, Peirce, Robinson, Sampson,
Spencer, Tower & Winsor. 12

Salary Bills
referred.

The several bills fixing the salaries of
the city officers, the compensation of the
police, and the compensation of the members
of the fire department are referred to the
joint special committee on reduction of sal-
aries.

On the recommendation of the joint
Committee on Water, the following resolutions
are severally read and passed, viz:-

Fire Hydrants on
Burnside & Oxford Sts. &
Potter's Avenue.

Resolution to set fire hydrants on
Burnside and Oxford streets and on Potter's
Avenue;

Water pipes in
Thayer street.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes
in Thayer street from Williams to John streets.

Tax on Water Works
in Cranston.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen)
reporting the Mayor's Message dated the 16th
inst. relative to tax on the Water Works in
Cranston, to the joint committee on Ordinances
to examine and report thereon;

Jno. Wilson Smith,
Trustee.

Also, to pay John Wilson Smith, Trustee,
for rent of Pioneer Hall lot,
are read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

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Reduction in Gas.

A Message is received from the Mayor
announcing a reduction to the city in the
price of gas to \$1.90 per 1000 cubic feet.

Joint Committees.

A resolution is received from the Board
of aldermen communicating the appointment
of Aldermen Spicer as a member of the
joint committee on Railroads; and of Ald.
Hayward as a member of the joint committee
on the harbor and on parks.

Mo. Reports.

The Monthly Reports of the City Auditor,
the City Treasurer, and the Chief Engineer of
the Fire Department, are taken from the table,
read and received.

City Engineer.

90.

Resolved,

That the joint committee on Ord-
nances are hereby instructed to report an
ordinance relating to the City Engineer, mak-
ing it the duty of said engineer to take
charge of all matters relating thereto in the
different departments of the city government.

City Hall Comm

Contract without
advertising &c.

84.

A petition of the City Hall Commissioners
for authority to contract without advertising
for proposals; also, for introducing water and
sewer pipes is received and referred to
the joint committee on finance.

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Moving building,
92.

Petition of Thomas P. Cole to move a building;

Steam Engine for
Branch Ave.
90.

Also, resolution locating and placing steam fire engine on Branch Avenue, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Water pipes on Bright-
ton Street.

Resolutions to lay water pipes on Brighton Street from Brown to Prospect streets;

on Manning St.
97.

Also, to lay water pipes in Manning Street from Governor to Jones streets;

in Public St.
352.

Also, in Public Street from Eddy Street, easterly,

are severally presented and referred to the joint committee on Water.

Tenth Ward

Add? School accom-
modations.

A communication from the executive committee of the School Committee asking for additional school accommodations in the tenth ward, is received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Petitions of

Gen. B. Barrows.
110.

George B. Barrows, trustee, for allowance of fees as commissioner on the lay out of Vinton street; of

Bernard Swift.
103.

Bernard Swift for amount of bill on account of labor on sewers; of

Remission of tax.
87.

87

87.

John Armstrong,

Emeline P. Dodge,

Thankful J. Manchester,

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103.

Martin V. Wiley,

97.

Jot Wilbur,

for remission of certain taxes, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 4. 1876 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs Ames, Sellers, H. F. Smith & Sweet.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Salaries.
Reduction of

72.

74.

Under a suspension of the rules, the Joint Special Committee to consider the question of the reduction of salaries of officers and employees of the city, present their report, accompanied by sundry bills fixing salaries for the ensuing year:

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which report is read and received.

Salaries of city officers.

99.

A bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877" (recommended by said committee) is read.

Mayor's Salary.

It is moved to so amend the bill in the item fixing the salary of the Mayor that the same shall be \$3500 instead of \$3800, which motion is lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Meprs Babcock, Behan, Briggs, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Miller, Peirce, Place, Robinson, C. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, Spencer, Sweet, Tower & White. 18

Nays.

Mr. President, Meprs J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Burnham, Day, Dexter, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Parsons, Phillips, Potter, Rice, Rickard, Rounds, Sampson, Teller, Thattuck, Westcott & Winsor. 20

Supt. of pub. buildings etc.

The bill is amended by fixing the salary of the Superintendent of Public Buildings at \$1800 instead of \$1500 as reported, (by a vote of 19 to 15); by fixing the salary of the city messenger at \$1500 instead of \$1350 as reported, (by a vote of 22 to 8); by fixing the salary of the clerk of the common Council at \$400 instead of \$250 as reported,

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Salaries (cont'd)

(by a vote of 19 to 12).

Motions to amend by fixing the salary of each assessor of taxes at \$1800 instead of \$1700; of the superintendent of lights at \$1500 instead of \$1200; of the keeper of Washington bridge at \$500 instead of \$400 are made and severally rejected.

The bill as amended is then read and passed.

Police officers

Compensation of.

The joint special committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the bill fixing the compensation of the police for the year 1877, with the Mayor's veto message thereon report recommending the passage & the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding; and a motion to that effect is thereupon made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Meprs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Day, Dexter, Johnson, Miller, Mowry, Peirce, Rickard, Robinson, Sampson, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott, White & Winsor. 17

Nays.

Mr. President, Meprs Barker, Behan, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Hamill, Hunt, Millett, Morris, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Teller, Thattuck, C. A. Smith, H. S. Smith, & Tower. 21

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Fire Department.

Compensation of.

99.

Said committee report with favorable recommendation a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of the members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877", which is read, amended by fixing the compensation of the engineer of each steam fire engine at \$1100 instead of \$1000, and as amended is then read and passed.

Police.

Compensation.

99.

A bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of the police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day in January A.D. 1877," (being at the same rates as for the present year) is presented by Mr Dexter and read.

A motion to refer the same to the joint Committee on Finance is rejected.

A motion to amend the bill so as to allow to each captain of police and the clerk of the police \$3.25 per day instead of \$3.50 per day is rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Crossley, Day, Hamill, Johnson, Miller, Parsons, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Sampson, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott, White & Winsor. 18

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Barker, Behan,

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Burnham, Cooney, Dexter, Hunt, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sellow, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. F. Smith, & Tower. 20

The bill is then read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Babcock, Barker, Behan, Burnham, Cooney, Crossley, Dexter, Hamill, Hunt, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rice, Rounds, Sellow, Shattuck, E. A. Smith, H. F. Smith & Tower. 23

Nays.

Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Day, Johnson, Miller, Parsons, Peirce, Richard, Robinson, Sampson, Spencer, Sweet, Westcott, White & Winsor. 15

Mayor's Message.

Fire on Parade St.

91.

A Message from the Mayor relating to the fire on Parade Street on the 1st inst. with accompanying papers from the Board of Water Commissioners and the Chief Engineer of the Water Works, are presented and read.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on city property a resolution to fit up

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the town hall in the tenth ward for school purposes is read and passed.

Scott St. School Est. 165.

A communication from said committee regarding the Scott street school estate;

German School.

Also, a report of the same committee upon a request for rooms for a German School,

are presented, read, received and referred to the joint committee on education.

Oxford street.

A resolution requesting the board of Aldermen to straighten the northerly line of Oxford street from a point nearly opposite the Oxford street school house estate to Ocean street, is presented, read and passed.

Fence for Doyle Ave. School-house.

An application from the school committee for fence at school house on Doyle Avenue;

Third District. New School-house for.

Also, Request from the executive committee of the school committee for a new school building in the 3^d District.

are presented, received and referred to the joint Committee on education.

Water Works.

Appropriation for

84.

An application of the board of water Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$50,000 is received and referred to the joint committee on finance.

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Dove St. Water pipes.

A petition of J. C. Bliss others for extension of water pipes in Dove street is received and referred to the joint committee on Water.

Claims

R. A. Arnold. 103.

G. J. Barney wife. 103.

Th. Donahoe. 103.

Remission of tax. 97.

97.

87.

97.

97.

141.

97.

87.

97.

Petitions of

Frederic A. Arnold for compensation for damages caused by overflow from sewer; of

Geo. L. Barney wife for damage by the cutting down of Plain street; of

Thomas Donahoe, for compensation for injuries received by building of Martin St. sewer; of

Ella Calder,

Charles Elsbree,

Walter S. Horton,

Samuel Mowry,

B. C. Neilan,

Walter A. Shelman,

A. E. Tenney,

Elisha H. Tripp,

Lusie R. Washburn, Adminr.

Severally for remission of certain taxes, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday next, December 11. 1876 at 7 1/2 p. m.

Present - all the members except Mr. Ames.

J. M. Caddenary, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on finance, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

City Hall Commis. Resolution authorizing city hall commissioners to expend \$10,000 without advertising for proposals.
may expend \$10,000
75.
99.

Water Works. Appropriation for. 82. Also, Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for Providence Water Works.

Drawing Appropriation for. 40. 98. Said committee report with recommendation a resolution appropriating \$1500 for the drawing department of the public schools, which is read and referred to the joint committee on education.

Claims allowed. Committee on claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Chas. H. Clarke. 49. Resolution to remit to Charles H. Clarke \$725 for tax erroneously assessed

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(Approved)

A. B. Dike et al.

Also, Resolution to pay A. B. Dike & others \$14⁷² for damage from leakage and overflow from hydrant at corner of Market Square and North Main street.

(Approved)

Chas. Foahley

Also, Resolution to pay \$250 to Charles Foahley for damage to his estate on Lippitt street, caused by overflow.

(Approved)

Gen. G. Wood, Ex.

40.

Also, Resolution to pay to Gen. G. Wood, executor of estate of Sarah L. Wood \$45³³ tax erroneously assessed for 1875, with interest thereon since March 17. 1876.

(Approved)

E. R. Mc Crillis

Also, Resolution to pay Emily R. Mc Crillis \$57⁵¹ balance due for services as teacher, 1872-3.

(Approved)

W. V. Potter, trustee.

D. E. Mc Knight.

8.

Also, Resolution to pay \$300 to Wm V. Potter as trustee of estate of Anna E. Mc Knight deceased, for compensation for damage to said estate by overflow of Washington street sewer.

(Approved)

C. Rodenburg.

Also, Resolution to pay \$18²⁵ to Charles Rodenburg for loss and damage caused by overflow of Washington street sewer.

(Approved)

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E. M. Warner et al.

Also, Resolution to pay Elisha M. and Samuel Warner \$200 for damage to lots between Public and Sullivan streets by draining Elmwood Lake thereon, to April 1. 1876; and \$50 per year from April 1. 1876, so long as such drainage shall continue.

John Trainor.

48.

Also, (in concurrence) Resolution to pay John Trainor \$64.²⁵ in discharge of judgment of Court of Common Pleas, Sept. term 1876, in favor of John Trainor vs Edward Field. (Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Jas. K. Allen.

James K. Allen for payment of \$525 on contract by city of Providence with him for balloon ascension; of

J. H. Livingston.

John H. Livingston for damage by the city to his property on Richardson street; of

Margaret Mc Grady.

41.

Margaret Mc Grady for damage for injuries received from defective highway; of

Carl Stade.

Carl Stade for damages from overflow on Lippitt street; of

John Taylor.

19.

John Taylor for compensation for damages; of

Alfred Crowell

Alfred Crowell,
James & Catharine Golden,
Hugh Gallagher,
Francis Hart wife, and

J. C. Golden

H. Gallagher

F. Hart wife.

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H. R. Wilcox.

Remission of tax.

76.

76.

83.

76.

19.

83.

Henry R. Wilcox,

severally for compensation for damages in re Whipple street; of

John Armstrong,

Emeline P. Dodge,

Halter T. Horton,

Thankful L. Manchester,

John A. Owen,

Elisha W. Tripp.

severally for remission of tax, - make reports which are received, and on their recommendation, it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are severally read and passed:

Wheldon St.

Resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on Wheldon street from old city line to West River street;

(Approved)

Hedley St.

Also, Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to receive Hedley street from Palmer to Shore streets; and Polk street from Hedley to Pettis streets.

(Approved)

McKenna St.

Also, Resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on McKenna street from Cross to Wheldon streets.

(Approved)

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Gangway from
Custom House St. So.
49.

Also, Resolution to receive gangway
from Custom House street to Aborn's gangway;
(Approved)

Holden Street.

Pipe continued.

Also, Resolution to continue pipe from
its present termination in Holden street
to the river.

Almy street.

38.

Also (in concurrence), Resolution re-
questing the Aldermen to receive and de-
clare Almy street.

(Approved)

Said committee to whom were referred
petitions of

Althea St.

Mrs. Mason others for receiving of
Althea street from Cranston st. easterly;

Dover St.

Charles E. Gorman others to have
Dover street built,
make reports adverse thereto, and it is or-
dered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred

Broad Street
(Greenwich to W. Friends)

Resolution (from B. Ald.) to set curbing
on Broad street from Greenwich street to
West Friendship street;

Oak Street.

Also, Resolution (B. Ald.) for curbing
Oak street from Messer to Norfolk streets;

South Street

Also, Resolution (B. Ald.) to repair
South street;

Board of apporportion.

Also, Resolution directing the city
solicitor to make application for the passage

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of an act establishing a board of apporportion-
ment in the city of Providence,
make reports recommending that the same
be indefinitely postponed, which reports
are received and adopted.

Public street.

Said committee report favorably on
resolution (from Board of Aldermen) for
cutting Public street from Eddy street to
Allen's Avenue, which is read and laid
on the table.

Clinton street.

8.
187.

Also, with recommendation, resolution
to set curbstones and pave gutters on
Clinton street from Broad street to
Prairie Avenue, which is read and laid
on the table for the present.

Sewer in Union St.

60.

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on sewers, a resolution ordering
sewer in Union street from Happy to
Westminster streets, is read and passed.

(Approved)

On the recommendation of the joint
committee on the fire department the follow-
ing resolutions are severally read and
passed, viz: -

Fire Alarm Box

Smith & Eaton St.

Resolution authorizing the placing of
a fire alarm box at corner of Smith and
Eaton streets;

(Approved)

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Fire Alarm Box
on
Smithfield Ave.

Also, Resolution for placing a fire alarm box on Smithfield Avenue near the city line.

(Approved.)

Branch Ave.

Fire Engine for
76.

Said committee to whom was referred on the 21st November last, a resolution locating and placing a steam fire engine on Branch Avenue, report recommending the indefinite postponement thereof: which report is received and adopted.

Bath Houses.

Bills allowed.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the harbor, a resolution to pay Samuel A. Hammond \$133⁴², the American Steamboat Co. \$75- and Joseph Higgins \$23¹⁵, bills on account of the Bath Houses, is read and passed.

(Approved.)

City Engineer.

Ord. relating to.

75.
100.

The joint committee on ordinances, pursuant to joint resolution No. 671, approved Nov. 23, 1876, report an ordinance relating to the city engineer, which is read, laid on the table till the next meeting and ordered printed.

Reports received.

Monthly Reports of
The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department,
The City Auditor,
The City Treasurer,
The issue of Registered Bonds (Oct & Nov.)

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and the Harbor Master,
are severally presented, read and received.

(Approved.)

Mayor's Message.

Legal expenses.

A Message from the Mayor relating to legal expenses of the city is presented and read.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Tard St. Fire.

81.

Resolution referring Mayor's Message of the 4th inst. relating to fire on Parade Street to a joint special committee, and Messrs Westcott, Cooney, Crossley, Winsor and Sampson being added thereto;

Sewers.

Also, Resolution appropriating \$200,000 for sewers;

Randall Heirs.

Also, Order to receive report of joint committee on the North Burial Ground on proposed settlement of controversy with Randall heirs;

Do.

Also, Resolution for settlement of suits of heirs of Edward Randall and claim of C. P. Knowles in relation to the North Burial Ground;

N. S. Morry &

A. Cannon.

Also, Resolution to purchase land of N. S. Morry and Alice Cannon sothers for the North Burial Ground.

Paine St.

Also, Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Paine street;

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Unconfirmed police.

Also, Resolution to pay unconfirmed police;

Moving buildings

Also, Resolutions granting petitions of

Anthony B. Arnold,

Joseph Belcher,

George Kershaw,

George H. Glade,

to move certain buildings; and of

Frederic Johnson,

Raising building.

to raise a building;

Sinking Funds.

Also, order to receive the tenth quarterly report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds.

(Approved)

Thos. P. Cole

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) granting petition of Thomas P. Cole to move a building, is recommitted to the committee on the fire department.

Moving buildings

76.
107.

High Street
(Meser to Valley Sts.)
Paving of.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) for paving High street from Meser to Valley streets is read and non-concurred by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Messrs Burnham, Cooney, Day, Phillips, Place, Rice, Rounds, Sellev, & C. A. Smith. 9.

Nays.

Mr. President, Messrs Ames, Babcock, Barker, Behan, Briggs, Crossley, Dexter, Johnson, Miller, Millett, Morris, Mowry, Seice, Potter, Rickard, Robinson,

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Shattuck, Spencer, Town, Westcott, White, Winsor. 23.

The following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Ord. for sale of
unclaimed goods,
Police Dept.

135.

Resolution directing the committee on ordinances to prepare an ordinance authorizing city treasurer to sell property in possession of the police department.

(Approved)

Washington St. Dist.
Drainage of.

Also, Resolution of inquiry relating to the drainage of the Washington street district;

Roger Wms. Park
Appropriation.

Also, Resolution transferring \$2000 from appropriation for parks, to be expended at Roger Williams Park;

(Concurred)

Harbor improvement.

100.

Also, Resolution appointing Messrs Price, White and Briggs of this Council and Aldermen a joint special committee to inquire and report in relation to deepening and improving the harbor;

H.C. Clark & City

Settlement of suits.

49.

Also, Resolution appointing Messrs Robinson, Potter and Phillips, with such of the board of aldermen may add, a joint special committee to consider and report on the message of the Mayor, dated Nov. 6. 1876, relative to settlement of suits between the

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city and Henry C. Clark, Esq. and discharging the committee on claims from further consideration thereof;

(Concurred, & Ald. Raynsford added)

(Approved)

Prov. Water Works

Act to authorize distribution of pipes into adjoining towns.

97.

A resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the general assembly for passage of an act authorizing the city to extend the distribution pipes of Providence Water Works into adjoining towns;

Keene Street

Laying pipes in.

97

Also, a communication from Water Commissioners recommending laying of water pipes in a portion of Keene street, are received and referred to the joint committee on water.

Water Loan

Appro^d for interest.

96.

A resolution adding \$100,000 to the appropriation for interest on the Water Loan is presented, read and referred to the joint Committee on Finance.

Remission of tax.

Petitions of

141.

Thomas G. Earle, Trustee of D. C. Howard,

97.

Michael Early,

97.

Benjamin Greene,

103

William G. Garnett,

103

Adam Molter,

96.

Welcome W. Pitcher,

102.

Mary A. Parini, et al.

142.

Isaac W. Sawin, & others,

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for remission of certain taxes, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 18. 1876 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Hamill, Hunt, Parsons, Sampson and H. S. Smith.

J. M. Caddeman,
Clerk.

In Common Council - December 18. 1876.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Roger Wms. Park boundary.

A Message from the Mayor relative to determining the boundary line between Roger Williams Park and land adjoining owned by Joseph G. Johnson Esq. is received, read and referred to the joint committee on Parks.

(Concurred)

(Approved)

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Mayor's Message

Council chamber for
Supreme Court.
108.

A Message from the Mayor relative to granting the use of the Council Chamber to the Supreme Court is received, read and referred to the joint committee on City Property.
(Concurred & approved)

Water Loan.

Appropriation for interest.
94.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance, a resolution making appropriation of \$16,000 for interest on the Water Loan is read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Mary J. Gardiner.

19.

Resolution to pay Mary J. Gardner \$30 for damage from overflow of Washington Street sewer;
(Concurred & approved)

Abby W. Harvey.

Also, Resolution to pay Abby W. Harvey \$50 for damage from overflow of sewer in Fountain street;
(Concurred & approved)

W. W. Pitcher.

94.

Also, Resolution to remit to Welcome W. Pitcher \$21²⁵, tax erroneously assessed for 1876;
(Concurred & approved)

Women's Christ'n Assn.

Also, Resolution to remit to the Women's Christian Association \$236, tax assessed for 1876.

Said committee to whom were referred

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Leave to withdraw

Mary H. (Carroll).

Remission of tax.

83.

83.

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77.

petitions of Mary H. Cargill for payment as teacher in the public schools during the year 1872; of Ella Calder, Charles Elsbree, Michael Carly, Benjamin Greene, Samuel Mowry, B. C. Steilaw, A. E. Tenney, Lucie R. Washburn, Adm'x Jt Milbur,

severally for remission of tax, - make reports, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which reports are severally received and adopted.

On recommendation of the joint committee on water, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Water pipes in Keene St.
94.

Resolution to extend water pipes in Keene street;
(Concurred & approved)

In Manning St.
76.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Manning street, from Governor to Ives streets;
(Concurred & approved)

Water for other Towns.
94.
187.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution directing the City solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for passage of an act authorizing the City to extend the distribution pipes

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of Providence Water Works into adjoining towns, make report and recommend the passage thereof: which is read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

French teacher.

Under a suspension of the rules, -

Appropriation. The joint committee on Education report a resolution appropriating \$500 for salary of teacher of French until June 30, 1877, which is read and passed.

40.

(Concurred & approved)

Drawing Dept.

Also, Resolution appropriating \$1500 for drawing department of the public schools, which is read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

84.

110.

Sale of buildings.

Pike St. &c.

The joint committee on city property submit reports relative to sale of buildings on Pike and Traverser streets in the Brook Street District; also, on Summer, Pond and Spring streets, which are serially read and received.

58.

(Concurred & approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Committee on

The joint special committee to whom was referred by resolution No. 381, approved June 15, 1876, the report of the Commissioners of the Brook Street District make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution appointing a joint committee to take the care, charge and management

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of said Brook Street District: which resolution is read and passed and Messrs Millett, Briggs and Parsons appointed members, on the part of this Council, of said committee.

City Hall Commis

To expend \$10,000 &c.

84.

The resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to expend \$10,000 without advertising for proposals which passed this Council at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "for the complete erection of the building": which amendment is read & concurred.

(Approved)

Salary Bills.

78.

80.

104.

The several bills fixing the salaries of the officers of the city for 1877; the compensation of the police and of the fire department for the year 1877, which passed this Council on the 4th inst. are returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with sundry amendments: which amendments are read and non-concurred.

Committee of conference requested.

The Common Council request that a committee of conference be appointed, and appoint Messrs Potter, Dexter, Winsor, E. A. Smith and Foster confer on their part.

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Worcester street

Lay out of
25.

The resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) requesting said board to lay out Worcester street, is taken from the table, read and non-concurred.

Hayward street.

The resolution to lay out and extend Hayward street;

Fremont street.

Also, the resolution directing Highway Commissioners to complete the grading of lots on Fremont street, between Iron & Garo streets, are taken from the table, read and indefinitely postponed.

Harbor improvement.

93.

The vote whereby the resolution appointing a joint special committee relating to the improving of the harbor, was passed at the last meeting, is reconsidered and said resolution is indefinitely postponed.

Ordinance.

City Engineer.

90.
122.

The bill in relation to the duties of the city engineer, being entitled "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter xxxvi of the ordinances of the city of Providence, entitled 'Officers of the city and their duties,'" postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Defered)

Remission of tax.

100.
103.

Petitions of

Amey L. Goff,
Estate of Warren C. Jones,

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Thos. Pearse.
124.

and of Thomas Pearse, for remission of certain taxes, are presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Dividing city into 12 Wards.

102.

A resolution appointing a special committee to consider the expediency of dividing the city into twelve wards is presented, but no action thereon taken.

* The Common Council adjourn until Tuesday, December 26. 1876, at 7 1/2 p.m.

M. Addeman, Clerk.

* Present - all the members except Messrs Babcock, Barker, Day, Hunt, Spencer, Sweet & White.

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In Common Council - Decem. 26. 1876.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Under a suspension of the rules, -

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Division of city
into 12 wards.
101.

The resolution (presented at the last meeting, for a special committee to consider the propriety of dividing the city into twelve wards, is taken from the table, read and passed, and Messrs Cooney, Parsons, Millett, Sampson, Briggs, Street and Potter appointed on the part of this Council.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Wm. H. Gale.
8.

Resolution to pay William H. Gale \$50 for damage from overflow of Pearl Street sewer;

(Approved)

Cordelia A. Roper.
8.

Also, Resolution to pay Cordelia A. Roper \$25 for damage from overflow of Point St. sewer;

(Approved)

Eliza Farrell.

Also, Resolution to pay Eliza Farrell \$32²⁷ for money paid by her to remove defect in title caused by wrongful sale for taxes;

(Approved)

Mary A. Parini et al.
94.

Also, Resolution to refund to Mary A. Parini and Emilia A. Knorring \$17⁴⁰ amount of tax paid under misapprehension.

(Approved)

P. M. Flanders.
31

Also, Resolution for settlement of Peley M. Flanders's appeal in re Hammond St.
(Approved)

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F. A. Arnold.
83.

Also, Resolution to pay Frederick A. Arnold \$25 for damage from overflow of Friendship Street sewer;

(Approved)

Adams & Butterworth.

Also, Resolution for reference of matters in controversy between the city and Adams & Butterworth relative to discharging sewage into Hospital Pond.

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Geo. L. Barney
wife.
83

George L. Barney wife for damages by the cutting down of Plain Street; of Thomas Donahoe, for compensation; of

W. Donahoe.
83

R. R. Rickard.

R. R. Rickard for damages to land on Greenwich & Daboll streets; of

Bernard Swift.
76.

Bernard Swift for amount of bill on account of labor on sewers; of Amey L. Goff,

Remission of tax.
100

100

Estate of Warren C. Jones,

94.

William G. Gannett,

94.

Adam Molter,

77.

Martin V. Wilcox

for remission or abatement of tax, make reports recommending that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw; which reports are severally received and adopted.

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Salary Bill.

Officers of city.

99
122.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards on the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877," submit their report, which is received, adopted, and it is ordered that said bill be amended in accordance therewith, and said bill as amended is read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Vetoed)

Fire Department

Compensation of.

99
122.

The committee of conference on the disagreement between the two boards on the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of the members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877," present their report, which is received and adopted; and in accordance therewith the Council recede from their vote of non-concurrence and concur in the amendment made by the board of aldermen.

(Vetoed).

Police Officers

Compensation of.

99
122.

The committee of conference to whom at the last meeting was referred the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day of January A.D. 1877," present their report, which is

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received and adopted; and in accordance therewith the Council recede from their vote of non-concurrence and concur in the amendments made by the board of aldermen.

(Vetoed)

On the recommendation of the joint committee on highways, resolutions requesting the board of aldermen to receive

Armington Ave.

Armington Avenue from Academy Avenue to Pemberton street;

Abbott's Lane.

Abbott's Lane from Knowles street to North Main street;

Beverly St.

Beverly street from Sabin street to Mason street;

Calendar St.

Calendar street from Sabin street to Mason street;

Kendall St.

Kendall street from Bridgman to Gilmore streets;

Perry St.

Perry street from Broadway to High street;

40.

and declare the same public highways;

Armington Ave.

Also, resolution to lay out Armington Avenue from Academy Avenue to Pemberton street, and Kendrick street from Academy Avenue to Mount Pleasant Avenue;

Kendrick St.

Pettis St.

40.

Also, resolution to cut Pettis street from Polk to Shore streets, are severally read and passed.

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Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Wilmington Avenue.

Chas. E. Taber others for curbing
Hollington Avenue; of

Congdon St.

J. C. Hovey others for straightening
extending of Congdon street; of

Earle's Lane.

35.

M^r F. Aldrich others to receive
Earle's Lane from Camp to St. Main Street;

Grove street.

M^r H. Reynolds others for curbing
and grading of Grove street; of

West Exchange St.

35.

B. Reily others for opening of
West Exchange street; of

River Avenue.

M^r M. Bailey Jr. Trustee others
to receive River Avenue, (by S. Gals.) make
reports recommending that the petitioners
severally have leave to withdraw: which
reports are received and adopted.

Marvin Street.

Said committee to whom were re-
ferred resolutions requesting the board of
Aldermen to lay out Marvin Street;

Mt. Pleasant Ave.

Also, to lay out Mount Pleasant
Avenue;

Transit street.

40.

Also, to cause curbstones to be re-
set on Transit street between Benefit
and Brook streets,
make reports recommending that the
same be indefinitely postponed: which
reports are received and adopted.

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Thos. P. Cole

Moving building.

92.

The joint committee on the Fire Department
to whom was recommitted on the 11th inst. the
petition of Thomas P. Cole for moving a build-
ing, make report recommending that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw: which
report is received and adopted.

Webster Street

R.R. gates at.

The joint committee on railroads, to whom
was referred (May 21, 1875) a petition of
Patrick Harney others for gates at
railroad crossing on Webster street, make
report of the placing of gates thereon and
at other places, & of the erection of fences by
the P. & W. R. R. Co. at request of said com-
mittee: which report is received.

Brayton Ave. &

R.R. gates at.

122.

A resolution (recommended by said
Committee) directing the Stonington Rail-
road Co. and the H. P. & F. R. R. Co.
to erect gates at the Brayton Avenue,
Acorn street and Dale street crossings,
is reported, read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Voted)

Dale Street

R.R. Crossing.

On recommendation of said committee
Eugene Sullivan others, petitioners for
protection at the Dale street crossing
have leave to withdraw.

On motion, the joint special committee
(consisting of the joint committees on Railroads
and City Property) are discharged from further

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Prov. & Spring. R.R. Consideration of petition of the Providence & Springfield R.R. Co. for location of depot on the Core lands, and said petition is referred to a joint special committee, - Messrs Cooney, Babcock, Tower, Parsons, Phillips and Burnham being appointed members thereof, on the part of this Council.

Council chamber for Supreme Court. On recommendation of the joint committee on City Property, a resolution granting permission to occupy the Council Chamber, by the Supreme Court, is read and passed.

Narragansett Ice Co. On recommendation of said committee the Narragansett Ice Co., petitioners for lease of lot on the Core lands, are granted leave to withdraw.

In re Brook St. A report of the joint special committee to confer with appellants in the matter of Brook Street is received in concurrence. (Approved)

North Main St A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) paving with granite blocks North Main Street with granite blocks is read and non-concurred by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

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Ayes.

Messrs Behan, Cooney, Dexter, Morris, Murray, Parsons, Phillips, Place, Tellew, Westcott & White. 11

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Babcock, J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Crossly, Day, Hamill, Hunt, Johnson, Millett, Peirce, Potta, Rice, Rickard, Robinson, Rounds, E. A. Smith, Spencer, Street, Tower & Winsor. 21

Report of Special Com. on management of Schools.

122.

The joint special committee on the management of the public schools, submit a report, accompanied by a resolution instructing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly at its next January Session for such legislation as will reduce the school committee of the city

School Com.

Reduction of No.

124.

to twenty one members, ten to be elected at the annual April election as at present, and eight by the city council in joint convention at its next meeting after the April election, but in such manner that one half of said committee, exclusive of the ex-officio members, shall be retired from office each year; - which are read, ordered printed and postponed to the next Common Council.

Under a suspension of the rules, - the joint committee on claims report a resolu-

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Gen. B. Barrows. To pay to Geo. B. Barrows \$361 in full for
76. his services in connection with the commission
sion for the extension of Vinton street,
which is read and rejected.

Drawing. The resolution making an appropriation
Appropriation for. for drawing in the public schools, laid
98. on the table at the last meeting, is taken
from the table, read and rejected.

Secy of School Com. A resolution fixing the pay of the
Salary of. Secretary of the School Committee at not ex-
ceeding \$1000. per annum, is presented, read
and rejected.

B. C. Neilan. A petition of B. C. Neilan for remission
of tax is presented, and it is ordered that
the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Owen Campbell. A petition of Owen Campbell, for
damages for overflow, is presented, received
and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Scarborough Lane. A petition of Mrs Butler Duncan to the
142. to have Scarborough lane declared a
public highway, is received and referred
to the joint committee on highways

The following resolution is presented,
read and passed: viz -

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Thanks to the
President.

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Common
Council be and they are hereby presented
to Mr. Abner J. Barnaby for the able, im-
partial and highly acceptable manner
in which he has presided over the delib-
erations of the Council during the
Municipal year now closing.

To which vote, the President made a
suitable and eloquent response.

Thanks to
the clerk.

The following resolution was also presented,
read and passed, viz: -

Resolved,

That the thanks of the Com-
mon Council are due and hereby conveyed
to the Hon. Joshua M. Addeman, Clerk of the
Council for the uniformly efficient and
courteous manner in which he has dis-
charged the duties of his office.

Adjourn sine die.

The Common Council then adjourn
sine die.

Present all the members, except
Messrs Ames, Barker, Burnham, Miller,
Tampson, Thattuck, & H. F. Smith. 7.

J. Addeman
(Clerk.)

January 1. 1877.

This being the day fixed by law for the organization of the city government of the City of Providence for the ensuing Municipal Year, the Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Common Council elect, assemble in the chamber of the Common Council at 3 o'clock P.M.

In Convention.

Thos. A. Doyle, Mayor engaged.

The certificate of the election of Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, as Mayor for the municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January 1877 is read and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. A. J. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

The roll of the City Council is called as follows, viz:-

Aldermen

FIRST WARD,	ALFRED METCALF.
SECOND WARD,	ADDISON Q. FISHER.
THIRD WARD,	BENJAMIN W. PERSONS.
FOURTH WARD,	GEORGE T. SPICER.
FIFTH WARD,	WILLIAM SPENCER.
SIXTH WARD,	WILLIAM S. HAYWARD.
SEVENTH WARD,	ABNER H. ANGELL.
EIGHTH WARD,	EDWIN A. SMITH.
NINTH WARD,	DUTEE WILCOX.
TENTH WARD,	HENRY S. SMITH.

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COMMON COUNCIL,

STILLMAN WHITE, OREN WESTCOTT,	FIRST WARD, ELISHA S. ALDRICH, CHARLES H. BARTLETT.
HENRY L. PARSONS, CHARLES P. ROBINSON,	SECOND WARD, JAMES LEWIS PEIRCE, FREDERICK MILLER.
CLINTON D. SELLEW, THOMAS A. MILLETT,	THIRD WARD, ARTHUR F. DEXTER, JAMES C. GOFF.
ABNER J. BARNABY, CHARLES F. SAMPSON,	FOURTH WARD, GEORGE R. PHILLIPS, GEORGE A. STEERE.
JOHN W. BRIGGS, JAMES H. TOWER,	FIFTH WARD, ALLEN SHAW, JAMES H. BUTLER.
DANIEL E. DAY, GEORGE H. BURNHAM,	SIXTH WARD, THOMAS M. ROUNDS, STEPHEN C. ARNOLD.
JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY, ANDREW WINSOR,	SEVENTH WARD, ROBERT E. SMITH, FREDERICK M. BALLOU.
RAYMOND G. PLACE, SILAS A. SWEET,	EIGHTH WARD, NICHOLAS A. FENNER, EDMUND S. HOPKINS.
HENRY R. BARKER, WILLIAM Y. POTTER,	NINTH WARD, WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK, WILLIAM J. CROSSLEY.
JOHN MORRIS, JOHN M. BRENNAN,	TENTH WARD, JOSEPH F. BROWN, JAMES PROVAN.

All the foregoing are present and are engaged by the Mayor.

City Clerk

Samuel W. Brown is elected City Clerk and is engaged by the Mayor.

Prayer.

Prayer is offered by Rev. A. J. F. Behrens, A. D.

Mayor's Address

The Mayor delivers his inaugural address.

City officers elected.

The City Convention elect the usual city officers and the two Boards separate.

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In Common Council.

The Common Council is called to order by the Clerk.

President elected

A ballot for President of the Common Council is taken with the following result:

Whole number of votes	39
Necessary for choice	20.
Of which Mr Robinson received	23
Mr. J. Barnaby	" 14
Mr Dexter	" 2

and Mr Robinson was declared elected.

Clerk elected.

Joshua M. Addeman is elected Clerk of the Common Council for the ensuing year and is engaged by the Mayor.

Rules of Order

The Rules of Order of the last Common Council are adopted for the government of the present Common Council.

Joint standing committees.

The following joint standing committees are appointed (the aldermen named being subsequently added by the Board) viz:

On Finance - Messrs Day,
J. B. Barnaby,
Sampson
Parsons.
Ald. Fisher.

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On Highways. - Messrs Brown
Sweet
Arnold
Bartlett.
Ald. Hayward.

On Education - Messrs Barker
Pierce
Aldrich
Morris
Ald. McBeath.

On the Fire Department - Messrs White
Rounds
Briggs
Place
Ald. Spicer.

On City Property - Messrs Parsons
Phillips
Burnham
Tower
Ald. Parsons.

On Police - Messrs A. J. Barnaby
Teller
Miller
Butler.
Ald. E. A. Smith.

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On Ordinances - Messrs Hopkins,
Potter
Fellous
Brennan
Ald. Spencer.

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On Claims Messrs Westcott
Ballou
Butler
Hopkins
Ald. Angell.

On Printing - Messrs Millett
Miller
Crossley
Steele
Ald. Persons.

On Parks - Messrs Sampson
Dexter
Shattuck
Brown
Ald. Hayward.

On the North Burial Ground. Messrs Winsor
Shaw
Goff
Ald. Spencer.

On the Harbor - Messrs Dexter
Winsor
Smith
Ald. Wilcox.

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On Railroads - Messrs Peirce
Ballou
Fower
Ald. Spencer.

On Sewers - Messrs Briggs
Millett
Fenner
Ald. C. A. Smith.

On Lamps - Messrs Rounds
Shattuck
Poran
Ald. H. S. Smith.

On Water - Messrs Potter
Day
Fenner
Bartlett
Ald. Fisher & Wilcox

On the City debt - Mr J. B. Barnaby.

On the city engineer's department - Mr Winsor.

Mr J. B. Barnaby is excused from service on the joint committee on finance, and subsequently Mr Ballou is appointed in his stead.

Mr Sweet requests to be excused from

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Requests to be excused. Service on the joint committee on highways;
 Mr Tower requests to be excused from
 the joint committee on railroads; and
 Mr Brennan to be excused from the
 joint committee on ordinances; -
 the consideration of which requests is
 postponed till the next meeting.

The following resolutions are severally
 presented, read and passed, viz:-

Mayor's message referred.

Resolution referring the Mayor's Mes-
 sage and stated reports to the proper joint
 standing committees;

Mayor's Address &
 City Manual.

Also, Resolution to print the Mayor's
 Inaugural and the City Manual;

City Printing and
 Stationery.

Also, Resolution to contract for
 city printing and stationery;

No. of city docs.

Also, Resolution regulating the number
 of city documents to be printed;

Reports printed.

Also, Resolution to print certain
 stated reports;

Police Court.

Also, Resolution electing Elias M.
 Jenckes and Lorin M. Cook to compose
 the Police Court;

O. D. Washburn, Jr.
 Comr. Sinking Funds.

Also, Resolution electing Oliver D.
 Washburn Jr. Commissioner of Sinking
 Funds for three years.

(Concurred & Approved)

The following gentlemen are elected by
 ballot members of the joint committee on

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Accounts, Committee on. Accounts, on the part of this Council, viz:-
 Messrs Oren Westcott
 Thomas A. Millett
 George R. Phillips
 Robert C. Smith &
 Joseph F. Brown.
 (Ald. C. S. Smith & Persons added.)

Pub. Administrator.

1444.

A bill, entitled "An ordinance providing
 for the election of public administrator,"
 is presented, read and passed.

Martin Hanley.

141.

A claim of Martin Hanley for com-
 pensation for injuries to estate on Martin's
 sheet is received and referred to the
 joint committee on claims.

Reports received.

The Annual Reports of
 The Gauger, The City Auditor;
 The City Treasurer; the Chief Engi-
 neer of the Fire Department; the
 Inspector of Keroseene, of the Justice
 of the Police Court;
 Also, the monthly Reports of
 The Harbor Master and Chief
 Engineer of the Fire Department, are
 severally presented, read and received.
 (Concurred & Approved)

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Report on School
Management &
109

Voted. That 750 copies of the Report of the Joint Special Committee to examine into the management of the public schools of the city, presented 26th of December last, be printed for the use of the City Council.

Veto of Salary bill.
104

The bills severally entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877";

Police
104

"An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day of January A.D. 1877";

Fire Dept.
104

"An ordinance fixing the compensation of the members of the fire department of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January A.D. 1877";

Ord. City Engineer.
100.

"An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XXXVI of the ordinances of the city of Providence entitled 'Officers of the city and their duties'; (relating to the city engineer);

R.R. Crossing Gates.
107.

Also, the resolution entitled "Resolution directing the Stonington R.R. and the P. Hartford & Fishkill R.R. to erect gates at the Brayton Avenue, Acorn street and Dale street crossing;— which bills and resolution originated in this Common Council and were passed by the two boards of the city council, are returned by the Mayor without approval;— said bills and resolution having been handed to the

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Clerk of the Common Council by the Mayor at 2.59 o'clock P.M. this day, and by said Clerk handed to the President.

It is moved that the same be received: which motion is lost by vote. Subsequently said vote is reconsidered, and pending the consideration of said motion,—

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, January 8. 1877 at Three o'clock P.M.

M. Coddman, Clerk.

In Common Council - January 8. 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. President Robinson in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Salary Bills.

122

The several bills fixing the salaries of city officers, the compensation of the police and members of the fire department,

City Engineer

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and relating to the city engineer, also, the resolution directing Stonington R.R.

R.R. Crossing Gates

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et al. to erect gates at certain crossing, which were returned by the Mayor without approval, and pending the consi...

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tion of a motion to receive which the Common Council at its last meeting adjourned, are taken from the table.

It is voted that the same be received and the further consideration thereof indefinitely postponed.

Thos. Pearce.

101.
128.

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to remit to Thomas Pearce the sum of \$17⁴⁰, tax erroneously assessed for 1876, is read and passed.

(Concurred)

Alice Gannon

91.

On recommendation of the same committee, it is ordered that Alice Gannon, petitioners for damages on account of closing Gorton street, have leave to withdraw.

Reports received.

The monthly reports of
The City Auditor
The City Treasurer,
The Sums of Registered Bonds,
are severally presented, read and received.

School committee

Reduction of no.

109.

The resolution directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly, at its January session 1877, for authority to reduce the number of the School committee, postponed from the last Common Council, is taken from the table, read and passed.

(Concurred)

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Docket of unfinished business.

Voted.

That the clerk be directed to enter upon the docket of unfinished business of this Common Council, the unfinished business on the table of the last Common Council.

Surveyor or Supt. of highways.

Resolved.

That the joint committee on Ordinances be and they are directed to report to the City Council an ordinance which shall provide for the election of a Surveyor or superintendent of highways, who shall exercise all the powers and duties now exercised by the commissioners of highways.

(Non-concurred)

Asia street.

398.

Resolved.

That the committee on highway be hereby directed to report a plan for the extension of Asia street from Denton street to Knight street, together with an estimate of the probable cost thereof.

(Approved)

Mayor's Message

Election Laws.

A resolution referring so much of the Mayor's Message as relates to the election laws to a joint special committee to examine and report thereon, is presented.

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read and passed, and Messrs Bartlett, Millett, Hopkins, Arnold and White, are appointed members thereof, on the part of this Common Council.

(Concurred. Ald G. A. Smith & Hayward added.)

(Approved)

Index to city council resolutions.

A resolution relative to preparing an index to city council resolutions of 1876, and to bind said resolutions, is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

City Officers

Salaries of, for 1877.

129.

