

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1830

Fredericksburg, March 11th 1830

The following members of the Common Council met in Common Hall the evening

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Jno HWallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen: George Rothrock, Robt Dickey, William Harvey, Henry T Phillip, Step F Blaydes, James Cooke, Fayette Johnston, Jno Goolrick

Ordered that the account of Jno M Shepherd of twenty three dollars and fifty cents be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of James D harrow of Eighteen dollars & seventy four cents be paid by the Chamberlin (paid)

Ordered that the account of Geo Rothrock & Son of Eight dollars and seventy five cents be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of Peter Alexander of Two dollars and twenty five cents be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of James Williams of Two dollars be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of Thomas Goodwin of Ten dollars be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

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Ordered that the account of Benjamin R Hillyard amounting to Twenty six dollars & fifty cents be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of Lindsey Pullen amounting to Fifty dollars & fifty cents for killing Dogs be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the account of Fayette Johnston of nine dollars be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

Ordered that the one dollar and forty Cents be paid by the Chamberlain to John H Wallace for an over assessment of the Old Eagle Tavern in 1829 (paid)

Ordered that the account of Nancy Rollow amounting to Six dollars and thirteen cents be paid by the Chamberlain (paid)

On Motion it is ordered that John Goolrick ascertain the point and permanently fix the corner stone of the Corporation at the Basin of the Canal

Ordered that John H Wallace, Henry T Phillips, James Cooke and Fayette Johnston be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain and report on Monday next.

Ordered that the Council adjourn to Monday Morning nine O'clock

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Test

John S Caldwell, C C

Fred'g Monday March 15th 1830

The Council met the day pursuant to last order of adjournment

Present John H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen: Fayette Johnston, Henry T Phillips, Step J Blaydes, Geo Rothrock, Robert Dickey, James Cooke, William Warren

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain reported that they were correctly stated and the Charges supported by proper vouchers [Page 5] and that there is a balance in the hands of the Chamberlain of Two hundred and one dollar and Ninety one cents and that Taxes to the amount of Seventy dollars and sixteen cents has not been collected

And On Motion said report was received and approved by the Council

This being the day appointed by law for the election of a Common Council for the ensuing year, a poll was opened for that purpose, and the Free Holders and House Keepers having been duly notified thereof met at the Town Hall and deposited their Ballots, and upon examination of the same the greatest number of votes were found to be in favor of the following persons

John H Wallace	36	William Warren	33
Jno Goolrick	36	Stephen J Blaydes	32
Thos Goodwin	35	George Rothrock	32
Fayette Johnston	34	James Cooke	28
Robert Dickey	34	William Harvey	28
Henry T Phillip	34	Beverly R Wellford	27

Who were duly elected Members of the Common Council and so proclaimed

Ordered that the Council adjourn till 3 O'clock Tomorrow evening

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Test

John S Caldwell, C C

Tuesday, March 16th 1830

This evening the following members elect of the Common Council to wit:

Jno H Wallace, Jno Goolrick, Fayette Johnston, Henry T Phillips, Robert Dickey, William Warren, George Rothrock, Stephen J Blaydes and Beverly R Wellford appeared and took the oath of Office before the Mayor

On Motion of F Johnston and seconded John H Wallace was called to the Chair

On Motion of John Goolrick duly seconded the Salary of the Mayor for one year from the 15th Inst was fixed at Four Hundred Dollars

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The Council then proceeded to elect a Mayor and Thomas Goodwin Esq'r was unanimously elected and took the oath of office before Archibald Hart Esq'r a justice of the peace and member of the Quorum for the County of Spotsylvania

The Council then balloted for a member of the Common Council to fill the vacancy occasioned in that body by the election of Thos Goodwin as Mayor and James Williams was duly elected

James Cooke and James Williams, members elect of the Common Council appeared and took the oath of office before the Mayor

The Council then balloted for a Recorder and John H Wallace was elected and took the oath of office before the Mayor

Ordered that the following sums be and they are hereby allowed to the several officers of the Corporation as their salaries for the ensuing fiscal year Viz

To the Chamberlain	\$75.00
To the Clerk of Council	75.00
To the Clerk of the Market	100.00
To the Police Officer	75.00
To the Jailer	50.00

To the two constables 150.00 each
To the Commissioner of Revenue 60.00
To the Messenger of the Council 2.00
For each meeting of the Council and attendance

The Council then proceeded to ballot for a Clerk of the Council when John S Caldwell was duly elected, in like manner he was elected Chamberlain

Fayette Johnston moved a reconsideration of the resolution fixing the salary of the Chamber'n at \$75 with an intention to offer a resolution to fix at \$100, but before the vote was taken he withdrew his resolution at [as] it would be a bad precedent

John M Shepherd was duly elected Police Officer

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John M Shepherd was also elected Clerk of the Market

John M Shepherd was also elected Messenger to the Council

John Goolrick was elected surveyor for the Town of Fredericksburg

Robert Parrott was elected Gauger of Spirit

John Carter was elected Measurer of Coal, Salt & Grain and Measurer and Inspector of Lumber arriving at the wharves

On Motion it was Resolved that the Standing Committees be appointed by the Mayor, the following are the Standing Committees

Committee on Publick Property: Henry T Phillips, John Goolrick, Jno H Wallace & Robert Dickey

Committee for Streets: Geo Rothrock, Step J Blaydes, Fay'e Johnston & Bev R Wellford

Committee on Pumps: William Warren, James Cooke, William Harvey & James Williams

Fayette Johnston, Beverly R Wellford and Jno H Wallace are appointed a committee to enquire into the propriety and policy of establishing a savings Bank

Jno M Shepherd was qualified before the Mayor to perform the several duties of Police Officer, Clerk of the Market and Messenger of the Council