A resolution fixing the compensation of city officers for the year 1877 is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on ordinances with instructions to examine and report upon the power of the Council to pass such a resolution.

New High School.

Change in brick.

130.

A resolution authorizing the special committee appointed to build a new High School building to make certain changes in the brick to be used, is presented, read and referred to said special committee with instructions to report what additional cost would be made in the construction of that building by the proposed change in the character of the brick.

Resolutions relating to lay out Winter

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Winter street
142.

street from Cranston street to High street, pursuant to Commissioners' report filed in the Supreme Court, Dec. 9. 1876;

Transit st.
279.

Also, Resolution directing curbing to be reset on Transit street;

Lloyd St.
272.

Also, petitions of O. A. Ballou & others to lay out Lloyd street from Prospect to Thayer streets; of

Marvin &

McDonough Sts.
294.

Joseph A. Miller & others for improvement of Marvin & McDonough Sts., are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Com. on Ordinances

Change in.

Mr Brennan is excused from further service on the joint committee on Ordinances, and Mr Dexter is appointed in his stead.

G. L. Barney et ux.
141.

Petitions of G. L. Barney wife for damages on account of the cutting down of Stone St;

Thos. Feely.
157

Thomas Feely for damages caused by overflow of water; of

B. C. Neilan.
141.

J. H. W. B. Opper.
157

B. C. Neilan for remission of tax; of John H. W. B. Opper for damages caused by overflow of water; of

John Reynolds
141.

Miss C. C. Windsor.
142.

John Reynolds, for same; of Mrs C. C. Windsor for compensation for injuries, are received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, January 15. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M.

Present - all the members except Messrs Day & Phillips.
J. M. Liddleman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - January 15, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto.

Res. to abate tax of Thomas Pearse.

124.

141.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution No. 25 abating tax of Thomas Pearse, passed by the Common Council at the last meeting and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 11th inst. which resolution is recommended (with the Mayor's veto) to the joint committee on Claims with instructions to obtain the written opinion of the City Solicitor in regard to the authority of the city council to pass said resolution.

Mayor's Message.

Resignation of Seth Paddock Comr of Sinking Funds.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting the resignation of Hon. Seth Paddock as a Commissioner of Sinking Funds; and it is resolved (in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen) that Jesse McNeal be elected to fill the vacancy.

Mayor's Message

Claims of G. W. Miller & J. B. Herbeck.

A Message is received from the Mayor relative to claims of Geo. W. Miller and the

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Heirs of James Ellerbeck, in the matter of widening Broad street, south of Public street: which is read and referred (in concurrence) to the joint special committee to settle with the parties on said street.

(Approved)

On recommendation of the joint committee on ordinances,

Pub. Weigher.

Still entitled "An ordinance establishing a public weigher".

City Contractors Employees of.

Also, Resolution instructing said committee to report an ordinance for the protection of employees of city contractors;

Rules of order.

Also, Proposed amendment to the Standing Rules of the Common Council;

Highways.

Also, Resolution relating to highways of the city, are severally indefinitely postponed.

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Public Lamps.

Said committee report with recommendation a bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XLIII of the ordinances of the City of Providence Public Lamps", which is read and passed.

City Officers Compensation.

129

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution fixing compensation of city officers, with instructions, make report thereon, which is received, and recommend the accompanying reso-

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lution instructing the city Solicitor to make application to the General Assembly for an act authorizing the City Council to fix salaries of the city officers.

An amendment striking out in the resolution all after the figures "1877" is proposed and lost by a vote of 15 to 16, and the resolution as reported, is read and passed.

Revision of Highway Ordinances, 29, 135.

Said Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Message of Oct. 16, 1876, relative to revision of the Highway laws, make report thereon, which is received; and a resolution (offered by Mr Dexter), referring to said committee the matter of the revision of the ordinances of the city in relation to highways, with authority to employ counsel, is read and passed.

New High School. Change of brick. 126, 134.

The joint special committee to build a new High School, to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution authorizing the substitution of Philadelphia pressed brick for Whitbeck brick, with instructions, make report which is read, and said resolution is recommitted with instructions to report at the next meeting what would be the additional cost of substituting Danvers pressed brick.

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Oxford Street Hiring of lot for schools.

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution authorizing the committee on Education to hire a lot for school purposes on Oxford street, is presented, read and passed.

Deputy gaugers.

Reports of Com. Sinking Funds.

City Hall

Interior arrangem't

Unconfirmed police.

Public bridges.

Appropriation for.

Chap. 549.

Sewer assessments.

185.

The following resolutions and orders, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

- Resolution confirming appointment of deputy gaugers;
- Orders to receive the third annual report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds, and Report of Special Committee on arrangement of rooms in the City Hall;
- Resolution approving plans for interior arrangement of rooms in the City Hall;
- Resolution to pay unconfirmed police. (Approved)

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) adding \$12000 to the appropriation for public bridges is referred to the joint Committee on finance.

And a resolution (from said board) directing city solicitor to apply for amendment to Chapter 549 of the public laws, relative to assessments for sewers, is read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

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lution instructing the city Solicitor to make application to the General Assembly for an act authorizing the City Council to fix salaries of the city officers.

An amendment striking out in the resolution all after the figures "1877" is proposed and lost by a vote of 15 to 16, and the resolution as reported, is read and passed.

Revision of High-
way Ordinances,
29,
135,

Said Committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Message of Oct. 16, 1876, relative to revision of the Highway laws, make report thereon, which is received: and a resolution (offered by Mr. Dexter), referring to said committee the matter of the revision of the ordinances of the city in relation to highways, with authority to employ counsel, is read and passed.

New High School.

Change of brick.

126,
134,

The joint special committee to build a new High School, to whom at the last meeting was referred a Resolution authorizing the substitution of Philadelphia pressed brick for Whitbeck brick, with instructions, make report which is read, and said resolution is recommitted with instructions to report at the next meeting what would be the additional cost of substituting Saunders pressed brick.

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Oxford street

Hiring of lot
for schools.

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution authorizing the committee on Education to hire a lot for school purposes on Oxford street, is presented, read and passed.

The following resolutions and orders, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Deputy gaugers.

Resolution confirming appointment of deputy gaugers;

Reports of Com.
Sinking Funds.

Orders to receive the third annual report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds, and Report of Special Committee on arrangement of rooms in the City Hall;

City Hall

Interior arrangement

Resolution approving plans for interior arrangement of rooms in the city Hall;

Unconfirmed police.

Resolution to pay unconfirmed police.
(Approved)

Public bridges.

Appropriation for.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) adding \$2000 to the appropriation for public bridges is referred to the joint Committee on finance.

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sewer assessments.

185,

And a resolution (from said board) directing city solicitor to apply for amendment to Chapter 549 of the public laws, relative to assessments for sewers, is read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

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Informal meeting

Water Commissioner,
City Engineer.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) recommending an informal meeting of the members of the city council to consider the subjects of electing a water commissioner and of consolidating the engineering departments of the city, is received and read.

Adjournment.

Voted,

That when the Common Council adjourn it be till next Thursday at 5 o'clock p.m.

City Hall Comrs
Report.

The ninth quarterly report of the city hall Commissioners is presented, read and received.

Water Commissioner,
Resignation of J.H. Shedd

A communication from the Board of water commissioners, accompanied by the letter of resignation of J. Herbert Shedd of his office of Chief Engineer, is received, read and ordered printed in pamphlet form for the use of the city council.

A.W. Aldrich.

Petitions of
Anson W. Aldrich for damages by overflow of Washington street sewer; of
Owen Campbell, for damages; of
H. W. Dean, for damages; of
J. W. Hartsorn for pay for office; of
Charles A. Potter for damage by the grading of Ocean street,

O. Campbell,
141.

H. W. Dean,
157.

S. W. Hartsorn,
141.

Chas. A. Potter,
176.

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are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Fire Alarm.

Com. of Benefit &
Meeting Sts.
149.

A petition of G. H. Copeland & others for fire alarm at or near junction of Benefit and Meeting streets is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Roger Wms. Park
Open evenings.

A petition of John N. Francis & others for the opening on evenings of Roger Williams Park for the purpose of skating, is received and referred to the joint committee on Parks.

Committees
discharged.

Market.

Pontiac Branch R.R.

Resolved.

That the joint special committee on a public market, (appointed April 3, 1873) and the joint special committee on Petition of the Pontiac Branch Railroad Co. (appointed August 10, 1875) be hereby discharged.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Thursday next, January 18. 1877 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present, all the members except Messrs Day, Peirce & Street. 3.

M. Adseman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - January 18. 1877

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment. the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

New High School.

Change of brick.

130.

The joint special committee to build a new High School, to whom at the last meeting was recommended the resolution to substitute Philadelphia pressed brick for Whitbeck brick, with instructions, make report which is received, and said resolution is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brown, Burnham, Crossley, Fenner, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Parsons, Peirce, Place, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Sellen, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Westcott, White & Winsor. 26.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Brennan, Briggs, Butler, Dexter, Goff, Miller, Proau, Shaw, Sweet & Tower. 11.

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Brook St. District.

Grading &c.

The joint special committee on the Brook street district report a resolution authorizing said committee to grade a portion of said district and to dispose of certain buildings, which is read and passed.

Mayor's Message

Pay of police.

139.

A Message is received recommending immediate action in the matter of fixing compensation of the police, which is read and referred (in concurrence) to the joint committee on finance to examine and report thereon.

Ord. for sale of property in possession of police.

93.

A bill entitled "An ordinance authorizing the sale of property coming into the possession of the police force," having passed the board of aldermen, is read and concurred.

Highway Commrs.

Resolutions (from the Board of aldermen, electing Thomas W. Hart, Highway commissioner in place of Samuel L. Blaisdell, resigned; and Charles Anthony, Highway Commissioner for three years, are received, read and laid on the table.

Revision of Highway ordinances.

131.

The resolution authorizing the joint committee on ordinances to report changes in ordinances on highways and to employ counsel

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passed by this Council at the last meeting is returned from the board of aldermen, with their concurrence therein with an amendment inserting before the word "ordinances" in the second line, the words "Highway laws and the," - which amendment is read and concurred.

Ordinances.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) for printing the public laws and ordinances relating to the city passed since the publication of the revised ordinances, is read and concurred.

Henry L. Parsons.

Resignation of.

A communication is received from the Mayor announcing the resignation of Henry L. Parsons, Esq. a member of this Common Council from the second ward: which is read, and it is ordered that said resignation be accepted.

Invitation to join

in Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council ^{in convention} to elect a Water Commissioner.

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the two boards join in Convention of the city Council.

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In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

H. L. Parsons.
elected
Water Commr.

Henry L. Parsons Esq. is elected a Water Commissioner (in place of Amos D. Lockwood declined to serve), receiving 25 votes to 20 for C. W. Raynsford and 1 scattering.

The two boards separate.

In Common Council.

Second Ward.

Election ordered
for Councilman.

A resolution ordering an election in the second ward, on the 30th of January inst. to elect a member of the Common Council to represent said ward in the city Council, in place of Henry L. Parsons, Esq. resigned, is presented, read and passed.

B. & P. R. R. Co.

Track on India St.

143.

A petition of the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation for leave to make certain changes in their track on India Street, is received and referred to the joint committee on Railroads.

Sewer on
Ringgold Street.
154

A petition of Mrs. Louisa M. Bowen for sewer on Ringgold Street between Broadway and Carpenter Street is received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

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Highway Dept.

Pay of Teamers.

156.

A petition of Henry F. Cullen to the teamers employed in the highway department for increased compensation is received and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Petitions of

James Lynch.

157.

James Lynch for damages done by water; of

Lydia H. Winsor.

149.

Sarah J. Winsor.

149.

Lydia H. Winsor,

Sarah J. Winsor,

each for remission of tax, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, January 29. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs J. B. Barnaby & Day. 2.

M. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

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Act relative to Buildings, &c.

A Message is received from the Mayor, transmitting the report of the R. S. Chapter American Institute of Architects, accompanied by a bill entitled "An Act for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property, in the city of Providence", which is referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs Dexter, White, Winsor, Phillips, Briggs and Fenner, with such as the board of aldermen may add to examine and report thereon.

Concurred: Mayor & Ald. Spicer, Wilcox & Angell (added).
(Approved)

Police & Firemen.

Compensation

135.

The joint committee on finance to whom was referred the Mayor's Message of 18th of January inst. relative to fixing the compensation of the police and firemen for the present year, make report recommending the passage of a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day in January A. D. 1877", which bill is read.

Police,

Compensation of

Mr A. J. Barnaby offers the following resolution as a substitute for the foregoing bill, viz:

Resolved,

That the City Treasurer be

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Police. and he is hereby authorized to pay the
 Compensation of members of the police force of the city the
 same compensation as was paid to them
 during the last municipal year and in
 the same manner until otherwise ordered
 by the city council:
 which resolution is substituted for said
 ordinance by the following vote, the yeas
 and nays being ordered, viz:—

Yeas

Meprs Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, Barker,
 Bartlett, Brown, Burnham, Crossley,
 Fenner, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Phillips,
 Place, Potter, Proun, Rounds, Teller, That-
 truck, Smith, Steere, & Westcott. 21

Nays

Mr President, Meprs Ballou, J. B. Barna-
 by, Briggs, Butler, Day, Dexter, Goff, Miller,
 Peirce, Sampson, Shaw, Sweet, Tower,
 White & Winsor. 16

Said resolution is then read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

On the recommendation of said committee
 the resolution adding \$12,000 to the appropria-
 tion for bridges (referred to them on the 15 inst.)
 is read and concurred.

(Approved)

On recommendation of the joint committee
 on claims, the following resolutions are ser-
 rally read and passed, viz:—

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Perrin & Irons.

8.

Resolution to pay Perrin & Irons \$200. in
 full for damages caused by overflow of sewer
 on Manton Avenue;

S. W. Hartshorn.

132.

Also, Resolution to pay Samuel W. Hart-
 horn \$50. for expense of fitting up an office
 for the weigher at the city scales.

(Concurred & approved)

Thomas Peorse

128.

Said committee to whom on the 15th inst.
 was recommended Resolution abating tax of
 Thomas Peorse, (with the Mayor's veto thereof),
 with instructions to obtain the opinion of the
 city solicitor, make report transmitting
 said opinion: which report is received, and
 the further consideration of said resolu-
 tion is indefinitely postponed.

Withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred
 petitions of

G. L. Barney et ux.

127.

G. L. Barney wife, for damages on
 account of the cutting down of Plane street;

O. Campbell.

132.

Owen Campbell, for damages; (2)

T. G. Earle, Trustee.

94.

Thomas G. Earle, Trustee, for re-

funding of tax; of

Jas. W. Hale.

40.

James W. Hale, for damages; of

Martin Hanley.

121.

Martin Hanley, for compensation

for injuries to estate on Martin street; of

B. C. Neilan.

127.

B. C. Neilan, for remission of tax;

John Reynolds.

127.

John Reynolds for compensation

for damages by overflow of water &c. on estate; of

W. A. Spelman.

83.

Walter A. Spelman, for remission of tax;

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R. C. & A. M. Sessions.

19.

Rebecca C. and Anna M. Sessions for damage by overflow of Washington St. sewer; Isaac W. Sawin & others for remission of

I. W. Sawin et als.

94.

tax; of

Mrs. C. C. Windsor.

127.

Mrs. C. C. Windsor, for compensation for injuries; make reports which are adopted: and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

On recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Nichols Street.

Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Nichols street from Charles Street to Ash Lane;

(Concurred & approved.)

Winter Street.

127.

Also, Resolution electing to lay out Winter street from Cranston to High streets, pursuant to report of commissioners of estimates and assessment.

(Concurred & voted.)

Scarborough Lane.

110.

Said committee to whom on the 26th of December last was referred the petition of Mrs. Butler Duncan & others to have Scarborough Lane declared a public highway, make report, which is received, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

The joint committee on sewers to whom were referred petitions of

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Sewer in Spring St.

Stephen C. Arnold & others for sewer in Spring street; and of

J. W. Aldrich.

60.

A. W. Aldrich to have estate on Eddy Street connected with sewer, make reports, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

B. & P. R. R. Co.

India St. track.

137.

The joint committee on railroads to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation for leave to make certain changes in their track on India street, report recommending the same, and a resolution granting the same is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

Public Laws & Ordinances, Publication of.

On recommendation of the joint committee on printing, a resolution instructing the city clerk, under the direction of the joint committee on printing, to cause the the public laws relating to the city and the ordinances passed since the publication of the revised ordinances, to be printed, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

No. Burial Ground.

Report.

The report of the commissioners of the North Burial Ground, for 1876, is presented, read and received.

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Water Commrs.

I. Brayton, Pres't

A communication from the Board of Water Commissioners reporting that the members having been duly engaged, have organized by the election of Lodowick Brayton as President, is presented, read and received.
(Concurred & approved)

City Hall.

Interior arrangement.

The second report of the joint special committee, on assignment of rooms in the City Hall, is presented read and received, and a resolution requesting the city hall commissioners to enlarge the water office in the City Hall, recommended by said committee, is read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

The following having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Pub. Administrator.

An ordinance providing for the election of public administrator;

Drawing.

Resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$1500. for drawing in the public schools;

Parade St. Fire.

Order to receive the report of the joint special committee on the Parade street fire;

Reform School

Report referred.

Resolution referring portions of the Reform School report to the joint committee on ordinances.

(Approved)

The annual report of the Trustees of the

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Reform School

Report.

147

Providence Reform School, is received from the board of aldermen, with an order passed by them to print 1000 copies thereof in pamphlet form for the use of the city council: which vote is referred to the joint committee on printing.

Fire Dept

Pay of.

A resolution to pay the members of the fire department the same compensation and in the same manner as during the last municipal year, until otherwise ordered by the city council, is presented read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Engineering Depts.

Consolidation of

A resolution requesting the joint committee on the city engineer's department to examine into and report in reference to re-arranging and consolidating the engineering service of the city, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Martin St. Police

Station.

A resolution directing the committee on city property to report estimates of cost of grading, draining, fencing, heating and furnishing the Martin street police station, is presented read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Jas. Maguire.

A petition of James Maguire to hire or lease a small parcel of land on Smith

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sheet, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on city property.

Petitions of

John R. Cozzens.
191.
Charles E. Gorman.
156.

John R. Cozzens for damages; of Charles E. Gorman for payment of taxed costs in certain cases, are received and referred to the committee on Claims.

S. C. Arnold
165.

A petition of Stephen C. Arnold for abatement of sewer assessments; and a

Sewer Tax
Change of Law.

Resolution instructing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for change of law regarding sewer tax, are received and referred to the committee on Sewers.

Howard Street.
177.

A petition of David Patt others for receiving Howard Street from High Street to Broadway is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

J. G. Peterson & Co.
149

A petition of James G. Peterson & Co. for moving a building, is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

The following matters on the docket of unfinished business are taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Railroads, viz:—

Union R.R. Co.

Resolution relieving the Union Railroad Company from taxes assessed and to be as-

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essed during 1876, for use of streets;

Union R.R. Co.

Rent for streets.

Chap. 46.
Ordinances.

Also, resolution to remit to Union Railroad Company rent for use of streets;

Also, An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 46, of the ordinances in relation to railroads (with opinion of the city solicitor in regard to the same.)

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, February 5. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present— all the members except Messrs Aldrich and Brennan. 2.

M. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment— the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

J. C. B. Woods.

The certificate of election of Mr. John Carter Brown Woods, as member of this Common Council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Henry L. Parsons, is presented and read; and the oath of office is

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administered to Mr. Woods by the Mayor.

Invitation for Convention.

Resolved.

That his honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the purpose of electing a city engineer and other city officers.

Accepted.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two boards join in convention of the City Council

In Convention.

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

Surveyor of Lumber.

Cook A. Jiltson is elected Surveyor of Lumber

Pub. Administrator.

Daniel Burrows is elected Public Administrator.

City Engineer.

Samuel M. Gray is elected City Engineer.

Certain police constables are elected (with power to serve civil process.)

The two boards separate.

Henry B. Eddy.

144.

In Common Council. - Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of Henry B. Eddy to raise a building, is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

On recommendation of the joint committee on

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Sarah J. Winsor

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Lydia H. Winsor

138.

claims, a resolution to remit tax erroneously assessed Sarah J. Winsor amounting to \$14⁵⁰; and a resolution to remit tax erroneously assessed against Lydia H. Winsor, amounting to \$14²⁰, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred &)

On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Fire Alarm Box

Benefit & Meeting St.

133.

Resolution authorizing the locating of a fire alarm box at or near the corner of Benefit and Meeting streets;

J. B. Peterson & Co.

Henry B. Eddy.

148.

Also, Resolutions granting petitions of James G. Peterson Co. to move a building; & Henry B. Eddy, to raise a building.

(Concurred & Approved)

Jas. Maguire.

146.

The joint committee on city property to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of James Maguire to lease a small parcel of land on Smith Street, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Reform School Report.

145.

The joint committee on printing to whom at the last meeting was referred the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Providence Reform School, report recommending concurrence in the order to print 1000 copies thereof: which

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report is received and adopted.

(Approved)

City Officers
Salaries for Jan.
& Feb. 1877.

Under a suspension of the rules, - a resolution authorizing the city treasurer to pay to the several city officers and their assistants for services rendered during the months of January and February 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year for the same months, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Wonnasquatucket
River.
Wall & Highways.
225.

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of Elisha Dyer tothrus for building wall and filling highways along the Wonnasquatucket river, is received and referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs Phillips, Brown and Barker on the part of this Council, with such as the board of Aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Ald. Fisher added)

(Approved)

C. E. Paine City Eng.
Transfer of books &c.

A resolution for transfer of books, papers and other property in the hands of the city engineer, Charles E. Paine, to his successor in office, is presented, read and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Concurrences.

The following resolutions and orders having passed the board of aldermen are read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Unconfirmed Police.

Resolution to pay certain unconfirmed policemen for duty in January last;

Water Works in Cranston.

Also, Resolution to pay tax on the Water Works in Cranston under protest;

Public Works.

Exempt from taxation.

Also, Resolution appointing a joint special committee to apply to the General Assembly for an act to exempt public works of any town or city from taxation, (Messrs Dexter, Potter & Woods being added thereto);

House of Correction.

Also, Resolutions discharging the joint special committee appointed Jan. 25, 1875 on the subject of a House of Correction, and referring so much of the Mayor's inaugural address as refers to the subject of a House of correction to a joint special committee, (Messrs Goff, Smith and Butler being added thereto);

Central Police Station.

Also, Resolution to build an addition to the Central Police Station, at a cost not exceeding \$1100;

Surveyor of Lumber Report.

Also, Order to receive the Annual Report of the Surveyor of Lumber.

(Approved)

Pay of Police.

Jan. & Feb. 1877.

A resolution from the board of aldermen directing the city treasurer to pay the police for services in January 1877 at the same rate of compensation as paid during the

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year 1876, is read and concurred with amendments inserting the word "February" after "January"; changing the word "month" to "months", and at the end of the resolution adding the words "for the same months."

(Concurred & approved)

J.C.B. Woods on
Committee of Finance &
City Property.

Mr. J.C.B. Woods is appointed a member of the joint standing committee on Finance and City Property, to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Mr. Parsons, take a member of this Council from the second ward.

Mo. Reports.

The Monthly Reports of
The City Auditor,

The City Treasurer,

The issue of registered bonds,

Highway Comrs Report.

The Quarterly report of the Highway Commissioners;

City Eng's Report
on Encroachments.

Also, Report of the City Engineer of encroachments on City property to Feb. 5, 1877, are severally presented, read and received.

Thos. W. Hart.

Highway Comm'r.

Resolved.

That Thomas W. Hart be hereby elected Highway Commissioner for the unexpired term of Samuel L. Blaisdell, resigned.

On recommendation of the joint committee on city property, a resolution to furnish and

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Martin St. Police
Station.

That the Martin street police station and to fence and grade the lot thereof, at a cost not exceeding \$4000 is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Nadiak Brown

Highway Comm'r.

Nadiak Brown is elected by ballot a Highway commissioner for the term of three years from the first Monday in January, 1877, receiving 20 votes to 16 for Charles Anthony.

Pay of city officers.

Not to be paid
until etc.

A resolution instructing the city auditor not to audit the claim of any city official now in office, for services rendered officially during the months of January and February of this year, until the opinion of the city solicitor be obtained as to whether they are legally entitled to recover for such official services, is presented, read and passed. (motions to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely the same, being first rejected.)

Re Brook St.

Settle with ap-
pellants.

A resolution to settle with appellants in the matter of laying out Brook street, from Angell to Hope streets, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Senter street.

A resolution discharging the joint special committee in the matter of Senter street, is

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presented, read and passed.

Petitions of

Alex. P. Nizer,
184.J. H. Knudsen,
183.Alexander P. Nizer for remission of tax;
John H. Rowley for compensation for

damages.

are received and referred to the joint committee
on Claims.

Dog Law.

185.

A resolution relieving the city solicitor
from prosecuting complaints under the Dog Law,
is received and referred to the joint committee
on Ordinances.The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, February 19, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.Present - all the members except
Messrs Burnham & Seltzer. 2.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - February 19, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to
adjournment, the President in the chair
and a quorum present.The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Mayor's Message.

Use of old
State Prison
by the city.

192.

A Message is received from the Mayor
relative to use by the city of the old state
prison after the removal of the state prison-
ers therefrom; and a resolution authorizing
the special committee appointed by resolution
#72, current series, upon the subject of a
house of correction, to arrange with any com-
mittee of the General Assembly as to a
plan and terms, to be submitted to the
city council for approval before being bind-
ing upon the city, for use of the present
state prison by the city, after the new state
prison is occupied, is presented, read and passed.

Mayor's Message.

Fire Hydrants.

A Message is received from the Mayor,
relative to the necessity for the passing of an
ordinance to prevent the use of the fire hy-
drants from being obstructed; which is read
and referred to the joint committee on ordinan-
ces with instructions to report an ordinance of
the nature therein recommended.

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Mayor's Veto.

Winter street.

142.

294.

A Message is received from the Mayor, returning with his objections Resolution No. 68, passed by this Council on the 29th ult. and concurred in by the board of aldermen on the 5th inst. electing to lay out Winter street from Cranston to High streets, which is read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Teamers on highways.

138.

173.

The joint committee on finance to whom on the 18th ult. was referred a petition of Henry F. Bullen & others, teamers employed on the highways, for increased compensation, return the same without recommendation: which is laid on the table for the present.

C. D. Seaman

Resignation.

A communication from Clinton D. Seaman Esq. resigning his office as Common Councilman from the Third Ward is received and ordered placed on file.

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

C. E. Gorman.

146.

Resolution to pay Charles E. Gorman \$57⁴⁰, taxed costs in case of Alice Gorman against the city;

(Approved)

Roscoe W. Wood.

Also, Resolution to pay Roscoe W. Wood \$150. for damages to his estate by overflow.

(Concurred)

Said committee to whom were referred

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Withdraw.

H. W. Dean.

132.

Thos. Feely

127

Jas. Lynch.

135.

J. H. W. B. Oppen.

127

petitions of
H. W. Dean, for damages; of
Thomas Feely for damages caused by overflow of water; of
James Lynch for damage done by water to estates on Courtland and Penn sts; of
John H. W. B. Oppen for damages caused by overflow of water.
report advise thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

No. 2 Fire Station

177

Under a suspension of the rules, -
petitions of the board of Engineers of the Fire Department for better accommodations at No. 2 Fire Station;

Additional Men.

Also, for an additional number of full paid men,
are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department. Said Committee subsequently report on the last named petition, recommending the accompanying resolution authorizing the board of Engineers to employ not exceeding six additional men at an annual compensation not exceeding the sum of \$700 each: which resolution is read and passed.

Do.

(Approved)

On recommendation of the joint committee on the harbor, a resolution appropriating \$500.

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Harbor. Appropriation. for the use of said Committee in making investigations for improvements in the harbor, is read and passed.

(Approved)

Water Dept.

Officers re.

153.

The Board of Water Commissioners submit a report upon the re-organization of their department, with names of officers and employees and their rates of compensation: which report is read, laid on the table till the next meeting, made the special order at that time, and ordered printed.

Mo. Report of Chief
Eng. Fire Dept.

The monthly report of the chief engineer of the fire department, is presented, read and received.

Surveyors of Lumber
Deputies.

The surveyors of Lumber presents nominations for deputy surveyors of Lumber, which are read and approved.

(Concurred & approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Settlement for land
taken for.

On recommendation of the joint special Committee on the Brook District, resolutions authorizing said committee to agree with any person or persons, whose lands are taken by the city in said district, for the price of the same and to draw upon the city treasurer for the payments thereof; and

Water Ints.

also authorizing said committee to contract for the purchase of water lots for the deposit of dirt from said district, and to make con-

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tracts with any persons for the deposit of such dirt on their land, are read and passed.

(Approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Appropriation.

164

Said committee also report a resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for the Brook street district, which is read and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Opening streets.

Appropriation

164.

A communication from the city auditor representing that the appropriation for opening streets is exhausted is received and with a resolution adding \$30,000 to said appropriation, is referred to the joint Committee on finance.

Pawtucket

Water for.

169.

A resolution directing the joint standing Committee on water to report a proposition for supplying the Town of Pawtucket with pure water, either at the boundary line or through distribution pipes to be laid by or at the expense of said town, is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

Third Ward.

Election ordered.

A resolution ordering an election in the Third ward on the 3rd day of March next, to elect a member of the Common Council to represent said ward in the city council in place of Clinton D. Feller, Esq. resigned, is presented, read and passed.

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School committee.

Reduction of.

A resolution instructing the city solicitor to cause the proceedings now before the Legislature relative to a reduction of the number of the school committee to be indefinitely postponed, is presented, read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Jas. Nichols.

177.

A petition of Joseph Nichols to raise a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

O. Campbell.

176

Claims of Owen Campbell for damages for overflow on Martin street; and of

Peter Doyle.

183.

Peter Doyle for damages in the matter of Whipple street;

Jas. Lynch.

396.

Also, a communication from James Lynch for damages to estate corner of Brook & Wickenden streets;

Gen. H. Thompson.

183.

Cyrus W. Maine.

164.

Thos. Mc Guire.

164.

Dexter D. Pearce.

164.

Also, petitions of George H. Thompson for damages; Cyrus W. Maine, Thomas Mc Guire, and Dexter D. Pearce,

severally for remission of tax, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Plats in Assessor's Office.

183.

A petition of H. L. Aldrich to the effect that plats and indexes in the office of the assessors of taxes may be opened to the public;

Also, a resolution in relation to an ordi-

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Urinals

417.

nance for the protection of public urinals, are received and referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

Central Bapt. Soc.

Use of bell.

168.

A resolution authorizing the joint committee on the fire department to contract with the Central Baptist Society for using their tower and bell for fire alarm purposes, is read and postponed till the next meeting for consideration.

Bernon street.

A petition of Joseph Baker to the effect for curbing Bernon street from Candace street to Douglas Avenue;

Reservoir Ave.

177

Also, a resolution requesting the Board of aldermen to lay out Reservoir Avenue, are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

New street from

Dexter St. to

W. Edmund Ave.

462.

A petition of Sidney Williams to the effect for a street from Dexter street to West Elmwood Avenue, is received and referred to the joint standing committee on Highways and sewers as a special committee.

Water pipes in

Fenner Ave.

169.

Petitions of Charles E. Harris to the effect for extension of the water pipes in Fenner Avenue; of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground to have water pipes laid in the North

N. Burial Ground.

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Burial Ground,
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on Water.

Scales at the
Haymarket,
178.

A petition of J. F. Comstock & Sons dothens
for the purchase of larger scales at the
weighing station on Canal street.

Shed at city yard,
169.

Also, a resolution for building a shed
in the city yard,
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on city property.

Assessments for
Sewers.

Resolutions relative to a change in the law
regarding assessments for sewers, are presented,
read and referred to the committee on the City
Engineer's department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday,
February 26. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs
Marich, Prou & White. 3.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - February 26. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and
approved.

Water Dept.

Re-organization.

172
173.

The special order, viz: The Report of the
Water Commissioners upon re-organization of
their department, with list of officers, etc. and
their rates of compensation, presented at the
last meeting, is taken from the table.

City Eng. Dept.
Report of Com.

A communication from the committee on the
City Engineer's department, reporting that they
have been unable to agree upon the form of
an ordinance for the consolidation of the
Engineering departments of the city, but
that they expect to be able to perfect and
to report a bill on Thursday of the present
week;

Water Comm's
Communication.

Also, a communication from the Board of
Water Commissioners requesting delay in
action upon their report above named,
until after the matter of such consolida-
tion is decided,
are severally presented, read and received,
and it is ordered that the further considera-
tion of said Report be postponed till the
next meeting.

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Adjournment. Voted. That when this Common Council adjourn, it adjourn until Thursday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Brook St. Dist. Resolution adding \$30,000 to the appropriation for the Brook street district;
159.
(Concurred & Approved)

Opening streets. Also, Resolution adding \$10,000 to the appropriation for opening streets.
159.
164.
(Amended)

A.W. Aldrich. On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to pay Anson W. Aldrich \$1,000. for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Washington street, is read and passed.
(Concurred)

Withdraw. Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Joshua R. Brown. Joshua R. Brown for compensation for labor and material furnished in construction of Wickenden street Police Station; of

A.P. Nizer. Alexander P. Nizer,

C.W. Maine. Cyrus W. Maine,

D.D. Pearce. Dexter D. Pearce,

for remission of certain taxes; of

Thos. Mc Guire. Thomas Mc Guire, for refunding taxes, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

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S.C. Arnold.

146.

The joint committee on sewers to whom was referred (Jan'y 29th) a petition of Stephen C. Arnold for abatement of sewer assessments, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Union R.R. Co.

The joint committee on Railroads to whom on the 29th of January last, were referred sundry petitions, resolutions, and amendments of the city ordinances, on the table, and relating to remission of taxes against the Union Railroad Co., make report thereon, without recommending any resolution: which report is read and received.

(Concurred & Approved)

Do.

Tax for streets

180.

A resolution to remit to the Union Railroad Co. tax for use of streets for any period subsequent to January 1, 1875, and releasing for the future all claims as annual rents under ordinances of Sept. 14, 1863 and Aug. 8, 1864 and the several ordinances in amendment thereof or resolutions modifying the same, is presented (by Mr. Peirce), and the same is laid on the table for the present.

Scott St. school.

82.

The joint committee on Education to whom was referred on the 4th of December last a communication from the committee on city property regarding the condition of the Scott street school estate, make

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report, not recommending the changes proposed: which report is read and received.
(Approved)

Appropriation for employing the poor on highways.

The joint committee on Highways and the North Burial Ground, to whom were referred by the board of aldermen a resolution to employ labor on the highways and appropriating \$5000 therefor, report recommending the enclosed substitutes: which are severally read and passed, viz:-

Do.

Resolutions authorizing the Highway Commissioners to employ on street work certain poor persons at rates therein named, and authorizing the city treasurer to hire the sum of \$5000 for the foregoing purpose;

(Approved)

Employment of poor on N.B. Ground.

Also, Resolutions authorizing the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground to employ on such work in said Ground as they may deem expedient certain poor persons, and authorizing the city treasurer to hire the sum of \$2000 for that purpose.

(Approved)

Assessments for sewers. Com. to report in print.

Voted. That the committee on the city engineer's department be authorized to report in print on the subject of assessments for sewers.

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Mayor's Message. License Comrs Salaries.

A Message from the Mayor relative to payment of salaries of the Licensed Commissioners is presented and read.

License Comrs.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to pay License Commissioners for services in the months of January and February 1877;

Blackstone St.

Sherburne St.

Willard St.

Also, requesting the Aldermen to lay out Blackstone street, from Plane to Eddy streets; Sherburne street from Plane to Ocean streets; Willard street from Plane to Eddy streets, are severally read and concurred.

Gen. Advertiser. City advertising. 179.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to contract with the publisher of the General Advertiser for city's advertising is read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

Reports.

The Annual Reports of the Highway Commissioners, and the Overseer of the Poor, are severally presented, read and received.
(Approved)

J. Charlton, Ad. 153.

E. S. Kimball 176.

G. P. Kenyon 153.

Hall & Maxson. 153.

Petitions of John Charlton, Admr of W. Doyle, Emory T. Kimball, George P. Kenyon, for remission of certain taxes; of Hall & Maxson for allowance of account against highway department; of

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J. Reynolds,
176.

John Reynolds, for compensation for damages by overflow of water; of

Wm. V. Wallace,
253.

William V. Wallace, for compensation, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Margt Early
177.

A petition of Margaret Early for permission to move a building is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Carroll Street,
399.

Petitions of John Clarke et al. for extension of Carroll street to head of Martin street; of

Thomas St.
176.

John Carter Brown et al. to have Thomas street from Cleaveland street to Power Road, declared useless for highway purposes; of

Long Pond.

Laurence Taft et al. for laying out of

Tray of new street,
462.

new streets near Long Pond in 9th ward, are received and referred to the committee on highways.

Central Bapt. Soc.

Use of bell.

161.

The resolution authorizing contract with the Central Baptist Society for use of tower and bell for fire alarm purposes, postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table, and rejected by a vote of 14 for to 16 against.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Thursday, March 1. 1877 at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Alfred Ballou, Phillips & Provan. 3.

M. Caddaway Clerk.

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In Common Council - March 1. 1877

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Pawtucket

Water fur.

159.

The joint committee on water pursuant to resolution No. 102, approved Feb'y 21. 1877, make report accompanied by a resolution authorizing the Mayor to forward to the Town of Pawtucket a certain proposition for supplying said town with water; which report is received and said resolution read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Fenner Ave

Water pipes.

161.

On recommendation of said committee a resolution extending water pipes in Fenner Avenue to Sampson Avenue, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Yard

Shed.

162.

On recommendation of the joint committee on city property a resolution for building a shed in the city yard, at a cost not exceeding \$500 is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Unconfirmed Police.

A resolution from the board of aldermen to pay unconfirmed police for services in

March 1. 1877.

February 1877, is read and concurred,
(Approved)

Mo. Report
Chief Eng. F. Dept. of the fire department is presented, read and received.

(Approved)

Petitions of
G. L. Barney & wife
176 George L. Barney & wife for compensa-
tion for injuries to house on Thurber's Avenue &
Plave street; of

Jas. Healy,
176 James Healy for damages to his
estate on Spruce street; of

R. C. & A. M. Sessions,
271. Rebecca C. & Anna M. Sessions for
damages from overflow of Washington street sewer;

S. B. Hopkins,
176 Spencer B. Hopkins, for remission of tax,
are received and referred to the joint committee
on claims.

Piedmont St.
294. A petition of Patrick Farley & others to
have Piedmont street received, and a

Fork's Lane,
Resolution to lay out and extend Carl's
Lane,
are received and referred to the joint committee
on highways.

Sewer in
W. Clifford St.
184. A petition of Charles H. Smith & others
for a sewer in West Clifford street from
Point to Pearl streets is received and re-
ferred to the joint committee on sewers.

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Election Laws.

The joint special committee appointed
under Resolution No. 23, to consider so
much of the Mayor's Message as relates to
the Election laws, report resolutions instruct-
ing the City Solicitor to apply to the General
Assembly at its present session for certain
changes in the election and canvassing laws,
of the nature therein indicated: which reso-
lutions are read and passed.

Ord. defining
duties of City Eng.

The committee on the city engineer's depart-
ment, pursuant to resolution, approved
February 5. 1877, instructing them to examine
and report a method for consolidating
the engineering service required by the city,
make report and recommend the accompa-
nying bill entitled "An ordinance defining
the duties of City engineer," which report
is received. Said bill is read by sections,
amended in section 3. and the several
sections ordered to stand as parts of the bill.

A motion to postpone the further
consideration thereof until the next meeting
is made and rejected by the following
vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Barker, Dexter, Peirce,
Potter & Sampson. 6

Nays

Mr. President, Messrs Arnold, A. J. Barnaby,

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J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Briggs, Brown,
Burnham, Butler, Fenner, Goff, Hopkins,
Miller, Millett, Morris, Place, Prvan,
Rounds, Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Steere,
Sweet, Tower, White, Winsor & Woods - 28

Said bill is then read and passed; and
subsequently returned from the board of alder-
men with their concurrence therein with
certain amendments, which are read and concurred.

In Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the
Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Com-
mon Council in connection ^{for the election} of
cordwainer and other city officers.

The foregoing invitation is accepted, and
the two boards join

In Convention.

The Mayor in the chair.

S. P. Henry.

Stephen P. Henry is elected a surveyor and
Corder of road.

F. H. Bliss.

Frank H. Bliss is elected a weigher of cotton.

Constables nom-
inated.

Several persons are nominated for city constables
and the nominations referred to the committee
on police.

The two boards separate.

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Water Dept.

Re-organization.

163.

The report of the Board of Water Com-
missioners, postponed from the last meeting,
said report being relative to the re-organiza-
tion of this department, with list of
officers, employees, etc. and their rates of
compensation, is taken from the table, and
it is ordered that the same be returned
to the board of water commissioners.

Opening streets.

Appropriation.

164

The resolution appropriating ten thousand
dollars for opening streets, which passed
the Common Council at the last meeting,
is returned from the board of Aldermen
with their concurrence therein with an
amendment striking out the word "ten"
and substituting the word "twenty"
which amendment is read & non-concurred.
(The B. Ald. recede from amendment and concur.)
Approved.

Highway teamers

Pay of.

156

The petition of Henry F. Cullen & others,
teamers employed in the highway depart-
ment for increased compensation, laid
on the table the 19th of February last, is
taken from the table and indefinitely
postponed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday
March 12. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p. m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Ballou,
Day, Phillips & Westcott.

M. Addey Clerk

March 12. 1877

In Common Council - March 12. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

St. Patrick's Day.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting an invitation from the Chief Marshal of the Irish military and civic societies for the city council to review the procession on the 17th inst. (St. Patrick's Day): which invitation is accepted.

Mayor's Message.

Resignation of W.W. Paine on special Com. Re Broad St.

A Message is received from the Mayor transmitting the resignation of William W. Paine, as a member of the joint special committee appointed by resolution No. 222 series of 1873-74 to settle with parties in the matter of Broad street: which Message is read and Mr. Sampson is appointed to fill the vacancy on said committee.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Resolution adding the sum of \$100,000 to the appropriation for building the city hall.

City Hall.

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City Council.

Pay of members.

Also, Resolution to pay the members of the board of aldermen and common council for quarter ending April 2. 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid during the last municipal year.

City Officers

Pay of

Also, Resolution to pay city officers and assistants for the month of March 1877, the same rate of compensation as was paid to them for the same month of the last year.

Police

Pay of.

Also, Resolution to pay police for the month of March 1877, at the same rate of compensation as paid for the same month of last year.

License Com's

Pay of

Also, Resolution to pay the license commissioners for the month of March 1877 at the same rate of compensation as was paid to them during the last municipal year for the same month.

Arnold Green

qualified.

Arnold Green Esq. member elect from the Third ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Clinton D. Sellen Esq. being present, is engaged by the acting Mayor, Hon. A. S. Fisher.

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of

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G. L. Barney et al.
170.

George L. Barney wife for compensation for injuries to house on Thurber's Avenue and Plane street; of

O. Campbell
160.

Owen Campbell for damages for overflow on Martin street; of

J. Healy.
170.

James Healy for damage to his estate on Spruce street; of

Chas. A. Potter.
132.