John Goolrick to the oath of Office as Surveyor before the Mayor

Robert Parrot qualified as gauger by taking the oath of office before the Mayor

John S Caldwell took the oaths of Office as Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain

Then the Council Adjourned

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

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John S Caldwell

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Fred'bg May 4th 1830

The following members of the Common Council met in the Common Hall at the Council Chamber pursuant to a summons from the Mayor, To wit:

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen

George Rothrock

William Warren

Fayette Johnston
Step J Blaydes
Bev R Wellford
Jno Goolrick

Robert Dickey
James Cooke
James Williams

John Metcalfe Commiss' of the Revenue returned an account of the Tythes and Taxable property and amount rent of the Corp'n which is as follows Viz

Amount of Rents	\$43500
White persons above 16 years of age	355
Slaves above 16 years of age	587
Free Male Negroes & Mulattoes	44
Free Female Negroes & Mulattoes	82
Horses	118

The Chamberlain submitted an estimate of the probable receipt and expenditures of the Corporation for the present year

Beverly Wellford made a motion seconded by Fayette Johnston that the sum necessary for the support of the poor be stricken from the estimate with the view that the Corporation Court should provide for them during that Tribunal, the proper body according to the law that should provide for the poor by a levy which motion was lost by the casting vote of the Mayor. The Ayes and Noes being called were as follows

Ayes: Bev R Wellford, Fay Johnston, James Williams, James Cooke & Henry T Phillips

Noes: Step J Blaydes, Geo Rothrock, John H Wallace, William Warren and Robert Dickey

Ordered that the Taxes for the present year be and they are hereby assessed as following Viz

On the Amount of Real Estate on the Rents thereof	3½ pr cent
On all White Males above 16 years old	\$1.50 each
On all Slaves above 12 years old	\$1.50 each
On all Horses	\$1.50 each
On all Free Male Negroes & Mulattoes	\$2.00 each

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On all Free Female Negroes & Mulattoes	\$1.50 each
On all four wheeled riding Carriages (except Park Pheatons, Carryalls, & Jersey Waggon)	
Of \$200 value and under	\$2.00
On all such carriages above \$200 value	1 pr cent of value
On all Gigs and Chairs, Park Pheaton, Jersey Waggon and Carryalls	
Of \$100 value and under	\$1.00 each
On all such over the value of \$100	1 pr cent of value

On Motion made and seconded it was: Resolved that a tax of Three dollars on each Dog and Ten dollars on each Female animal of the Dog kinds be and the same is hereby imposed on all such animals that shall be in possession on the first day of June Next to be paid by the owner of each animal and the Master or Mistress of any slave that shall keep such animals

Ordered that the Sergeant take a list of such animals and the owners thereof and collect the tax aforesaid and that a Commissioner of 33/3 per cent be allowed him for such service.

On Motion of Fayette Johnston it was: Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized whenever the safety and security of the citizens is jeopardized by Dogs going at large in his discretion to require that no Dog shall go at large in the Streets of the Town and from his proclamation to that effect (for a period

of not more than sixty days at a time such dogs to be captured) and it shall be the duty of the Constables to kill all Dogs going at large after such proclamation shall have been published in one of the newspapers of the Town.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously carried, Resolved that any officer of the Corporation who shall be disqualified for the discharge of his duties by intoxication from the use of spirituous or other liquors shall for the first offence forfeit the value of one month of the pay or wages of such officer and on a recurrence of the offence the officer so offending shall forfeit his office or offices and shall be ineligible to fill any office under the Council that year

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing resolution be delivered to each officer of the Corporation

Ordered that the sum of twenty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to drain the swamp at the back of Town

Ordered that the salary of the Bell Ringer for one year commencing on the first day of June next be forty dollars instead of the former sum

Then the Council adjourned

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

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John S Caldwell, C C

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The Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met the 15th August 1830 in Common Hall at the Council Chamber

Present Thos Goodwin Mayor

Common Councilmen

Henry T Phillips

Stephen J Blaydes

Fayette Johnston

James Williams

Beverly R Wellford

James Cooke

Robert Dickey

William Warren

William Harvey a member elected of the Common Council appeared, qualified and took his seat

On Motion made and seconded it was unanimously Resolved that the officer of Clerk of the Market, Police and Messenger of the Council had been forfeited by the Officer filling the same and said offices are hereby declared to be vacant

Ordered that all hogs be permitted to run at large in the streets until the 11th day of October next

On Motion it was Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the person who enter the house of Mrs Clara McWilliams on the night of the 7th Inst and that he be authorized to offer the same sum for the apprehension and conviction of the person who entered the house of Mr Currell near the wharf on the night of [blank]

On Motion the council adjourned to Friday next

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

The Common Council met at the Council Chamber in Common Hall on Friday the 20th August 1830

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen

John Goolrick

James Cooke

George Rothrock

Fayette Johnston

James Williams

William Warren

William Harvey

Beverly R Wellford

Stephen J Blaydes

Robert Dickey

On Motion made & seconded it was: Resolved that the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council declaring the offices of [Page 11] Clerk of the Market, Police office and Messenger of the Council vacant be and the same is hereby repealed

Absent: Stephen J Blaydes

Ordered that the Tax on Male dogs, for the present year be one dollar on each dog instead of the tax imposed on the 4th day of May last, and the Ayes and Noes being called on the said order were as follows

Ayes: John Goolrick, John H Wallace, William Harvey, Robert Dickey, & William Warren

Noes: Fayette Johnston, Beverly R Wellford, George Rothrock, James Williams & Jas Cooke and the votes being equal in number the Mayor decided in favor of the order

Ordered that the Tax imposed by the Council on the 4th day of May last on female animals of the dog kind be reduced to two dollars on each animal of that kind

Ordered that the Council adjourn

Thos Goodwin, Mayor