Charles A. Potter for damages by the grading of Ocean street; of

J. Reynolds.
168.

John Reynolds for compensation for damages by overflow of water; of

S. B. Hopkins
170.

Spencer B. Hopkins, and

F. S. Kimball.
167.

Emery S. Kimball,

each for remission of tax,

make reports recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which reports are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Thomas street.
168.

The joint committee on highways to whom on the 20th of February last, was referred a petition of John Carter Brown & others to have Thomas street from Clement street to Power road declared useless for highway purposes, make report, and on their recommendation said committee are discharged from further consideration thereof, and it is ordered that said petition be referred to the Board of Aldermen.

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On recommendation of said committee the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

Reservoir Ave.
161.

Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Reservoir Avenue from Greenwich street to the Cranston line.

Howard street.
146.

Also, Resolution requesting said board to receive Howard street from High street to Broadway.

Margt. Early
168.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the Fire Department, the petition of Margaret Early to move a wooden building is granted and the accompanying resolutions read and passed.

Jos. Nichols.
160.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of Joseph Nichols to raise a building report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

No. 2. Fire Station.
157.

Said committee to whom was referred a petition of the board of Engineers of the Fire Department for better accommodations at No. 2. Fire Station, make report recommending the accompanying resolution directing certain repairs to be made on said Station at a cost not exceeding \$500: which is read and referred to the

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joint committee on city property.

Haymarket

New scales.

162,
186

On recommendation of the joint committee on city property, a resolution for the purchase and placing of new scales on the site of those now used on Canal street, at a cost not exceeding \$600. is read and passed.

(Amended)

A. W. Aldrich.

The joint special committee to whom on the 5th of June last was referred a petition of A. W. Aldrich for damages for land taken for laying out Eddy street, make report which is received, and on their recommendation it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Pawtucket.

Water fur.

A message from the Mayor, announcing the communication of the proposal to furnish Pawtucket with water, is received and read.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions, having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:—

Overseer of Poor.

Assistance for.

Resolution relating to assistance in the office of the overseer of the poor;

Scott St. School house.

Also, Resolution to sell the old school house on Scott street;

Brook St. Dist.

Grading of.

Also, Resolution instructing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to

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grade the portion of said district east of Joes street forthwith.

(Approved)

Brook St.

Grading re.

186.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) instructing the highway commissioners to make the street, pave gutters and set curbing on Brook street between Wickenden and India streets, is read and referred to the city engineer with instructions to report an estimate of cost of the proposed improvement.

North street.

Widening of.

A resolution instructing the joint committee on highways to inquire into the expediency of widening North street from North Main street eastwardly as far as it can be done without expense to the city for land, is presented, read and passed.

Bath House
for Women.

A resolution appropriating \$2500 to build a bath house for women is presented, read and passed by a vote of 20 to 12.

Gen. Advertiser.

City advertising.

167.

The resolution to contract with the publisher of the General Advertiser for the city's advertising, is taken from the table, read and concurred.

(Approved)

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School houses & lots.

Appropriation for 183.

A communication from the city auditor representing that the appropriation for school houses and lots is exhausted, is presented, and with a draft resolution adding the sum of \$20,000 to said appropriation, referred to the joint committee on finances with instructions to report in print.

Reports received.

The monthly reports of
The City Auditor,
The City Treasurer,
The issue of registered bonds,
The Annual report of the Chief of Police,
are severally presented, read and received.

Union R.R. Co.

Remission of tax 165.

The resolution to remit to the Union Railroad Company tax for the use of streets, postponed from the 26th of February last, is taken from the table, read and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:

Yeas.

Messrs Arnold, Barker, Brennan, Dexter, Fenner, Hopkins, Millett, Peirce, Phillips, Potter, & Sweet. 11.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, Bartlett, Briggs, Brown, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Day, Goff, Green, Miller, Morris, Place, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw,

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Smith, Steere, Tower, Westcott, White, Winsor & Woods. 26.

William Hall

Raising building 184.

A petition of William Hall to raise a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Sewer in Union St. 184

A petition of Joseph J. Cooke others for sewer on Union street is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Dora street. 204.

Dover street.

Petitions of J. F. Comstock others for curbing Dora street; and of
Chas. E. Gorman others for receiving Dover street,
are received and referred to the committee on highways.

A. Wendell 157

G. & C. P. Hutchins. 153

A petition of Alfred Wendell for payment of claim; and a
Bill of G. & C. P. Hutchins for crockery,
are received and referred to the committee on claims.

T. M. Knight. Gift to N. B. Ground. 185.

A resolution accepting gift of Thomas M. Knight to the North Burial Ground Fund is presented and referred to the joint committee on the North Burial Ground.

Branch Ave. Water pipes.

A petition of Edward P. Knowles others for Pastryet water on Branch Avenue is received and referred to the joint committee on water.

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Arnold Greene
on
Committee.

Mr Arnold Green is appointed a member of the joint standing committee on Police and ordinances to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Clinton D. Fellew.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, March 26, 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs A. J. B. Barnaby and Mr Provan. 3

M. Addemaue Clerk.

In Common Council March 26, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Sale of High school
Estate on Benefit St.
214.

A Message from the acting Mayor relative to sale of the High school estate to the State is received and read; and a resolution appointing Messrs Phillips, Burnham, Tower and Woods, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, a joint special committee to confer with the committee of the Legislature relative to the same is presented, read

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and passed.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz
Resolution adding \$20,000 to the appropriation for school house vote;

School houses & Ints.
Appropriation for
1877.

Support of Poor
do.

Also, Resolution adding \$20,000 to the appropriation for support of the poor.

Hall & Maxson.
147

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims a resolution to pay Hall & Maxson \$400 in full settlement of their bill for paving blocks, is read and passed.

Leave to withdraw.

J. Charlton,
147

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of John Charlton, Admr, for remission of tax; of

Peter Doyle,
160.

Peter Doyle for compensation in matter of Whipple street; of

G. & C. P. Hutchins.
180
195

G. & C. P. Hutchins, bill for crockery furnished Wickenden St. Police Station; of

G. P. Kenyon
157

J. H. Rowley
157.

Geo. P. Kenyon, for remission of tax; John H. Rowley for compensation

G. H. Thompson.
160

for damages; of George H. Thompson, for compensation for loss of a horse.

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Arnold Greene
or
Committee.

Mr Arnold Greene is appointed a member of the joint standing committee on Police and ordinances to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Clifton D. Sellow.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, March 26. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

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M. Caddeman Clerk.

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Leave to withdraw.

J. Charlton,
157

Peter Doyle,
160.

G. & C. P. Hutchins.
158
195.

G. P. Kenyon
157

J. H. Rowley
154.

G. H. Thompson.
160

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of John Charlton, Admr, for remission of tax; of Peter Doyle for compensation in matter of Whipple street; of G. & C. P. Hutchins, bill for crockery furnished Wickenden St. Police Station; of Geo. P. Kenyon, for remission of tax; John H. Rowley for compensation for damages; of George H. Thompson, for compensation for loss of a horse,

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make reports, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

On recommendation of the joint Committee
 Sewers ordered in sewers, resolutions ordering sewers in
 Ringgold Street, in Ringgold street from Broadway to
 137. Carpenter street; in
 Union Street, Union street, from Washington street
 138. southerly about 160 feet; in
 West Clifford St. West Clifford street, from Point to
 170. Pearl streets,
 are severally read and passed.

Moving buildings Under a suspension of the rules, petitions
 of Elisha W. Peirce, and
 The Water Commissioners,
 to move certain buildings, are received
 and referred to the joint committee on the
 Fire Department, who subsequently report
 the same, together with a petition of
 Raising building William Hall, to raise a building,
 recommended; and the accompanying
 resolutions are severally read and passed.

Grading School lots On recommendation of the joint committee
 on Education a resolution authorizing said
 Committee to grade school house lots on
 Candace & Oxford streets and to have fences

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built, is read and passed.

T. M. Knight
 Gift to
 No. Burial Gr'd.

On recommendation of the joint committee
 on the North Burial Ground, a resolution accept-
 ing gift of Thomas M. Knight of \$100. to said
 Ground, is read and passed.

Assessor's Office.

Use of records. On recommendation of the joint committee
 on Ordinances, a resolution allowing the
 public, the use of records in the office
 of the Assessors of Taxes, between the
 hours of 1 and 3 P.M. each week day,
 is read and passed, - under a suspension
 of the rules.

City Solicitor

Dog Law.

On recommendation of said committee, to
 whom on the 5th of February last was re-
 ferred a resolution relieving the City So-
 licitor from prosecuting complaints under
 the "Dog Law," said resolution is indef-
 initely postponed.

Sewer assessments.

137.

Upon their own request, said Committee
 are discharged from further consideration of
 "Resolution to apply for an act changing cer-
 tain assessments for sewers (referred June 12, 1876)
 and of Resolution directing application for amend-
 ment of Chap. 549 of the public laws" (referred
 Jan. 15, 1877) and said resolutions are referred

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to the committee on the city Engineers department.

Concurrences:

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Water pipes

Resolutions to lay water pipes in

Lloyd street.

Lloyd street,

Linwood Ave.

Linwood Avenue,

Mathew St.

Mathew street,

Smith street

Smith street,

Wayland Ave.

Wayland avenue;

Brook St. Dist.

Sp. committee's powers

Also, Resolution enlarging the powers of the joint special committee on the Brook street district;

Building Act
printed.

Also, Resolution directing the printing of 150 copies of proposed building act for the use of Council;

Haymarket scales.

Also, Resolution as amended by the board for the purchase of new scales for the Haymarket.

(Approved)

A. Duncan wife.

A resolution (from the board), abating assessment against A. Duncan wife for Eddy street, is referred to the special committee to settle with parties in the matter of Eddy street.

Brook Street.

The city engineer pursuant to instructions at the last meeting reports an estimate of cost of making Brook street, between Wickenden and India streets, and the resolution postponed from the last meeting is now read & concurred.

(Approved)

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The following resolutions are taken from the table, and severally read and passed, viz:

Butler Avenue.

Resolution to receive Butler Avenue from South Angell street to President Avenue;

Clinton street.

Also, Resolution to set curb and pave gutters on Clinton street from Broad street to Prairie Avenue.

Indef. postponed.

The following matters on the docket of Continued Business are taken from the table and severally indefinitely postponed, viz:

Water Comrs.

An ordinance relating to water commissioners;

Finance &c.

Also, An ordinance relating to finances and accounts;

S. Main Street.

Also, Report of committee on highways on widening of South Main street;

Water pipes in
adjoining towns.

97.

Also, Resolution to apply for authority to extend distribution pipes of water works into adjoining towns;

School Com.

Reduction of no.

160.

Also, Resolution instructing city solicitor to cause proceedings before the legislature for reduction of number of school committee to be indefinitely postponed.

Police salaries.

194.

A resolution fixing compensation of police for 1877 is presented, read and laid on the table for the present, by a vote of 20 to 13.

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W. Burial Ground,
Desecrations.

Resolved,
That the Mayor be requested to take
such measures as may be necessary to prevent
any desecrations, if any exist, at the West
Burial Ground.

Water Commis-
sioners, etc.

A communication from the Water Commis-
sioners, with list of employes and rates of
compensation;

Forest Street,
Water pipes.

Also, Resolution extending water pipes
in Forest street,
are received and referred to the committee on Water.

Moving buildings.

Petitions of

T. O'Connell,

Thomas O'Connell,

E. W. Potter

Edwin W. Potter, Stephen Tautellot, &

S. Tautellot,

Benj. D. Weedon,

B. D. Weedon.

to move certain buildings, are received and
referred to the committee on the Fire Department.

Union R.R. Co.

A petition of Patrick Kenny to have rails

Rails in Mill St.

of Union R.R. Co. in Mill street, removed,
is received and referred to the committee on
Railroads.

Harrison Street
Engine House
Vanau.

A resolution to place a vane upon the Har-
rison street engine house is received and referred
to the committee on city property.

255.

A petition of the Infantry Building Assn^s

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Crawford &
S. Main Streets,
widening of.
212.

tothers for widening of Crawford and a
portion of South Main streets, is received
and referred to the committee on highways.

Sewer in
Olney St.

A petition for sewer on Olney street from
East Avenue to Camp street is received and
referred to the committee on sewers.

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Ordinances.
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A bill entitled "An ordinance in amend-
ment of Chapter XIII of the ordinances" is
taken from the table and referred to the
committee on ordinances.

P. Campbell.

A resolution to pay Peter Campbell his
wages monthly for services as janitor of the
High School is received and referred to the
joint committee on ordinances.

Claims.

J. H. W. B. Oppen

Mary G. Pierce.
221.

Petitions of

J. H. W. B. Oppen, for damages to estate;

Mary G. Pierce, for compensation for
overflow of estate on Melrose street,
are received and referred to the committee
on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, April 9, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs
Brown, Day & Tower.

J. M. Anderson
Clerk.

3.

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In Common Council April 9, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

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The joint committee on ordinances to whom at the last meeting were referred "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XIII of the ordinance;

P. Campbell.

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Also Resolution to pay Peter Campbell (janitor of High School), his wages every month.

report adversely, and the same are indefinitely postponed.

Public Halls & buildings.

Said committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Message of Feb'y 10 - relative to public halls and buildings, make report that the matter is under supervision of a special committee, which report is received and at their request they are discharged from further consideration thereof.

City Officers

License Commrs.

Pay of.

On recommendation of the joint committee on finance a resolution to pay salaries of city officers and licensed commissioners for the month of April inst. is read and passed.

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Withdraw

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, it is advised that

J.R. Coxens

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J.H.W.B. Oppen.

189.

John R. Coxens and John H. W. B. Oppen,

petitioners for damages, severally have leave to withdraw.

Sewer in Union St.

On recommendation of the joint committee on sewers, a resolution for extension of sewer in Union street, is read and passed.

Moving buildings.

S.A. Irons

J.M. Schmid

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Samuel A. Irons and John M. Schmid,

to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department, who subsequently report recommending the same, and also of

T.O'Donnell

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E.W. Potter.

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S. Tourtellot.

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B.D. Weeden.

188.

Thomas O'Donnell,

Edwin W. Potter,

Stephen Tourtellot,

Benjamin D. Weeden,

all to move certain buildings; and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

Board of Trade

Fire Alarm.

Said committee to whom was referred by the board of aldermen a petition of the board of trade for a fire alarm gang, report the same without recommendation.

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which report is received: and a resolution to place a fire alarm gong in the room of the board of trade, the expense thereof and for care and repair of the same, to be paid by the board of trade, is presented, read and passed.

On recommendation of the joint committee on water, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:-

DeLeane St. Resolution to lay water pipes in De Leane Water in, Shut from Stanton Avenue to Sampson Street;

Water Dept. Also, Resolution confirming appointments Employees of, and compensation of employees of the water department.

Brook St. Dist. Reports of the joint special committee on the Brook street district, and of the joint special committee relative to county jail and house of correction, are presented, read and received.

The following matters having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Fire Hydrants. An ordinance in relation to fire hydrants;

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Water pipes,
Eddy St.
206.
Fulton St.
Forest St.
185.
Peace St.
Ward Clerks
pay of.

Also, Resolutions to lay water pipes in Eddy street, Fulton street, Forest street, and Peace street;

Also, Resolution to pay wardens and ward and district clerks for services on election days.

Approved,

Highway Com'r,
C. Anthony

A resolution (from said Board), electing Charles Anthony, Highway Commissioner for three years from the first Monday in January 1877, is read and concurred with an amendment substituting the name of "Cladiah Brown" for "Charles Anthony" by a vote of 17 for 6 12 against.

No. Report.

The Monthly Reports of The City Auditor, The City Treasurer, The issue of registered bonds, and The Chief Engineer of the fire department, are severally presented, read and received.

Brook St. Dist.
Grading of.

A resolution authorizing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to grade a portion of said district, is presented, read and passed.

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Joshua R. Brown.
Claim.

A petition of Joshua R. Brown, Justice, for appointment of committee to settle claim, is received and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Fenner, Aldrich and Woods, with such as the board of aldermen may add, to investigate and report on said claim for building the Wickman street police station and engine house.

Police.
Salaries of
1877.

The resolution fixing compensation of police for 1877, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, and a substitute therefor, offered by Mr. Phillips, entitled An ordinance fixing compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first day in January A.D. 1877 (being at the same rate as for 1876) is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being named, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Arnold, A. J. Bamaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Fenner, Goff, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Phillips, Potter, Prouan, Rumas, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, & Westcott. 19.

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, Briggs, Butler, Dexter, Green, Miller,

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Steere, Sampson, Shaw, Tower, White, Winsor, & Woods. 15.

G. C. P. Hutchins.
183.

The Council refuse by a vote of 3 to 17 to reconsider the vote, whereby at the last meeting it was voted that Messrs G. C. P. Hutchins, have leave to withdraw on their claim for crockery furnished the Wickman street police station.

Dyerwille Co.
Fire Alarm.
193.

A petition of Dyerwille Co for fire alarm box is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Polk St.

A petition of Edward J. Corney rother for curbing and paving on Polk street is referred to the committee on highways.

Abbott and
Bulander sts.
Water in.
206.

A petition of Stephen P. Peck for introduction of water into Abbott and Bulander streets;

James St.
(do.)

Also, resolutions to extend water pipes in James street from Bradford to Bond streets;

Manroe st.
206

Also, to lay water pipes in Manroe street;

Exchange Place
Watering
206.

Also, to pay for watering Exchange Place, and similarly referred to the committee on water.

R. R. Stafford.
235.

Petitions of R. R. Stafford for compensation

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Mechanics Assn.²
211.
James Lynch.
214
M. Hogan.
214

For overflow of sewer on Washington Street, of
Providence Assn.² of Mechanics and
Manufacturers for remission of tax; of
James Lynch for damage caused
by overflow; of
Michael Hogan for remission of tax,
are severally received and referred to the
Committee on claims.

Sewer in Federal St.
215.

A petition of Samuel Havens & others
for sewer in Federal street is referred to the
Committee on sewers.

A. S. Westcott.
234.

A bill of A. S. Westcott for services as
Judge of the Municipal Court is received and
referred to the committee on finance.

R. I. State Assn.²
Game & Fish,
for special constable

A petition of the R. I. State association
for protection of game and fish for appoint-
ment of C. F. Bentiss as special constable, is
referred to the committee on Ordinances.

Adjourn.
The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, April 23rd 1877 at 5 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs
J. B. Samaby, Barker, Crossley, Day, Hall
and Sweet.

M. Addeman, Clerk.

April 19. 1877

In Common Council- April 19. 1877

Special Meeting
called by the Mayor by his warrant dated
April 17. 1877.

Pursuant to said warrant the members
of the Common Council assemble in their
chamber this day at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.
The President in the chair and a quorum
present.

The warrant of the Mayor, calling the
present meeting, is read.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

Mayor's Message.
Proposed building
act.

A Message is received from the Mayor
giving his reasons for calling the present
meeting, viz to take early action upon
the proposed new building act (so called),
which Message is read.

Dr.
Suits of Robt. Arnold.
239.

A Message is received from the Mayor,
relative to suits in court brought by Robert
Arnold against the city for damages to
his estate on Barnes street caused by
construction of Hope Reservoir: which
Message is read and referred to a joint

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Special Committee consisting of Messrs Sweet, Bartlett and Woods of this Council, with such as the board of aldermen may add, to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred, & ald. Spencer added)
(Approved)

B. & P. R.R. Co.

Switch on India St.

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of the Boston & Providence Railroad Co. for railroad switch or turn-out on India street, is presented, received and referred to the joint committee on Railroads: who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Approved)

Fire Department

Ord. amended

Under a suspension of the rules, a bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of an ordinance entitled 'An ordinance establishing a fire department in the city of Providence';"

Moving buildings,

199.

205.

Raising buildings

205

205

205

205.

Also, petitions of John L. James, and Asa Pike

to move certain buildings; and of

Mrs H. Brown,

Patrick McLeer,

Mary Mc Dermott, &

Abner H. Olney,

to raise certain buildings, are severally presented, received and referred

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to the joint committee on the fire department.

John L. James

198.

Said committee subsequently report said petition of John L. James to move a wooden building, recommended; and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Approved)

Dyer ville

Fire Alarm.

199

Said committee also report a resolution authorizing the locating of a fire alarm box at Dyer ville, which is read and passed.

(Approved)

Appropriation

Highways

A resolution appropriating \$2500 to give employment to the poor, on the highways, is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

Pine Street.

212.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to widen Pine street, near Dyer street, is read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

In Convention,

Resolved,

That His Honor the Mayor and the board of aldermen be invited to join the Council in convention to consider the new proposed building act and to elect city officers.

Pursuant to the foregoing invitation the two boards join in convention, the Mayor in the chair.

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Gen. W. Ray
Cotton weaver.

George W. Ray is elected a weaver of cotton.

Committee of
the whole.

On motion, the Convention resolves itself into a committee of the whole, to consider the proposed building act, president Robinson in the chair.

Report of Com.
on
Building Act.

Mr Deeter from the joint special committee submits a report accompanied by an abstract of the proposed building act, which is read and duly considered.

The committee of the whole rise, the chairman pursuant to instructions reports the proceedings and recommendations of said committee to the convention: after which the two boards separate.

In Common Council - the president in the chair.

Building Act.

The report of the joint special committee on proposed building act is received, and the accompanying resolution instructing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly at its May session for passage of the same is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Sol's Report.

The semi annual report of the city solicitor is received and a resolution referring sub-

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jects therein to the committee on ordinances is passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Brighton St.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) for lay out of Brighton street, and relating to the lines of Brook street in the Brook street district, are severally read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Brook St.
Lines.

Pay of justice
for April.

A resolution to pay the police for services in April, 1877, is presented, read and passed.

(Approved)

Matters postponed.

The following matters from the board of aldermen, are postponed till the next meeting.

Reports
Sinking Funds
City Hall Com'n
Eddy St.

Quarterly reports of commissioners of Sinking Funds, and City Hall Commissioners:

Also, Reports of special committees on claims in the matter of Eddy street; and of

Miller & Berbeck,
128.
208.

Miller & Berbeck in the matter of Broad St.

A. Duncan wife,
207

Emma B. Bush,
207

Eliza A. Church,
207

Martha W. Parsons,
207

Wm. Barstow,
207

Also, Resolutions abating assessments on

A. Duncan & wife

Emma B. Bush,

Eliza A. Church,

Martha W. Parsons,

William Barstow

severally in the matter of Eddy street;

Also, a resolution to apply for an act

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Reform School
sentences.
207. relating to sentences to the Reform School.

Water pipes
in
Albion street. Petitions for laying water pipes in
Camp street
Stampers street
Transit street

Sherburne St.
213. Also, resolution to lay water pipes in
Sherburne street,
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on water.

Mrs. Gen. Harris.
222. Petitions of Mrs George Harris for
compensation for injury to her estate; and of
Thomas Welch.
252. Thomas Welch, for damages,
are received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on claims.

Jewett street.
399. A petition of John Otfield rothers
for grading and curbing of part of
Jewett street is received and referred to the
committee on highways.

Ninth Ward.
Drainage of.
208. A resolution relative to plan for drainage
of part of the Ninth Ward is presented and
postponed till the next meeting.

Adjourn. The Common Council adjourn until Monday
April 23^d 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Absentees (Messrs. Haggish, H. J. B. Bawley, Day } &
Phillips, Moran, Green & Woods
M. C. C. demany, Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant
to adjournment. The President in the
chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is
read and approved.

Mayor's Message
Aldermen's chamber
in City Hall.
214.

A Message from the Mayor, relating
to the Aldermen's chamber in the new
city hall is received, read and referred
to the joint special committee "to procure
furniture for the new city hall" with
instructions to report on the propriety
of the changes proposed and the cost
thereof.

Do.
Roger Williams
& Monument.

A Message from the Mayor, announ-
cing the completion of the statues for
the Roger Williams Monument, is re-
ceived and read, and a resolution
authorizing the joint committee on Parks
to advertise and contract for the granite
work for said Monument and for setting
statues in position is presented, read
and passed.

Do.
Granite blocks.

A Message from the Mayor relating
to substituting granite blocks for

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cut cobble stones in certain streets, is received, read and referred to the joint committee on highways, to examine and report thereon.

Withdraw.

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of

M. Hogan,
198
J. Lynch,
196.

Michael Hogan, for remission of tax; & James Lynch for damages caused by overflow, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

On recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Candace St.

Resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on Candace street from Douglas Avenue to Chalkstone Avenue;

Dora Street,

181.

Also, Resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on Dora street from Broad street to Paine Avenue;

Paine Street.

Also, Resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on Paine street from Crauston to Messer streets.

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Sewer in
Federal street.
196.

On recommendation of the joint committee on sewers, a resolution ordering sewer in Federal street from Dean to Bradford streets, is read and passed.

Raising buildings.

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Parley M. Matherson & James Sullivan,

to raise certain buildings; and of

Moving buildings,
232.

Michael Gordon & Robert Knight,

to move certain buildings, are presented and referred to the joint committee on the fire department; who subsequently report petitions of

Raising (do),

198

Wm H. Brown,

198

Patrick McLeer,

198

Mary Mc Dermott,

198

Parley M. Matherson,

A. M. Clary,

James Sullivan,

Moving (do),

198.

to raise certain buildings, and of

Michael Gordon, &

Asa Pike

to move certain buildings, recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

On recommendation of the joint com-

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Removal of buildings mitted on City Property a resolution for
Exchange Place & Canal street. Removal of buildings, corner of Exchange
Place and Canal street to the enclosed
portion of the Cove Lands, is read & passed.

On recommendation of the joint committee
on water,

Water pipes in Resolutions to lay water pipes in
Abbott & Bolander St. 195. Abbott and Bolander streets, in
Camp street. 202. Camp street, in
Eddy street. 193. Eddy street, south of Humbert's Ave. &
Monroe street. 195. Monroe street,
are severally read and passed.

Yetter & Mack Said committee report a resolution
Watering Exchange Place. 195. 214. to pay Yetter & Mack ten dollars per
week from May 20. until Oct. 1. 1877
for watering Exchange Place.

South Water St. An amendment to said resolution is
offered by Mr Peice substituting "fifteen"
for "ten" (dollars) and after the words "Ex-
change Place" insert the words "and so
much of South Water street as lies between
Hoybourn and Crawford street bridges."

Do. An amendment to said amendment is
offered by Mr Smith substituting "twenty"
for "fifteen" (dollars); and amend so as to
include the whole of South Water street.
Said resolution, with the proposed amend-
ments is then recommitted.

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Concurrences. The following orders and resolutions
having passed the board of aldermen,
are severally read and passed in concurrence:

Reports received. Orders to receive the quarterly reports
of the City Hall Commissioners, and
the Commissioners of Sinking Funds;
and the report of the special committee
on claims in the matter of Eddy street;

Eddy street Also, Resolutions abating assessments
to the following persons in the matter of
Eddy street, viz:

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Assessments
abated, | A. Duncan wife |
| 201 | William Barston, |
| 201 | Emma B. Bush, |
| 201 | Eliza A. Church, & |
| 201 | Martha M. Parsons. |
| | (Approved) |

Reform School The resolution to apply for an act relating
Sentences at. to sentences to the Reform school (post-
poned from the last meeting) is read
and non-concurred by the following vote
the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

- Ayes
- Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, Barker, Burn-
ham, Dexter, Goff, Green, Hopkins, Miller,
Millett, Potter, Shattuck, Westcott,
White & Minor. 15.

Nays
Mr. President, Messrs Arnold, J. B. Bar-
naby, Bartlett, Brennan, Briggs, Brown,

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Butler, Fenner, Morris, Rice, Phillips,
Kreuz, Sampson, Shaw, Smith, Stone,
Tower & Woods. 19.

Miller & Ellerbeck

Re Broad St.

201.

381.

The report of the special committee on
Mayor's Message dated Jan. 11. 1877, relating
to claim of Miller & Ellerbeck in the
matter of Broad street, postponed from
the last meeting is laid on the table
for the present.

Nichols street.

211

212.

A resolution (from the board of alder-
men) to set curbstones and pave gutters
in Nichols street from Walling street to
Ash Lane, is read and recommitted
to the committee (with a remonstrance
from Franklin Towner & others against
the same,) with instructions to give the
parties interested a hearing.

Wink Ward.

Drainage.

202.

The resolution relative to drainage
of a portion of the ninth ward, postponed
from the last meeting, is taken from the
table, read and passed.

A resolution instructing the city
Solicitor, in case of amendment of a
report of Commissioners of estimate and
assessment to procure from the court
certified copy thereof and deposit

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The same with the city clerk, is present-
ed, read and passed.

E. A. Hagan

Teacher.

Resolved,

That a joint special committee
consisting of Messrs Potter, Butler and
White, with such as the board of aldermen
may add, are hereby appointed to inves-
tigate into the cause of the resigning of
the grade as a school teacher of
Emmogene A. Hagan assistant
teacher of the Oxford street school
and report the same to the city council.

Highway Com'n.

Report.

The quarterly report of the highway
Commissioners is presented & received.

Benevolent St.

Curbing &c.

262.

A petition of Pardon Miller & others
to curb and pave a part of Benevolent
street is received and referred to the
Committee on Highways.

Baker St.

Water pipes.

A petition of Mr. J. Eldredge & others
to lay water pipes in Baker street is
received and referred to the joint
Committee on water.

Commodore &

Silver Spring Sts.

Lighth. an.

358.

A petition of Mrs. Ogden & others for
lights on Commodore and Silver Spring

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Butler, Farmer, Morris, Peice, Phillips,
 Munds, Sampson, Shaw, Smith, Store,
 Town & Woods. 19.

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Silver Spring, Sts.
Trights on.
358.

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Elijah Selden

right to bury in
N. Burial Ground.

245.

A petition of Elijah Selden for a right to bury upon lot in the North Burial Ground is received and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Cemetery St.

Fire Alarm Box.

A petition of D. W. Darling & others for a fire alarm box at the head of Cemetery street is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Benefit St. School

A petition of the School Committee for increased accommodations in the Benefit street school building is received and referred to the committee on Education.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, May 7, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except
Messrs Crossley, Day & Provan. 3.

J. M. Addeman
Clerk

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In Common Council - May 7, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment, - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Eng. Mechanics Asso.

211

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to remit to the Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers the sum of \$65²⁵ tax assessed for 1876, is read and passed.

John S. Palmer.

19.

Said committee to whom on the 25th of September last was referred a petition of John S. Palmer for refunding of taxes, reports adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Nichols street

208.

On recommendation of the joint committee on highways, the resolution to cut and pave Nichols street, from Walling street to Ash Lane, which was recommended at the last meeting is read and concurred.

(Approved)

On recommendation of said committee, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz: -

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Granite Blocks Resolution appropriating \$30,000 for purchase of granite blocks for paving purposes.

Dyer St. Land Co. Also, resolution remitting the ten per cent. penalty on tax of Dyer street Land Co. for curbing, provided the same be paid on or before June 1st 1877.

Nichols St On recommendation of said committee Franklin Foundry, it is ordered that the Franklin Foundry, 208, remonstrants against the curbing and paving of Nichols street, have leave to withdraw.

Pine street Said committee to whom on the 19th of April last was referred a resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to lay out and widen Pine street, near Dyer street, make report recommending the enclosed substitute, which is read and postponed till the next meeting: which vote is subsequently reconsidered and the further consideration of the matter is indefinitely postponed.

S. Main and Crawford Sts. 189 228. Said committee report recommending a resolution to lay out and widen South Main street and Crawford streets, which is rejected by a vote of 9 for to 10 against.

Moving building Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Joseph A. Brown Jonathan Chace, et als,

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George B. Harris,
Isaac A. Raymond,
Isaac M. Sweet,
Winsor Line of Steamers,

to move certain buildings, are presented and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department, who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

The joint committee on the Harbor present a report relative to the improvement of the harbor, which is received and on their recommendation the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:

Harbor Improvement Bonds. Resolution directing city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly at its May Session for authority to issue "Harbor Improvement Bonds" and to take mortgages from riparian owners.

Steam Launch for Harbor Master. Also, Resolution appropriating \$3000 for purchase and running of a Steam Launch for use of the Harbor master.

Sherburne St. Water pipes 202. On recommendation of the joint committee on water, a resolution to lay water pipes in Sherburne street, is read & passed.

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Exchange Place
Watering of
206.
238.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was re-committed the resolution to pay for watering Exchange Place, with secondary amendments, make report, not recommending the amendments, but recommending the passage of the resolution originally reported: which is read and re-committed.

High School Est.
(Benefit St.)
Sale to the State.
182.
239.

The joint special committee relative to sale of High School Estate on Benefit Street, make report, accompanied by a resolution appointing a committee to sell said estate to the State of Rhode Island for the sum of \$30,000, with the agreement that the same shall be occupied by the State Normal School; possession to be given on the completion of the new High School building: which resolution is read and passed, and Messrs Phillips, Burnham, Tower and Hoad are appointed members of said committee on the part of this Council.

New City Hall.
Arrangement of
Aldermen's room.
213.

The joint special committee to procure furniture for the new City Hall to whom was referred the Mayor's Message, dated April 28, relative to the Aldermen's chamber in the new City Hall, submit a report, recommending that no change be made

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in the present plan.

A minority of said committee submit a report and recommend a resolution requesting the City Hall Commissioners to so alter the interior of the City Hall that the rooms now assigned to the Aldermen may be fitted for the Municipal Court, and the rooms assigned to the Court may be fitted for the Aldermen.

A motion to postpone the further consideration of the matter until the next meeting, in order to give the members of the City Council an opportunity to visit the new City Hall in a body and examine the rooms as now assigned, is rejected, and the majority report of the Committee is adopted as the sense of the Council.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions and orders, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence viz:

4th of July.

Resolution referring Mayor's Message dated 26th of April last, relative to the manner of celebrating the coming 4th of July, to a joint special committee, and Messrs Phillips, Dexter, Burnham, Smith and Aldrich added on the part of this Council;

Water pipes in
Chalkstone Ave.
Plane street.

Also, Resolutions to lay water pipes in Chalkstone Avenue and in Plane Street;
Also, Resolution requesting the

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Lay out of Jefft, Crout & Trainor Sts. men to lay out Jefft, Crout and Trainor streets;

New High School. Also, resolution appropriating \$10,000 towards the erection of the new High School building;

No. Burial Grounds Report of Commr. Also, orders to receive the annual reports of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, relative to income of Trust Funds, &c.

Approved,

Ord. fixing salaries for Police. A bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of police officers of the city of Providence for the balance of the municipal year from June 1. to December 31, 1877" having passed the board of aldermen, is read and laid on the table by the following vote, viz: -

Ayes

Messrs Arnold, A. J. Bamaby, J. D. Bamaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Fenner, Goff, Millett, Morris, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, & Westcott. 19

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, Briggs, Butler, Day, Dexter, Green, Peirce, Sampson, Shaw, Tower, White, Trainor & Woods. 15

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution fixing the compensation of police, for the balance of the municipal year, (being at the same rates as paid during the last

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municipal year) is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on finance.

John Street.

Sewer in.

222.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen, to lay a sewer in John street, is read and non-concurred: which vote is subsequently reconsidered and said resolution is referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Reports received.

The monthly reports of The City Auditor, The City Treasurer, & The Issue of Registered Bonds, are severally presented, read & received.

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

Lease of land at Pawtucket.

Resolution to lease land and water privilege at Pawtucket to Samuel G. Fish & Co.

Bath Houses.

Also, Resolution directing committee on city property to take charge of putting bath houses in repair &c.

N. Van Slyck City Solicitor

Also, Resolution electing on the part of the Common Council, Nicholas Van Slyck, as city solicitor

to take

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Moving buildings.

224

224,

Petitions of
James McElhany +
Thomas Wyatt,

to move certain buildings are received
and referred to the committee on the fire departments.

Doyle Ave. School hse.

263.

A petition of the school committee
relative to ^{connecting walk at} Doyle Avenue school house;

Vacation schools.

and asking appropriation for vacation
schools, is received and referred to the
committee on Education.

Cove Promenade.

401.

A petition of J. Newell + others for
concrete walk on Cove Promenade is pre-
sented, received and referred to the joint
committee on Parks.

Petitions of

C. Macdonald.

387.

Charles Macdonald for payment
of claim; of

C. McCahey, Ad.

222.

Charles McCahey, Admr., for
damages resulting from death of Frank
McCahey, a laborer at the city hall; of

J. O'Reilly.

222.

James O'Reilly for \$10,000 damage
for death of son on Nash Lane bridge,
are severally received and referred to
the joint committee on claims.

Sewer on State St.

A petition of Joseph Fletcher for a
sewer on State street is received and referred
to the joint committee on Sewers.

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G. H. Thompson.

A petition of George H. Thompson
for damages is presented; and it is ordered
that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Seymour St.

Water pipes in.

A petition of E. T. Gillson + others for
laying water pipes in Seymour street
is received and referred to the joint com-
mittee on Water.

City Auditor.

Estimates of
receipts &c.

The City Auditor's estimate of
receipts and expenditures for the
fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1878, is
presented, received and referred to the
joint committee on Finance.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until
Monday, May 21, 1877 at 8 o'clock
p.m.

Present - all the members except
Messrs. Burnham, Crossley, Hopkins,
Miller, Provan + Sweet. C

M. Addemaney
Clerk

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In Common Council, May 21. 1877

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

From the Committee on Ordinances,

S.A. Cooke, Jr. Report of their approval of the appointment of Stephen A. Cooke Jr. as assistant city solicitor. Read and received.

Act fixing mode of assessment for opening streets. Also, report upon the semi-annual report of the city solicitor, with resolution instructing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly at the May session for the passage of the enclosed act entitled "An act fixing mode of assessments in certain proceedings for opening streets in the city of Providence". Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

(From the committee on finance)

Arthur L. Brown. Resolution to pay Arthur L. Brown for services as assistant to city clerk. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Officers. Also, Resolution to pay city officers for services in the month of May. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

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Police

Pay for balance of year.

216.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution fixing the compensation of the police for the balance of the municipal year, make report, not recommending the same, but recommend that the Council concur in the ordinance fixing the compensation of the police, passed by the Aldermen on the 26th of April last, and which now lies on the table of the Council: which report is received and said resolution is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Mesrs Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Fenner, Goff, Millett, Morris, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steers & Westcott. 29.

Nays

Mr. President, Mesrs Aldrich, Briggs, Butler, Dexter, Green, Sampson, Shaw, Sweet, Tower, White, Winsor & Woods. 13.

(From the committee on claims.)

Mary G. Pierce.

189.

Resolution to pay Mary G. Pierce \$100. for compensation for damages caused by overflow of estate on Metrose street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Mrs. Geo. Harris.
202,
246.

Also, Resolution to pay Mrs George Harris \$15. for compensation for injury to her estate on Greenwich street. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Do.

The petition of said Mrs Geo. Harris is referred to the joint committee on city property to inquire into so much thereof as relates to snow guard for the roof of the adjoining building.

Said committee on claims to whom at the last meeting were referred petitions of

C. Mc Caughey, Adm.
218.

Charles Mc Caughey claim for damages resulting from the death of Frank Mc Caughey; of

J. O'Reilly.
218.

James O'Reilly for \$10,000 damage from death of son on Nash Lane Bridge, report adverse thereto: and it is ordered that the petitioners personally have leave to withdraw.

Sewer in John St.
217.

The joint committee on sewers to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution from the board of aldermen to construct a sewer in John street recommend concurrence with an amendment: which report is received and said resolution is read and concurred with an amendment striking out all after the word "constructed" and substituting the words "in John street, from Neighbor's lane to Benefit street."

(Concurred & Approved)

Sewer in Arch St.

On recommendation of said committee a resolution to construct sewer in Arch street

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from Gilmore street to connect with the sewer in Arch street, is read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Indefinitely
postponed.

On recommendation of the joint committee on city property, they are discharged from further consideration of the following matters and the same are indefinitely postponed, viz:

Purchase of land.

Petitions of

A. M. Godding & Geo. Birtwhistle,

Peter Meehan, &

Wm A. Potter,

for purchase of land belonging to the city; of Jas. H. Welch

for lease of land of the city; of Providence Public Library, for lease of Fountain St. School house; of M. V. B. Darling for embankment wall for Point St. School estate;

Also, Resolution in relation to Dorraued Street wharf estate.

Roger Wms. Park.

Appropriation for

On recommendation of the joint committee on Parks, a resolution adding \$3000 to the appropriation for excavating Crystal Lake in Roger Williams Park, is read & passed.
(Concurred)

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

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Raising buildings

Frederick Alexander,
Thomas Forsyth,
Robt Parker,

to raise certain buildings; and of

Moving building

William Hannum, and
same

to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee in the fire department; who subsequently report favorably thereon and on petitions of

Do.
218.
218.

James Mc Elhanev, &
Thomas Hyatt,

to move certain buildings; and of

Wm. M. Bailey

William M. Bailey to raise a

Raising building

building at Nos 234 & 236. Benefit street; and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Do.

Upon so much of the petition of said William M. Bailey as relates to alterations of building No. 19 College street, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Water Comrs Office

On the recommendation of said committee a resolution to place an alarm gong in the office of the Water Commissioners is read and passed.

Alarm Gong

(Concurred & approved)

The joint special committee on the subject of celebrating the coming 4th of July

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4th of July.

submit a report accompanied by a resolution appointing a committee of arrangements and appropriating \$3000 for the same.

An amendment to substitute for the sum of \$3000, the sum of \$1500, is lost by a vote of 8 for to 19 against, and said resolution is passed, and Messrs Phillips, Dexter, Burnham, Smith and Harick, appointed on the part of this Council.

Subsequently said vote is reconsidered, the resolution laid on the table, and a resolution to apply to the General Assembly for authority to expend money for celebration of 4th of July and other public occasions is presented, read & passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Wannasquatucket River,
Walls & Avenues,

150.

The joint special committee to whom was referred the petition of Elisha Dyer & others for building walls and avenues along the Wannasquatucket River, submit a report, accompanied by a resolution to advertise for proposals for the same: which is read and recommitted.

The joint special committee on the Brook street district report sundry resolutions, which are received and referred as follows: viz:

Break St
Water pipes in.

Resolution to lay water pipes in

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Brook street; and

Brook St. Dist.

Resolution ordering the extension of the pipes of the P.M. Water Works in a portion of the Brook street District: To the joint Committee on water.

Brook St. Dist.

Sewers in.

236.

Also, Resolution ordering the construction of sewer in a portion of the Brook St. district: To the joint committee on sewers.

Wickenden Street

Police Station.

Appropriation for.

The joint special committee to settle claims in the matter of the Wickenden street Police Station submit a report accompanied by a resolution, adding \$7600 to the appropriation for said police station: which is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Engineer.

Salary of.

232.

The joint committee on the city engineers department submit a resolution to pay the city engineer for services from March 10. 1877 at the rate of \$5000 per annum: which is read and referred to the city solicitor with instructions to report on the legality of said resolution.

New High School.

Heating re.

The joint special committee for the erection of a new High School submit a report relative to heating, ventilating and furnishing the same: and a resolution appropriating \$55000 therefor is read and passed.

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Sewer assessments.

Chap. 313.

394.

The committee on the city engineer's department submit a report relative to sewer assessments, accompanied by a resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to Chapter 313 of the public laws;

Do.

Refunding of.

395.

Also, a resolution directing the city treasurer to refund certain sewer assessments upon certificates of the water commissioners, which are read and laid on the table for the present.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions, having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Point St. School lot

Drainage.

Resolution for draining the school house land on Point street;

Brook St. Dist.

Also, Resolution appropriating \$35,000 for the Brook street district;

Chap. 549.

Also, Resolution ^(Approved) to apply for an amendment to Chap. 549 of the public laws relative to sewer assessments.

(Voted)

Gangway from

Custom House St.

to Alton Gangway.

235.

A resolution (from said board) requesting the Aldermen to receive a gangway from Custom House street to Alton gangway. is referred to the committee on highways.

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Brook street; and
 Brook St. Dist. Resolution ordering the extension of
 Water pipes in the pipes of the Pm. Water Works in a portion
 of the Brook street District: To the joint
 Committee on water.

Brook St. Dist. Also, Resolution ordering the construc-
 Sewers in. tion of sewer in a portion of the Brook St.
 236. district: To the joint committee on sewers.

Wicken den Street
 Police Station.
 Appropriation for. The joint special committee to settle
 claims in the matter of the Wicken den street
 Police Station submit a report accompanied
 by a resolution, adding \$7600 to the approp-
 riation for said police station: which
 is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

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 March 10. 1877 at the rate of \$5000 per
 annum: which is read and referred to
 the city solicitor with instructions to
 report on the legality of said resolution.

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 Heating &c. tion of a new High School submit a report
 relative to heating, ventilating and furnishing
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May 21. 1877

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 a resolution directing the city solicitor
 to apply to the General Assembly for an
 amendment to Chapter 313 of the public
 laws;

Do.

Refunding of.

395.

Also, a resolution directing the city
 treasurer to refund certain sewer assess-
 ments upon certificates of the water com-
 missioners,
 which are read and laid on the table
 for the present.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions, having
 passed the board of aldermen, are sev-
 erally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Point St. School for
 Drainage.

Resolution for draining the school
 house land on Point street;

Brook St. Dist.

Also, Resolution appropriating
 \$35,000 for the Brook street district;

Chap. 549.

Also, Resolution to apply for an
 amendment to Chap. 549 of the public laws
 relative to sewer assessments.

(Voted)

Gangway from
 Custom House St.
 to Morn Gangway.

235.

A resolution (from said board) request-
 ing the Aldermen to receive a gangway
 from Custom House street to Morn Gangway.
 is referred to the committee on highways.

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Crawford street
 South Main St.
 Widening of
 212.

The resolution to lay out and widen Crawford street and a portion of South Main street, which was rejected at the last meeting, is taken from the files, said vote of rejection being reconsidered and referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs Phillips, Burnham and Brown of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, with instructions to report estimates of cost.

(Concurred & Ald. Dutcher added)
 (Approved)

Chief Eng. P. Dept.
 Mo. Report.

The monthly report of the Chief Engineer of the fire department is presented, read and received.

(Concurred & approved)

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

Police, pay of.

Resolution to pay the police for services in the month of May;

(Concurred & approved)

New High School.

Also, Resolution appropriating \$10,000 Appropriation for the new High School;

(Concurred & approved)

Invitation to join
 in Convention.

Also, Resolution inviting His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to join the Common Council in convention at their next meeting to elect an Assessor of Taxes and other city officers.

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G.A. Republic

A communication relative to meeting of the National Encampment, G. A. R. in the month of June next, is received and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

Plane St.
 Water pipes in.

Petitions of
 F. Sharpless & others for water pipes in Plane street from Thurber's Avenue to Pavilion Avenue; of
 R. Lynch for water pipes in Chalkstone Avenue,
 Do.

are received and referred to the committee on water.

Graham & Trinidad
 Asphalt Co.

Clemence St.
 253.

Jackson Ave.
 272.

Petitions of
 The Grahamite & Trinidad Asphalt Co. to pave streets; of
 Crosby, Edwards & Co. for resetting curb on Clemence street; of
 E. J. Case & others to lay out Jackson Avenue,
 are received and referred to the committee on highways

Burrows & Kenyon.
 253.

Jas. Deacon.
 253.
 Mary A. Read.
 253.

Petitions of
 Burrows & Kenyon for payment of claim arising out of Trustee process served on the city; of
 James Deacon, for compensation; of
 Mary A. Read, for abatement of Tax; of

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C. A. Greene & S. G. Arnold.

Rent of land.
235.

Cornelia A. Grene & S. G. Arnold for
use of land on Stovells Avenue for storage,
are received and referred to the joint
Committee on claims.

School houses

Alterations in.
237

A communication from the Executive
Committee of the school committee relative to
alterations in Smith's Hill, Branch Avenue
and Julian street school houses, is received
and referred to the joint committee on education.

Sewer in

Vernon & Battery Sts.
236.

A petition of T. C. Anthony & others for
sewer on Vernon and Battery streets is
received and referred to the joint committee
on sewers.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, June 4. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members except
Messrs Ballou, Crossley, Day, Hopkins,
Miller, Peirce & Rowan. 7.

J. M. Caddeman
Clerk

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In Common Council - May 24. 1877

Special Meeting.

Called by the Mayor by his warrant dated
May 23. 1877

Pursuant to said warrant, the
members of the Common Council as-
semble in their chamber this day, at
5 o'clock p.m., - the President in the
Chair and a quorum present.

The Mayor's warrant calling this
meeting is read.

The record of the last meeting is
read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Reasons for meeting

A Message is received from the Mayor
giving his reasons for the present meeting,
viz, that a communication may be received
from the Mayor relative to the Inspector
of Keroseene: which is read.

Mayor's Message

Inspector of
Keroseene.

A Message is received from the
Mayor relative to the manner in which
the Inspector of Keroseene has performed
the duties of his office: which is read
and sent to the board of aldermen.

Subsequently a resolution is received

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from the Board referring the same to a joint special committee with power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths; which resolution is read and passed in concurrence and Messrs Green, Steere, Butler, Bunnham and Crossley added to the committee on the part of this Council / Aldermen Spicer and Spencer being the members on the part of the Board,

Robt. Knight

Moving buildg.

205.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, a resolution granting the petition of Robert Knight to move a building, is read and passed.

City Engineer.

Salary of.

225.

The City Solicitor, to whom at the last meeting was referred the resolution paying the city engineer for services from 10th of March last, at the rate of \$5000 per annum, with instructions to report upon the legality of the same, makes report that the same is legal, and said resolution is read and passed.

Dahlia St.

Water pipes in.

A petition of James E. Lyman for water pipes in Dahlia street is received and referred to the joint committee on water.

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Concurrences.

The following resolutions and bill having passed the board of aldermen, are read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Brook St. Dist.

Funding debt.

Resolution relative to funding the debt created on account of the Brook street district;

Chap. 313.

Also, Resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for an act in amendment of Chapter 313 of the public laws

High School building.

Notes for.

Also, An ordinance providing for the issue of notes for the new High School building.

Invitation for

Convention.

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention at 8 o'clock p.m. on the first Monday in June next to elect an assessor of taxes and such other city officers as may be necessary.

Accepted.

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the Common Council adjourn until Monday, June 4, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Adjourn.

Present. all the members except Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Proun, Reynolds, Shattuck + Tower. 9.
M. Caddeman, Clerk

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In Common Council - June 4. 1877

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message A Message of the Mayor relative to
 Rufus Sprague. purchase of land of Rufus Sprague on
 398. Richardson street for highway purposes, is received read and referred to the joint committee on highways to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & approved)

Kerosene inspection. Under a suspension of the rules, - a resolution authorizing the special committee upon Kerosene inspection to expend \$200, in experiments, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the committee on Finance)

Judge of Municipal Court. Salary. 196. Resolution to pay the Judge of the Municipal Court at the rate of \$2500 from 1st of January last. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Annual Reports of City Auditor & Treas. Also, Report of said committee on the Annual reports of the City Auditor and

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City Treasurer,

Reg. Bonds.

Also, Monthly Report of the Issue of Registered Bonds, which are read & received.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the committee on Claims)

R.R. & A.F. Stafford.

195.

Resolution to pay Robert R. and Anne F. Stafford \$150. for damages caused by overflow of Washington St. sewer. Read & passed.

C.E. Green & S. G. Arnold.

230.

Also, Resolution to pay Cornelia C. Green and Samuel G. Arnold \$50 each for use of land south of Atwell's Avenue. Read & passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the committee on Highways)

Gondway from Custom House St.

227

Resolution to receive a gangway from Custom House street to Aborn's gangway. Read and Concurred.

(Approved)

Earle's Lane.

Also, Resolution to lay out and extend Earle's Lane from Camp street to North Main street. Read and passed.

Polk St.

Also, Resolution to curb Polk street from Pettis to Hedley streets. Read & passed.

Broad St.

Said committee to whom were referred by the Board of Aldermen a petition of H. B. Aylsworth & others for widening Broad street from Public to Friendship streets, make report that if said street is widened at all

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it should be from Public street to Greenwich street, and submit a plan thereof.

A resolution to widen Broad street from Greenwich to Public streets of a uniform width of eighty feet, is presented by Mr Phillips, read and indefinitely postponed.

Gilmore St.

Sewer in.

Under a suspension of the rules, a petition of Hiram Tufts others for a sewer in Gilmore street is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers, who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Brook St. District.

Sewers in

226.

Said committee also report a resolution (referred 2^d of May last) ordering the construction of sewers in a portion of the Brook street district, recommended. Read and passed.

Subsequently said resolution is returned from the Board with their concurrence with an amendment, which is postponed till the next meeting.

Vernon & Battery Sts.

Sewer in

234.

Said committee also report a resolution to construct sewer in Vernon and Battery streets from Pallas to Carpenter streets. Read and passed.

(Non-concurred)

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

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Lyman Arnold

Lyman, Arnold to move a building; and of

J. H. C. Gray.

J. H. C. Gray to raise a building, are received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department, who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Smith's Hill

Grammar School.

230.

From the committee on Education, Resolutions to fit up the Smith's Hill Grammar school building for primary and intermediate school purposes and appropriating \$1200. therefor. Read and passed.

(Concurred)

Vacation Schools.

Also, Resolutions to establish eight vacation schools and appropriating \$1600 therefor. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

On recommendation of the joint committee on Water, the following resolutions are severally read and passed, viz:—

Water pipes in

Chalkstone Ave.

Resolutions to lay water pipes in Chalkstone Avenue, easterly from River Avenue; in

Dahlia St.

Plane Street

Stampers St.

(Dahlia street; in Plane street from Thurber's Avenue to Paulson Avenue, in Stampers street, and in

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Seymour street,
(Concurred & approved)Exchange Place
Watring of
214.

Said committee to whom on the 7th of May last was recommitted the resolution for watering Exchange Place, with sundry amendments, report recommending the original resolution and not the amendments.

The amendment to the amendment (that is for watering the whole of South Water street) is withdrawn.

A resolution offered by Mr. Shaw to furnish water free of cost for sprinkling unpaved streets, is rejected.

A substitute offered by Mr. Peirce for sprinkling Exchange Place, Crawford street bridge and portions of South Water and Dyer streets, is rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Members Aldrich, Arnold, Brown, Burnham, Dexter, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Peirce, Place, Tower, White & Woods. 13.

Nays

Mr. President, Members Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Breman, Brigg, Butler, Crossley, Day, Fenner, Goff, Millett, Morris, Phillips, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Westcott & Winsor. 26.

The original resolution for watering

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Exchange Place is then read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)A Convention,
the Mayor in the chair.

Officers elected. James C. Hidden is elected Assessor of Taxes, and Nathaniel F. Potter, a Water Commissioner, each for three years.

Thos. M. Read is elected a surveyor and Coroner of Wood.

The two bodies separate.

High School Est.
Sale of
214.

A report of the joint special committee on the sale to the State of the High School estate on Benefit street, is presented, read and received.
(Concurred & approved)

Robt. Arnold.
197.

The joint special committee to examine into claim of Robert Arnold for damages to his estate on Barnes street caused by the construction of Hope Reservoir, make report and recommend the accompanying resolution to pay him \$1250. in full settlement, for the same: which resolution is read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

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Clemence & Peck Sts.

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen) to lay out Clemence and Peck streets is read and concurred.

(Approved)

Grand Army of the Republic.

Com. of reception.

265

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen) appointing Messrs Hayward and Pilcox, with such as the Council may add, a committee of reception to extend the hospitalities of the city to the associates of the Grand Army of the Republic and other associations expected to visit the city of Providence during the last week of June, is read and concurred with an amendment, adding the following words, viz:

4th of July

265

Resolved, that said committee are further authorized to arrange for a celebration of the coming Fourth of July, provided that the sum of \$5000, or so much thereof as may be needed, shall be expended for such reception and the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Messrs Phillips, Dexter, Burnham, Smith and Aldrich are added to the committee on the part of this Council.

(Concurred & approved)

4th of July.

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen) appropriating \$1000. for a celebration of 4th of July is read and non-concurred.

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The following resolutions are presented, read and passed, viz:

City Hall Comrs to contract for wire netting.

Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to contract for wire netting without advertising for proposals.

(Concurred & approved)

Wickenden St.

Watering of 248.

Also, Resolution directing the committee on the Brook street district to water a portion of Wickenden street.

(Amended)

The following business from the Board of Aldermen is postponed till the next meeting, viz:

Sewers in the Brook St. Dist.

Resolution to procure plans and estimates for sewers in Brook St. District, East of Ives Street;

Gano street.

Also, Resolution to expend \$1000 to employ the poor in grading Gano street;

Brook Street Water pipes in.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Brook street;

Roger Wms. Park.

Also, Resolution transferring \$1800 from the appropriation for Parks to Roger Williams Park;

Olney street.

Sidewalks on.

Do.

Also, Message from the Mayor relating to width of sidewalks ordered on Olney street;

Also, Resolution rescinding so much of resolution of October 28. 1874 as fixes the width of said sidewalks;

Police salaries.

Also, Amendment to Council resolution fixing pay of the police;

Also, Resolution electing on the part

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Highway Commr.
Charles Anthony.

of the Aldermen, Charles Anthony as
Highway Commissioner.

Sockanosset Reservoir
Change of pressure.
248.

Also, Report of the committee on Water
on change of pressure of Sockanosset Reservoir.

No. Reports.

Monthly reports of
The City Auditor,
The City Treasurer
The Harbor Master,

Brook St. District.
Water pipes in.

Also, report of the committee on Water
on Resolution to lay water pipes in the
Brook Street district

City Eng. Dept.
Appropriation
257.

Also, Resolution transferring \$17,000 from
the appropriation for contingencies to the
appropriation for the city engineer's department;
are severally presented and postponed till
the next meeting.

Wm. Grosvenor et al.
in re Eddy St.
297.

A petition of Wm Grosvenor & family in
the matter of their claim against Eddy
Street, is presented and referred to a
joint special committee consisting of
Messrs Peirce, Brown & Westcott, with
such as the Aldermen may add, to
examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Ald. Spicer added)

(Approved)

J. H. W. B. Oppen.
claim in re Lippitt St.

A petition of J. H. W. B. Oppen for compen-
sation for damages to his estate on Lippitt
Street is received and referred to a joint
Special committee consisting of Messrs

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Morris, Bartlett and Briggs and
such as the Aldermen may add to ex-
amine and report thereon.

(Not concurred)

Water pipes in
Evergreen St.;
296

George street;
296

Pavilion Ave.;
297

Wiley street.
296

Oxford St. buildg.
Removal of.

Halden St.

R. I. Concrete Co.
262.

Bernard Swift.
457.

Petitions of

Mrs Geo. J. Combe others for water

pipes in Evergreen street; of

B. B. Adams others for water

pipes in George street; of

Edward Salisbury others for

water on Pavilion Avenue; of

Job S. Steere others for water

pipe on Wiley street,

are received & referred to the committee on Water.

A communication from the Executive
Committee of the school committee relative
to removal of wooden school building
on Oxford street, is received and referred
to the committee on Education.

A resolution requesting the Aldermen
to receive Halden street is presented and
referred to the committee on Highways.

Petitions of

R. I. Concrete Co. for payment of

secondary bills; of

Bernard Swift for payment of

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balance due him on sewer on High Street
between Knight and Battery streets; of

Remission of tax.

253.

253.

252.

J. C. Manchester wife,

F. B. Spelman, and

Job Wilbur,

each for remission of tax,
are received & referred to the committee on claims.

Wm. C. Davol Jr.

claim.

295.

A petition of Wm. C. Davol Jr. for pay-
ment of license fee for use of "Patent im-
proved Horse Stalls" is presented, received &
referred to the committee on city property.

Danl S. Hazard

Moving building.

A petition of Daniel S. Hazard to move
a building is received & referred to the com-
mittee on the fire department.

Sewer in
Friendship St.

A petition of G. W. Carlisle tothors for
sewer in Friendship street is received & referred
to the committee on sewers.

Salary Ordinance

Tax Bill.

Resolutions instructing the finance
committee to report salary ordinance and
tax bill are presented & referred to said committee.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, June 11. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members, except Mr.
Prout.

A. Addemaun
Clerk.

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In Common Council - June 11. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to
adjournment the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

City Hall limits. Under a suspension of the rules, a
communication from the City Hall Com-
missioners requesting authority to expend
\$10,000 without advertising for proposals,
with resolution granting the same is presented
and referred to the committee on finance.
A motion to reconsider the foregoing
vote is rejected.

Elijah Selden

210.

The joint committee on ordinances to
whom was referred a petition of Elijah Selden
for a right to bury upon a lot in the
North Burial Ground, make report which
is received, and it is ordered that the pe-
titioner have leave to withdraw.

No. Burial Ground.

Tenure of lots.

Under a suspension of the rules a reso-
lution directing the committee on Ordi-
nances to inquire into tenure of lots in the
North Burial Ground is presented, read & passed.

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(From the Committee on Finance)

Tax bill.

256.

An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence. Read and postponed till the next meeting.

Teachers' Salaries.

256.

Also, An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in September A.D. 1877. Read, amended by striking out the clause "To two teachers of sewing, each five hundred dollars," and fixing the salary of the secretary of the school committee at \$400 instead of \$750 and inserting the words "or her" in the last clause of section 1. As amended the bill is read and passed.

Sewer in

Friendship street.

261.

(From the Committee on Sewers)

Resolution ordering sewer in Friendship street from Beacon to Pearl streets. Read and postponed till the next meeting.

(From the Committee on City Property)

Richardson St. Dist.

Report on sale of buildings in the Richardson street District; Read and received.

Mrs. Geo. Harris.

222.

Also, Report on portion of petition of Mrs. Georg Harris as relates to snow guard on roof of building in Greenwich street, known formerly as the Town Clerk's office. Read and received.

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(From the Committee on Education)

Benefit St. school.

Resolution to fit up one room on third floor of the Benefit street school house for intermediate scholars. Read and passed by a vote of 16 to 14.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the Committee on the Harbor.)

Bath Houses.

Resolution appropriating \$500 for running expenses of bath houses for 1877. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the Committee on Accounts)

A. R. Whitney

City Hall.

253.

A bill of A. R. Whitney amounting to \$7638²⁵ for extra work on new city hall, reported by the committee without recommendation. Referred to the Committee on Claims with instructions to examine the details of the same and obtain the written opinion of the City Solicitor on the liability of the city to pay the same.

The following resolutions and orders having passed the board of Aldermen are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Brook St. Dist.

Sewers in.

Resolution to procure plans and estimates for sewers in a portion of the Brook street district, east of Ives street;

Do.

Water pipes in.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Brook street, from Pike to India street;

Also, Resolution transferring \$1800 to

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- Appropriation for Roger Williams Park;
 Employment of Poor. Also, Resolution appropriating \$1000. to employ the poor in grading Gaus street;
 Olney street. Also, Resolution (upon message of the Mayor), rescinding so much of resolution of October 28. 1874 as fixes the width of sidewalks on Olney street;
 Brook St. District. Also, Amendment to Council Resolution
 Sewers ordered. (Passed June 4th) ordering construction of sewers in a portion of the Brook street district.
 Low Service pressure. Also, Order to receive and print report of
 242. Committee on water on change of water pressure for the low service distribution.
 Pay of city officers. Also, Resolution to pay city officers and assistants and the licensed Commissioners for the month of June.
 Wickenden St. Also, Amendment to Council Resolution
 Watering of. (Passed June 4.) for watering a portion of
 241. Wickenden street.
 (Concurred & approved.)

Pay of Police. The resolution fixing the compensation of the police, which passed the Council on the 2nd of May last is returned from the board of aldermen with an amendment changing the pay of each Captain of police from \$1400 per annum to \$3.50 per day; which is read and laid on the table by a vote of 21 to 13, subsequently reconsidered and indefinitely postponed by a vote of 19 to 11.
 Under a suspension of the rules, a resolu-

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"fixing the salaries of police officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in July A.D. 1877" is presented, read and passed by a vote of 30 to 14.

Highway Comm'r.

O. Brown elected.

A resolution electing, on the part of the board of aldermen, Charles Anthony, highway commissioner is read and concurred with an amendment substituting for Charles Anthony, the name of Obadiah Brown, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Alarick, Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Dexter, Fenner, Hopkins, Miller, Morris, Phillips, Place, Rounds, Smith, Steere, Street, Westcott & Winsor. 21.

Nays

Messrs Ballou, Barker, Bartlett, Briggs, Butler, Crossley, Goff, Green, Millett, Potter, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Tower, White & Woods. 16.

Mo. Reports.

The monthly reports of
 The city auditor,
 The city treasurer,
 The harbor-master,
 The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department
 are successively presented, read and received.

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City Eng. Dept.

The resolution transferring \$17000 from the appropriation for contingencies to the appropriation for city engineer's department, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed.

Olive street.

A petition of Royal C. Taft rother to complete curbing of Olive street is received and referred to the committee on highways.

Vanderwater St.

A petition of Charles A. Brown rother for water pipes on Vanderwater street is received and referred to the committee on water.

Fire Department.

A petition of the board of Engineers of the Fire Department for additional full paid men is referred to the committee on the fire department.

Petitions of

J. Haggerty wife.

Jan. Haggerty wife for compensation for damage to estate on Blackstone street;

M. A. Masterson, Gdn.

M. A. Masterson, guardian, for abatement of taxes

A. D. Smith 3rd

Amos D. Smith, 3 for payment of claim;

J. T. Thornton.

J. T. Thornton for release from payment of claim on account of moving building through the public streets, are received and referred to the committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday July 2. 1877 at six o'clock p.m.
Present all the members except Messrs Day, Pease & Brown.
M. Addenbury, Clerk.

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In Common Council - July 2. 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

(From the Committee on Finance)

Registered Bonds

The Monthly report of the Issue of Registered Bonds. Read and received.

City Hall

Expend without advertising.

Also, Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to expend \$10,000 without advertising for proposals. Read and rejected by a vote of 13 to 17.

City Hall

Appropriation

Also, Resolution appropriating \$100,000 for building the City Hall. Read and passed.

Raising buildings

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Margaret Burns, John W. Field, 2, Sebastian Gast, Charles W. Perry, Thomas Ryan, to raise certain buildings, and of Frederick J. Clarke, J. M. Davidson,

Moving (Hull)

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Moving buildings.

John Mc Guinness,
John O'Connor,
Jm Lindsay,
Richard Barry, (resolution)

A more certain buildings,
are presented, received and referred to the
Committee on the fire department, who sub-
sequently report the same, with the petitioning
Daniel J. Hazard to move a building,
recommended, and the accompanying res-
olutions are severally read and passed.

244.

(From the Committee on Claims)

James W. Hale.

Resolution to pay James W. Hale \$500 in
full for damage to his estate from the accu-
mulation of water on the corner of Broad
and Public streets; Read and passed.

Jul Wilbur.

252.

Also, Resolution to refund to Jul Wilbur
\$142⁰⁰ amount of tax erroneously assessed
in 1876; Read and passed.

Thos. Welch

202.

Also, Resolution to pay Thomas Welch \$500
in full for damages to his estate on East
street caused by employees of the city; Read and passed.

J. T. Thornton.

250.

Also, Resolution to abate charge against
J. T. Thornton for occupying streets in removing
building from corner of Traverse and Pike streets;
Read and passed.

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A. R. Whitney.

247.

Also, Resolution to pay to A. R. Whitney
\$7638⁰⁰ as per bill rendered for extra
work on new City Hall. Read and passed.

Leave to withdraw.

Said committee to whom were referred
petitions of

244.

J. C. Manchester wife,

250.

M. A. Masterson, Guardian,

229.

Mary A. Read,

244.

F. B. Spelman,

for abatement of certain taxes; of
Burrows & Kenyon, for payment of
their claim arising out of trustee process
served on the city; of

Burrows & Kenyon.

229.

James Deacon.

229.

Jas Haggerty wife.

250.

James Deacon, for compensation; of
James Haggerty wife for compensa-
tion for damages to their estate on Black-
stone street; of

A. D. Smith 3^d

250.

Amos D. Smith 3^d for payment
of claim; of

W. V. Wallace.

168.

William W. Wallace for compensation,
make reports adverse thereto, which are
received, and it is ordered that the pe-
titioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Clarence St.

229.

(From the committee on highways)
Resolution to re-set curbing on Clarence
street between Westminster and Washington
streets. Read and passed.

Also, Resolution to set curb stones

July 2, 1877

Wesleyan Ave. and pave gutters on Wesleyan Avenue from Broad to Taylor streets. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Taylor street. Also, Resolution to receive Taylor street from Dora street to Wesleyan Avenue. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

North Davis St. Said committee to whom was referred by Remonstrance the board of aldermen the remonstrance of Thomas McGill & others against curbing North Davis street, report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which report is received and adopted.

(From the committee on the Fire Department)
Report. Monthly report of the chief engineer of the Fire Department. Read and received.

Fire department. Also, Resolution to nineteen additional men. 250. full paid men in the fire department at a cost not exceeding \$700 each. Read & passed.

B & P. R. R. Co. Under a suspension of the rules, a petition Turn out on India St. of the Boston & Providence Railroad Corporation for turn-out on India street is presented, received and referred to the committee on Railroads, who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

July 2, 1877.

Martin Street
Police Station.

(From the committee on city property.)
Report upon heating, furnishing &c. the Martin street Police Station. Read received.

School-houses
repairs of.

Also, Resolution to repair and improve school houses on Beacon, Elm, Hospital, Greenwich and Thayer streets, and appropriating \$1600 therefor. Read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Harrison St.

Vane.

188.

Also, Resolution to place a vane upon Engine house on Harrison street, not recommended. Read and indefinitely postponed.

J. G. Patterson.

Account vs City Hall.

262.

(From the committee on Accounts.)
Bill of Jas. G. Patterson for extra work and stock on City Hall, reported by the Committee without recommendation. Read and referred to the committee on claims with instructions to obtain the written opinion of the city solicitor as to the legal liability of the city to pay said bill; and if any part thereof, what part. (Amount of bill \$24,948.⁷⁹)

Lamps
Appropriation.

The joint committee on Lamps report in print, asking for a further appropriation of \$18000: which is read and referred to the committee on finance.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen are specially

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Wesleyan Ave. and pave gutters on Wesleyan Avenue from Broad to Taylor streets. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Taylor street. Also, Resolution to receive Taylor street from Dora street to Wesleyan Avenue. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

North Davis St. Remonstrance. Said committee to whom was referred by the board of aldermen the remonstrance of Thomas McGill & others against curbing North Davis street, report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw, which report is received and adopted.

Report. (From the committee on the Fire Department.) Monthly report of the chief engineer of the Fire Department. Read and received.

Fire department. Additional men. 250. Also, Resolution to nineteen additional full paid men in the fire department, at a cost not exceeding \$700 each. Read & passed.

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(Concurred & Approved)

July 2, 1877.

Martin Street Police Station.

(From the committee on city property.) Report upon heating, furnishing &c. the Martin street Police Station. Read received.

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The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen are specially

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read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Aldermen & Councilmen
Salaries of.

Resolution to pay the members of the board of aldermen and common council their second quarterly salary;

Transit st.
Water pipes.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Transit street;

(Approved)

Grosvenor st.

Also, Resolution to lay out Grosvenor street in the Brook street district.

Teachers salaries.

246.
256

The ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers of the public schools for the year ensuing the first Monday in September next, which passed this Council at the last meeting is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with certain amendments: which are read and non-concurred. The Council insist upon the bill as originally passed by them, request a committee of conference and appoint Messrs Potter, Hopkins and Miller as conferees on their part.

Tax bill.

246.

The bill entitled "An ordinance providing for the assessment and collection of a tax upon the real and personal estate in the city of Providence", which was postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table and read.

It is moved to amend section 1. by substituting for the words "one dollar and forty five cents", the words "two dollars", on

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which motion the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Green & Tower. 3

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rounts, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Westcott, Winsor & Woods. 34.

Motions to amend by substituting severally \$1.55 and \$1.50 for \$1.45 are rejected.

Section 5 is amended by striking out the words "one per centum per month" and substituting "eight per centum per annum"; and the bill as amended is read & passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Officers salaries.

The Committee on finance are instructed to report a bill fixing the salaries of the officers of the city, at the next meeting.

The following resolutions are presented, read and passed, viz:

Pay of police.

Resolution to pay the police for services rendered in the month of June.

(Concurred & Approved)

Jane Mc Garvey.

Also, Resolution to convey to Jane Mc Garvey

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a lot of land in the Brook street district.
(Concurred & approved)

Petitions of

Mary Sexton
J. I. Wickham.
293.

Mary Sexton for refunding sewer tax; &
James C. Wickham for compensation for
injuries received on South Main street, are
received and referred to the committee on claims.

Petitions of

Holden Street.
365.

Thomas Davis & others for securing
Holden street; of

Dye street.
399.

Joseph B. Chace to set curbstones
and pave gutters on Dye street,
are received and referred to the committee on
highways.

Petitions of

Dean Place
Water pipes.

E. Daugherty et al. for Pouturel
water in Dean Place; of

Fruit & Leince Sts
Water pipes.
263.

Thos. B. Saunders & others for water
pipes in Fruit and Leince streets,
are received and referred to the committee on Water.

City hall fence.

A request of the City Hall Commissioners
to purchase fence now around the new City
Hall;

Urinal on Canal St.
272.

Also, petition for public urinal on
Canal street at corner of Crossedog street
bridge,
are received and referred to the committee on

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City Property.

Vernon & Battery St.
Sewer
262

A petition of Joseph Kelly & others for
sewer in Vernon and Battery streets;

Friendship St. Sewer

Remonstrance

Also, a remonstrance of David S. Carr
& others against sewer in Friendship street,
are received and referred to the committee
on Sewers.

School houses &c.

repairs on

263.

A request of the school committee
for repairs on certain school houses
and lots is received and referred
to the committee on Education.

City Registrar

The 22^d Annual report of the City Regis-
trar, with resolution to print the same;

Index of Births &c.

366

Also, resolution relative to Index of
the records of births, marriages and deaths,
are received and referred to the committee
on Printing.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, July 9, 1877 at 8 o'clock, p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs
Day & Provan. 2.

M. Laddeman
Clerk

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In Common Council - July 9. 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

(From the Committee on Finance)

Lamp Dept. Resolution making additional appropriation of \$18000 for the Lamp Department. Read and passed.

Salaries of officers. Also a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence from and after August 1st 1877", which is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Sampson, Shattuck, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Westcott, White, Winsor & Woods. 31

Nays.

Messrs Burnham, Place, Potter, Rounds & Smith. 5

(Concurred)
(Vetoed)

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Police. Salaries. 270.

Also, a bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of Police officers of the City of Providence from and after August 1st 1877", which is amended by striking out in Section 1. after the word "compensation" the words "to be fixed by the Mayor and aldermen not exceeding the following rate"; and substituting the words "as follows"; and as amended is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Green, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Sampson, Shattuck, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Westcott, White, Winsor & Woods. 27

Nays.

Messrs Bartlett, Brennan, Burnham, Hopkins, Millett, Place, Potter, Rounds & Smith. 9

(Concurred)
(Vetoed)

Friendship St. sewer. 246.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution ordering a sewer in Friendship street from Beacon to Pearl streets is taken from the table and referred to the committee on sewers.

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R.I. Concrete Co.
243.

(From the committee on claims,
Resolution to pay bills of R.I. Concrete Co.
for labor and materials furnished the City.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

J.G. Batterson.
255.
274.

Also, Resolution to pay James G. Batterson
\$24,948 ⁷⁹/₁₀₀ for extra stock and work on
new City Hall, accompanied by written
opinion of the city solicitor as to legality of
the claim. Laid on the table till the next
meeting.

(From the Committee on Highways.)

Pearl street.

Resolution for curbing Pearl street from
Prairie Avenue to Plane street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Public street.

Also, Resolution for curbing Public street from
Eddy street to Allen's Avenue. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Benevolent street.

209.
277.

Also, Resolution to set new curbing on
Benevolent street from Hope to Brown streets.
Read and rejected.

(From the Committee on Sewers,

Vernon & Battery Sts.
Sewer.
259.

Resolution ordering sewer in Vernon and
Battery streets from Pallas to Carpenter streets.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Friendship St.
Sewer.

Also, Resolution ordering sewer in Friend-
ship street from the Summit near Stewart
street to Beacon street. Read and rejected.

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Doyle St. School.

Concrete walks.
218.

Repair of
School houses.
273.
259.

The committee on Education to whom
on the 7th May last was referred a petition
of the school committee relative to con-
creting walks at Doyle Avenue school
house, and on the 2nd July inst. a
request of the school committee for repairs
on the Federal, Sabine and Point street
school building, make report requesting
to be discharged from further consideration
thereof, which request is granted and
said petitions are referred to the com-
mittee on city property.

(From the Committee on Parks)

Parks.
Appropriation.

Resolution transferring \$3000 from the
Reserved Fund to the appropriation for
Parks and revinding Resolution No. 290
passed May 24, 1877. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

(From the Committee on Water)

Fruit & Quince Sts
Water pipes.
258.

Resolution to lay water pipes in Fruit
and Quince streets. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Veazie & Vandewater Sts.
Douglas Ave.
250.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes
in Veazie and Vandewater streets and
in Douglas Avenue. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

A message from the Mayor relative
to fountain recently placed in Prospect Ter.

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Prospect Terrace
Fountain.

report by a member of the Common Council at his own expense, is received, read and a resolution authorizing the committee on Parks to pay for water furnished the same is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Water for urinals.

A Message from the Mayor relative to water furnished the public urinals is received, read and a resolution directing the board of aldermen to furnish the same, to be charged to the health appropriation, is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Weybasset street
Paving.

Messages from the Mayor relative to the paving of Weybasset street at the junction of Custom House street; and to the paving with granite blocks that portion of Atwell's Avenue between Knight street and Harris Avenue, are received, read and referred to the committee on Highways to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & Approved)

Atwell's Avenue
(do.)

Reports received.

The following reports are presented, read and received, viz:

Monthly reports of the City Treasurer and City Auditor;

Tenelfth Quarterly report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds;

Second quarterly report of the joint special committee on the Brook St. District;

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Reception G. A. R.

4th of July.

240.

Also, report of the joint special committee on the reception of the Grand Army of the Republic and other military guests and the celebration of 4th of July inst.

Thanks to forego-
ing committee.

Resolved.

That the thanks of the City Council are hereby presented to said committee for the manner in which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

Teachers salaries.

256.

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards on the ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers and teachers in the public schools, report that they are unable to agree.

The Common Council recede from their non-concurrence in the first amendment to said bill made by the board (viz: fixing the salary of the Superintendent of Public Schools at \$2250 instead of \$2500,) and concur therein.

A motion to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of said bill is made and rejected.

Upon the second amendment of the board to said bill (viz. inserting after line 36, the words "to two teachers of

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Teachers salaries
(cont'd)

sewing, each five hundred dollars," the Council insist on their non-concurrence by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Ballou, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, Crossley, Dexter, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Plau, Potter, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Winsor & Woods. 18

Nays

Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Burnham, Butler, Fenner, Goff, Millett, Morris, Pierce, Rounds, Sampson, Tower, Westcott & White. 16

(A motion to concur with an amendment substituting "four" for "two" teachers of sewing, having been rejected.)

Upon the third amendment to said bill by the Board, viz. fixing the salary of the Secretary of the school committee at \$750 instead of \$1000) a motion is made that the Council insist on their non-concurrence therein: on which motion the ayes and nays are ordered, as follows viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Brennan, Burnham, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Pierce, Potter, & Rounds 10

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Nays

Mr President, Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Morris, Plau, Sampson, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Westcott, White, Winsor & Woods. 24

Said motion is therefore rejected; whereupon the Council recede from their non-concurrence in said amendment, and concur in the same.

New High School
Appropriation.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) appropriating \$20,000 for the new High School;

Wm. Knowles.

and to pay William Knowles \$65²⁵ for services and expenses of coroner's inquest on body of Francis Mc Cahey, are read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Water pipes

in

Parsonage St.

Esten Street.

Linden street.

Resolutions (from the board of aldermen) to lay water pipes in Parsonage street from Point to Lake streets; Esten street, from Cross to Smith streets; Linden street, from Friendship street southerly about 100 feet, are read and referred to the committee on Water.

Fire Department.

Salary of.

271.

Voted. That the Committee on Finance report at the next meeting a bill fixing the pay of members of the fire department.

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Tenth Ward.

Ward room for. A resolution for a joint special committee to ascertain and report the advisability of erecting a building in the Tenth Ward to be used for ward purposes, is presented, read and passed and Messrs Brennan, Fenner and White appointed on the part of this Council.

Petitions of

Creighton St.
272.

Frances M. Cross others for curbing on Creighton Street; of

Laura Street.
280.

R. O. Wood others for a culvert under Laura Street; are received and referred to the committee on Highways.

Raising buildings
281.
281.

Petitions of Samuel S. Wild & James Walsh, to raise certain buildings, are received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Gardiner St.
Water pipes.

A petition of Geo. Birtwhistle others for water pipes to be laid in Gardiner Street is referred to the committee on Water.

Thos. Mullen.
280.

A petition of Thomas Mullen for permission to enter sewer is received and referred to the committee on Sewers.

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J. S. Aborn & Co.
279

Claim of J. S. Aborn & Co. for payment of concrete crosswalk bill;

Petitions of

A. R. Bennett.
272.

A. R. Bennett for damages for overflow of sewer;

Priscilla S. Corey.
279.

Priscilla S. Corey for balance of salary as teacher in the public schools; of

John Deady
293.

John Deady for damages for flooding house with water from street; of

J. P. Eddy et al.

Jesse P. Eddy et al. for compensation for damage caused by the removal of gravel; of

A. W. Harvey.
272.

A. W. Harvey for damage from overflow of sewer on Fountain Street; of

W. H. Holmes.
272.

W. H. Holmes, for damages; of

Horace Hopkins.
279.

Horace Hopkins for damages by overflow of water on Potter's Avenue; of

Dexter Pierce

Dexter Pierce, for refunding sewer tax; of

Mary G. Pierce
279

Mary G. Pierce for damages for overflow;

Cordelia A. Roper.
272.

Cordelia A. Roper for compensation for damage by overflow of sewer; of

Eph. Richmond
272.

Ephraim Richmond for payment of damage caused by overflow of sewer, of

R. O. Wood & wife.
279.

R. O. Wood & wife for damages for overflow; are severally received and referred to the committee on Claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday July 16, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs J. B. Bamaby, Barker, Prange & Shaw.

M. Adams, Clerk.

July 16. 1877.

In Common Council - July 16. 1877

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto
Salary bill.
260.

A Message is received from the Mayor, returning with his objections thereto, the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence from and after August 1st 1877," which was passed by this Council at the last meeting and concurred in by the Board of aldermen on the 12th inst.

A motion that the same pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary, ^{notwithstanding} is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being named, viz:

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Breunau, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Goff, Green, Morris, Peirce, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Sweet, Tower, Winsor & Woods 21

Nays

Messrs Arnold, Barker, Bartlett, Burnham, Fuller, Miller, Millett, Place

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Potter, Prouan, Rounds, Smith, Steere, & Westcott. 14

(Not three-fifths of all the members elected to the Common Council voting aye.)

Mayor's Veto
Police salary bill.
261.
283.
348.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections the bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of police officers of the city of Providence from and after August 1st 1877," which was passed by this Council at the last meeting and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 12th inst.; which Message is read, the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting and with the accompanying bill ordered printed, by a vote of 17 to 16.

(From the committee on finance.)

Fire Department.
Salary
267.
348.

A bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the compensation of the officers and members of the fire department of the city of Providence from and after August 1st 1877." Read, postponed till the next meeting and ordered printed.

P.C. & P.M. Sessions.
170
319

The committee on Claims to whom at the 1st of March last was referred a petition of Rebecca C. and Anna M. Sessions for damages by overflow of the Washington Street Sewer, and at the last meeting, petitions of

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A. R. Bennett.

269
319.

A. R. Bennett for damages for overflow of sewer; of

A. W. Harvey.

269
319.

A. W. Harvey for damage from overflow of sewer on Fountain street; of

W. H. Holmes.

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319.

Wm H. Holmes, for damages; of Ephraim Richmond for payment for damage caused by overflow of sewer; of

Eph. Richmond.

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319.

Cordelia A. Roper for the same, are, at their own request, discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petitions are referred to the Board of Water Commissioners.

Cordelia A. Roper.

269
319.

The committee on highways to whom were referred petitions of

Lloyd Street.

127.

C. A. Ballou & others to lay out Lloyd street from Prospect to Thayer streets (Jan. 8th 1877); of

Jackson Ave.

229.

E. J. Case & others to lay out Jackson Avenue, (May 21.); of

Brighton Street.

268.

Francis M. Cross & others for cutting Brighton street (July 9.) make reports adverse thereto, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Urinal on

Canal St.

258.

(From the committee on city property)
Resolution to purchase and locate a public urinal at the corner of Canal street and Crossing street bridge. Resolved passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

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Sabin St. school.

263.

Also, Resolution to concrete yard at Sabin street school and to provide drainage for surface water. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

School houses

repairs of.

263.

On the recommendation of said committee so much of the request of the school committee (referred to them at the last meeting) as relates to the Bridgman street, Federal street Grammar and Point street schools is indefinitely postponed.

Mayor's Message

Crocker Ave.

A Message of the Mayor relative to disposal of surface water on Crocker Avenue is received and read; and a resolution directing the city engineer to report a plan for the disposal of said surface water is read and passed in concurrence.

(Approved)

Crocker Ave.

280.

A resolution from the board of aldermen to lay a drain for temporary removal of water from Crocker Avenue (formerly Maiden Lane) is read and referred to the committee on highways.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen are serially read and passed in concurrence, viz:-

Robt. Eccles

N. B. Ground.

Resolution accepting gift of Robert Eccles to the North Burial Ground Fund.

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Oak street.

Also, resolution to set curb and pare gutters on Oak street from Messer to Norfolk streets;

City Hall Comrs.
Report.

Also, order to receive the eleventh quarterly report of the City Hall Commissioners,
(Approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Appropriation
inquiry

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for the Brook street district, is read and re-committed to the joint special committee on the Brook street district, with instructions to report an estimate of the entire cost of improving said district and to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor as to whether the city is obliged to go on with such improvement.

Courtland Street
& other streets
Water pipes.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) directing the water commissioners to lay water pipes in Courtland and eleven other streets is read and referred to the committee on water.

J. G. Batterson.

Bill of City Hall.

262.
309.

The resolution to pay James G. Batterson \$24,948⁰⁰, for extra stock and work on the new City Hall, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, and with all accompanying papers, referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs. Peirce, A. J. Barnaby and Hopkins

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of this Council, with such as the board of aldermen may add to examine into and to report to this Council all the facts relative to the same.

City Officers
Pay for July.

A resolution to pay the city officers and license commissioners for services rendered in the month of July is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Roger Wms. Park
Reception Building.

A resolution authorizing the committee on Parks to advertise for proposals to build reception building re. at Roger Williams Park (at no expense to the city), is presented and read; and a substitute therefor directing said committee to ascertain and report upon what terms and conditions a suitable cottage containing refreshment and reception rooms can be erected in Roger Williams Park, the same to be built without cost to the city, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Salary bill.

Resolved.

That the joint standing committee on finance are hereby instructed to report a general salary bill at the next meeting of the Common Council,

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making a deduction of ten per cent on the present salaries of all the city officers.

E.A. Rockwood, Trustee. 308.

A petition of E.A. Rockwood Trustee for refunding sewer tax is received and referred to the committee on claims.

Moving & raising buildings. 281.

Petitions of Mary M. Ware for moving a building; and of Mary Martin for raising a building are received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Providence & Stonington Steamship Co. 367.

Petitions of the Providence & Stonington Steamship Co. others, to reduce the price of water to wholesale consumers; of

Manton Avenue, Water pipes

Elisha C. Angell others for continuation of water pipes on Manton Avenue, are received and referred to the committee on water.

R.W. Cady. 319

Petitions of Revolved W. Cady for damage by overflow of sewer; of

Jane Cox. 319

Jane Cox for compensation for overflow of sewer on Point street; of

C.I. Campbell. 319

Carrie C. Campbell for compensation for damages for flooding; of

W.R. Hemberley. 319

W.R. Hemberley for damages by overflow of sewage; of

H.P. Jordan. 305.

Henry P. Jordan for flooding

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land corner of Reservoir & Farmers Ave.; of Owen McCulliffe for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Governor street; of

D.M. Auliffe. 319

Henry L. Semmer, Trustee, for compensation; of

H.L. Semmer Trustee. 319

A.F. Winslow for damages for overflow of sewer in Point street, are severally received and referred to the Board of Water Commissioners.

N.I. Winslow. 319.

Benevolent St New curbing. 262.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby at the last meeting the resolution to set new curbing on Benevolent street was rejected, is made and lost.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, July 30. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby (in Europe) Hopkins, and White. 3.

J.M. Laddeman, Clerk.

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In Common Council - July 30. 1877

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message. A Message is received from the Mayor re-
City Hall Comrs commending that in certain cases the City Hall
to employ labor &c. Commissioners be authorized to employ labor and purchase materials without contracting therefor; which is read and under a suspension of the rules a resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the use of said Commissioners is presented, read and passed.

(From the Committee on Finance)

Ord. fixing salaries of city officers.

348.

An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence from and after September 1st 1877. Said bill is read; an amendment to strike out the words "September 1st 1877", and substitute therefor "from and after the passage of this bill" is rejected by a vote of 10 to 16.

An amendment to strike out the words "September 1st 1877" and substitute therefor "January 1st 1878" is made.

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Salary Bill (cont'd)

A substitute for the foregoing bill entitled "An ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ending the first Monday in January 1878" is offered by Mr. Farmer, and the said bill and amendments are postponed until the next meeting.

(Note. The bill proposes a uniform reduction in all salaries of ten per cent. The substitute continues salaries at the present rates.)

Under a suspension of the rules -

Police, city officers &c.

Pay for August.

Resolutions to pay the police, and the several city officers and their assistants and the licensed commissioners for services in the month of August, are presented, read and passed.

(From the Committee on Claims.)

J.S. Aborn & Co.

269.

Resolution to pay James S. Aborn & Co. \$232⁰⁰ for concrete crosswalks. Read & passed.

Priscilla S. Cory.

269.

Also, Resolution to pay Priscilla S. Cory for balance of services as teacher in the public schools. Read and passed.

Damages for overflow.

269.

269. 333

269. 333.

Said committee request to be discharged from further consideration of petitions of Isaac Hopkins
Mary G. Pierce &
R. O. Wood & wife,

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for damages, and that the same be referred to the Water Commissioners; which request is not granted.

(From the Committee on Highways.)

Transit street.

Resolution to set new curbing and re-pave gutters on Transit street from Benefit to Brook streets. Read and passed.

Atwell's Avenue.

Also, Resolution to pave with cobbles, Atwell's Avenue from Knight street to Harris Avenue. Read and passed.

Laura street.

268.

Said committee to whom on the 9th inst. was referred a petition of R. O. Wood others for a culvert under Laura street, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Cracker Avenue.

273.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution to lay a drain for temporary removal of water from Crocker Avenue, are at their own request discharged from further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to the committee on sewers.

(From the Committee on Sewers.)

Thos. Mullen.

268.

Resolution permitting Thomas Mullen to connect with sewer running through his land, without expense. Read and passed.

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On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of

Moving building.

276.

Raising (do)

276.

268.

268.

Mary M. Ware, for moving a building;

Mary Martin,

Samuel S. Field,

James Trask, for raising certain buildings, are granted, and the accompanying resolutions severally read and passed.

(From the Committee on Police.)

Martin St. Pol. Station.

Report upon the completion of the Martin street Police Station. Read and received.

Do.

Appropriation.

Also, Resolution adding \$1659³⁷ to the appropriation for the Martin St. Police Station. Read and passed.

(From the Committee on City Property.)

Police Station on Haymarket street

Central Station

Resolutions to repair building on Haymarket street for the use of the police department, and to build addition to the Central Police Station. Read and postponed till the next meeting.

Meeting Street school house.

Also, Resolution to repair the Meeting Street school house. Read and passed.

(From the committee on Education,) Resolution to re-fit and refurnish the

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for damages, and that the same be referred to the Water Commissioners: which request is not granted.

(From the Committee on Highways.)

Transit street. Resolution to set new curbing and re-pave gutters on Transit street from Benefit to Brook streets. Read and passed.

Atwell's Avenue. Also, Resolution to pave with cobbles stones, Atwell's Avenue from Knight street to Harris Avenue. Read and passed.

Laura street. Said committee to whom on the 9th inst. was referred a petition of R. O. Wood others for a culvert under Laura street, report adverse thereto, and it is advised that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Cracker Avenue. Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a resolution to lay a drain for temporary removal of water from Cracker Avenue, are at their own request discharged from further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to the committee on sewers.

(From the committee on Sewers.)

Thos. Mullen. Resolution permitting Thomas Mullen to connect with sewer running through his land, without expense. Read and passed.

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On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of

Moving building. 276
Raising (do) 276.
268.
268.

Mary M. Ware, for moving a building;
Mary Martin,
Samuel T. Field,

James Walsh, for raising certain buildings, are granted, and the accompanying resolutions severally read and passed.

(From the Committee on Police.)

Martin St. Pol. station Report upon the completion of the Martin street Police Station. Read and received.

Do.
Appropriation.

Also, Resolution adding \$1659³⁷ to the appropriation for the Martin St. Police Station. Read and passed.

(From the Committee on City Property.)

Police Station on Haymarket street Resolutions to repair building on Haymarket street for the use of the police department, and to build addition to the Central Police Station. Read and postponed till the next meeting.

Meeting Street School house.

Also, Resolution to repair the Meeting Street school house. Read and passed.

(From the committee on Education)
Resolution to re-fit and refurnish the

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Thurber Ave.
School house.

Thurber's Avenue School house. Read and passed.

City Registrar's
Report.(From the Committee on Printing)
Resolution to print 22^d Annual Report
of the City Registrar. Read and passed.Dean Place
Water pipes in.(From the Committee on Water)
Resolution to lay water pipes in Dean
Place. Read and passed.Brook St. Dist.
Water pipes in.Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in
that part of the Brook street District
East of Ave street. Read and passed.

Water pipes in

Also, Resolutions to lay water pipes in
Ester street, from Cross to Smith street;
Parsonage street from Point to Lake street;
Linden street; 1/2 in portions of
Courtland & Congdon streets;
Carrington Avenue;
Ford and Diamond streets;
Hardenburg, McKeena, Gayles &
Plau streets; Thurber's Avenue;
West Elmwood Avenue; 1/2 Millard street,
which are serially read and concurred.
(Approved)

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Brook St. Dist.
Notes.(From the Committee on City Debt.)
An ordinance providing for the issue
of notes for the Brook street improvement.
Read and passed.High street
Paving.
290.Under a suspension of the rules, a
resolution to pave High street from Barton
to Dexter streets with granite blocks is
presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & voted)

Brook St. Dist.
Appropriation.(From the Special Committee on the Brook St. District)
Resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the
Brook street district, recommending
concurrence, and transmitting opinions from
the City Solicitor and estimates of the
City Engineer. Read and concurred.Mayor's Veto.
Police salaries.
271.The Mayor's veto of the bill fixing the
pay of the police, postponed from the
last meeting, is again postponed till
the next meeting.Sewer in
Friendship St.The following resolutions having
passed the Board of Aldermen are ser-
ially read and passed in concurrence, viz
Resolutions to lay sewers in
Friendship street, from J.C. Fanning's
estate to Beacon street; and in

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Sewer in Greene St.

Greene street, from Washington to Westminster streets;

Water in Fruit St.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Fruit street from Prairie Avenue about 150 feet easterly;

Pay of police.

Also, Resolution to pay the police for services in the month of July, 1877.

(Approved)

Water pipes.

Also, Resolution as to manner of treating applications for water pipes.

Applications for.

Reports received.

The Annual Report of the School Com-

School Committee

mittee, and the Monthly Report of the

Harbor Master.

Harbor Master, are presented, read and received.

The following resolutions are presented, read and postponed till the next meeting, viz

City Hall.

Resolution to discontinue work on the City Hall on completion of outstanding

To discontinue work.

contracts;

Do.

Also, Resolution to discontinue furnishing of City Hall;

Furnishing of.

Brook St. Dist.

Also, Resolution to discontinue work on Brook Street District on completion of outstanding contracts.

To discontinue work.

Chief Eng. F. D.

A request of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department for a special committee to investigate the matter of a contradiction

Fire on Dyer St.

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of statements between members of the fire and police departments in relation to the saving the life of a man at the recent fire in the Press building on Dyer street, is presented, read and indefinitely postponed.

Petitions of

J. Blessington. 333

James Blessington to have sewer removed, or damages awarded him;

A. Brennan. 327.

Andrew Brennan for compensation for damages to his premises in the Brook St. Dist.;

Henry Dadd. 293.

Caleb C. Greene. 333.

Henry Dadd, for damages; of Caleb C. Greene for damages on account of overflow of sewer;

M. Greeley

of Michael Greeley for compensation for damage by overflow of sewer;

H. G. Gladding 293.

of Henry G. Gladding for remission of tax against Sarah C. Gladding;

G. R. Howard & Co. 333

of G. R. Howard & Co. for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Bridgman Street;

C. G. McKnight, Adm. 332.

of C. G. McKnight, Adm. for compensation for damage from overflow of sewer;

J. R. Macomber. 332

of John R. Macomber for damages by overflow of sewer;

A. C. Scheedel. 332

of A. C. Scheedel for same;

M. Sullivan. 293.

of Mary Sullivan, widow of John, for aid,

are severally received and referred to the committee on claims.

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John E. Ross, A petition of John E. Ross for introduc-
 R.R. Gate crossing, tion of his Patent Railroad automatic
 366. Gate Crossing is received and referred to the
 Committee on Railroads.

Bird Street. A petition of Wheeler M. Blanding
 for re-opening of Bird street is received
 and referred to the Committee on the
 Brook street district.

Supt. Pub. Schools A communication from the School
 Salary of. Committee in regard to salary of the Super-
 377. intendent of Public Schools is received
 and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Sewers in Petitions of
 Carpenter street. Chas. H. Porter & others for sewer
 in Carpenter street; of
 Jenkins street. Caleb B. Chase & others for sewer
 in Jenkins street, are received and re-
 ferred to the Committee on Sewers.

Benevolent street. Petitions of
 Pardon Wilbur & others for curbing
 Benevolent street from Hope to Brown streets; of
 Canal Avenue Asahel S. Hawkins & others for
 398. curbing Canal Avenue from North Main
 to Canal streets; of

Pleasant street Jam. W. Peckham & others for re-
 294. ception of Pleasant street;

Employment of Poor Also, Resolution to employ the poor
 on Gang St.
 398

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in grading Gano street,
 are received and referred to the committee
 on Highways.

Adjourn. The Common Council adjourn until
 Monday, September 3. 1877 at 8 P.M.

Present - all the members except Messrs
 Ballou, J. B. Barnaby, Brown, Day, Phillips,
 Provan, Sampson & White. 8.

J. M. Adamey, Clerk.

A Common Council - August 8. 1877.

Special Meeting
 called by the Mayor pursuant to
 his warrant, dated August 7. 1877.

Pursuant to said warrant the
 members of the Common Council as-
 semble in their chamber this day at
 10.30 A.M. the President in the
 chair, and a quorum present.

The clerk being absent, Mr Charles H.
 Bartlett was elected Clerk pro tem.

The warrant of the Mayor calling
 the present meeting is read.

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The reading of the record of the last meeting is dispensed with.

Roger Wms. Monument. Change of location. A message from the Mayor relative to change of proposed location of the Roger Williams Monument is received and read.

Under a suspension of the rules the following resolutions are presented by the Dexter in behalf of the joint committee on Parks, viz:

Roger Wms. Monument. Location of. Resolution authorizing said committee to locate and erect the monument to Roger Williams, designed by Franklin Simmons in Roger Williams Park at some point between Elmwood Avenue and a line running north and south through the Old Williams House, so called: which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Roger Wms. Monument in Burying Ground. Also, Resolution instructing said committee to present to the City Council as soon as practicable a design for a monument to Roger Williams to be erected in accordance with the will of Miss Betsey Williams in that portion of the Roger Williams Park designated in said will as the "Williams Burying Ground," which resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

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Roger Wms. Park. Reception room. 404.

The joint committee on Parks pursuant to resolution No. 427 submit a report relative to the terms and conditions on which a suitable cottage containing refreshment and reception rooms can be erected at Roger Williams Park, the same to be built without cost to the city: which is received and the accompanying resolution directing said committee to contract with the Union Railroad Company to build said building without cost to the city upon the terms set forth in said report is read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Messrs Aldrich, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Crossley, Dexter, Fenner, Green, Millett, Pierce, Phillips, Potter, Sampson, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Winsor & Woods. 19,

Nays

Mr President, Messrs Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Briggs, Butler, Goff, Miller, Morris, Place & Shaw. 11

(Concurred & Approved)

Reports received.

Monthly reports of the city auditor, city treasurer and Issue of Registered Bonds are severally presented, read & received.

(Concurred & Approved)

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High Street

Lavin's with
Granite blocks.
283.

A Message is received from the Mayor, returning with his objections the resolution (No. 460) to pave High street from Barton to Dexter streets with granite blocks: which Message is read and the consideration thereof postponed till the next meeting.

Police Dept.

Resolution adding \$28000 to the appropriation for the police department.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Hall fence.

(From the committee on City Property)
Resolution authorizing the City Hall Commissioners to purchase board fence now around the city hall at a cost not exceeding \$150. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Meeting street
School house.

Also, Resolution to place new roof on the Meeting street school house, and generally repair the same, at a cost not exceeding \$1000. Read and passed.

School house yards
Planting trees.

A resolution for purchase of trees to be planted within the school house yards;

Well street

New pump for.
295.

Also, a communication from the owner of pumps and wells for a new pump in Well street, are received and referred

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At the committee on city property.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 3. 1877 at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Ballou, J. B. Barnaby, Day, Hopkins, Provan, Rounds, Tower, Westcott, & White, Jr.

Charles H. Bartlett,
Clerk pro. tem

At Common Council - September 3. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the president in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last two meetings is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Com. on Doyle
School house.

A Message from the Mayor recommending that the special committee to build a grammar school building on Doyle frame be discharged from further care of said building, is received and a resolution discharging said committee is read and passed.

(B. Act. Indef. postponed.)

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Haymarket St Building

Central Police Station

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution to repair building on Haymarket street and to build addition to the Central Police Station (postponed from the 30th of July last) is taken from the table, read and passed.

High street.

Granite blocks.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution to pave High street, from Barton to Dexter streets, with granite blocks, which passed this Council on the 30th of July last, was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 2nd of August last, and vetoed by the Mayor on the 8th of August last, is taken from the table, read and passed (the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding) by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Mrs Aldrich, Arnold, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Butler, Croseley, Day, Dexter, Fenner, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Peice, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Ware, Sweet, Tower, Westcott, Winsor & Woods. 29.

Nays.

Mr. President, Mrs Briggs, Burnham, Goff & Green. 5.

(Concurred.)

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Ida Landrum.

John Deady. 269.

Henry Dodd. 295.

H. G. Gladding. 285.

Mary Sullivan. 285.

J. C. Wickham. 258.

Highways Appropriation

Benevolent St.

J. S. Aborn & Co. Pavement on Weybosset St.

(From the committee on Claims.) Resolution to pay Ida Landrum \$35 for balance of salary as teacher in the public schools. Read and passed.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of John Deady for damages for flooding house with water from street; of Henry Dodd, for damages; of Henry G. Gladding for remission of tax; Mary Sullivan (widow of John) for aid; of J. C. Wickham for compensation for injuries received on South Main street, make reports adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

(From the committee on highways) Resolution transferring \$10,000 to the appropriation for highways. Read and passed.

Also, Resolution to re-set curbing and pave gutters on Benevolent street from Hope to Brown streets. Read and passed.

Also, Resolution to contract with J. S. Aborn & Co. to lay a noiseless pavement in front of the Custom House on Weybosset

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Street. Read and passed.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

D street.

19.

Da Harvey others for setting curb and paving gutters on D. street from Lester street, southerly; of

Marvin & McDonough Sts.
127.

Joseph A. Miller others for improvement of Marvin & McDonough streets; of

Piedmont St.
170.

Patrick Farley others to have Piedmont street received; of

Pleasant St.
286.

J. W. Peckham others for the reception of Pleasant street, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Winter street.

156.

Said committee to whom on the 19th of February last was referred the Mayor's Pet. of Resolution No. 68, electing to lay out Winter street from Cranston to High streets, report recommending that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed: which recommendation is adopted.

(From the committee on Sewers.)

Sewer in Carpenter St.

Resolution to construct sewer in Carpenter street from Courtland to Marshall streets. Read and passed.

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Well street
Pump re.
290.

(From the Committee on City Property.)
Resolution to repair city well on Well street and to place new pump therein, at a cost not exceeding \$200. Read and passed.

Wm. C. Davol Jr.
claim.
244.

Said committee to whom on the 4th of June last was referred a petition of Wm. C. Davol Jr. for payment of license fee for use of "patent improved horse stalls"; report recommending that the petitioner have leave to withdraw: which recommendation is adopted, and the petitioner has leave to withdraw.

Roger Wms. Monument.

The joint committee on Parks submit a report upon the subject of the proposed monument to Roger Williams, and recommend the accompanying resolution appropriating \$9000. to pay for work on and around said monument and for services in dedicating the same; also authorizing said committee to arrange and carry out the dedicatory services thereof: which report is received and said resolution read and passed.

(From the committee on Water)

Water pipes in
Plane st.

Resolution to extend distribution pipes in Plane street from Swan to Oxford streets,

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Water pipes in
Sloan St.

and from Sherburne street to Potters Ave.; in
Sloan street from Plane to Eddy streets,
Sayles street for distance of 200 feet
each way from Plane street. Read & passed.

Sayles St.

Water pipes. pipes in

Also, Resolution to extend distribution
pipes in
Linton street,
Bond street,
Jones street,
Robinson street,
Gardner street,
Hubbers Avenue,
Hylstead street,
which is read and passed.

Do.

Wiley & Sherburne.

Also, Resolution for water pipes in
Wiley and in Sherburne streets. Read
and passed.

Withdraw.

On recommendation of said committee
it is ordered that the following petitioners
have leave to withdraw, viz: -

Rivergreen St.
243

Mrs Geo. J. Combes for Pautuxet water
on Rivergreen street;

George St.
243.

R. B. Adams & another for laying
water pipes in George street from Jones
& Gano streets;

Hawes St.

Felix Devlin & others for water pipes
in Hawes street from Black to Charles
streets;

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Water on Pavilion St.
243.

Edward Salisbury & others for water
pipes on Pavilion Avenue;

Taber Ave.

A. B. Place for water pipes on
Taber Avenue between Irving & Humboldt Avenues.

(From the joint special committee on the
Brook street District.)

Bird Street

Resolution to lay out Bird street
from Jones to Gano street; also, to close
a portion of the unnamed street between
Bird and Bower streets. Read & passed.

Closing street
(Bird & Bower.)

Brook St. Dist

Grading.

Also, Resolution directing the
grading of the remainder of the Brook
street district. Read and passed.

Do.

Sewers in.

Also, Resolution instructing the water
commissioners to construct sewers in
said district west of Jones street.
Read and passed.

Do.

Making streets

Also, Resolution instructing the
highway commissioners to cause streets
to be made, curbing set and gutters
paved in said district east of Jones street
including Jones street. Read and passed.

Wm. Grosvenor et al.
Ketchy St.
242.

The joint special committee appointed
by resolution No. 357, approved June 11,
1877 to whom was referred the petition of

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William Grosvenor & children relative to their claim for opening of Eddy street, from Pine to Broad streets, make report which is received; and the accompanying resolution authorizing said committee to settle said claim at a sum not exceeding \$1000. and authorizing the City Solicitor to assent to an amendment of the commissioners report by striking out the assessment upon said Grosvenor to the amount of \$810, is read & passed.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are severally read and concurred, viz:

New High School
Appropriation

Resolution appropriating \$20,000 for the High School on Summer street;

Abbott's Lane.

Also, Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Abbott's Lane from Knowles to North Main streets;

Cracker Ave.

Also, Resolution to drain Cracker Avenue across the Stonington Railroad;

Dyer St. Land Co.

Also, Resolution to place the bill against the Dyer Street Land Co. for curbing in the hands of the City Solicitor for collection;

Kerosene inspection.

Also, order to receive and print the report of the joint special committee on the inspection of Kerosene.

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Wm. Reports.

The monthly reports of
The City Auditor,
The Harbor Master,
The issue of Registered Bonds,
are presented, read and received.

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

Public Bridges
Appropriation.

Resolution transferring \$1000. to the appropriation for public bridges.

Bucklin St.

Also, Resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out
Bucklin street from Hawthorn to
Earl streets;

Carter St.

Carter street from Greenwich street,
westerly;

Pleasant St.

Pleasant street from Joy street to
East Avenue.

Trenton St.

Also, to declare Trenton street from
Governor to Ives streets, a public highway.

Chap. 13.

Committee C.C.

Also, resolution directing the joint
Committee on Ordinances to report if any
changes are desirable or needed in Chap.
13 of the Ordinances, relating to com-
mittees of the city council.

Also, Resolution requesting the

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Water pipes Water Commissioners to report to the
 Change of pressure. Common Council at its next meeting
 Engines at Hope whether the pressure upon the water in
 Station. the distribution pipes has been changed
 311 since July 1st 1877, and if so, when,
 and for how long, and for what reasons.
 Also to report the quantity of water
 pumped by each engine at the Hope
 Station and the amount of coal used
 by each engine, during the months of
 June, July and August in 1876, and also
 in the same months in 1877.

Brook St. Dist. Com. A communication from Henry C. Par-
 Resignation of sons Esq tendering his resignation as a
 H. L. Parsons. member of the Joint special committee
 on the Brook Street district, is received
 a deed communicated to the Board of
 Aldermen, and that said resignation
 be accepted.

Petitions of
 Anson W. Aldrich for damage
 from Washington Street sewer; of
 John Baxter for damage by
 overflow on Leippitt Street;
 Richard Barry for compensa-
 tion for damages; of
 Henry Childs for remission
 of sewer tax; of

A. W. Aldrich.

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John Baxter.

333.

Richard Barry

328.

Henry Childs.

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P. Darcey
333.

H. W. Dean.
333.

A. R. Darling.
308.

A. W. Harvey
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G. F. Leete.
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T. Najac
333.

S. G. Smith.
328.

Peter Darcey for damages by over-
 flow on Leippitt Street; of
 Henry W. Dean for damages; of
 A. R. Darling for house hire fur-
 nished City Engineer's department; of
 A. W. Harvey, for overflow of
 sewer on Fountain Street, (Aug. 25th & 29th) of
 Geo. F. Leete for sewer damage; of
 Lewis Najac for overflow of sewer
 on Federal Street; of
 S. G. Smith for remission of charge
 for moving building.
 are severally received and referred to
 the joint committee on claims.

Moving buildings

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Raising (do.)

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Petitions of
 Albert Bowen,
 Alexander Burgess,
 Thomas Mc Mann,
 Mrs Susan M. Wade,
 Theron D. Whitford,
 to move certain buildings; of
 Mrs Winifred Moran,
 Neil Mc Cann,
 Theron D. Whitford
 to raise certain buildings are received
 and referred to the committee on the
 Fire Department.

A. B. Yetter et al
Street sprinklers.
329.

A petition of A. B. Yetter et al
 for relief from assessments for use of

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Pawtucket water for street sprinkling is received and referred to the committee on Water.

Petitions of

Sewer in Army St.

Samuel James for sewer on Army street from Broadway to High street; of

Sewer in Eddy St.

John Campbell others for en-

Damages for John Campbell.

334.

largement of sewer in Eddy street (near Cray) and for damages re. of

Sewer in Power St.

Maria & Caroline Bowen for sewer in Power street from Hope to Brook streets.

are received and referred to the committee on Sewers.

India St. tracks.

336.

A communication from Henry Staples, Railroad Commissioner, relative to straightening of India street and the tracks thereon, is received and referred to the committee on railroads.

J. E. Campbell

Police constable.

A petition of James E. Campbell for appointment as police constable is received and referred to the committee on police.

Petitions of

Dover street.

Charles E. Gorman others for curbing Dover street; of John P. Smith others for

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Groton Street.

366.

grading Groton street, are received and referred to the committee on Highways.

Patrick Darcy.

A petition of Patrick Darcy to be reimbursed for expense of retaining wall, is presented and it is advised that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, September 17. 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Ballou, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Miller, Provan & White. 6.

M. Addeeman
Clerk.

A Common Council - Sept. 13. 1877.

Special Meeting

called by the Mayor, by warrant dated September 11. 1877.

Pursuant to said warrant, the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 10.30 o'clock A.M., - the President

September 13, 1877.

in the chair and a quorum present.

Mayor's Warrant.

The warrant of the Mayor calling the present meeting is read.

Record.

The reading of the record of the last meeting is dispensed with.

Mayor's Messages

A Message is received from the Mayor, announcing as his reason for convening the present meeting, the necessity of filling the vacancy in the office of Chief of Police;

Chief of Police.

Do.

Also, a Message from the Mayor is received, transmitting the resignation of John M. Knowles, as Chief of Police; which resignation is accepted.

(Concurred)

Invitation for Convention.

Resolved, That his honor the Mayor and the board of aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of a Chief of Police and other city officers.

The foregoing invitation being accepted, the two boards join

In Convention.

In Convention.

Wm. H. Ayer elected Chief of Police.

The Mayor in the chair. William H. Ayer is elected Chief

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of Police.

Certain police constables and undertakers are nominated and elected, and the two boards separate.

(From the Board of Water Commissioners)
Petitions of

M. Greeley

333.

H. P. Jordan.

76.
363.

Michael Greeley for compensation done his estate by overflow of Reservoir; of
Henry P. Jordan for flooding land corner of Reservoir and Fenner's Avenues.

Said Board are at their request discharged from further consideration of the same, and said petitions are referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Under a suspension of the rules, the following resolutions are presented:

Sever Damages

Auditor to report.

347

Resolution instructing the City Auditor to report at the next meeting of the Common Council the several amounts paid for sever damages for overflow, by the city. Read and passed.

Lippitt street

Lay out of

365

Also, Resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Lippitt street from Camp to Dwight streets. Referred to the committee on Highways.

Sewing teachers.

Also, Resolution to employ four teachers of sewing. Referred to the

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in the chair and a quorum present.

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Committee on Education.

John M. Knowles

Also, Resolution of thanks to John

Thanks to

M. Knowles, retiring Chief of Police.

Read and passed.

Petitions of

Raising building

Bernard Mc Culla for raising a

building; of

Moving (do)

Joseph Gauvoan,

Martin Murphy,

Jacob Knoff,

for moving buildings, are presented, received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourned until Monday, September 17. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Ballou, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Provan, Rounds and White. 9.

M. Addeman
Clerk.

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In Common Council - September 17. 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

Record.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Appropriation Bill. 317.

(From the joint committee on Finance) A bill entitled An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. A. D. 1878. Postponed till the next meeting.

Additional Appropriations.

Also, Resolutions making additional appropriations of \$7000 for interest; of \$141,112¹⁴ for interest on the water loan; of \$23⁵⁴ for rents; of \$2000 for school houses and lots; (accompanied by a communication in print from the City Auditor asking for the foregoing appropriations;) and said resolutions are severally read and passed.

Horace Hopkins.

(From the committee on claims,) Resolution to pay Horace Hopkins \$100. for damage caused by overflow of sewer on Potts Avenue. Read and passed.

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Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

A. R. Darling
301.

A. R. Darling for pay for horse hire furnished the City Engineer's department, of

David Hall.

David Hall (Aug. 10, 1874) for compensation for work done and damages sustained by him on Broad Street; of

E. A. Rockwood.

E. A. Rockwood, Trustee for the refunding of sewer tax,

276

make reports adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

(From the committee on City Property.)

Doyle Ave. School
Concrete walks.

Resolution to concrete walks at the Doyle Avenue School House, at a cost not exceeding \$100. Read and passed.

(From the joint committee on Water.)

Water pipes.

Resolution to lay water pipes in Bridge, Norfolk and Mc Donough streets. Read and passed.

Elmwood Ave
water in.

Said committee in their report accompanying the foregoing resolutions, also report not recommending the laying of water pipes in Elmwood Avenue to the entrance to Roger Williams Park, at present: the consideration of which matter is postponed till the next meeting.

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J. G. Patterson.

274.

The joint special committee to whom by resolution No. 426 approved July 19, 1877 was referred the bill of J. G. Patterson for extra granite work on the city hall, make report, which is received, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution directing the City Treasurer to make a tender to James G. Patterson of the sum of \$9161⁰⁰ and interest on same from March 29, 1877, for services rendered and material furnished by him in the erection of the new city hall, under his contract with the city: which resolution is read and passed.

The following resolutions, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Eben Simmons
suits of.

Resolution (accompanied by a message from the Mayor) authorizing a reference of all matters at issue between Eben Simmons and the city;

Smith street.

Also, Resolution to lay out Smith Street from Chalkstone Avenue to Ruggles Street;

Gaspee & Steeple Sts
Catch basins.

Also, Resolution to construct catch basins on Gaspee and Steeple street;

Hammond St.
sewer.

Also, Resolution to construct sewer in Hammond street from Gilbert to High streets;

Pay of City officers.

Also, Resolution to pay city officers

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and license commissioners for the month of September;

Seymour street
Tray out of.

Also, resolution appointing a joint special committee to report on what terms Seymour street can be laid out to Ocean street; (Ald. Wiley on the part of the board and Messrs Potter and A. J. Barnaby added;)

Wm. E. Whiting.

Also, Resolution to reimburse Wm. E. Whiting, special constable, for costs paid;

Doyle Ave School Ho.

Also, order to receive report of, and to discharge special committee to erect a school house on Doyle Avenue.

(Approved)

Smith street,
Curbing &c.
319

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen) to set curbing and pave gutters on a portion of Smith street, is read and postponed till the next meeting.

Asylum Walls.

Appropriation

A resolution (from the Board) transferring \$1624²⁰ to the appropriation for Asylum Walls, etc. is read and referred to the committee on finance.

Prov. Opera House

Re. Eddy street

327.

A resolution (from the Board) reducing assessment on Prov. Opera House Association for Eddy street to \$800, is read and referred to the committee on claims.

The water commissioners pursuant to

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Water pressure

Hope Station Engines.

300.

resolution of the Common Council, passed on the 3^d inst. relative to change of pressure on the distribution pipes, and to the quantity of water pumped by each engine at the Hope station, make their report, which is read, received and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

City Treas' Report.

The monthly report of the city treasurer is presented, read and received.

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

Pay of police for Sept.

Resolution to pay the police for services in the month of September;

Pay of city council

Also, resolution to pay the aldermen and common councilmen for services for quarter ending October 1, 1877.

Army street.

Also, resolution requesting the board of aldermen to receive Army street from Jones to Garo streets;

Washington St. Dish
Relief of sewers.

Also, resolution instructing the city engineer to report a plan to relieve the sewers in the Washington street district;

Also, resolution to discharge the joint

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Sewer outlets.
Com. discharged.

Special committee in relation to sewer outlets (appointed March 9, 1876.)

Elmwood Ave.
Water pipes.
394.

Resolutions directing the water commissioners to lay water pipes on Elmwood Avenue to the entrance to Roger Williams Park;

Sale of refreshments
on Sundays
in public parks.
348.

Also, to prevent sale of refreshments or letting of boats in the Parks on Sundays, are presented, read and postponed till the next meeting.

Petitions of

L. W. Anthony.
333.

Lewis W. Anthony for damage on account of overflow of sewer on Summer Street; of

William Ross.
332.

William Ross for damage from overflow of sewer on Washington Street, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Lights on Elk St.
359.

A petition of Patrick J. Dougherty for lights on Elk Street is received and referred to the committee on lamps.

Petitions of

Raising building.
Manning (do.)
328.

L. J. Grant to raise a building; of Mrs A. Potter to move a building, are received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

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Gen. H. Johnson

A petition of George H. Johnson to be appointed a police constable is received and referred to the committee on police.

Evening schools.

A petition of H. M. Rugg, President of the school committee for an appropriation for evening schools, is received and referred to the committee on Education.

Brook St. Dist.
Committee.

The president appoints Mr. Winsor to fill vacancy in the joint special committee on the Brook Street district; he declining to serve is by vote excused.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday, September 24, 1877 at 7 1/2 p.m.

Present - all the members, except Messrs J. B. Bamahy, Barker, Burnham, Crossley, Miller, Provan, & Woods. 7.

M. Caddeman
Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

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Record. The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Water Works. Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for the Prineau Water Works. Read and passed.

Opening streets. Also, Resolution transferring \$224²⁵ to the appropriation for opening streets. Read and passed.

Asylum Walls. Also, Resolution transferring \$1624²⁶ to the appropriation for Asylum Walls, etc, recommending concurrence. Read and non-concurred.

A. S. Westcott. Salary of. 394. Also, Resolution to pay Anasa S. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court for his services at the rate of \$2500 per annum from July 1. to Dec. 31. 1877, recommended.

Do. A substitute for the same providing for a salary at the rate of \$2250 per annum for the same period is presented; and said resolution and substitute are laid on the table for the present.

Patrick Mahoney. Moving building. A petition of Patrick Mahoney to move a wooden building is received (under a suspension of the rules) and referred to the joint committee on the

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Fire department, who subsequently report the same, and also petitions of

Moving buildings 301. 301. 306. 306. 301. 306. 301. 301.

Albert Bowen, Alexander Burgess, Joseph Gaurreau, Martin Murphy, Thomas McElann, Jacob Ruoff, Theron D. Whitford, Susan M. Wade,

Raising (do) 308. 306. 301. 301.

To move certain buildings; and petitions of

Aeil Mc Cann, Bernard Mc Culla, Mrs Miniford Moran, James O Sullivan, Theron D. Whitford,

to raise certain buildings, recommended; and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

Mayor's Message Jackson Avenue School house. 369.

A Message from the Mayor relative to the necessity of making the roadway to the Jackson Avenue School House passable, is received, read and referred to Messrs Shattuck, Lovell and Smith of the Common Council with such as the Board of Aldermen may add to examine and report thereon.

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Mayor's Message.

Innocent Grave Cemetery.

372.

A Message from the Mayor relative to exchange of lots in the Locust Grove Cemetery for lots in the North Burial Ground is received and referred to Messrs Barker, Winsor and Tower of this Council with such as the Board may add to examine and report thereon.

Mayor's Message.

Suits of B. O. Anness.

388.

A Message from the Mayor relative to settlement of suits of Benj. O. Anness against this city for damages by change of grade of Cross street, is received and read; and a resolution appointing Messrs Aldrich, Arnold and Butler of this Council with such as the Board may add to confer with and agree upon terms of settlement with said Anness, is presented, read and passed.

Candace St. &
Oxford St. Schools
Completed.

(From the joint committee on Education)
Reports upon the completion of the Candace Street and Oxford Street grammar school buildings with statement of cost.
Read and received.

Mr. Reports.

Monthly reports of the Chief engineer of the Fire Department for July & August; and of the Harbor Master are severally presented read and received.

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Appropriation

Bill.

307.

Voted. 326.

The bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending September 30. A. D. 1878," postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table and read:

The item for "salaries" is amended by substituting \$54,000 for \$60,000.

The item for the "fire department" is amended by substituting \$123,000 for \$130,000.

The item for the "lamp department" is amended by substituting \$115,000 for \$126,000.

The item for printing, by substituting \$13,000 for \$15,000.

The item for the "reserved fund" is also amended by substituting \$33,035.24 for \$40,035.24.

Upon a motion to amend the item for "highways" by substituting \$134,000 for \$135,000, the yeas and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:-

Yeas

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Briggs, Butler, Day, Dexter, Goff, Green, Miller, Peirce, Shattuck, Shaw, Steere, Tower & Woods. 17

Nays

Messrs. Arnold, Barker, Bartlett, Bronson, Brown, Crossley, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Placé, Potter, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith,

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Sweet, Westcott, & Winsor. 17

Said motion is therefore lost.

The bill as amended is then read and passed.

(Concurred)

(Retrod)

Com. on finance
to report
Salary Bills.

Voted, That the joint committee on finance be instructed to report at the next meeting ordinances fixing salaries of the city officers and of members of the fire and police departments for the ensuing year, and that the same be the special order for that time.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Brook St. Dist.
Making streets.

Resolution instructing the Highway Commissioners to make streets etc. in the Brook street district, west of Joes Street;

Sewer Overflows.
381.

Also, Resolution instructing city Engineer to report cause of overflow of sewers;

Home for Aged Men
Burial Lot.

Also, Resolution to set apart a burial lot in the North Burying Ground to the "Home for Aged Men";

Brook St. Dist.
Water pipes.
379.

A resolution from the Board, instructing the water commissioners to lay water pipes in the Brook street district, west of Joes Street, is read and referred to the

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Committee on Water.

Smith st
curbing.
310.

The resolution to set curbing and pave gutters on a portion of Smith street, postponed from the last meeting is taken from the table, read and concurred.

(Approved)

Claims for
overflow.

The water commissioners to whom the 16th of July last were referred petitions of

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- Carrie E. Campbell
- Revered W. Gady,
- M. R. Hempurly,
- A. M. Harvey,
- Wm. N. Holmes,
- Ephraim Richmond,
- A. F. Winslow,
- Jane Cox,
- Coraelia A. Roper,
- Nancy L. Sumner,
- A. R. Bennett,
- Rebecca C. S. Ansell. Licious
- Owenette Auliffe,

severally for compensation for damages from overflowing from the public sewers, return the same, making no recommendation. The commissioners are discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petitions are severally referred to the joint committee on claims.

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Petitions of

B. Burroughs,
333.

Burrill Burroughs for damages by overflow of Lippitt street sewer; of

Jas. F. Cooper,
363.

James F. Cooper for damages by overflow of water on Admiral street; of

Bridget Keegan,
386.

Bridget Keegan for damages to estate on Blackstone street by reason of excavation of same; of

Katie A. Kea,
320.

Katie A. Kea for compensation as teacher; of

E. Richmond.

332.

Ephraim Richmond for damages from obstructions in highway, are severally presented, received and referred to the committee on claims.

J. R. Potter

Raising building,
328.

A petition of J. R. Potter to raise a building is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Gen. H. Simms
Police constable.

A petition of George H. Simms to be appointed a police constable is received and referred to the committee on justice.

Petitions of

Bridgham St. Sewer.

Charles Dudley & others for sewer on Bridgham street; of

Thayer St. (do)

Timothy O. Conner for sewer on Thayer street, are received and referred to the committee on sewers.

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Long Pond,

Lay out of streets.

A remonstrance of Stephen O. Randall & others against lay out of streets through Long Pond is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers & highways.

City Hall Commr
in resign.

A resolution calling on the City Hall Commissioners immediately to tender their resignations is presented, read and rejected.

Sundays

Amusements in
Parks &c.

Remonstrances of several Congregational and Free Baptist Clergymen against permitting amusements etc at Roger Williams Park on Sundays, are presented, read and laid on the table for the present.

Salary Bills

The several salary ordinances postponed from time to time, are taken from the table, pending the consideration of which

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday, October 1, 1877 at 4 P.M.

Present - all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Burnham, Fenner, Phillips, Pawan, & White

W. M. Addeman
Clark.

September 27. 1877.

In Common Council - September 27. 1877

Special Meeting

called by His Honor the Mayor by his warrant dated September 25. 1877.

Pursuant to said warrant the members of the Common Council assembled in their chamber this day at 4 o'clock p.m. - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

Mayor's Warrant. The warrant of the Mayor calling the present meeting is read.

Record. The reading of the record of the last meeting is dispensed with.

Mayor's Message. A message from the Mayor giving his reasons for the present meeting, viz: the necessity of concurrence in the resolution (from the Board) making appropriation for Asylum Walls &c. is received and read.

Do. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby at the last meeting the Council non-concurred in the Resolution transferring \$1624²⁵ to the appropriation for Asylum Walls &c. is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

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Ayes

Messrs Harich, Arnold, Ballou, Barker, Burnham, Day, Dexter, Miller, Millett, Peirce, Potter, Sampson, Lovet, Westcott & Woods. 15

Nays.

Mr. President, Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Goff, Green, Morris, Place, Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Steere, Tower, White & Winsor. 19

Salary bills.

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The several salary bills are taken from the table and made the special order for the next meeting.

Brook St. Dist.
Mr. Aldrich on Com.

Mr Aldrich is appointed a member of the joint special committee on the Brook street district in place of Mr. Parsons resigned.

Invitation for
Convention

Resolved.

That His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of certain city officers.

accepted.

The foregoing invitation is accepted and the two boards join in convention of the city Council.

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In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

City Constables.

Secondary nominations for city constables recommended by the committee on police are postponed till the next meeting of the Convention.

J. M. Knowles
elected Under-taker
& Pauper Keeper.

John M. Knowles is elected an under-taker and pauper keeper at the Asylum.

The two boards separate.

Oxford street

Tray out of.

A resolution requesting the board of Aldermen to lay out Oxford street from Plain street to Prairie Avenue in the lines of the ^{present} street as it is from Eddy to Plain, is presented, read and passed.

The Board concurs therein with an amendment striking out the words "in the lines of the present street as it is from Eddy to Plain," in which amendment the Council concurs.

(Approved)

Concurrences.

The following resolutions, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrences.

Bower street.

Resolution to curb and pave Bower street from Gano to Governor street.

Harro S. Haven
Gift to N.B. Ground.

Also, Resolution accepting gift of Harro S. Haven to the North Burial Ground.

(Approved)

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North Davis St.
366.

Brighton St.
399.

A resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out North Davis street, Also, petition of Richard Davis sother for curbing Brighton street, are received and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Jos. G. Irons
Constable.

A petition of Joseph G. Irons for appointment as Constable is received and referred to the committee on police.

Robt. Pettis

Raising building.

A petition of Robert Pettis to raise a building is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, October 1. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs J. B. Barabj, Fenner, Hopkins, Phillips, Rounds, 5

M. Addeeman
Clerk.

In Common Council - October 1. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

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In Convention

The Mayor in the chair.

City Constables.

Sundry nominations for city constables recommended by the committee on police are postponed till the next meeting of the Convention.

J. M. Knowles
elected Undertaker
& Pound Keeper.

John M. Knowles is elected an under-taker and Pound Keeper at the Asylum.

The two boards separate.

Oxford street
Lay out of.

A resolution requesting the board of Aldermen to lay out Oxford street from Plain street to Prairie Avenue in the lines of the ^{present} street as it is from Eddy to Plain, is presented, read and passed.

The Board concurs therein with an amendment striking out the words "in the lines of the present street as it is from Eddy to Plain," in which amendment the Council concurs.

(Approved)

Concurrences.

The following resolutions, having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrences:

Bower street.

Resolution to curb and pave Bower street from Sans to Governor streets.

Samuel S. Haven
Gift to N.B. Ground.

Also, Resolution accepting gift of Samuel S. Haven to the North Burial Ground.

(Approved)

September 27. 1877.

North Davis St.
366.

A resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out North Davis street,

Brighton St.
399.

Also, petition of Richard Davis sothas for curbing Brighton street, are received and referred to the Committee on Highways.

Jos. G. Irons
Constable.

A petition of Joseph G. Irons for appointment as Constable is received and referred to the committee on police.

Robt. Lettis

Raising building.

A petition of Robert Lettis to raise a building is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, October 1. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs
J. B. Barnaby, Fenner, Hopkins,
Phillips, Rounds, 5

J. M. Addeeman
Clerk.

In Common Council - October 1. 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

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Record.

The record of the last two meetings is read and approved.

Salary bills.

The special order, viz: the consideration of the several salary bills is laid on the table for the present.

Mayor's Veto

Appropriation bill.

A message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections the appropriation bill, which passed this Council on the 24th ult. and was concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 27th ult.

A motion that the same pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Goff, Morris, Peirce, Rice, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Winsor & Woods. 21.

Nays

Messrs Arnold, Bartlett, Hopkins, Millett, Phillips, Potter, Provan, Rounds, Smith, Westcott & White. 11.

(Not the requisite three fifths)

Mayor's Message

Fire on Fire St. &c.

A Message from the Mayor relative to the fire on Pine and Custom House

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Com. on Accounts
to audit bills.Thanks voted
to Boston, &c.

Sheets on Thursday evening last, the 27th ult. is received on his recommendation resolutions authorizing the committee on accounts to audit bills for refreshments furnished the fire and police departments and for teams and laborers employed in consequence of said fire; also, ordering the thanks of the city to the municipalities of Boston, Worcester, Newport, Fall River, Taunton and Pawtucket, and to the A. & W. Sprague Mfg Co., the B. & P. R. R. Co., the P. & W. R. R. Co., Fall River, Warren & Prov. R. R. Co., and the American Steamboat Co., for assistance offered and given by them on that occasion, are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Prov. Opera House

in re Eddy St.

310.

On the recommendation of the joint committee on claims, the Common Council concur in the resolution (from the Board), reducing assessment on the Providence Opera House Association in re Eddy street to \$800.

(Approved.)

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Andrew Brennan.

288.

Andrew Brennan for compensation for damages to his estate in the Brook Street district; of

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Richard Barry,
300.

Richard Barry for compensation for damages; of

S. G. Smith,
301.

S. G. Smith for remission of charge for moving building, make reports recommending that said petitioners have leave to withdraw: which reports are received and adopted.

Moving & raising
buildings.

320

312.

On recommendation of the joint committee on the fire department, petitions of J. R. Potter, to raise a building, and Mrs A. Potter, to move a building are granted and the accompanying resolutions read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Ninth Ward,

Grammar School.

413.

From the committee on Education, Resolution to purchase certain lots on Potters Avenue, Oakland and Bucklin Streets for a grammar school location, recommended. Read and laid on the table.

(From the committee on the North Burying Ground)

J. P. Knowles, Exr

Gift to N. B. Ground.

Resolution accepting gift of John P. Knowles Excuta of Estate of Fanny Mason to the North Burial Ground, to be called the Cladiak Mason Fund. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Water pipes in

Gallup & Nichols St.

(From the joint committee on Water) Resolution to lay water pipes in Gallup

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Brank St. Dist.

Water pipes in.

318.

and Nichols streets. Read and passed. Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in the Brook street district, west of Jones Street, recommended as a substitute for resolution (from the Board) referred to them on the 24th ult. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

A. B. Yetter

Street sprinklers.

301.

Said committee to show on the 13th ult. was referred a petition A. B. Yetter soldier, street sprinklers for relief from assessments for use of Pawtucket water, report adverse thereto, and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

High street
(Dexter to Knight.)
Laying of.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to pave High street from Dexter to Knight streets, outside the tracks, with granite blocks, is read and non-concurred by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz:-

Yeas.

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brunner, Brown, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Plae, Potter, Provan, Rounds, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower, & Winsor. 18,

Nays.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Briggs, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Goff, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Westcott, White & Woods. 18,

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Mo. Reports.

Monthly reports of the Chief Engineer of the fire department and of the harbor master are severally presented, read and received.

Appropriation bill.

A bill entitled "An ordinance making appropriations for the support of the government of the city of Providence for the financial year ending Sept. 30. A.D. 1878," (being in the same words as that reported by the committee on finance on the 17th ult.) is presented and read.

A motion to amend the item for salaries by substituting \$54,000 for \$60,000 is made and rejected by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ascertained, viz:

Yeas.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, A. J. Barnaby, Briggs, Butler, Croasley, Dexter, Goff, Miller, Morris, Peirel, Shattuck, Shaw, Tower, Winsor, Woods. 16

Nays.

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Phillips, Place, Potter, Provan, Rounds, Sampson, Smith, Steer, Street, Westcott & White. 20

The bill is then read and passed.

Concurred,

(Approved)

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Chambers, Calder & Co.

363.

A bill of Chambers, Calder & Co. on account of Asylum Hall &c. is presented and referred to the committee on claims.

Lloyd St.

398.

Broad street
cutting.

A resolution requesting the board of aldermen to lay out Lloyd street; Also petition of D. W. Petty & others for cutting east side of Broad street are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

F. S. Allen

Moring building.

A petition of Frank G. Allen to move a wooden building on Broad street is received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Sundays

Observance of in
Parks &c

A petition of Methodist clergymen of the city for a better observance of the Sabbath at Roger Williams Park is received and referred to lie on the table.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, October 8, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Fenner and Green.

M. Coddman
(Clerk)

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In Common Council. October 8, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

(From the committee on Finance)

Mo. Report of Monthly Report of the issue of registered bonds. Read and received.

Hattie A. Rea. On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, a resolution to pay Hattie A. Rea \$400.00 balance of salary as teacher in the public schools, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Leave to withdraw. Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

- E. Richmond. Ephraim Richmond for compensation for injuries received on highway; of
- A. W. Aldrich. Anson W. Aldrich. (Washington St.)
- R. C. & A. M. Sessions. Rebecca C. & Anna M. Sessions, (Do)
- Wm. Ross. William Ross, (Do)
- C. G. McKnight. C. G. McKnight, Admr. (Do)
- A. C. Schedel. A. C. Schedel, (Pearl Street)
- J. R. Macomber. John R. Macomber, (Do)
- C. E. Campbell. Carrie E. Campbell, (Do)
- R. W. Cady. Resolved W. Cady, (Do)
- M. R. Hemperley. M. R. Hemperley, (Do)

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- John Baxter 300.
- Peter Darcey 301.
- B. Burroughs 320.
- H. W. Dean 301.
- W. H. Holmes 319
- F. Richmond 319
- N. T. Sumner 319
- N. F. Windsor 319.
- Jane Cox 319
- C. A. Roper 319
- A. W. Harvey 319
- Do 301
- Do

- I. Hajac 301
- A. R. Bennett 319
- R. O. Wood wife 269.
- Mary G. Pierce 269.
- M. Greeley 305.
- D. Mc. Auliffe 319.
- G. F. Teete 301.
- G. R. Howard & Co. 285.
- J. W. Anthony 312.
- C. C. Greene 285.
- J. Blessington 285.

- John Baxter, (Liffitt Street)
- Peter Darcey Do.
- Burill Burroughs Do
- Henry M. Dean Do
- Spur H. Holmes, (Elev. Street)
- Ephraim Richmond Do
- Naucy L. Sumner Do.
- A. F. Winslow (Point Street)
- Jane Cox Do.
- Cordelia A. Roper (Cor. Point & Passage)
- A. W. Harvey (Fountain Street)
- Do Do
- Do Do
- Lewis Hajac (Federal Street)
- A. R. Bennett Do.
- R. O. Wood & Wife Laura Street
- Mary G. Pierce Melrose "
- Michael Greeley Charles "
- Caroline Mc Auliffe Governor "
- Geo. F. Teete Broadway.
- Geo. R. Howard & Co. Bridgman "
- Lewis W. Anthony Summer "
- Calist. C. Greene, (Cor. Hospital & Langley)
- James Blessington, (Cor. Eddy St. and Pavilion Avenue.)

severally for compensation for damages caused by the overflow of sewers, make report and in accordance with the written opinion of the City Solicitor therewith submitted, recommend that the said petitioners have leave to withdraw.

City Solicitor opinion.

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which report is received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

(From the joint committee on Sewers.)

Sewer in Bridgman St.

Resolution to construct sewer in Bridgman street from High to Cranston streets. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Sewer in Thayer St.

Also, Resolution to construct sewer in Thayer street from Barnes street about 200 feet northerly. Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Leave to withdraw

Sewer in Army St.

Said committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel James for sewer on Army street, report adverse thereto and it is ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

John Campbell et al.

Sewer in Eddy St.

302,
364.

Said committee to whom was referred the petition of John Campbell et al. for enlargement of sewer in Eddy street (near Cray) and for damages re. are on motion discharged from further consideration thereof, and said petition is referred to the joint committee on claims.

Salary Bills.

The several salary bills are taken from the table.

A motion to refer the same to a joint Special committee with instructions to

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report new bills in accordance with the statute in amendment of the city charter and to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor thereon, is rejected.

The substitute offered by Mr. Fenner on the 31st of July last, fixing the salaries of city officers for the remainder of the present year as paid heretofore, is rejected by a vote of 12 for to 20 against.

An amendment to the pending amendment, substituting in the bill the words "December 31, 1877" for "January 1, 1878" is made, pending the consideration whereof, the Council take a recess of ten minutes to informally consider the same; after which it is

Com. on finance
to report
Salary Bills.

Resolved. That the joint committee on finance is hereby directed to report at the next meeting of the Common Council ordinances fixing the salaries of the city officers and of the officers and members of the police and fire departments, for the year ending on the first Monday of January A.D. 1878, so that the said salaries shall be for the remainder of the year 1877 at the same rates as now paid; and from and after the first day in January 1878 shall be at the same rates less ten per cent.

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Moving or Raising
buildings.

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of James Cronin, to move a building; & Fred. G. Hagan, Admr, to raise a building, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department, who subsequently recommend the granting of the same; also, petitions of Frank G. Allen, to move a building; & L. T. Grant and Robert Pellis, to raise certain buildings; and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

India street.

302,
367

The joint committee on Railroads to whom on the 3^d of September last was referred a communication from Henry Staples, Railroad Commissioner, relative to straightening of India street and tracks thereon, make a verbal report thereon, accompanied by a plat; and on motion said committee is discharged from further consideration thereof, and the same is referred to a special committee consisting of the members of the standing committees on Railroads, the Brook Street District and Highways, to examine and report thereon.

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Almris Gangway.

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution to lay out and widen Almris gangway from Dyer to Heyboese streets to a width of forty feet from the present north line of said gangway, and providing for appointment of commissioners of estimate and assessment, is presented, read and passed,

(Non-concurred.)

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence:

Harvard Ave.

Resolution requesting said Board to lay out Harvard Avenue from Broad to Taylor streets;

Catch Basins,
Thurber & Prairie
Sts.

Also, Resolution for catch basins at corner of Thurber Avenue and Prairie Avenue;

Warren street.

Also, Resolution for curbing Warren street from Fuller to Harrison streets.
(Approved.)

Mo. Reports.

The monthly reports of the city treasurer and city auditor are severally presented, read and received.

Opening streets.

Appropriation for.

345

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) appropriating \$20,000 for opening streets is read and laid on the table till the next meeting.

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High street.
(Dexter to Knight.)
Paving of.

341

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to pave High street with granite blocks from Dexter to Knight streets, is read and non-concurred by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brown, Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Place, Potter, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower, & Winsor. 18.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Barker, Briggs, Burnham, Butler, Dexter, Goff, Green, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Sampson, Shaw, Westcott, White & Woods. 18.

Manton Avenue
Catch basins & paving.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) directing the highway commissioners to construct two new catch basins on Manton Avenue, also to pave said avenue from Malden to Chaffin streets forthwith, is read and concurred with an amendment adding the words "and to construct a sewer in accordance with the estimates and plans of the city engineer".

(B. Ald. in def. postponed)

City Officers

A resolution to pay the city officers and Pay for October. License commissioners for services in October

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1877, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Chap XCIX

Teachers salaries.

An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XCIX fixing salaries of officers and teachers of the public schools, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Ordinance

Plumbing work

A bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to plumbing work connected with the Providence Water Works"; is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Sewer in

Whelden St.

390.

A petition of E. J. Cooney sothors for sewer in Whelden street is received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

P. Mahoney.

Moving building.

360.

A petition of Patrick Mahoney to move a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Eddy street

curbing.

365.

A petition of John B. Livezey sothors for curbing Eddy street from Thurston Avenue to the Railroad bridge is received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

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Sewer Damages

Petitions of

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Boynton & Perkins,
 Rev. Wm F. Bainbridge,
 Andrew Charles,
 Dodge & Canfield,
 Joseph Dow,
 Charles F. & Mary C. Edwards,
 A. Fiske & Co.
 Geo. H. Hill,
 A. W. Harvey,
 S. S. Peter & Paul's Church,
 Ellery W. Price,
 R. R. & A. A. Stafford,
 Nancy L. Sumner, Trustee,
 Ezek Tallman,
 Mrs Jacob B. Thurber,
 Ann Whitlock,

severally for compensation for damages by overflow; of

J. Haggerty wife.

James Haggerty wife for compensation for certain trespasses of the city; of

Susan McKenna.

Susan McKenna for damages from grading Stouber street; of

R. B. Wilcox.

Randall B. Wilcox for abatement of personal property tax, are received and referred to the committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, October 15, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

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Present - all the members except Messrs J. B. Barnaby, Brennan, Farmer, & Provan.

J. M. Addemaney
Clerk.

In Common Council October 15, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

High street
Faring.
Mr Brennan's vote.

Mr Brennan obtains leave to record his vote upon the question of concurrence with the Board of Aldermen in the resolution (acted on at the last meeting) to pave High street, from Dexter to Knight streets with granite blocks, and upon his name being called votes 'No'.

338.
345.

Mayor's Message
Stonington R.R.
Overflow of water.

A Message from the Mayor relative to complaints by the Stonington & Providence Railroad Co. concerning overflow of water upon their property, from the adjoining streets, is read and referred to the joint committee on highways.

399.

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Salary Ordinance
till Jan. 1, 1878.
City officers.

From the joint committee on Finance,
An ordinance fixing the salaries of the
officers of the city of Providence for the year
ending on the first Monday in January,
1878: Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Salaries of
Fire Dept.
till Jan. 1, 1878.

Also, An ordinance fixing the salaries of
the officers and members of the fire depart-
ment of the city of Providence for the year
ending on the first Monday in January,
1878: Read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Salaries of Police
till Jan. 1, 1878.
353.

Also, An ordinance fixing the salaries
of Police officers of the city of Providence
for the year ending the first Monday
in January 1878: Read and passed.

Salary bills
(ensuing Jan. 1, 1878)
355.
392.
394.

Also, ordinances fixing the salaries
of city officers, of Police officers, and
of the officers and members of the fire
department for the year ensuing the
first Monday in January 1878 (said
salaries being generally ten per cent less than
those now paid.) Said ordinances are
read, postponed till the next meeting
and ordered printed.

(From the committee on Education)

Serving teachers.

Resolution to employ ~~to employ~~ not
exceeding four teachers of sewing at an
annual salary of not exceeding \$500 each.

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recommended. Read and rejected by
the following vote, the ayes and nays
being ordered, viz:—

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Bartlett,
Burnham, Day, Green, Hopkins, Miller,
Millet, Peirce, Potter, Rounds, &
Westcott. 13.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Ballou, A. J.
Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brennan, Briggs,
Brown, Butler, Croesley, Dexter, Goff,
Morris, Phillips, Place, Sampson,
Shattuck, Shaw, Smith, Steere, Sweet,
Towser, Winsor & Woods. 23.

(From the joint committee on Water.)

Water pipes in
Brighton St. &c

Resolution to lay water pipes in
Brighton, Thayer and Cutaw streets.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the special committee on the Brook St. District)

Brook St. Dist.
Appropriation.
353.

Resolution adding \$5,000 to the appro-
priation for the Brook street district.
Read and passed.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions and orders
having passed the Board of Aldermen,
are severally read and passed in con-

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currence, viz:

Knight street.

Resolution to pave a portion of Knight street;

Lloyd St. sewer.

Also, Resolution to construct sewer in a portion of Lloyd street;

Thos. Clinton.

Also, Resolution abating to Thomas Clinton, tax of \$71.²⁵;

Manton St. Sewer.

Also, Resolution to lay sewer in Manton Avenue;

Review of Fire Dept.

Also, Resolution accepting invitation from the Mayor to attend the annual review of the Fire Department on the 24th inst.;

Reports received.

Also, Orders to receive the 13th quarterly report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds, and the third quarterly report of the special committee on the Brook Street district.

(Approved)

Serving teachers.

357.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay the teachers of sewing for the month of September 1877, is referred to the joint committee on Education with instructions to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor.

Pay of police for October.

394.

A resolution (from said Board) to pay the police for services in October, 1877, is read and laid on the table for the present.

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Mayor's Message

Jacob Ruoff
+ S. Main St.
365.

A Message from the Mayor relative to claim of Jacob Ruoff to a portion of South Main Street is read, and the accompanying resolution referring the same to the joint committee on highways with authority to purchase of Jacob Ruoff 109 square feet of his estate on South Main Street if the same be found to be within the line of the highway, is read and concurred with an amendment striking out the words "with authority to purchase of Jacob Ruoff"; and substituting the words "with instructions to examine and report upon the claim of Jacob Ruoff to."

(Concurred & approved)

Opening streets

Appropriation

337.

The resolution appropriating \$20,000 for opening streets, postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and concurred.

(Approved)

High street

(Dexter to Knight)

Paving of:

328.

341.

357.

Mr Brennan moves to reconsider the vote at the last meeting whereby this Council non-concurred in the Resolution to pave High Street from Dexter to Knight streets with granite blocks.

The president rules that under Rule 8 of the Rules of Order of the Common Council, the motion is not in order, as

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High Street
(paving.)

the papers to which such reconsideration applies are not now in possession of the clerk of the Common Council, having by such clerk ~~having~~ been handed to the city clerk as the custodian of the files of the city council; and that the matter must be introduced as new business.

From which ruling Mr Hopkins appeals.

Upon the question "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Assembly?" the ayes and nays are ordered with the following result, viz:

Ayes

Members Aldrich, Brigg, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Dexter, Miller, Morris, Peice, Phillips, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Westcott & Woods. 17

Nays

Members Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Day, Goff, Green, Hopkins, Millett, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Winsor & Place. 18.

And the decision of the chair is not sustained.

The motion to reconsider is then adopted by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:—

Ayes

Members Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Place,

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High street
(paving.)

Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower, & Winsor. 19.

Nays

Mr. President, Members Aldrich, Brigg, Burnham, Butler, Dexter, Goff, Green, Miller, Morris, Peice, Phillips, Potter, Sampson, Shaw, Westcott & Woods. 17

Said resolution is then read and passed in concurrence by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes

Members Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Place, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower & Winsor. 19.

Nays

Mr President, Members Aldrich, Brigg, Burnham, Butler, Dexter, Goff, Green, Miller, Morris, Peice, Phillips, Potter, Sampson, Shaw, Westcott & Woods. 17.

(Ordered)

Sewer damages

Amounts paid.

305.

The City Auditor pursuant to resolution of this Council passed on the 13th of September last, makes report upon the several amounts paid for sewer damages for overflow during the time of the adoption of the present plans of sewerage, which report is read, received, ordered.

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communicated to the Board of Aldermen; also, ordered printed.

Reports received.

The quarterly report of the City Hall Commissioners, and the semi-annual report of the City Solicitor are severally presented, read and received.

Sundays.

Amusements in public parks.

312.

277.

The resolution to prevent sale of refreshments or letting of boats &c. on Sundays in the public parks, postponed from the 17th of September last, is taken from the table and referred to the committee on Ordinances.

Salary bills.

Police.

271.

Fire Dept.

271

City Officers.

278.

The several bills fixing the salaries of the police officers (retroed by the Mayor,) and of the officers and members of the fire department, from and after August 1. 1877; also, fixing the salaries of city officers from and after September 1. 1877 (with the amendments thereto) are severally taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Petitions of

James C. Bucklin for remission of sewer tax; of

Mary H. Clark, for damages; of John Colton for compensation for

J.C. Bucklin

363.

Mary H. Clark

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John Colton.

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Peter Darcey.
363.

D.B. Fitzgerald.
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W.H. Greene, Jr.
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T.S. Manchester
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O. McAuliffe
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J.A. Munroe.
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C.G. Mc Knight.
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W.Y. Potter.
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Mary G. Pierce.
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Henry Pitman.
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Rufus Read.
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A.C. Schoedel.
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M.M. Wood.
364.

overflow of sewer on Governor street; of Peter Darcey for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Lippitt street; of Diana B. Fitzgerald for compensation for overflow; of Wm H Greene Jr. for damage by overflow of sewer on Friendship street; of Thankful Manchester for damage by overflow of sewer on Friendship street; of Owen McAuliffe for damages caused by overflow of sewer on Governor street; of J. Albert Munroe for compensation for overflow; of C.G. Mc Knight for damages to estate corner of Washington & Clemons streets by overflow of sewer; of Wm Y. Potter, Trustee, for damages to estate on Washington street on account of overflow of sewer; of Mary G. Pierce for damages caused by overflow of water; of Henry Pitman for damage by overflow of sewer; of Rufus Read, for damage by overflow of sewer; of A.C. Schoedel & Marcussell Wood, for compensation for overflow; are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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Chas. C. Weaver,

402.

A petition of Charles C. Weaver for allowance of damages caused by city in the Brook street district is received and referred to the joint special committee on the Brook street district.

4th & 7th Wards,School accom-
modations for.

A petition of D. R. Ballou for better school accommodations in the 4th & 7th Wards is received and referred to the committee on Education.

Chas. H. Gates

Teacher of French,

351.

A petition of Charles H. Gates for allowance of salary as Instructor in French, is received and referred to the same committee with instructions to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor.

Dover street,

365.

A resolution to declare Dover street a public highway is referred to the joint committee on highways.

Jas. M. Simmons,

Raising buildings

A petition of James M. Simmons to raise a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, October 22, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except
Messrs Fenner, Provan & White, 3.

A. M. Lederman, Clerk

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In Common Council - October 22, 1877.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair, and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Review of police,

A Message from the Mayor extending an invitation to the City Council to inspect and review the police force on the 30th inst. at 3³⁰ P.M. is read and a resolution accepting the same is read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Sewing Teachers,

344

366.

The joint committee on Education to whom at the last meeting were referred the Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, to pay the teachers of sewing for the month of September 1877, also, the petition of Charles H. Gates for allowance of salary as teacher of French, make a verbal report accompanied by an opinion of the city solicitor, which is read; and, ^{said} resolution and petition are recommitted with instructions to obtain the opinion of the city solicitor as to whether the city is obliged to pay these salaries and also that of the teachers of

Chas. H. Gates,

French teacher,

350.

Drawing.

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drawing for the remainder of the present school year.

(From the Committee on Parks.)

Roger Wms. Park.

Appropriation.

Resolution appropriating \$1500. for the support and improvement of Roger Williams Park. Read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

(From the committee on Water.)

Water pipes in Gano st. &c.

Resolution to lay water pipes in Uplake, Cargill, Gans and Fanner streets and in Pavilion Avenue. Read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

Water pipes in

Public street.

76

On recommendation of said committee the resolution to lay water pipes in Public street from Eddy street, Easterly (referred on the 21st of November last) is indefinitely postponed.

Senter street.

369

The joint special committee appointed April 10, 1876, to examine into the grievances of the abutting proprietors on Senter street, make report and recommend the accompanying resolutions to pay Thomas Duffy and Daniel Millerick each \$500 for damages sustained by reason of laying out and grading said street; which are read and laid on the table.

Thos. Duffy &

D. Millerick.

369.

The following resolutions and order

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Concurrences.

Having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz: -

Thanks to Prof. J. I. Diman & Grand Lodge

Roger Wms. Monumt.

Resolution of thanks to Prof. J. Lewis Diman for his oration and the Grand Lodge of N. S. for services, at the dedication of Roger Williams Monument on the 16th inst.

Brook St. Dist.

J. Hurley & J. H. Wright.

Also, Resolutions to convey land in the Brook street district to John Hurley and James H. Wright.

Sockanosset pressure.

Also, order to receive and print the report of the Water Commissioners relative to the restoration of Sockanosset pressure. (Approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Appropriation.

343.
363.

The resolution adding \$5,000 to the appropriation for the Brook street district passed at the last meeting is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "and the city treasurer, acting under the advice of the joint committee on finance, is hereby authorized to hire the same." Referred to the joint committee on finance with instructions to report at the next meeting the condition of the fund.

Police Salary bill.

372.
370.

The bill fixing salaries of police officers for the year ending the first

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Monday in January 1878, passed at the last meeting, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment inserting after the word "compensation" the words "to be fixed by the Mayor and Aldermen": which amendment is read and non-concurred,

High Street,
(Dexter to Knight St.)
Paving of.

345.

The resolution to pave High Street with granite blocks from Dexter Street to Knight Street, which passed the Board of Aldermen on the 4th inst., was non-concurred in by this Council on the 8th inst. and after reconsideration of the vote of non-concurrence was concurred in by this Common Council at the last meeting, having been returned to the Board of Aldermen by the Mayor with his objections, and by said Board on the 18th inst. passed over the Mayor's veto, is now sent to the Common Council for concurrence.

A motion that the same pass in concurrence, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, is made and lost by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Place, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet,

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Tower and Winvor.

19

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Briggs, Burnham, Butler, Dexter, Green, Goff, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Phillips, Potter, Sampson, Shaw, Westcott, White & Woods. 18
(Three fifths of all the members elected to the Common Council not voting in the affirmative.)

Salaries of
City Officers
ensuing Jan. 1, 1878

342.

371

The bill entitled "An Ordinance fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence for the year ensuing the first Monday in January 1878," postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table and read. Various amendments to the several clauses are offered and rejected.

A motion to fix the salary of each Councilman at \$100 instead of \$90, as reported in the bill, is rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Messrs Arnold, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Green, Goff, Hopkins, Millett, Phillips, Smith & Woods. 12

Nays.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Briggs, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Place, Potter, Rounds, Sampson,

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Salary bill
City Officers.Shattuck, Shaw, Steere, Sweet, Tower,
Westcott, White & Winsor. 25

The item fixing the salary of the city solicitor, including the salary of his assistant at \$400, is stricken from the bill.

In the title and in the first clause of Section 1. of the bill the words 'for the year ensuing' are stricken out and the words 'beginning on' substituted.

The bill is then read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:

Ayes.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brennan, Briggs, Brown, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Green, Goff, Hopkins, Miller, Morris, Peirce, Sampson, Shattuck, Shaw, Steere, Sweet, Tower, Winsor & Woods. 26

Nays

Messrs Arnold, Bartlett, Burnham, Millett, Phillips, Place, Potter, Rounds, Smith, Westcott & White. 11

Mr Hopkins gives notice of his intention to move a reconsideration of the foregoing vote at the next meeting.

Subsequently Mr Tower moves that the foregoing vote be reconsidered; which motion prevails and the bill is read and passed.

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Mr Millett enters a motion to reconsider the last named vote.

Mr Hopkins moves that the clerk be directed to retain said bill and accompanying papers until the next meeting.

Mr Green offers an amendment to said motion that the clerk be instructed to send the same to the Board of Aldermen at once; and both the amendment and the motion fail to pass - the latter by a rising vote of 12 for to 17 against.

Geneva Bridge.

369.

The advising committee on bridges submit a report in print and therein request that the sum of \$4600 be appropriated for the construction of Geneva bridge on Douglas Avenue; which report is received and with the accompanying resolution appropriating \$4600 for the construction of Geneva bridge, referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs Tower, Burdham and J. B. Barnaby to ascertain whether the work is done or to be done.

High Street
Knight to Dexter
Pairing of

362.

A resolution to pave High Street from Knight to Dexter streets with granite blocks, outside the railroad tracks is presented, read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

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High Street.
(Knight to Dexter.)
Parings of.

Agres

Mesrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby,
J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Brennan, Brown,
Crossley, Day, Hopkins, Millett, Morris,
Pace, Potter, Rounds, Thattuek, Smith,
Steele, Sweet, Tower, Westcott & Winsor. 22

Stays

Mr. President, Mesrs Aldrich, Briggs,
Burnham, Butler, Dexter, Green, Goff,
Miller, Peirce, Phillips, Sampson,
Shaw, White & Woods. 15

(Concurred)
(Retced)

Investigation of
taking papers from
City Clerk's office.

368.

A resolution appointing a special
Committee to investigate the taking of
papers from the city clerk's office
referred to in the Mayor's Message
retrieving the resolution to pave a portion of
High Street with granite blocks, is
presented, amended by adding the words
"with full power to send for persons and
papers and to administer oaths," and
as amended is read and passed.

Mesrs Dexter, Potter and A. J. Bar-
naby are appointed said committee.

Lights on
Commodore &
Silver Spring Sts.
209.

Under a suspension of the rules,
the Joint Committee on Lamps report
back petitions of Wm Ogden & others for
lights on Commodore and Silver
Spring streets,

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Lights in Elk St.
312.

Also, of Patrick J. Dougherty & others
for lights on Elk street,
and on their recommendation said com-
mittee are discharged from further con-
sideration thereof and the same are
ordered referred to the Board of Aldermen.

Water Commis.
Purchase of brick
from Narragansett
Brick Co.

A communication from the Board of
Water Commissioners requesting the neces-
sary authority to purchase brick of the
Narragansett Brick Co. in which one of
the commissioners is a stockholder, is
presented and read, and the accompa-
nying resolution declaring the provisions
of Sec. 5 of the ordinance to establish
a Board of Water Commissioners inoper-
ative so far as to allow said board
to purchase 75000 bricks of the Narragan-
sett Brick Co. for use in the construction
of sewers, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Raising building?
Moving (do.)

Under a suspension of the rules,
petitions of
James M. Simmons, to raise a building, of
Murty Cronin,
Patrick Downes,
Denis Holland,
Andrew J. Kopp,
Wm Mc Loughlin
Joseph Quinn,

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Moving buildings.

and of Michael Rogers, to move certain buildings are received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department, who subsequently report the same, and also petition of Patrick Mahoney to move a building recommended; and the accompanying resolutions granting the same are severally read and passed,
(Concurred & Approved)

339

Claims.

Petitions of
L. W. Anthony for damages on account of overflow of sewer on Summer St.
John Baxter for compensation for damages to his estate on Lippitt Street; of
Resolved W. Cady for compensation for overflow; of
Carrie C. Campbell for remuneration for damages caused by flooding for estate on Pearl Street; of
Henry W. Dean for compensation for damages to his estate on Lippitt Street;
Thomas G. Earle, Trustee, for remission or refunding of tax; of
Sarah Kelley for the refunding of sewer tax; of
Wm. O'Brien for compensation for damages to his estate from overflow of sewer;
Charles H. Pierce & wife for remission of sewer tax; of
Martin C. Stokes for payment

L. W. Anthony
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John Baxter,
364

R. W. Cady
364

C. E. Campbell.
364

H. W. Dean,
364

T. G. Earle.
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Sarah Kelley.

Wm. O'Brien.
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Chas. H. Pierce, et ux.
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M. C. Stokes
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to him of money in the treasury, which was transferred to him by George B. Annan; of James Ward, for damages; are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Jas. Ward.
386

Moving building.
372

A petition of Nathan Freeman to move a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Dexter Avenue.

A resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Dexter Avenue is presented and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Camp street
Removal of water.

Petitions of E. A. Steere & others to have water from a spring in Camp street turned into the sewer in Doyle Avenue;

Park street
Sewer in.

Also, of James Annable & others for sewer on Park street, are received and referred to the joint Committee on Sewers.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday November 5, 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barker, Fenner & Provan. 3.

M. Uddeman
Clerk!

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In Common Council - November 5, 1877.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Veto

Having High St.
(Dexter to Knight),
357.
372.

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections Resolution No. 637, to pave High Street from Knight Street to Dexter Street with granite blocks, outside of the railroad tracks; which resolution was passed in Common Council on the 22^d of October last, and concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 25th of October last. Said Message is read and laid on the table temporarily; subsequently taken from the table and said resolution is read and passed, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding, by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Bartlett, Breunan, Brown, Crossley, Day, Fenner, Hopkins, Millett, Morris, Place, Potter, Provan, Rounds, Shattuck, Smith, Steere, Sweet, Tower,

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Hastcott & Winsor.

24.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Briggs, Butler, Dexter, Goff, Green, Peirce, Sampson, Shaw, White & Woods. 12.
(Concurred)

Brook St. Dist.

Appropriation for

353.

The joint committee on Finance to whom at the last meeting was referred the resolution adding \$5,000 to the appropriation for the Brook Street district, as amended by the Board of Aldermen, make a verbal report, and the amendment of said board is now read and concurred.

(Approved)

Leave to withdraw.

On recommendation of the joint committee on claims, it is ordered that the following named petitioners severally have leave to withdraw, viz:

J. C. Bucklin.
348.

James C. Bucklin, for remission of sewer tax;

Jas. F. Cooper.
320.

James F. Cooper for damages for overflow of water on Admiral Street;

Chambers, Calder & Co.
331.

Chambers, Calder & Co. claim on account of Asylum Mills;

H. P. Jordan.
305.

Henry P. Jordan, for flooding land corner Reservoir & Fenner's Avenue;

Also,

Wm. O'Brien.
360.

Peter Darcy.
349.

William O'Brien,
Peter Darcy.

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Leave to withdraw. (p. 360.)

Damages for overflow.

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John Baxter,
 Henry W. Deau,
 A. Tiske & Co.
 Dodge & Campfield,
 Baynton & Perkins,
 A. C. Schudel,
 Marcus M. Wood,
 David B. Fitzgerald,
 Carrie E. Campbell,
 W. W. Greene, Jr.,
 Geo. H. Hill,
 Rufus Read,
 Owen Mc Culiffe,
 John Colton,
 A. N. Harvey,
 J. Albert Munroe,
 Resolved N. Gady,
 Esck Tallman,
 Nancy L. Sumner, Trustee,
 L. W. Anthony,
 Mr. Jacob B. Thurber,
 R. R. & A. S. Stafford,
 Wm. Y. Potter, Trustee,
 C. G. McKnight,
 St. Peter & Paul's Church,
 Rev. Wm. F. Bainbridge,
 Thankful Manchester,
 John Campbell & others
 Char. F. & Mary E. Edwards,
 Henry Pitman, *serenally*

for compensation for damages, caused by overflow of sewers.

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Jacob Ruoff
So. Main St.
345.

The joint committee on highways to whom was referred the Mayor's message of Oct. 11, 1877, relative to claim of Jacob Ruoff to a portion of South Main street, make report and at their request are discharged from further consideration thereof; and said message with the accompanying papers is referred to a joint special committee consisting of Messrs Brown, Sweet, Arnold and Bartlett, with such as the Board of Aldermen may add, with authority to settle the said claim.
 (Concurred & Ald. Hayward added)
 (Approved)

Eddy St.
339.
 Lippitt St.
305.
 Dover St.
350.
 Holden St.
258.

On recommendation of said committee, Resolution forbidding Eddy street from Thurber's Avenue to the Railroad bridge;
 Also, Resolutions requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Lippitt street from Camp to Dwight streets;
 Also, to receive Dover street from Academy Avenue to Mt. Pleasant Avenue; and Holden street from Smith to Promenade streets,
 are serenally read and passed.
 (Concurred & Approved)

On recommendation of said committee it is ordered that John F. Smith & others

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Groton St. 303. petitioners for grading Groton street; (Sept. 11.)
Have leave to withdraw;

North Davis St. 325. Also, that the resolution requesting
the Board of Aldermen to lay out North
Davis street (referred Sept. 27.) be indefi-
nitely postponed.

John E. Ross. 286. On recommendation of the joint com-
mittee on Railroads, it is ordered that
John E. Ross, petitioner for introduction of
his Patent R. R. Automatic Gate Crossing,
(July 30.) have leave to withdraw.

(From the joint committee on city property.)
Store House in City Yard. Resolution to build a store house in
the city yard at a cost not to exceed
\$1000. Read and passed.

Sixth Ward. Also, Resolution to rent of Raymond
Ward Room. G. Place a room in the 6th ward for ward
purposes, at a rent not exceeding \$300
per year. Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Fire Station on So. Main St. 389. Also, Resolution to purchase estate on
South Main street and fit same for fire
department purposes. Laid on the table
for the present.

Sevins teachers pay for Sept. 351. (From the joint committee on Education.)
Resolution to pay the teachers of sewing
for the month of September 1877. (accom-

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panied by opinion of the city solicitor.)
Read and concurred.

(Approved)

Index of Births &c. 259.

(From the joint committee on Printing.)
Resolution instructing City Registrar
to cause Index of Births, Marriages and
Deaths to be made and printed. Read & passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Parks. Appropriation for.

(From the joint committee on Parks.)
Resolution transferring \$5000 to the
appropriation for Public Parks. Read
and passed.

F. Simmons & R. W. Monument.

Also, Resolution authorizing the
payment of \$250 to Franklin Simmons
for extra work on Roger Williams Monument.
Read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Reduction of price for Water. 276.

On their recommendation the joint
Committee on Water are discharged from
further consideration of petition of
the Prov. & Stonington S. S. Co. & others, to
reduce the price of water to wholesale
consumers, and said petition is
referred to the Board of Water Commissioners.

India Street. 336.

The special committee to whom on the
8th of October last was referred the commu-
nication of Henry Staples, Railroad

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Commissioner, relative to straightening India Street and the backs thereon, make report, which is received, and the further consideration of the subject indefinitely postponed.

Taking of papers
from City Clerk's office
Report.

358.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the matter of the taking of the Resolution to pare High Street with granite blocks from the city clerk's office, without his consent, and to make such recommendation as they deem proper, make their report, which is read and received.

Custody of city docs.

So much of said report as relates to the subject of the custody of the city documents is referred to Messrs Hopkins, Potter, Decker and Green with instructions to report such an ordinance or rule as shall accomplish the object recommended.

Proposed Rule 14.

Said committee recommend the adoption of a new rule, to be called Rule fourteen, prescribing the manner of obtaining any paper, book or thing from the custody of the city clerk by the Common Council, when in session: which proposed rule is read and rejected.

Substitute for Rule 8.

395.

Said committee also recommend a substitute for Rule 8 of the Rules of the Common Council, relative to motions to reconsider, which is read and postponed till the next meeting.

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Jackson Ave.

315.

The joint special committee to whom was referred the Mayor's Message of Sept. 24, relative to Jackson Avenue and the school house thereon, make report, which is received, and recommend the accompanying resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Jackson Avenue from Beckwith Street to Polaris Avenue, which is read and passed,
(Concurred & approved)

Geneva Bridge.

357

The special committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the resolution appropriating \$4600 for the construction of Geneva bridge, return the same without recommendation, and said resolution is read and passed,
(Concurred & approved)

Genter Street

Thos. Duffy

D. Miderick

352.

The resolutions to pay Thomas Duffy, and Daniel Millerick each \$500, for damages sustained by lay out of Genter street, recommended by the joint special committee in re Genter street, laid on the table at the last meeting, are taken from the table read and rejected.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

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Pay of police.

Resolution to pay the police for duty in October, 1877;

F. Miller, Ex-
N. B. Ground fund.

Also, Resolution accepting gift of F. Miller, Executor of Jane Congdon, to the North Burial Ground Fund;

Curbing corners.

Also, Resolution relative to curbing for street corners.

(Approved)

Weybasset st.
paving.

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen) to change contract for paving Weybasset Street;

City Hall Com. to
visit other cities.

Also, authorizing committee to furnish city hall, to visit other cities, are severally read and non-concurred.

Elmwood Ave.
Water pipes in.

381.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to lay water pipes in Elmwood Avenue, is read and postponed till the next meeting.

Police salaries.

353.

380.

Upon the bill fixing the salaries of police officers for the year ending the first Monday in January 1878, passed by this Council on the 15th of October last, concurred in by the Board of Aldermen on the 18th of October with an amendment, which amendment was non-concurred in by this Council at the last meeting, is returned from the Board who insist on their amendment; -

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The Common Council now insist on their non-concurrence.

City officers

Salaries.

355

357.

Mr Millett calls up his motion to reconsider the vote, whereby at the last meeting the Common Council passed the bill "fixing the salaries of the officers of the city of Providence beginning on the first Monday in January A.D. 1878," which motion is laid on the table.

(Non-concurred)

Sewing teachers

pay of.

A resolution to pay teachers of sewing for the month of October 1877, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

French teacher

pay of.

A resolution to pay the teacher of French in the public schools for the months of September & October 1877, is presented and rejected by a vote of 12 for to 15 against.

Moving & raising
buildings.

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Geo. W. Chapin, Michael Buckley & Patrick Mahoney to move certain buildings; and of Michael McEsker, Mary McQuibley,

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Moving & raising
buildings.

To raise certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department, who subsequently recommend the same, and petition of Nathan Freeman, to move a building, recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

361.

(Concurred & approved)

Locust Grove Cemetery
Com. on.
316.

Mr Barker is excused from further service on the joint special committee relative to Locust Grove Cemetery, and Mr Potter is appointed in his stead.

High street
(Knight to Duke)
Paving of.

362.

Messrs Miller and Burnham, obtain leave to record their votes on the question of passing the resolution to pave High Street with granite blocks, the Mayor's objections to the contrary notwithstanding - upon the understanding that their votes shall not be allowed to change the result; and they severally vote No.

Reports received.

The monthly reports of the city auditor, city treasurer, issue of registered bonds, and the chief engineer of the fire department are severally presented, read and received.

Homeopathic
Dispensary.
377.

A petition of Mrs Clifton S. Hall & others, for an appropriation for the Home-

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opathic Dispensary;

Wyford & Candace
Schoolhouses
bills.

Also, communication from the School Committee transmitting certain bills for repairs at the dedication of Oxford and Candace street school houses, are received and referred to the joint Committee on finance.

Evening Schools.

379

An application of the Evening School Committee for establishment of evening schools, with resolution, is referred to the joint committee on education.

Cath. Costigan.

A petition of Catherine Costigan for remuneration for damages to estate corner Power & Gano streets is referred to the committee on the Brook St. district.

Jane Coy
378
H. Edwards
378
N.P. Winslow.
378.

Petitions of

Jane Coy,

Horace Edwards, &

Nathaniel F. Winslow,

severally for compensation for damages caused by overflow of sewer, are received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Governor St.
399

Petition of Gen. H. Paddock et al for extension of Governor street to Front street;

Trenton Street.
399

Also, Resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Trenton street,

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are presented and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Park St. Sewer

Remonstrance of

A remonstrance of Tm A. Harris & others against constructing sewer in Park street is received and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday, November 19, 1877 at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members.

M. Coddman, Clerk.

In Common Council - November 12, 1877

Special Meeting

called by the Mayor, by his warrant dated November 9, 1877.

Pursuant to said warrant, the members of the Common Council assemble in their chamber this day at 4 o'clock p.m. - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The Mayor's warrant calling the present meeting is read.

November 12, 1877.

The reading of the record of the last meeting is dispensed with.

Mayor's Message

Weybasset St.

A Message is received from the Mayor stating the reasons for calling the present meeting, viz: the necessity of properly repairing Weybasset street in front of the Post office, before the winter season will prevent work thereon.

Weybasset St

Paving of

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) directing the highway Commissioners to cause Weybasset street in front of the Post office and Post office Court to be repaired forthwith, by paving the same with imperishable asphalt blocks; provided the cost shall not exceed the sum of \$3. per square yard, is read and non-concurred by a vote of 14 for to 16 against concurrence.

S. H. Bullock

Lot on S. Main St.

A proposition of S. H. Bullock Trustee to sell to the city lot south west corner of South Main and Plant streets, for fire engine station, is received and referred to the committee on city property.

Oxford St

Water pipes.

On recommendation of the joint committee on water, a resolution to lay water pipes in Oxford street, is read & passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourns until Monday, November 19. 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members, except Messrs A. J. Barnaby, Barker, Provan and Sampson. 4

M. Addemaney Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment - a quorum present.

Pres. pro tem.

The President being absent, Mr Polter is elected President pro tem.

The record of the meetings held on the 5th and 12th inst. is read.

Weybosset street.

A message from the Mayor relative to paving of Weybosset street in front of the Post office with an asphalt block, is received, read and referred to the joint committee on highways with request to report at this meeting if deemed expedient.

Subsequently said committee make report and recommend the accompanying resolution directing the Highway Com-

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missioners to contract with James L. Aborn & Co. for an imperishable asphalt block pavement to be laid in Weybosset street in front of the Custom House and on Post Office Court, at a cost not exceeding \$3. per square yard: which is read & passed.
(Concurred & approved)

Homeopathic
Dispensary.
372.

The joint committee on finance to whom on the 5th inst. was referred the petition of Mrs Clifton A. Hall relative to an appropriation for the Homeopathic Dispensary report, and at their request are discharged from further consideration of said petition which is referred to the Board of Health.

Supt. of Pub. schools
Salary of.
286.

Said committee to whom on the 30th July last was referred a communication from the Secretary of the School committee in regard to salary of Superintendent of public schools, report by resolution to pay said Superintendent the additional sum of \$250: which is read & rejected.

Joseph Dow.
340

(From the joint committee on Claims.)
Resolution to pay Joseph Dow \$150. for damages caused by overflow.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

T. G. Park, Trustee.
360.
384.

Also, Resolution to refund to Thomas G. Earle, Trustee of Estate of Delia Ann Earle.

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Atwood, \$34⁸⁰, tax erroneously assessed in 1876. Read and passed.

(Concurred) (retrod.)

Chas. H. Peirce et ux. 360.

Also, Resolutions to remit to Charles H. Peirce & wife \$12⁶⁰, amount of sewer tax on gangway adjoining their lot, upon their quitclaiming all interest in said gangway to the city. Read and passed

(Concurred & approved)

Leave to withdraw.

On recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the following named petitioners have leave to withdraw, viz:

J. Haggerty et ux. 340.

James Haggerty & wife for compensation for certain trespasses of the city;

R. B. Wilcox. 340.

Also, Randall B. Wilcox for abatement of personal property tax.

Said committee to whom on the 5th of November inst. were referred petitions of

Jane Cox, 373.

Jane Cox,

H. Edwards, 373.

Horace Edwards, 5

N. F. Winslow, 373.

Nathaniel F. Winslow, severally

for compensation for overflow of sewer, report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report and petitions are referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Moving buildings

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of James Fitzgerald,

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William Jones & Hugh Welsh,

to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department: who report recommending the same, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the Committee on Education.)

Evening Schools. 373.

Resolution establishing the Evening Schools for the season of 1877 & 8. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

(From the joint committee on Water.)

Water pipes ordered.

Resolutions to lay water pipes in Colfax, Trenton & Taylor streets; in Valley & Harold streets; in Charles & Whipple streets;

severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

The following resolutions, having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Linden St.

Resolution for curbing Linden street from Hayward to Pine streets;

C. H. Gates.

Also, Resolution to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French for Sept. & Oct. 1877;

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Grosvenor & Ann Sts.

Also, Resolution to layout and extend Grosvenor and Ann streets in the Brook street district.

(Approved)

Sewing teachers.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to pay the teachers of sewing for services in November and December 1877, is read and concurred with an amendment striking out the word "December."

Police Salaries
(1878)

370.

The bill fixing the salaries of the police for the year ending on the first Monday in January 1878, is returned from the board of aldermen, who insist on their amendment, ask for a committee of conference, and appoint Aldermen Spicer, Spencer and Wilcox conferees on their part. The Council agree to the conference and appoint Messrs Potter, Smith and J. B. Barnaby conferees on their part.

Jackson Avenue.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) for uniting with other owners in improving Jackson Avenue is read and referred to the joint committee on highways, who subsequently report the same recommended, and said resolution is read and concurred.

(Approved)

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Elmwood Ave.

Water pipes.

370.

The resolution to lay water pipes in Elmwood Avenue to the entrance to Roger Williams Park, postponed from the 5th of November inst. is taken from the table, read and concurred.

(Approved)

Do.

Subsequently Messrs Bartlett & Stroud, who were absent from the room when the foregoing vote was taken obtain leave to record their votes against the same, with the understanding that such record should not change the result of the vote.

Miller & Ellerbeck.

Broad St.

208.

The report of special committee on Mayor's Message dated Jan. 11, 1877 relating to claim of Miller & Ellerbeck in the matter of Broad Street, which on the 23rd of April last, was temporarily laid on the table, is taken from the table and the further consideration of the subject is indefinitely postponed.

Sewer overflows.

318

The city engineer pursuant to resolution of 24 September last directing him to report the cause of the frequent overflows of sewers and the remedy therefor, submits a report, which is read, received, ordered communicated to the board of aldermen, and printed.

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The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

New High School Appropriation.

Resolution adding \$20,000 to the appropriation for the new High School; (Concurred & approved)

Public Street Drainage.

Also, Resolution to take off surface drainage from south side of Public Street. (Concurred & approved)

City Engin rooms Rent.

A resolution charging rent of city Engineer's rooms to appropriation for rents from March 1, 1877, is presented and referred to the committee on city property.

Petitions of

Bates St.

Wm F. Gaulle & others for commission to be appointed to lay out Bates Street, &

Lippitt street. 399.

John Wright & others for curbing & paving gutters on Lippitt Street, are received and referred to the joint committee on highways.

Remission of tax

Petitions of

386

Nathan B. Fenner,

386

Walter B. Frost,

386

Daniel Grant, &

Jos. B. Wilson,

for refunding or remission of certain taxes; &

G. B. Horton.

386.

Geo. B. Horton for payment of damage caused by overflow of sewer from sidewalk, &c.; &

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P. F. & J. K. Baker. 386.

E. C. & J. K. Baker, for damages by overflow of water; of

J. A. Phillips 386.

Lewis A. Phillips for compensation;

G. S. Dow. 396.

Also, bill of G. S. Dow for use of tent, at Roger Williams Park, Oct. 16, 1877.

are severally presented, received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, November 26, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs President, Hopkins & Provan. 3

M. Addeeman, Clerk

In Common Council - November 26, 1877

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mayor's Veto

Res. T. G. Barke, Trucke. 377 394

A Message is received from the Mayor returning with his objections the resolution remitting tax to Thomas G. Earle Trustee, which passed this Council at the last meeting and was concurred

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in by the Board on the 22^d inst. which Message is laid on the table for the present.

(From the joint committee on Water.)

Water pipes in
Clemence St.

Resolution to lay water pipes in Clemence street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Ashburton Street.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) requesting said Board to lay out Ashburton street from Martin to Board street, is read and concurred.

(Approved)

J. W. Garey.

Moving building.

A petition of John W. Garey to move a building is presented, received and referred to the committee on the Fire Department, who report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Pay of Police
for November.

A resolution to pay the police for the month of November 1877, is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Claims

Petitions of

John W. Garey
396.

W. R. Wilbur, Adm.
586.

John W. Garey & wife, for compensation;
Wm. R. Wilbur Adm. for abatement
of tax against Achemick Kinnebrew,

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are received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

J. Rathwell et al

Better sewerage

A petition of James Rothwell & others for better sewerage is received and referred to the joint committee on Sewers.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 10, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Dexter, Goff, Hopkins, Millett, and Provan. 7.

M. Addemaney Clerk.

In Common Council December 10, 1877

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Taxation of water
pipes in Johnston.
401.

A Message from the Mayor relative to taxation of water pipes extended by the Providence Water Works into the Town of

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Shuster is received, read and referred to the joint committee on Water to examine and report thereon.

(Concurred & approved)

From the joint committee on Finance

Registered Bonds.

Monthly report of the issue of Registered Bonds. Read and received.

Leave to milk draw

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of

P.C. & J.K. Baker. 383.

C.C. & J.K. Baker, for compensation for damage caused by overflow; of

Andrew Charls. 340.

Andrew Charls, for damage by overflow; of

Mary H. Clark 348.

Mary H. Clark, for damages; of

Geo. B. Horton. 382.

Geo. B. Horton, for payment of damage caused by overflow of cellar from sidewalk, &c;

Bridget Keegan. 320.

Bridget Keegan for compensation for damage to estate on Blackstone St.; of

Lewis A. Phillips. 383.

Lewis A. Phillips, for compensation;

James Ward. 361.

James Ward, for damages &c.; of

Walter B. Frost. 382.

Walter B. Frost,

Daniel Grant 382.

Daniel Grant;

Jos. B. Wilson. 382.

Joseph B. Wilson, &

W.R. Wilbur, Adm. 384.

Wm R. Wilbur, Adm.

severally for remission of Tax, make reports adverse thereto, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

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Chas. Macdonald

218.

On recommendation of said committee, a resolution to pay Charles Macdonald \$250 in full for designs and specifications furnished for Valley street bridges, is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Moving buildings

Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of

Alfred Hough, and

Harriet A. Johnson,

to move certain buildings are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department: who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Roger Wms. Park

Appropriation

From the joint committee on Parks, Resolution transferring \$1500. from the Appropriation for Parks to the appropriation for Roger Williams Park. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Reform School Bk

Grading of

392.

(From the Special committee on Brook St. District) Resolution directing said committee to grade the Reform School estate. Read and laid on the table till next meeting, and said committee instructed to obtain

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estimates of cost.

Benj. O. Anness
Claim.
316.

The joint special committee to whom by resolution No. 543 was referred the Mayor's message proposing a settlement of the claim of Benj. O. Anness against the city, make report that they are unable to agree with Mr Anness, which report is received and said committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Chas. H. Gates.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen), to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French, for services in November, is read and concurred by a vote of 20 to 8.

(Approved)

City Hall Com.
Com. on furniture.

A communication from the Board of Aldermen announcing the appointment of Ald. Hayward as a member of the Committee to procure furniture for the new City Hall in place of Ald. Fisher resigned, is received and read.

Water Commissioners

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) authorizing the Water Commissioners to purchase brick of the Mayatt Brick Co. is read and non-concurred.

The monthly reports of the city auditor

December 10, 1877

Reports received.

and city treasurer are presented, read and received.

The following resolutions are presented, read and passed, viz:-

Sewing Teachers.
391.

Resolution to pay the teachers of sewing for services in November, 1877.

(Amended)

Gardiner street

Water pipes.

Also, Resolution for laying water pipes on Gardiner street without charge for extra traveling.

(Concurred & Approved)

Chap. 38, Sec. 1.
Ordinances.
396.

An ordinance repealing Sec. 1. of Chapter 38 of the ordinances &c. is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Claims.

F. F. Carpenter
396.

Nancy S. Ham.

Abigail Mowry.
396.

Petitions of

Frank F. Carpenter for damage from defect in highway; of

Nancy S. Ham for refunding of sewer tax; of

Abigail Mowry for remission of tax,

are received and referred to the joint Committee on Claims.

South Main Street

Fire Station.

366.

The resolution to purchase estate on South Main Street and fit same for Fire Department purposes, postponed

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from the 5th of November last, is taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 17, 1877 at 12 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Miller & Provan. 2.

M. Addeeman, Clerk.

In Common Council - December 17, 1877

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Sewer assessments.

The joint committee on sewers to whom were referred "Resolutions instructing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for a change in the law in regard to the assessment of tax on sewers" (June 5, 1876)

Sewer in Whelden St.

339.

Also, petition of E. J. Cooney & others for sewer in Whelden street (Oct. 8, 1877) report thereon; and on their recommendation the same are indefinitely postponed.

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Greenwich street
Water pipes in.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen) to lay water pipes in Greenwich street, from Adelaide avenue to the railroad bridge, is read and concurred.
(Approved)

Spring teachers.

Pay for December.

389.

The resolution to pay the teachers of sewing for November last, which passed this Council at the last meeting, is returned from the Board of Aldermen with their concurrence with an amendment striking out the word "November" and substituting the word "December": which amendment is read and concurred.
(Approved)

Police.

Pay for December.

A resolution to pay the police for services in December 1877, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & Approved)

Overflowing Sewers

Relief of.

A resolution directing the water commissioners to take measures for relieving overflowing sewers, in accordance with plans of the City engineer, is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on sewers.

Chas. A. Mathewson

Claim.
400

A petition of Charles A. Mathewson for compensation for damages received by being run into by Hook & Ladder Truck No. 3.

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is received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department.

Reform School Est.

Grading of

387.

The resolution directing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to grade the Reform School estate, which at the last meeting was laid on the table, with instructions to said committee to report estimates of cost, is now taken from the table, said estimates are reported, and the resolution is read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

F. McLaughlin

Est. in Brook St. Dist.

A resolution (reported by said committee, instructing them to cause the estate corner of Jones and Bower streets to be conveyed to Francis McLaughlin, is read and passed.

Mrs. Patrick Brady

Tenement in Brook St. District.

A resolution authorizing said committee to allow Mrs. Patrick Brady (widow) free occupancy of tenement is presented, read and temporarily laid on the table.

Petitions of

Catherine Brady

396.

Peter McElroy

Mrs. Catharine Brady, for relief; of Peter McElroy for refunding of assessment,

Seth W. Pierce

396.

Seth W. Pierce, for damages for injuries from defective highway, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on Claims.

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Brook St. District

Discontinuance

of work

284.

The Resolution to discontinue work on Brook street district on completion of outstanding contracts, postponed from the 30th day of July last, is taken from the table, read and indefinitely postponed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz:-

Ayes.

Messrs Aldrich, Bartlett, Briggs, Burnham, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Goff, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Pierce, Phillips, Potter, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Steere, Westcott & White.

20.

Nays.

Mr President, Messrs Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Brennan, Brown, Butler, Ferner, Green, Morris, Place, Shaw, Smith, Tower & Winsor.

16.

The following resolutions and bills postponed from former meetings are taken from the table and severally, indefinitely postponed, viz:-

City Hall

Discontinuance

of work

284

Do.

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Resolution to discontinue work on the City Hall; (July 30.)

Also, Resolution to discontinue the furnishing of the City Hall; (July 30.)

Police officers

salaries.

342.

Also, An ordinance fixing salaries of police officers for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1878; (Oct. 25.)

Also, An ordinance fixing salaries of

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Fire Department officers and members of the fire department for the year ensuing the first Monday in January, 1878"; (Oct. 15.)

Salaries.
342.

Judge of Municipal Ct.
Salary.
314

Also, Resolution to pay salary of judge of Municipal Court. (Sept. 24.)

Thos. G. Carle, Trustee
Remission of tax.
383.

The Mayor's Message, relating the resolution remitting tax of Thomas G. Carle, Trustee, which was laid on the table on the 26th of November last, is taken from the table and with the accompanying papers referred to the joint committee on Claims.

Chief Eng. Fire Dept.
Mo. Report.

The monthly report of the chief engineer of the fire department, is presented, read and received.

(Concurred & approved.)

Indef. postponed.

The following resolutions are taken from the table, read and indefinitely postponed, (the subject-matter thereof having been previously disposed of, viz:

Chap. 313. pub. laws.

Sewer tax.
227

Resolution directing city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for an amendment to Chap. 313 of the public laws (relating to sewer assessments) presented May 21, 1877;

Elmwood Avenue
Water pipes
312.

Also, Resolution to lay water pipes on Elmwood Avenue to the entrance to Roger Williams Park (Sept. 17.)

Pay of Police for Oct.

344.

Also, Resolution to pay the police for services in October last. (Oct. 15.)

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Over assessments

Refunding of.

227

The resolution directing the city treasurer to refund certain sewer assessments upon certificates of the water commissioners, (tabled on the 21st of May last), is taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Proposed Rule 8.

368.

418.

The proposed substitute for Rule 8 of the Rules of order of the Common Council, postponed from the 5th of November last, is taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Ordinances.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, December 31, 1877 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Barker, Provan & Sweet. 3.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

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The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

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Ordinances
Chap. 38, Sec. 1. 389
The joint committee on Ordinances to whom on the 10th inst. was referred a bill entitled "An ordinance repealing Sec. 1. Chap. 38 of the ordinances &c." (relative to keeping open shops etc) report the same recommended; and said bill is read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

Leave to withdraw.

The joint committee on claims to whom were referred petitions of

Catherine Brady, 392.

F. E. Carpenter, 389.

Geo. S. Dow, 396.

J. W. Garcy & wife, 384.

James Lynch, 160.

Abigail Mowry, 396.

Seth W. Pierce, 392.

Catherine Brady, for relief; of
Frank H. Carpenter for damages from defect in highway; of

George S. Dow, - bill for use of land at Repe Williams Park; of

John W. Garcy, wife, for compensation; of

James Lynch for damages; (Feb. 19.)
Abigail Mowry, for remission of tax; of

Seth W. Pierce for damages for injuries from defective highway,
make reports thereon which are received; and on recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Martin C. Stokes, 360.

Said committee to whom on the 22^d of October last was referred a "claim of Martin C. Stokes vs. the City of Providence," for payment to him of money on an order of

December 31, 1877.

George B. Inman, report and recommend the accompanying resolution directing the City Treasurer to pay said Stokes \$2500 being a portion of the money claimed by him by virtue of certain orders and assignments of George B. Inman, provided said Stokes shall deposit with said Treasurer satisfactory securities against loss to the city: which resolution is read and rejected.

Susan McKenna

340.

419.

Said committee report a resolution to pay Susan McKenna \$100. for damages to her estate on Steuben street, which is read and recommitted with instructions to report whatever claims, if any, are now pending in Court or are liable to be presented to the city council for damages in the matter of Steuben street.

Thos. G. Earle
Trustee,
394.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the Mayor's vote (dated November 26.) of Resolution committing tax to Thomas G. Earle, trustee, with the accompanying papers, make report, which is received; and a motion that said resolution pass, the Mayor's objections to the contrary, ^{notwithstanding} is made and rejected by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Messrs Brennan, Briggs, Morris, Shaw

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Tower & White.

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Notes.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brown, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Pierce, Phillips, Place, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Smith, Stone, Sweet, Westcott, Winsor & Woods, 32

(From the joint committee on Highways.)

Canal Avenue.

Resolution to cut and pave Canal Avenue from both Main street to Canal street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved.)

Indefinitely postponed.

On the recommendation of said committee the further consideration of the following resolutions is indefinitely postponed, viz:

Asia street, 125.

Resolution relative to plans and estimates for extension of Asia street from Dinton to Knight streets. (Jan. 11.)

Rufus Sprague's land on Richardson St. 234.

Resolution (upon Mayor's Message of June 4/77) relative to purchase of land of Rufus Sprague on Richardson street;

Lloyd St. 331

Also, Resolution requesting the board of assessors to lay out Lloyd street; (Oct. 1.)

Employ of poor. 286.

Also, Resolution to employ the poor in grading Gaus, Army & Weston streets (July 30.)

Crawford street.

Also, Resolution directing the highway committee to inquire into the expediency of widening Crawford street (Nov. 15/75.)

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Hardenburg St.

Also, Resolution relative to drainage of Hardenburg street (Feb. 3/76);

Stonington R.R. Question of land. 341.

Also, Resolution (upon the Mayor's Message of Oct. 15/77) relative to flow of water upon land of the Stonington Railroad Company.

Leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the following named petitions be severally have leave to withdraw, viz:

Atwell's Avenue.

Erastus et. Steere others for curbing Atwell's Avenue from Manton Avenue to Steuben street, (April 10/76)

Manton Avenue.

Also, for curbing Manton Avenue from Amherst st. to Atwell's Avenue, (April 27/76);

Crichton St. 325.

Also, Richard Davis others for curbing Crichton street from Prospect to Brown streets;

Carroll street. 168.

Also, John Clarke et al. for extension of Carroll street to head of Martin street;

Dye street. 258.

Also, J. B. Chace others to cut and pave gutters on Dye street;

Governor street. 373.

Also, Geo. H. Paddock others for extension of Governor street to Front street;

Jewett street. 202.

Also, John Oldfield others for grading and curbing a part of Jewett street;

Lippitt street. 382.

Also, John Wright others for curbing and paving gutters on Lippitt street.

Trenton street.

373.

Said committee recommend the indefinite postponement of resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Trenton street (reported on the 5th of November last, which is read and recommitted.

December 31. 1877.

Tower & White.

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Says.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, A. J. Barnaby, J. B. Barnaby, Barker, Bartlett, Brown, Burnham, Butler, Crossley, Day, Dexter, Fenner, Goff, Green, Hopkins, Miller, Millett, Parce, Phillips, Place, Rounds, Sampson, Shattuck, Smith, Stern, Sweet, Westcott, Winsor & Woods. 32

(From the joint committee on Highways.)

Canal Avenue.

286.

Resolution to curb and pave Canal Avenue from both Main street to Canal street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

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Also, Resolution directing the highway committee to inquire into the expediency of widening Crawford street (Nov. 15/75.)

December 31. 1877.

Hardenburg St.

Also, Resolution relative to drainage of Hardenburg street (Feb. 3/76);

Stonington R.R. overflow of land. 341.

Also, Resolution (upon the Mayor's Message of Oct. 15/77) relative to flow of water upon land of the Stonington Railroad Company.

Leave to withdraw.

On the recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the following named petitioners severally have leave to withdraw, viz:

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Mantou Avenue.

Also, for curbing Mantou Avenue from Amherst st. to Atwell's Avenue (April 27/76);

Craighton St. 325.

Also, Richard Davis others for curbing Craighton street from Prospect & Brown streets;

Carroll street. 168.

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Trenton street.

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Said committee recommend the indefinite postponement of resolution requesting the Aldermen to lay out Trenton street (referred on the 5th of November last, which is read and recommitted.

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Olive street. 250. Upon the petition of Royal C. Taft others for curbing a portion of Olive street, said committee report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw: which report is laid on the table temporarily.

Raising buildings Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Wellington P. Dolloff, and William A. Sweet, to raise certain buildings; and of Mrs Edwin Baker, & Herbert Taylor,

Moving buildings to move certain buildings, are received and referred to the joint committee on the Fire Department, who subsequently report recommending the same; and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Chas. A. Matherson 391. Mary Thimney 419. Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred a petition of Charles A. Matherson for compensation for damages received by being run into by Hook & Ladder Truck No. 3, make report and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions to pay said Matherson \$100, and Mary Thimney \$65 in full for said damages: which are read and referred to the City Solicitor with instructions to report whether the City is liable for the injuries complained of.

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(From the joint committee on City Property.) City Engineer's Rooms Rent of. 382. Resolution charging rent of City Engineer's rooms & appropriation for same from March 1, 1877. Read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

(From the joint committee on Accounts.) I. W. Clark, Agt. Telephones. Bill of Louis M. Clarke Agt. for \$30 for use of telephones in Mayor's and City Solicitor's offices, reported without recommendation. Laid on the table for the present.

(From the joint committee on Parks.) Concrete walk. Concrete walk on Gore Promenade, not recommended. Ordered that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. 218.

(From the joint committee on Water.) Alarm gangway Water pipes. Resolution to lay water pipes in Alarm gangway from Heybasser to Pine streets. Read and passed. (Concurred & approved)

Johnston Taxation of water pipes. 385. 404. (Also, Resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to arrange with Town Council of Johnston relative to taxation of water pipes, report to be made to the City Council before such arrangements are made. Read and passed.

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Brook St. District. (From the joint special com. on the Brook St. District)
 Conveying lot to
 John F. Dailey,
 Resolutions instructing said committee to
 convey lands, corner of Thompson and India
 street to John F. Dailey;

Do
 Patrick Grimes,
 Also, lot on Pike street to Patrick
 Grimes;

Do
 J. McLaughlin.
 Also, lot corner of Iris and Gaus streets
 to Francis McLaughlin;

Do
 Ellen F. Potts.
 Also, lot corner of Front and a new
 street (first east of Iris street) to Ellen F.
 Potts, wife of John F. Potts,
 which are severally read and passed.

Chas. C. Weaver.
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 Said committee to whom was referred (Oct. 15)
 the petition of Charles C. Weaver for al-
 lowance for damages caused by city in
 Brook street district, make report and on
 their recommendation it is ordered that
 the petitioner have leave to withdraw

Mayor's Message.
 Aldridge farm.
 A Message from the Mayor relative
 to purchase of the fee of the Aldridge farm
 in Cranston now used by the Water Works
 is received and read; and a resolution
 from the Board of Aldermen, directing the
 City Treasurer to purchase of Lodowick
 Brayton, all his interest in said Farm at a
 price not exceeding \$2500 is read and concurred,
 (Approved)

A resolution from the Board of Aldermen

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Maple street,
 460.
 requesting said Board to receive and lay
 out Maple street from Beacon to Plane streets,
 is read and referred to the joint committee
 on Highways.

Dyer street.
 Widening of.
 A resolution from the Board of Aldermen,
 to lay out and widen Dyer street, from
 Crawford street bridge to the brick building
 of Daniel E. Day, so as to make said
 street not less than sixty feet wide is
 read and laid on the table by vote. Subse-
 quently a motion is made to reconsider
 said vote and is rejected.

Gaus street.
 Resolutions requesting the Aldermen to
 lay out Gaus street from Pitman to Poston
 streets,

Charles, Mill, &
 No. Main streets.
 Also, upon the expediency of widening
 and straightening Charles, Mill and
 North Main streets,
 are presented and referred to the committee on Highways.

Ninth Ward
 School lots in
 328.
 The resolution to purchase a lot in the west-
 ern district of 9th ward for school purposes,
 laid on the table on the 1st of October last, is
 taken from the table and recommitted to the
 joint committee on Education.

Adjourn.
 The Common Council adjourns until
 Thursday, January 3, 1878 at 8 o'clock p.m.
 Present all the members except Messrs Potter & Wiman.
 S. M. Cadden, Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Chas H. Gates

Resolutions (from the Board of Aldermen), to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French for services in December last;

Fixtures & furnishings of building in Roger Williams Park.

289.

Also, construing use of words "fixtures and furnishings" in contract with Union Railroad Co. relative to building in Roger Williams Park.

are severally read and concurred.

(Approved.)

Long Pond.

A resolution (from the Board of Aldermen).

Lay out of street.

to lay out a street near Long Pond from Decker street to Crocker Avenue, is read and indefinitely postponed.

Johnston

Taxation of water pipes. 401.

The resolution authorizing the Water Commissioners to arrange with the town council of Johnston relative to taxation of water pipes, which passed this Council at the last meeting, is returned from the Board of Aldermen, with their concurrence therein.

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with an amendment, striking out the words "and that they report to the city council before any such arrangements are made"; which amendment is read & non-concurred.

Chap. 232.

Sunday Law.)

Blasphemy &c.)

A resolution, in the words following, is presented, read and passed, viz:

Resolved,

That, in the opinion of this Council, all persons found violating the provisions of Chapter 232, Sections 15 to 18 inclusive, of the General Statutes, in all public grounds and in all public buildings, should be prosecuted.

Vote of thanks to the President

Resolved,

That the Common Council desire to thank Mr Charles J. Robinson for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of the Common Council during the past year.

Vote of thanks to the Clerk

A vote of thanks to the Clerk, and a resolution continuing all unfinished business to the Common Council to meet on Monday next, are adopted, and the Common Council

Adjourn.

Adjourn sine die.

Present. all the members except Messrs Burdham, Fenner, Hopkins, Phillips & Brown.

J. M. Addeman, Clerk.

January 7. 1878.

This being the day fixed by law for the organization of the city government of the City of Providence for the ensuing Municipal year, the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Councilmen elect, assemble in the Chamber of the Common Council this day, at 10 o'clock A.M.

In Convention.

The certificate of Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor-elect for the Municipal year ensuing the first Monday in January 1878 is read and the oath of office is administered to him by Hon. A. J. Westcott, Judge of the Municipal Court.

Certificates of election are presented by the following Aldermen and members of the Common Council elect, and the oath of office is administered to them by the Mayor:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN,	
First Ward,	ELISHA C. MOWRY.
Second Ward,	GEORGE I. CHACE.
Third Ward,	BENJAMIN W. PERSONS.
Fourth Ward,	GEORGE T. SPICER.
Fifth Ward,	WILLIAM SPENCER.
Sixth Ward,	WILLIAM S. HAYWARD.
Seventh Ward,	ROBERT E. SMITH.
Eighth Ward,	NICHOLAS A. FENNER.
Ninth Ward,	DUTEE WILCOX.
Tenth Ward,	EDMUND W. RAYNSFORD.

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Roll.

COMMON COUNCIL.

	First Ward.
STILLMAN WHITE, ELISHA S. ALDRICH,	JOHN P. COONEY, JOSEPH WHELDEN.
	Second Ward.
CHARLES P. ROBINSON, JAMES LEWIS PIERCE,	J. CARTER B. WOODS, JEREMIAH S. PARISH.
	Third Ward.
THOMAS A. MILLETT, ARTHUR F. DEXTER,	JAMES C. GOFF, ARNOLD GREEN.
	Fourth Ward.
CHARLES F. SAMPSON, GEORGE A. STEERE,	HENRY B. FRANKLIN, JAMES McNALLY.
	Fifth Ward.
JOHN W. BRIGGS, THOMAS J. HILL,	CHARLES E. CARPENTER, WILLIAM CYRUS BARKER.
	Sixth Ward.
DANIEL E. DAY, GEORGE H. BURNHAM,	THOMAS M. ROUNDS, STEPHEN C. ARNOLD.
	Seventh Ward.
JEROTHMUL B. BARNABY, ANDREW WINSOR,	FREDERICK M. BALLOU, JAMES B. WINSOR.
	Eighth Ward.
RAYMOND G. PLACE, SILAS A. SWEET,	EDMUND S. HOPKINS, LEONARD F. JOSLIN.
	Ninth Ward.
HENRY R. BARKER, WILLIAM H. SHATTUCK,	GEORGE A. RICKARD, WILLIAM W. BRAYTON.
	Tenth Ward.
JOSEPH F. BROWN, JOHN M. BRENNAN,	JOHN BEHAN, HARRISON G. MACOMBER.

City Clerk.

Samuel W. Brown is elected City Clerk and engaged.

Prayer.

Prayer is offered by Rev. Lemuel Oster.

Mayor's inaugural.

The Mayor reads his inaugural address.

The two boards separate, a question being raised relative to the election of the Aldermen from the South Ward, and the Mayor and Aldermen retire to their chambers.

Common Council organized.

The Common Council is called to order by the clerk; whereupon Charles P. Robinson is elected President for the ensuing year.

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Samuel M. Addeman is elected clerk of the Common Council for the ensuing year and is engaged by the Mayor.

Message to the Board.

A Message is received from the Board of Aldermen announcing its organization by the election of Mrs. Hayward as President for the ensuing year.

A Message is sent to the Board announcing the organization of the Common Council.

Rules & Orders adopted.

A resolution adopting the Rules and orders of the last Common Council for the government of the present Common Council, is presented, read and passed.

The following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

Mayor's Address & reports referred.

Resolution referring the Mayor's inaugural address and the regular stated reports to the appropriate committees;

Printing of Mayor's Address and City Manual.

Also, Resolution for printing the Mayor's address and the City Manual;

Reports.

Also, Resolution to print the annual reports of the gauger, the Commissioners of the South Burial ground; the Superintendent of the North Burial ground; the board of Engineers of the fire department, and of the overseer of the poor;

Also, Resolution to contract for city

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City printing &c.

printing and stationery;

No. of city docs.

Also, Resolution regulating the number of city documents to be printed.

(Concurred & approved)

Police Court.

Resolutions electing Elias M. Jenckes and Corin M. Cook, to compose the Police Court for the ensuing year; and electing

Daniel E. Day
Commr of
Sinking Funds.

Daniel E. Day, Commissioner of Sinking Funds for three years ensuing, are presented, read and passed.

(Concurred)

Reports received.

The following reports are severally presented, read by title and received, viz:-

Police Court.

Annual Reports of Corin M. Cook and Elias M. Jenckes, justices of the Police Court;

Inspr of Kerosene

The Inspector of Kerosene;

Gauger.

The Gauger;

Auditor & Treasurer.

The City Auditor and City Treasurer;

Overseer of Poor.

The Overseer of the Poor;

Brook St. District.

The 4th quarterly report of the joint special committee on the Brook street district;

Auditor & Treasurer.

The monthly reports of the city auditor and city treasurer.

(Concurred & approved)

City docs. & resolu^{ns}

A resolution to index and bind the resolutions of 1877 and to bind 150 copies of the city documents for the use of the city council is presented, read and passed.

Index & binding of

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Said resolution is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein with an amendment striking out the words "one hundred and fifty" and substituting the words "two hundred," which amendment is read and concurred.

(Approved)

Invitation for
Convention.

The board of aldermen are invited to join the Common Council in convention for the election of city officers, which invitation is accepted, and the two boards join in convention of the city council.

In Convention.

In Convention,

The Mayor in the chair.

Election of
city officers.

The election of the usual city officers is proceeded with (except the Overseer of bridges, commissioners of the North Burial ground, persons to superintend the building of chimneys, etc, and city constables, which is passed for the present,) and the two boards separate.

Joint standing
Committees.

The following joint standing committees are announced, viz:-

On the city debt. - Mr. Barnaby
On the city engineer's department. Mr. Burnham.

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On City Property - Messrs Burnham

Woods

Joslin

McNally.

Ald. Persons.

On Claims.

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Messrs Barnaby, (excused),

Ballou,

Green,

W.C. Barker.

Ald. Mowry.

On Education.

Messrs H.R. Barker.

Peice

Aldrich

Goff.

Ald. Chace.

On Finance

Messrs Sampson

Day

Woods

Carpenter.

Ald. Wilcox

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On the Fire Department.

Messrs White.

Rounds.

Briggs.

Place.

Ald. Spicer.

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On the Harbor.

Messrs Dexter.

A. Winsor.

Shattuck.

Ald. Smith.

On Highways.

Messrs Brown

Sever

Arnold

Whelden.

Ald. Hayward.

On Camps.

Messrs Rounds

More

Rickard

Ald. Fenner.

On the North Burial Ground.

Messrs A. Winsor

Whelden,

Brayton.

Ald. Spencer

On Ordinances.

Messrs Green

Hepkins

Dexter

Brennan

Ald. Mowry.

Messrs Shattuck

Dexter,

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On Police. Messrs Hopkins, Goff, Store, W.C. Barker, Ald. Fenner.

p. 421. On Printing. Messrs Millett, Behan, Franklin, Ald. Parsons.

On Railroads. Messrs Pierce, Cooney, J.B. Wincer, Ald. Spicer.

On Sewers. Messrs Briggs, Millett, Macomber, Ald. Raymond.

On Water. Messrs Aldrich, Day, Hill, Parish, Ald. Wiley & Chace.

Com. on Claims. Mr Barnaby is, by vote, excused from service on the joint committee on claims.

Mr White requests to be excused from

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...serving on the joint committee on the fire department, which request is not granted.

Zachariah Allen, Comr of N.B. Ground. Thanks to.

A communication from Zachariah Allen declining a re-election as a commissioner of the North Burial Ground is received, read and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen; and a resolution tendering the thanks of the city council to Mr Allen for his long continued and faithful services as such Commissioner is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Pauperism & Commitals to County Jail. Committee on.

A resolution appointing a joint special committee to take into consideration and report on so much of the Mayor's message and of the report of the overseer of the poor as relate to the subject of pauperism and its relief by the city, also to inquire into and report on the subject of commitals by the city to the County jail, is presented, read and passed, and Messrs Dexter, Carpenter and Aldrich are appointed members on the part of this Council.

(Concurred & Ald. Chace added) (Approved)

Committee on Accounts.

Messrs Day, Millett, Brown Bellows & Cooney are elected by ballot, members of the joint committee on accounts on the

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part of the Common Council.

(Ald. Persons & Smith added.)

Verbatim reports

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A resolution appointing a joint special committee to inquire into and report on the expediency of having verbatim reports of the doings of the City Council for the year ensuing, is presented, read and passed, and Messrs Peirce, Hopkins & DeStally appointed on the part of this Council.

(Concurred & Ald. Raynsford & Persons added.)

(Approved)

Brook St. Dist.

Appropriation for the Brook street district is presented and referred to the joint committee on finance.

Samuel Lee

Claim.

419.

A claim of Samuel Lee for damages is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Grove, Penn, Ring
& Tell streets
Extension of.

A petition of Augustus Hoppin, agent sothus for extension of Grove, Penn, Ring and Tell streets from Knight to Vinton streets is received and referred to the joint committee on Highways.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, January 21, 1878 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members.

M. Addeman, Clerk

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The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Public Urinals

Ordinance.

161.

The joint committee on Ordinances to whom on the 19th of February last was referred a "resolution in relation to an ordinance for the protection of public urinals" refer a bill entitled "An ordinance in relation to public urinals", which is read and passed.

Sunday Law.

Violations of.

348.

Said committee to whom on the 15th of October last was referred a resolution to prevent sale of refreshments or letting of boats &c. in Parks on Sundays, refer recommending the indefinite postponement of the same: which resolution is thereupon read and indefinitely postponed.

Also, upon the petitions of certain Congregational, Baptist and Methodist clergymen relative to observance of Sunday at Roger Williams Park, referred to said committee on the same date, said committee recommend that the same, together

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with the resolution passed by the Common Council on the 3^d of January inst. relative to the violations of Chapter 232, Sections 15 to 18 inclusive, to be communicated to the Mayor and Aldermen for such action in regard to the matter in question as to them shall seem best, which report is received and the accompanying resolution ordering such communication is read and passed.

Rule of order (8)
Adapted.

395.

Said committee to whom was referred on the 17th of December last, a proposed substitute for the Eighth Rule of the Rules of Order of the Common Council make report, and on their recommendation the same is amended by striking out the words "of the majority" in the second line, and as amended is adopted as follows, viz:

Eighth.

When a vote has been passed, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting, or to give notice in writing of his intention to move a reconsideration at the next meeting: in the latter case the clerk shall retain possession of the papers until the next meeting; and when a motion to reconsider has been decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered; and the same resolution shall come but once before the Council

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for reconsideration.

Registered Bonds

Brook St. Dist.
Appropriation.

(From the joint committee on finance.)
Monthly report of the issue of Registered bonds. Read and received.

Also, Resolution adding \$50,000 to the appropriation for the Brook street district. Read and passed.

Susan McKenna

397.

(From the joint committee on Claims.)
Resolution to pay Susan McKenna \$100. in full for damage to her estate by the cutting down of Steuben street. Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Samuel Lee.

416.

Also, Claim of Samuel Lee for damages. On recommendation of said committee, it is ordered that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

C. A. Mathewson

Mary Phinney.

400.

The City Solicitor, to whom on the 31st of December last were referred the draft resolutions authorizing compensation to Charles A. Mathewson and Miss Mary Phinney for damages resulting from collision with a fire department apparatus, with instructions to report whether the city is liable therefor, submits an opinion advising against such liability; which is read and the

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Further consideration of said resolutions is indefinitely postponed.

From the Committee on the Fire Department,
Fire Dept. reports, Monthly report of the Chief engineer, and Annual report of the Board of Engineers of the Fire Department, Read and received.

Reports of Comrs
N.B. Ground,
City Hall Comrs,
The Annual report of the Commissioners of the North Burial Ground, Also, the 13th quarterly report of the City Hall Commissioners, are severally presented, read & received.

Joint special Comtee
Reports & discharge of
437, Resolutions directing the joint committee on ordinances to report at the next meeting a joint rule, providing that all joint special committees shall report at least once in three months and shall in the month of January in each year make a full report of their doings, and providing for the discharge of such committees after making said January reports, unless continued by joint resolution;

Park Commissioners
438, Also, Resolution appointing the joint committee on ordinances and parks a joint special committee to report on an act establishing Park Commissioners, if deemed exp-

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dent, are presented, read and passed.

Sinking Funds
Report.

The fourth annual report of the Commissioners of Sinking Funds is read and received in concurrence.

Mrs. P. Brady
Brook St. Dist.

The resolution authorizing the joint special committee on the Brook street district to allow Mrs P. Brady free occupancy of tenement, postponed from the 17th of December last, is taken from the table, read and again postponed.

Com. on Printing

Mr Rickard is appointed a member of the joint standing committee on Printing, and

Com. on Claims.

Mr J. B. Winsor is appointed a member of the joint standing committee on Claims, to fill vacancies.

Highway Dept.
Reorganization

439.

A resolution requesting the joint committee on ordinances to report what action is necessary to change the present management of the highway department, from three commissioners to one, is presented, read and referred to the joint committee on highways with instructions to report on the expediency of the

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change proposed.

Invitation for Convention.

Resolved. That the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Common Council in convention on Monday, February 4. 1878, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of electing constables and other city officers.

Add'l full paid men for Fire Dept.

Petitions of the board of engineers for additional full paid men; of

Moving building. 426

Michael Quinn, to move a building, are received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

So. Main Street Fire apparatus on. 440.

A petition of the Board of Engineers for better accommodation for the fire apparatus on South Main street is received and referred to the joint committee on City Property.

Claims for damage to

John Carr. 451

I. W. Price. 451

Jas. Ward. 425

A. S. Westcott. 425

D. McNeilan. 425

Claims of John Carr, for compensation; and of Elery W. Price, and James Ward, each for damages; of Also, petitions of Amasa S. Prescott for balance of salary, and of Patrick Tolaw, for remission of tax, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

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Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, February 4. 1878 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present. all the members except Messrs Barnaby & H.R. Barker.

M. Addeeman, Clerk.

In Common Council. February 4. 1878.

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Mayor's Message

Additional laborers on highways.

A Message from the Mayor relative to the employment of additional laborers for clearing the highways of snow is presented and read: and a resolution directing the highway commissioners to employ not exceeding 300 men for the foregoing purpose is subsequently read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved)

Mayor's Message

Com. to appear before Congress on harbor.

A Message from the Mayor recommending the appointment of a committee of citizens to appear before the proper committees of Congress to obtain the necessary legisla-

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Plan for the improvement of Starbucksett Bay and the harbor of this city, is received and referred to the joint committee on the harbor to examine and report thereon.
(Concurred & approved)

Pay of police
for Jan'y.

Under a suspension of the rules, a resolution to pay the police for services in January 1878, is presented, read and passed.
(Concurred & approved)

17th Rule of Order
City Council.

(From the joint committee on Ordinances)
Report recommending a rule to be known and designated as the 17th Standing Rule of Order of the City Council, providing for reports by and discharge of joint special committees. Rule read and adopted; subsequently reconsidered and recommitted.

Registered Bonds.

(From the joint committee on Finance)
Monthly report of the issue of registered bonds. Read and received.
(Concurred & approved)

A. Fiske & Co.

(From the joint committee on Claims)
Resolution to pay A. Fiske & Co. \$400 in full for damages from rupture of crates from Exchange Place and neighboring streets.
Read and passed.

Thos. Furlong.

Also, Resolution to pay Thomas Furlong \$56⁷⁵ for damage to real estate on Whelden

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street. Read and passed
(Concurred & approved)

B. C. Neilan,
422

On recommendation of said committee it is ordered that B. C. Neilan, petitioner for remission of tax; and

James Ward,
422

James Ward, petitioner for damages, severally have leave to withdraw.

A. S. Westcott,
422.

Said committee to whom at the last meeting was referred the petition of Amasa S. Westcott for balance of salary as Judge of the Municipal Court, report the same with the facts but without direct recommendation.

Judge M. C.
Salary of.

Subsequently a resolution allowing \$125 for same for balance of year ending on the first Monday in January 1878 in addition to the salary ordered by Chap. CIII (approved Oct. 18, 1877) is presented, read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

In Convention.

Pursuant to the invitation extended at the last meeting, the Mayor and aldermen join the Common Council in convection of the City Council.

In Convention

(The Mayor in the chair.)

The two boards go into executive session,

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Surveyor of Lumber, after which Nathaniel C. Bushee is elected Surveyor of Lumber.

The two boards separate.

(From the Committee on the Fire Department.)

Raising building.

Petitions of

J. M. Corcoran to raise a building; & of

Moving building.

Michael Quinn, to move a building.

422.

Recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

(Concurred & Approved.)

Under a suspension of the rules, the following resolutions are severally presented, read and passed, viz:

G. B. Inman et al.

Bill of interpleader.

Resolution directing the City Solicitor to file a bill of interpleader against the various claimants for moneys in the city treasury due either to one Inman, a former contractor, or to his assignees or attaching creditors.

(Concurred & Approved.)

City Hall furnish-

ing Committee.

Inquiry of.

433.

Also, Resolution directing the joint special committee to procure furniture for the City Hall appointed under Resolution No. 589, approved September 30, 1875, "to report to the Common Council at its next meeting, and in writing, what contracts, if any, have been made by said committee

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and for what purpose, what furniture if any has been purchased, what designs for furniture have been adopted by said committee and what action has been taken by said committee relative to the objects of its appointment. Said committee is directed in its report to bring the information called for by this resolution down to a date as near that of the next meeting of this Council as is practicable.

City committees.

Inquiry as to reduction of expenses.

431.

Also, Resolution requiring reports from the joint standing committees having charge of departments for which appropriations have been made, as to what if any changes are required in the management thereof to bring its expenses within the limits of the appropriation already made.

Verbatim reports.

416.

The joint special committee on the subject of verbatim reports submit their report, which is received and said committee discharged from further consideration of the subject.

(Concurred & Approved.)

Reports received.

The following reports are read and received in concurrence, viz:—

Annual report of the Fence Viewer,

Report of committee to designate a lot.

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Home for Aged Men,
Burial lot,
Pauperism.

for the Home for Aged Men;

Also, Report of joint special committee
on Pauperism.

(Approved)

Reform School.

Printing report

432.

Upon the 27th Annual Report of the Providence Reform School, a resolution from the Board of Aldermen, ordering that the same be received and 1000 copies printed is read and concurred with an amendment substituting 500 for 1000.

Concurrences.

The following resolutions having passed the board of aldermen, are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Police ordinances

Resolution instructing joint committee on ordinances to examine and report relative to Police ordinances and rules;

Sewing teachers.

Also, Resolution to pay teachers of sewing for remainder of school year;

C. H. Gates

Also, Resolution to pay C. H. Gates, teacher of French for services in January;

New High School
Appropriation

Also, Resolution adding \$20,000 to appropriation for new High School;

Evening Schools

Also, Resolution appropriating \$2300 for evening schools;

Women's Home.

Also, Resolution for establishing a temporary home for women &c.

W. S. Burges,
Claim.

Also, Resolution appointing a joint special committee on claim of Walter S.

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Burges for damage at Long Pond,
(Ald. Chase & Spicer of the Board; and Messrs
Brayton, Arnold & Joslin added.)

(Approved)

Reports received.

The monthly reports of the City Auditor,
City Treasurer and Chief Engineer of the
Fire Department;

Also, the annual reports of the Surveyor
of lumber and the Chief of Police,
are severally presented, read & received.

(Concurred & approved)

Gauger's
Deputies.

The Gauger presents his list of deputy
gaugers for 1878 and requests their
confirmation, whereupon it is voted
that they be confirmed.

(Concurred & approved)

Chap. 49 of
Ordinances.

458.

A resolution directing the joint
committee on ordinances to report what
changes if any are necessary or advisable
in Chap. 49 of the ordinances relating
to public schools, is presented, read
and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

City Hall Commis.

Appropriation.

431.

A petition of the City Hall Commis-
sioners for additional appropriation of
\$10000 is received and referred to the
joint committee on finance.

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Gravel land on
Eddy Street.
460

A resolution relative to the purchase of gravel land on Eddy Street is presented and referred to the joint committee on highways

Third District.
School building for
460,
Sewing Teachers

A request of the school committee for another school building in the 3^d District;

Also, a resolution to pay teachers of sewing for services in January last, are presented and referred to the committee on Education.

Claims,
Henry Boyce,
439
James Daley,
439
W. A. Champlain,
451
H. F. Douglass,
439.

Petitions of

Henry Boyce,
James Daley,

W. A. Champlain,

Henry F. Douglass, for remission or abatement of certain taxes; of

C. G. McKnight for compensation for overflow from sewers; of

Harrison G. Macomber for allowance of bill for labor and materials on City Hall, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

C. G. McKnight,
459
H. G. Macomber,
459.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, February 11. 1878 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Present all the members except Messrs Briggs, Burnham & Day.

A. M. Cademan, Clerk.

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A Common Council - February 11. 1878

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment. The President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

(From the committee on finance,
City Hall Resolution appropriating \$88,498 for the Appropriation, new City Hall, being balance of proceeds of sale of City Hall bonds, read and passed (Concurred & Approved)

Reduction of expenses

Reports of Com^{tees}

427

Pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting calling upon the Standing Committees to report what if any changes are required in the management of the departments under their charge, to bring it up for the year within the appropriation already made, - reports are presented by the joint standing committees on Highways, Police, City Property, Printing, Harbor, Fire Department, Lamps, Parks, and the City Engineer's Department, which reports are read, received and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

The joint committee on accounts re-

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P. J. Tierney. *Just* without recommendation a bill of
Plumbing bill. P. J. Tierney for plumbing on the City
440. Hall; which bill is referred to the City
Hall Commissioners with instructions to
report in writing all the facts in regard to
the contracting of said bill.

L. W. Clarke, Apt. *Said* committee also report without
Telephone bill. recommendation a bill of Louis W. Clarke
437. Agent, for use of telephones in offices of the
Mayor and City Solicitor; which bill is
referred to his Honor the Mayor and the
City Solicitor with instructions to report the
facts in regard to the contracting of said bill.

A. H. Armstrong
bill. *Said* Committee also report without
459. recommendation a bill of Arthur H. Arm-
strong for services rendered in the office of
the Assessors of Taxes. Referred to the
Committee on Claims.

Reform School report. *The* resolution to print 1000 copies of the
428. Annual report of the Prudential Reform
School, passed in Board of Aldermen on
the 24th of January last, and on the 4th
of February inst. concurred in with an
amendment substituting 500 for 1000,
is returned from the Board of Aldermen with
their non-concurrence in said amendment.
The Common Council now needs from
their amendment and concurs in the resolution.
(Approved)

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John Cassidy. *A* resolution (from the board of Aldermen)
to pay John Cassidy \$1300. for building
bank wall and filling lots on Printery
Street, is read and concurred.
(Approved)

Raising grade of
Dyer, Pine and
Custom House Sts
bill. *A* resolution (from the board of Aldermen)
to pay accounts for raising grade of Dyer,
Pine and Custom House Streets is read
and referred to the Highway Commis-
sioners, with instructions to report the facts
in regard to the contracting of said ac-
counts.

City Hall
furnishing Com^{tee}. *P*ursuant to the resolution passed at
426. the last meeting requiring the joint special
441. committee to procure furniture for the City
Hall, to report what if any contracts have
been made by them etc. said committee
submit a report which is read, received
and ordered communicated to the Board of
Aldermen.

In Convention. *R*esolved That His Honor the Mayor
and the board of Aldermen be invited to join
the Common Council in convention for the
election of certain city officers.

*T*he foregoing invitation being accepted,
the two boards join in Convention of the
City Council.

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In Convention,

The Mayor in the chair.

Constables & Election of Constables & of overseer of bridges is postponed until the second Monday in March.

No. Burial Grounds Resignations of Andrew Winsor and William Earle as Commissioners of the North Burial Grounds are received.

Com. N.B. Grounds elected. Messrs Robert H. J. Goddard, Augustus Hoppin and Owen Westcott are elected Commissioners of the North Burial Ground.

The two boards separate.

The following resolutions are presented and read and passed, viz:

Vote of thanks to W. Earle and A. Winsor. Resolutions of thanks to William Earle, and Andrew Winsor, late Commissioners of the North Burial Ground;

N.B. Ground. Also, Resolution for transferring property to the new Commissioners of the North Burial Ground;

Constables. Also, Resolution of inquiry relative to appointment, regulation and duties of Constables;

438. Angell, Hammett & Co. Also, Resolution to pay Angell, Hammett & Co. \$300 for binding proceedings at

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dedication of Roger Williams Monument;

Ellen D. Carney. Also, Resolution to pay Ellen D. Carney \$750 for services as teacher of drawing from Sept. 1. 1877 to Feb. 1. 1878;

Byington & Perkins. Also, Resolution authorizing the City Solicitor to settle suit of Byington & Perkins against the city, now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for this county;

Thayer Street Water pipes. Also, Resolution to lay water pipes in Thayer street, between John and Arnold streets.

(Concurred & Approved)

Supt. Pub. Buildings Report. The annual report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings is presented, read and received.

(Concurred & Approved)

Surveyor of Lumber. The Surveyor of Lumber presents a list of deputies which is read and approved.

(Concurred & Approved)

Moving building. 440. A petition of Nancy Fish to move a wooden building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Hugh Hamill. A petition of Hugh Hamill for compensation for damages caused by change of grade on Steuben street;

N. Hopkins of ux. 459. Also, claims of Nelson Hopkins wife,

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Joshua Pierce. Aud of Joshua Pierce,
459. severally for compensation, are received
and referred to the committee on claims.

Adjourn. The Common Council adjourn until
Monday, February 18. 1878 at 8 o'clock
p.m.

Present - all the members except
Mr. Briggs. 1.

M. Addeeman Clerk.

Feb. 18. In Common Council. February 18. 1878

The Common Council meet pursuant
to adjournment - the President in the
chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is
read and approved.

Standing committee The chair appoints Mr Parish a
Fire Department member of the joint committee on the
412. fire department in place of Mr White
who has declined to serve thereon.

Mayor's Message. A Message is received from the Mayor
Recorder's Seal. recommending the adoption of an ordinance
450

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establishing a seal for the office of the
Recorder of Deeds, and referred to the joint
committee on ordinances to examine and
report thereon.

Mayor & Solicitor The Mayor and City Solicitor to whom
Telephones. at the last meeting was referred the bill
432. of Louis M. Clarke Sgt. for telephones, report
that the same were put up by the Mayor
to facilitate the transaction of business be-
tween the two offices: which report is
read and laid on the table for the present.

(From the Committee on Ordinances)
An ordinance in amendment of Chap-
ter XIII of the ordinances of the City of
Ordinances. Providence entitled "Committees of the City
420. Council," recommended. Read and passed.
(Relative to reports by and discharge of joint
special committees.)

School estimates Also, Resolution directing the finance
450 committee to report school estimates in
March 1878. Read and passed.
(Said resolution is based upon the subject
matter of Resolution (No. 57) of inquiry
relating to the school ordinance which
at request of said committee is recommitted
for further report.)

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City Constables. Said committee who at the last meeting were instructed to report some plan for the appointment, regulation and duties of constables in the city of Providence, report a resolution instructing the City Solicitor to request the passage of the accompanying act by the General Assembly being an act in amendment of Public Laws Chapter 598 enacted January 1866, known as the amended charter of the city of the Providence, providing for the appointment of constables: which resolution is read and passed, subsequently reconsidered, postponed till the next meeting, ordered printed and made the special order next after the next succeeding special order.

Cornis of Parks
etc.
440
445.

The joint special committee (consisting of the committees on Ordinances and Parks, appointed by resolution approved Jan. 24, 1878, relative to commissioners for the public parks, report a form of a bill to be presented to the General Assembly in amendment of Chapter 598 of the public laws, providing for the appointment of secondary commissioners. Read, ordered printed, and made the special order for the next meeting.

(From the committee on Claims.)
Resolution to pay B. A. Whitcomb \$100.

B. A. Whitcomb.

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for gravel furnished the highway department. Read and passed.

Withdraw.

Henry Boyce,
430H. P. Douglas,
430James Daly,
430C. G. McKnight,
430

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of

Henry Boyce for remission of tax;

Henry F. Douglas for abatement of tax;

James Daly for remission of tax;

C. G. McKnight for compensation for

overflow from sewers.

report thereon; and on recommendation of said committee it is ordered that the petitions be severally have leave to withdraw.

Highway Dept

Reorganization of

421

The joint committee on Highways to whom at the last meeting was referred the resolution relative to a reorganization of the highway department, with instructions to report on the expediency of the change proposed, make report which is received. Said committee is discharged from further consideration thereof, and the resolution is referred to the joint committee on Ordinances with instructions to report a bill in accordance with the recommendations of the committee on highways.

(From the committee on the Fire Department.)

Fire department. Resolution to pay the permanent men Pay for Feb. of the fire department for the month of February 1878. Read and passed.

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Fire Department. Also, Resolution to pay the call men
Pay of call men. of the fire department for the quarter end-
ing February 28. 1878. Read and passed.

Moving building. Also, Resolution granting petition of
435. Stanley Fish to move modern building.
Read and passed.

So. Main St. Station. The joint committee on City Property to
422. whom on the 21st of January last was
referred a petition of the Board of Engi-
neers for better accommodations for the
fire apparatus on South Main Street,
make report and recommend the fol-
lowing resolutions which are severally
read and laid on the table till the
next meeting, viz:-

Treasurer of the Resolution to lease the Comstock est-
447. ate on South Main Street for the use of
the fire department;

Hose Co. No. 2. Also, Resolution providing other and
447. better accommodations for Hose Company No. 2;

Hose Station No. 2. Also, Resolution directing repairs on
447. Hose Station No. 2.

P. J. Tierney. The City Hall Commissioner pursuant
City Hall. to instructions report on the bill of
432. P. J. Tierney for plumbing on the City
Hall, referred to them at the last meeting,
and a resolution to pay said bill,

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amounting to \$589⁰⁰ is read and passed.

City Hall. A communication from the City Hall
Appropriation. Commissioners relative to additional appro-
priation is received and referred to the
Committee on finance.

Dyer, Price &
Custom House Sts.
Raising grade
Bills for.

433.
447

The resolution (from the Board) which
at the last meeting was referred to the
highway commissioners with instructions,
is reported by said commissioners and
is now read and concurred with an
amendment striking out the word "highways"
and substituting the word "contingencies".

Highway Com.

Reduction of expense

A resolution directing the highway
Committee to confine its expenditures
to the appropriation and to suspend
all work as soon as possible, is
read and indefinitely postponed by
the following vote, the yeas and nays
being ordered, viz:-

Aye.

Messrs Arnold, Barnaby, H. R. Barker,
W. C. Barker, Bekan, Brayton, Breunser,
Brown, Burnham, Cooney, Franklin,
Hopkins, Joslin, McSally, Macomber,
Millett, Place, Rickard, Rounds,
Lampson, Thattuck, Steere, Sweet,
Whelden and A. Musser.

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Days.

Mr President, Messrs Harick, Ballou,
Briggs, Carpenter, Green, Parish, Peirce,
White and J. B. Winsor. 10

Salaries of
Police.
443

A bill entitled An ordinance fixing
the salaries of Police officers of the city of
Providence for balance of year ending the
first Monday in January 1879 is
presented and referred to the joint
Committee on Police with instructions to
report at the next meeting.

City Hall furnish
me. Comtee.

Resolutions of instruction to the com-
mittee on furnishing the City Hall
Com. on Parks, and the joint standing committee on
Parks relative to expenditures in their
departments are presented and laid
on the table till the next meeting.

G. & C. P. Hutchins.
451.

A bill of G. & C. P. Hutchins for crockery
furnished 3^d Police Station; also

James Ward,

Claim of James Ward for compensation, 5

Patrick Kenny.
451.

Petition of Patrick Kenny for remission of tax,
are received and referred to the committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday
February 25, 1878 at 7.45 o'clock p.m.

Present - all the members except Messrs Day,
Dexter, Goff, Hill and Woods. 5

M. Addey Clerk.

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The Common Council meet pursuant to
adjournment - the President in the chair
and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read
and approved.

The special order for the meeting is tempo-
rarily laid on the table.

Police Salaries.

442
452

The joint committee on police to whom at
the last meeting was referred "An ordin-
ance fixing salaries of the police",
report a substitute bill entitled "An
Ordinance fixing the salaries of the
police officers of the city of Providence
for the balance of the year ending the
first Monday in January 1879" recom-
mending the passage of the same (being a
reduction of 25 cents per day on each officer
except the deputy chief of police).

A motion by Mr Dexter to strike out
the following words from the end of section
2, viz: "And the compensation so paid shall
be added to the monthly pay of the members
so detailed and paid over to such members in
addition to the compensation provided by
Section 1 of this ordinance", - is adopted by

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Police salaries. The following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, H.R. Barker, Brayton, Brennan, Briggs, Carpenter, Day, Dexter, Franklin, Green, Hill, Macomber, Parish, Peirce, Rickard, Sampson, Thattuck, Treat, Whelden, White, A. Winsor, J.B. Winsor & Woods. 26

Nays.

Messrs Barnaby, N.C. Barker, Behau, Brown, Burnham, Cooney, Hopkins, Joslin, Metally, Millett, Place, Rounds, & Steere. 13

A motion to reduce the pay of each police officer by a still further reduction of 25 cents per day is made and rejected.

The bill as amended is then read and passed by the following vote, the ayes and nays being ordered, viz: -

Ayes.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold, Ballou, H.R. Barker, N.C. Barker, Brayton, Briggs, Carpenter, Day, Dexter, Franklin, Green, Hill, Joslin, Metally, Parish, Peirce, Place, Rickard, Sampson, Thattuck, Steere, Treat, Whelden, White, A. Winsor, J.B. Winsor & Woods. 29

Nays.

Messrs Barnaby, Behau, Brennan,

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Brown, Burnham, Cooney, Hopkins, Macomber, Millett & Rounds. 10

Constables.

Act relative to
appointment &c.
438.

The special order, viz the Resolution to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of a bill entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of constables in the city of Providence" postponed from the last meeting, is taken from the table, read and passed.

Comrs of Parks

et
438
449.

The other special order, viz the form of a bill to be passed by the General Assembly in amendment of the city charter and providing for the appointment of commissioners of Parks, etc. is laid on the table till the next meeting, and made the special order at that time.

Green St. Sewer
Suspended.

On recommendation of the joint committee on Sewers a resolution instructing the Board of Water Commissioners to suspend the construction of sewer in Green street, is read and passed.

C.L. Stafford.

Moving building.

Under a suspension of the rules a petition of Charles L. Stafford to move a wooden building is received and referred to the

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joint committee on the fire department, who subsequently report the same recommended, and the accompanying resolution is read and passed.

Municipal Court.

Pay of judge.

450.

A Message from the Mayor relative to pay of the Judge of the Municipal Court is received and a resolution referring the same to the joint committee on finance is read and concurred.

(Approved.)

High School Bldg.

Benefit St.
Sale to the State.

A Message from the Mayor relative to conveyance of the High School estate on Benefit Street to the State for a Normal School, is received, and a resolution from the Board, directing the Mayor to execute & deliver such a conveyance for the consideration of \$30,000, at the close of the present school year, is read and concurred.

(Approved.)

Bogman street.

A resolution (from the board of aldermen) to receive Bogman Street, from Plane Street to Prairie Avenue, is read and concurred.

(Approved.)

Board of pub. works.

Amendments to acts

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen) to apply to the General Assembly for amendments to the acts relating to the establish-

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ing of a board of public works, is referred to the joint committee on ordinances.

Dyer, Pine &
Custom House Sts.
Raising grade

441

455.

The resolution (from the board) to pay certain accounts for raising grade of Dyer, Pine and Custom House streets, in which this Council at the last meeting concurred with an amendment, is now returned from the Board who non-concur in said amendment.

The Council insist on their amendment.

City Eng. Report.

The annual report of the city engineer is presented, read and received.

The following resolutions, postponed from the last meeting, are severally taken from the table, read and passed, viz:-

Lease of Comstock
Bldg.
4420

Resolution to lease the Comstock estate on South Main Street for the use of the fire department.

Hose Co. No. 2.
4440

Also, Resolution providing better accommodations for Hose Company #2.

Hose Station No. 2.
4440.

Also, Resolution directing repairs on Hose Station No. 2.

Pending the consideration of the foregoing resolutions a proposition is received from

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S.H. Bulluck, trustee. J. N. Bulluck, trustee, to sell estate on Sale to city of R.I. South west corner of South Main and Flavel streets, which is now, received and ordered communicated to the Board of Aldermen.

The following resolutions are presented, read and passed, viz: -

Pay of police for Feb. 1878.

Resolution to pay the police for services in February 1878.

Prairie Ave. to lay out of.

Also, Resolution to lay out Prairie Avenue from Dudley to Broad streets.

Raising buildings. 452 452

Petitions of Henry M. Angell & Co. and Jacob Remleuger, to raise certain buildings, are received and referred to the committee on the fire department.

Claims for damage, Higgin, Lloyd & Co. H. I. Lloyd.

Bills of Higgin, Lloyd & Co. and of Abraham Lloyd, severally for damages occasioned by overflow of water Feb. 22 & 23, 1878;

H. S. Evans 459

Also, petitions of E. S. Evans for refunding of sewer tax; of

J. B. Manchester 459

John B. Manchester for remission or abatement of tax; of

S. G. Smith

Stephen G. Smith for remunera

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Two for damages, are severally received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday March 4, 1878 at 7.45 P.M.

Present - all the members except Mr. Goff.

J. M. Caddeman, Clerk.

In Common Council - March 4, 1878

The Common Council meet pursuant to adjournment - the President in the chair and a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

Chap. 598 Commissioners of Parks, etc. 445.

The special order, viz: the form of a bill in amendment of Chapter 598 of the public laws, known as the amended charter of the city of Providence, providing for the appointment of commissioners of Parks etc. which it is proposed to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of, is taken from the table, sundry amendments thereto made, and as amended ordered printed, postponed

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and made the special order for the next meeting.

Chap. XII, Ordinances
Seal for Recorder of Deeds
436

From the joint committee on Ordinances,
An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XII
of the ordinances of the city of Providence. (in
relation to seal for the Recorder of Deeds.)
recommended. Read and passed.

Registered Bonds

(From the joint committee on finance.)
Monthly report of the issue of Registered
bonds. Read and received.

A. S. Westcott.

446

Also, Resolution to pay Amasa S. Westcott
\$20⁸⁴ balance of salary for 1877 due him as
judge of the Municipal Court, recommended.
Read and passed.

School estimates
& Salaries,
437
460.

Said committee who by resolution
passed on the 18th February last were instruct-
ed to report estimate of expenditures and
appropriations for the Schools for the en-
suing year, are at their request dis-
charged from further consideration thereof,
which is referred to the joint committee
on Education with instructions to report
said estimates at the next meeting, as
also a bill fixing salaries of School of-
ficers and teachers for the ensuing year.

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A. Wendell.

181.

(Mr. Green in the chair.)
The joint committee on claims &
whom on the 12th of March last was re-
ferred a petition of Alfred Wendell for
payment of claim for sewer work, reports
and recommend a resolution to pay
him \$56 therefor: which is read and passed.

G. & C. P. Hutchins.

442.

(The President in the chair.)
(From the joint committee on claims.)
Resolution directing city Auditor
to allow bill of G. & C. P. Hutchins for
\$54⁹⁷ for creekery furnished 3rd Police
Station, recommended. Read and passed.

Leave to withdraw.

W. A. Champlain.
430.

P. Kenney,
442.

Mary G. Pierce
349.

Bernard Swift.
243.

Ann Whitlock.
340

John Carr.
422

E. W. Price.
340
422.

Said committee to whom were referred
petitions of
Mr. A. Champlain for abatement of
tax (Feb. 4.) of
Patrick Kenney for remission of tax;
Mary G. Pierce for damages caused by
overflow of water; of
Bernard Swift for payment of bal-
ance due him on sewer on High street
between Knight and Battery streets; (June 4/77)
Ann Whitlock for damages caused
by overflow of water;
Also, claims of
John Carr, for compensation (Jan. 21)
Ellery W. Price for damages (Oct. 8/77)
& Jan. 21, 1878

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make reports thereon which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

Raising buildings

448

448

(From the joint committee on the fire department)
Resolutions granting permission to

Henry M. Angell of,

Jacob Kuntzger,

to raise certain buildings, recommended.
Read and passed.

(Concurred & approved)

Harbor improvement

Com. to visit
Washington.

Under a suspension of the rules, - a resolution (from the board of aldermen), appointing a special committee to visit Washington as representatives of this city for the purpose of securing if possible favorable action upon the petition now pending before Congress asking an appropriation for the improvement of Narragansett Bay and Providence river, - is taken from the table, read and concurred. (The committee consisting of Messrs Henry Leppitt, Harvey E. Mellman, Elisha H. Rockwell, Henry W. Gardner and J. F. Dexter, Chairman of Comtee on the Harbor,)
(Approved.)

(From the joint committee on Water.)

Water Comtee to
purchase water
pipes.

Resolution authorizing the Board of Water Commissioners to purchase water

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pipes, recommended. Read and passed.

Asylum Walls

Appropriation

463.

A communication is received from the Mayor and board of aldermen requesting an additional appropriation for Asylum Walls and buildings, and with the accompanying resolution appropriating \$5000 for that purpose, is postponed till the next meeting.

Constables

th
Providence

The resolution which passed this Council at the last meeting, directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for the passage of an act to provide for the appointment of Constables in the city of Providence is returned from the board of aldermen with their concurrence therein provided the bill be amended by (1) inserting in section 1, after the word annually, the words "in the month of April and whenever a vacancy shall occur," which amendment is agreed to; and (2) by inserting in section 2 after the word office, the words "such deputies to be confirmed by the board of aldermen" which amendment is agreed to by the following vote, the yeas and nays being ordered, viz: -

Yeas.

Mr. President, Messrs Aldrich, W. C. Barker,

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Brennan, Brown, Burnham, Carpenter,
Day, Dexter, Franklin, Green, Hill,
Hopkins, Joslin, McSally, Millett,
Pierce, Rickard, Rounds, Sampson,
Shattuck, Sweet, Whelden, White,
A. Winsor, J. B. Winsor & Woods. 27.

Says

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, Behan, Bray-
ton, Cooney, Goff, Macomber, Rickard &
Steele. I.

(Approved.)

Police Salaries

443.

The bill fixing the salaries of the police
for the balance of the year ending on the
first Monday in January 1879, which
passed this Council at the last meeting
is returned from the board of aldermen
with their concurrence therein with an
amendment striking out section 2.

Providing for payment for extra services to
be paid into the city treasury which amend-
ment is read and concurred by the follow-
ing vote, viz:

Ayes

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, Arnold,
Ballou, W. C. Barker, Brown, Burnham,
Day, Dexter, Franklin, Green, Hopkins,
Joslin, McSally, Pierce, Rickard, Rounds,
Sampson, Shattuck, Sweet, Whelden,
White, A. Winsor, J. B. Winsor & Woods. 25

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Says

Messrs Behan, Brayton, Brennan,
Carpenter, Cooney, Goff, Hill, Macomber,
Millett, Place & Steele. 11

C. H. Gates.

A resolution (from the Board of aldermen,
to pay Charles H. Gates, teacher of French,
for services in February, is read & concurred,
(Approved)

New flags

A resolution (from the Board) to purchase
three new flags for the city flag-staffs
is read and laid on the table temporarily.

Dyer, Pine &
Custom House Sts

447

461

Upon the resolution to pay accounts
for raising grade of Dyer, Pine and
Custom House streets the board of aldermen
insist on their non-concurrence in the
Council's amendment made on the 18th
of February last.

The Council now request a conference
committee and appoint Messrs Brown,
Franklin and Arnold ad conferes in absentia.

City Hall.
Furniture

The resolution instructing the committee
to procure furniture for the City Hall to
make no contracts for furniture and to
purchase no furniture, is taken from
the table, amended by adding the
words "until they shall have reported

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to the City Council the difference between the cost of entirely new furniture and of using so much of the old furniture now in the possession of the city as it is desirable to use; and as amended is read & passed.

City Hall Com.
to use present
furniture or

A resolution directing said committee to use the furniture now in use in certain cases is presented, read and postponed till the next meeting.

Public bridges

Under Supt. Pub. Bldg.

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Resolutions appointing Messrs Joslin Cooney & Goff, with Aldermen — a joint special committee to report on expediency of placing public bridges under charge of Superintendent of public buildings;

City Officers

Salaries of.

Also, directing the City Solicitor to apply to the General Assembly for power to fix salaries of city officers for remainder of the year 1878, are presented read and passed.

H. L. Parsons.

Resignation as
City Hall furnishing
Committee.

A communication is received from Henry L. Parsons Esq. tendering his resignation as a member of the joint special committee on City Hall furniture: which is accepted.

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Mo. Reports.

The monthly reports of the city auditor, city treasurer and chief engineer of the fire department, are severally presented, read and received.

Washington St.
Sewer overflow.

A resolution of inquiry relative to the overflows of Washington street sewer is presented, read and laid on the table temporarily.

F. P. Burrows

Raising building
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A petition of Frank P. Burrows to raise a building is received and referred to the joint committee on the fire department.

Dodge & Campfield

Claim.

A petition of Dodge & Campfield for allowance of claim for damages is received and referred to the joint committee on claims.

Adjourn.

The Common Council adjourn until Monday, March 18, 1878 at 7.45 P.M.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barnaby, Briggs & Parish. 3

Wm. C. Addey, Clerk.

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In Common Council - March 18, 1878.

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the chair & a quorum present.

The record of the last meeting is read and approved.

North Burial Ground. A message from the Mayor transmitting the resignations of Messrs Robert H. J. Giddard and Augustus Hoppin, Commissioners elect of the North Burial Ground, is received, read and temporarily laid on the table.

Public urinals. A message from the Mayor relative to the lighting of the public urinals is received, read and referred to the committee on city property to report thereon.

Dexter B. Lewis. A communication from Dexter B. Lewis resigning as a member of the special committee to furnish the new City Hall is read and accepted.

Chap. 49, Ordinances. The joint committee on ordinances who by resolution No. 57, approved Feb. 4, 1878 were instructed to report what if any changes are advisable in Chapter 49 of the ordinances, make report, accompanied by a bill entitled "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter ~~XLIX~~ of the ordinances 'Schools'", and by a resolution providing for the enforcing of Sec. 12 of Chapter 58 of the General Statutes: which are read, ordered printed, made the special order for the next meeting immediately after the call of the committees. Also, ordered that

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copies thereof be sent before the next meeting to each member of the Council and of the school committee.

(From the committee on finance.)

City Hall. Resolution instructing the committee on city debt to report a plan for procuring the funds necessary for the completion of the city hall; recommended. Read and passed.

(From the committee on claims.)

H. G. Macomber. Resolution to pay Harrison G. Macomber \$4200 in full of all claims arising from his contract for laying granite and bricks in the city hall structure; recommended. Read and passed.

Said committee to whom were referred petitions of C. T. Evans for refunding of sewer tax; of Nelson Hopkins wife for compensation; of John B. Manchester for remission of tax; of Joshua Pierce for compensation, make reports thereon, which are received, and it is ordered that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw.

B. G. Chace & Co. Said committee to whom were referred by the board of aldermen, claims of B. G. Chace & Co. for damages made report and on their recommendation it is ordered that upon so much of said claim as relates to "damages to cellar in raising grade \$300." the petitioners have leave to withdraw, and that the remainder of the claim be recommitted.

A. H. Arrington. Said committee submit a report upon the petition of Arthur H. Arrington for additional and

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other pay: which is read and postponed till next meeting.

Maple street. 403. (From the joint committee on highways,) Resolution requesting the aldermen to receive and lay out Maple street, (referred Dec. 31, 1877) recommended. Read and passed.

Gravel land, Eddy St. 430. Also, Resolution relative to purchase of gravel land on Eddy street, (referred Feb. 4, 1878.) not recommended. Read and indefinitely postponed.

Highway Com. Report. Also, Annual report of the Highway Commissioners. Read and received.

Raising & Moving Buildings. 457. Under a suspension of the rules, petitions of Isaac Bacon & John F. Daly to raise certain buildings; and of J. H. Welch, to move a building are received referred to the com. on the fire department, who subsequently report the same, with a petition of Frank P. Barrows to raise a building, recommended, and the accompanying resolutions are severally read and passed.

Fire department pay of. Also, resolution to pay permanent members of the fire department for March 1877, recommended. Read and passed.

Third District School buildings. 430. (From the joint committee on Education,) Request of the school committee for another school building in the 3^d district; not recommended. Indefinitely postponed.

School estimates. 450. Said committee are granted until the next meeting to make report on Estimates of School expenditures for the next year, and on teachers salaries.

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Brook St. Dist. Resolutions directing said committee to convey certain lots of land to Francis McLaughlin and Ellen E. Potts, wife of John F. Read and passed.

Harbor wall & Sec Kunk river. Also, Resolution authorizing said committee to make agreement with the harbor commissioners relative to embankment wall and dredging of Sec Kunk river. Read and rejected by a vote of 6, to 16.

Public bridges Care of. 456. The joint special committee of inquiry relative to placing charge of public bridges in the Superintendent of Public Buildings, appointed by resolution approved on the 8th inst. submit a report accompanied by bills severally entitled "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XIII of the ordinances Committee of the City Council"; "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XXXVI of the ordinances", and "An ordinance in amendment of Chapter XCV of the ordinances", which are read and referred to the committee on ordinances with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Dyer, Pine & Custom House Sts. Pay of bills. 455. The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two boards on resolution to pay accounts for raising grade of Dyer, Pine and Custom House street, present a report which is received. The Council recede from their amendment to said resolution and concur with the Board in the passage thereof. (Approved.) Said committee report a resolution transferring \$3000 from the appropriation for contingencies to the highway appropriation.

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appropriation, which is read and passed,

I, and Pond

Street on W. side of
161.
168.

The joint special committee consisting of the standing committees on highways and sewers & those on the 19th and 26th days of February 1877 were referred sundry petitions for a street on the westerly side of Long Pond report the following resolutions, viz:

Crocker Avenue.

Resolutions to lay out Crocker Avenue from Totten's Avenue to Dahlia Street and providing for appointments of Commissioners of Estimate and assessment;

Do.

Also, Resolution requesting the Board of Aldermen to lay out Crocker Avenue from Dexter to Dahlia streets, which are severally read and passed,

Reform School Bldg.

Removal of 3^d Bapt. Church to.

A report of the trustees of the Providence Reform School recommending the removal of Church building from corner of Wickenden and Hope streets to the Reform School estate is read and received, and the accompanying resolutions authorizing such removal, appointing a joint special committee to cause said building to be enlarged and altered and appropriating \$12,000 therefor, are read and passed and Messrs White, Briggs and Franklin appointed members of the committee on the part of this Council.

Concurrences,

The following resolutions having passed the Board of Aldermen are severally read and passed in concurrence, viz:

Asylum Walls

Resolutions appropriating \$5000 for Asylum Walls, & \$20,000 for the new High School;

High School

Unconfirmed police

Also, Resolution to pay unconfirmed police;

Washington street

Also, Resolution to lay out Washington Street, from Cove to Dean streets;

Water Comrs Reports

Also, order to receive Annual report of Water Commissioners

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City Hall Com. on furniture

Also, resolution increasing the number of the special committee to furnish the city hall, and Messrs White, Peirce, Goff, Carpenter, J. B. Winsor, and Street added from this Council.

(Approved)

Roger Wms Park Sunday at

A resolution (from the Board, relating to the observance of Sunday at Roger Williams Park, etc. is read and indefinitely postponed by the following vote:

Ayes.

Mr President, Messrs Aldrich, W. C. Barker, Brayton, Brown, Burnham, Cooney, Decker, Green, Hill, Hopkins, Joslin, Rounds, Shattuck, Wheeler, J. Winsor & Woods. 17

Nays.

Messrs Arnold, Ballou, W. C. Barker, Behan, Brennan, Carpenter, Day, Franklin, Goff, McTally, Millett, Pierce, Place, Rickard, White & J. B. Winsor. 16

Richmond Mfg Co Damages from overflow of Cove.

A message from the Mayor relative to claim of Richmond Mfg Co. et al. for compensation for damages by raising the low dam, is read and a resolution (from the board) referring the same to a joint special committee is read and concurred with an amendment substituting the joint committee on claims.

Asylum Walls

A resolution requesting the Aldermen to limit their expenditures for Asylum Walls &c. to the appropriation is read and indefinitely postponed by a vote of 16 to 12.

Do.

The resolution (postponed from the last meeting) adding \$3000 to said appropriation, is taken from the table and indefinitely postponed.

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Vane for Harrison St.
Engine Station

A resolution directing Com. on Brook St. District to transfer vane from Wickenden St. Church to be placed on Harrison St. Engine Station, is tabled till next meeting.

Dove street.

Resolution to declare Dove street a public highway;

Parade street

Also, petitions to receive Parade street

Susan street.

and Susan street, are received and referred to the committee on highways.

W. McLaughlin et al.
claim.

A petition of W. McLaughlin et al. for remission of charge for moving buildings through streets in the Brook St. District is referred to Com. on the Brook Street District.

Raising buildings.

Petitions of Est. of C. W. Atwood & Edwin R. Knight to raise certain buildings are ref. to Com. on fire department.

A. W. Godding et al.
Sessions Lot.

A petition of A. W. Godding et al. to purchase part of the Sessions Lot is referred to the committee on city property.

A. W. Aldrich.

Petitions of Anson W. Aldrich for damages from overflow on Washington street; of

Mary Gillan.

Mary Gillan for refunding of tax; of

H. N. Manchester.

Henry N. Manchester for remission of tax, of

John Patten et al

John Patten & others for remission of tax, &

Richmond Mfg Co.

Also, claims of Richmond Manufg Co.

Rufus Sprague

Rufus Sprague (2); and of

Sylvanus Warren.

Sylvanus Warren for payment for gravel,

are received and referred to the committee on claims.

In Convention.

Resolved. That the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen be invited to join the Council in convention on Monday,

April 1, 1878 at 7.45 P.M. to elect certain city officers,

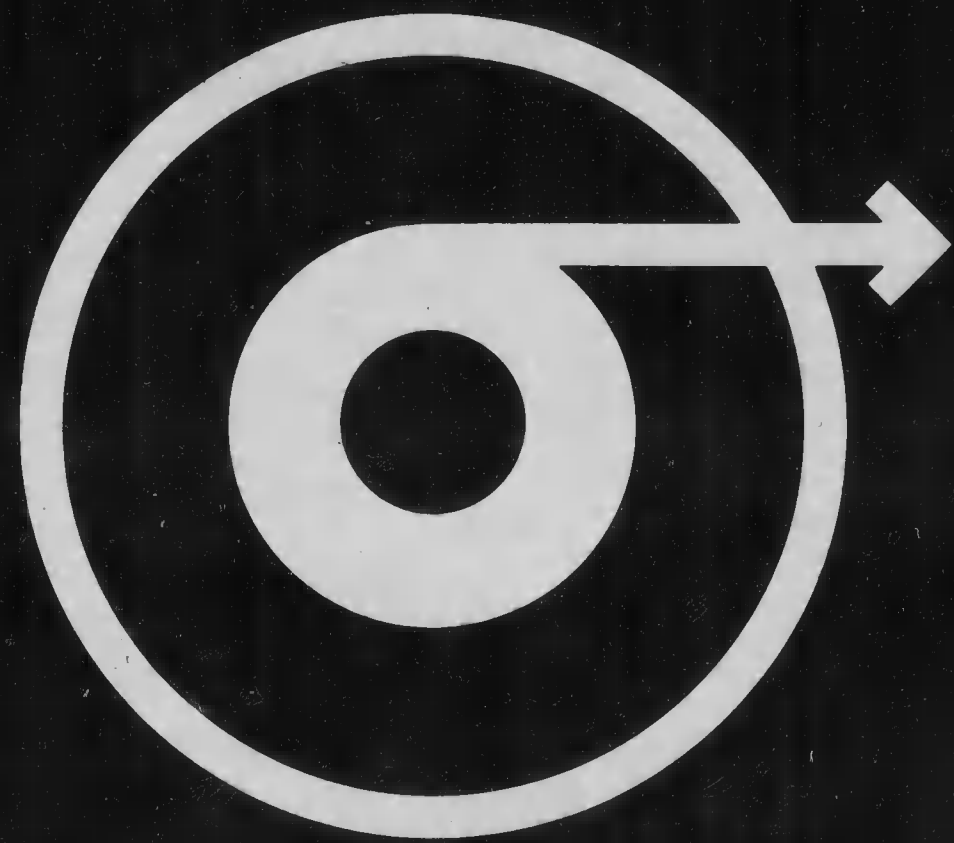
Adjourn.

to which time the Council stands adjourned.

Present - all the members except Messrs Barnaby, Briggs,
Macomber, Parish & Sweet. 5

A. M. Caddeman, Clerk.

END OF ITEM



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LOCALITY OF RECORD

PROVIDENCE COUNTY

RHODE ISLAND

TITLE OF RECORD

CITY COUNCIL RECORDS

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