Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1832

At a Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber the 13th

January 1832

Present: Thomas Goodwin, Mayor Jno H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen

George Cox Beverly R Wellford Henry T Phillips James Williams Robert Dickey John Terrier Step J Blaydes John Goolrick

George Rothrock

John H Wallace presented the following preamble and resolution

This meeting of the Council being called at the instance of some of the citizens of the Town to take into consideration the propriety and expediency of petitioning the Legislature so to amend the Charter or to pass a law authorizing the Mayor and Common Council in behalf of the Corporation to subscribed for stock in the Rappahannock Canal Company and to borrow for that purpose the sum of \$[blank] Having considered the same think it improper and inexpedient to take any step for the furtherance of the object without [Page 23] first getting the wishes or sense of the tax-paying citizens of the town upon it; Therefore, Resolved, that the citizens of the Town be invited to collect[?] at the Court House tomorrow evening at 5 O'clock to take this subject into consideration and that the Mayor be requested to take the most effectual course to procure the meeting; which preamble & Resolution was adapted unanimously On Motion the Council then adjourned

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

At a Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber March 15th 1832

Present: Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Common Councilmen

Stephen J Blaydes Robert Dickey
George Cox James Williams
George Rothrock William Warren

John Terrier

The following claims against the Corporation of Fred'g were presented & passed and the Chamberlain ordered to pay the same, Viz

Peter Goolrick's for \$2.50; John Terrier's \$1; L Pullin's \$7.50; John S Caldwell's \$18.50 and Wm T Moncure's \$52

Present: Beverly R Wellford & H T Phillips, Councilmen

James D Harrow's account against the Corporation of \$10.41 for printing was allowed, Henry T Phillips voting in the negative as to the claim for printing handbills relative to the Canal

A Claim of Cornelius of 62½ cents was allowed & ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain

Thomas Daniel presented a claim against the Corporation for an injury he has sustained in his lot, but culling down the lot of the lot of the Corporation adjoining which was, on Motion, laid on the table

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Fayette Johnston presented a claim against the Corp'n amounting to six dollars for jail locks which passed and the Chamberlain is hereby ordered to pay the same

An a/c of John J Rollow of two dollars was allowed and the Chamb'n is authorized to pay the same.

It was ordered that George B Whiting be allowed two dollars pr am't of tax on two [?] erroneously charged to him.

Ordered that John J Chew be allowed one dollar & fifty cents the tax on a horse erroneously charged by the Comm'r of the Revenue

Ordered that Jno M Shepherd be allowed twenty dollars & sixty three cents the am't of his a/c against the Corporation this day presented, and it was further ordered that Jno M Shepherd, Clerk of the Market be allowed twenty dollars for cleaning the Market House and yard for the year last past ending the 18th inst.

A petition from Mess'rs Rake & Street praying that the house now occupied by them belonging to the Corporation would be removed and lease them the lot so that they might erect a fire proof house thereon was presented and read; which petition on motion was laid on the table.

Ordered that the Mayor cause a notice to be published in the newspapers in the town that a poll will be opened on Saturday the 31st day of the present month for the Citizens to decide on the expediency or inexpediency of the Corporation subscribing for stock in the Rappahannock Canal Company, Henry T Phillips voting the negative.

Ordered that Mess'rs Dickey, Warren & Terrier be a committee to examine the accounts of the Sergeant & Chamberlain and report at the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered that the Council adjourn till Monday nine o'clock am Tho Goodwin, Mayor [Page 25]

At a Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber the 19th March 1832

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Jno H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen

Robert Dickey, Stephen J Blaydes, William Warren, Jos Williams, Geo Rothrock

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to examine the accounts of the Chamberlain and Sergeant reported that they examined the account of the Chamberlain and that the same is correctly stated, all the charges supported by proper vouchers, and that a balance of five hundred & four dollars and fifty seven cents remain in his hands. And that they have examined the account of the Sergeant and find the same correctly stated & settled which report was approved by the Council.

The Sergeant returned a list of insolvents amounting to ninety five dollars & fifty cents, and a list of uncollected taxes amounting to sixty one dollars which lists were ordered to be filed.

The Mayor returned an account of money received by him for affixing the Corporation Seal amounting nine dollars, with credit of sixty cents, leaving eight dollars and forty cents for which amount the Chamberlain gave the Corpo'n credit in his current a/c.

Ordered that the Chamberlain prepare a statement of the receipts & expenditures of the Corporation the past year and have the same published in one of the newspapers of the Town.

This being the day appointed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen until the 3^d Monday in March 1833 and until others shall be elected in their stead, a poll was opened for that purpose and the freeholders & housekeepers of the town having been duly notified of such election, met at the Council Chamber and deposited their ballots, and upon counting the same the highest number of votes were found to be give for the following persons, to-wit;

Beverly R Wellford	109
John W Wallace	101
Stephen J Blaydes	100
John Goolrick	99
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John Sener	98
George Rothrock	91
Thos Goodwin	82
Charles C Wellford	72
Robert Dickey	70
George Cox	69
William Warren	64
James Williams	61

Who were declared duly elected Common Councilmen of the Town of Fredericksburg

Ordered that the messenger of the Council notify the members of their election and that the meet at the Council Chamber tomorrow evening at 4 o'clock.

And then the Council adjourned.

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Fredericksburg March 20, 1832

This day Beverly R Wellford, John H Wallace, Step J Blaydes, John Terrier, George Rothrock, Chas C Wellford, James Williams, William Warren and Robert Dickey met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oath of a Common Councilmen before Thos Goodwin, Mayor.

George Cox, a member elect of the Common Council appeared and took the oath of office before Hugh M Patton, a justice of the peace for Spotsylvania County.

On motion it was Resolved that the salary of the Mayor for the present year would be four hundred dollars. The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor by ballot when it appeared that Thos Goodwin was unanimously re-elected Mayor of the town of Fredericksburg for the present year.

The Council then balloted for a recorder and John H Wallace was duly elected to that office.

The Mayor & Recorder then severally took the oath of their respective offices and the oaths of Justices of the peace before Hugh M Patton Esq'r, a member of the quorum from the County of Spotsylvania. [Page 27]

Fayette Johnston was then elected a member of the Common Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of Thos Goodwin to the office of Mayor who appeared, qualified and took his seat.

On motion it was Resolved that the salary of the Clerk of the Council be fifty dollars for the present year, the salary of the Chamberlain one hundred dollars, the Comm'r of the Revenue sixty dollars and the salary of the Clerk of the Market one hundred dollars.

On motion it was Resolved, that the salary of the Clerk of the Market be considered as full compensation for all the duties of the office contracted in the Ordinance regulating the Market and for keeping the Market house and Market yard clean and in good order at all times.

On motion, it was Resolved that the two constables of the Corporation be allowed one hundred dollars each for their services as constables to be paid quarterly by the Chamberlain

On motion it was Resolved that two police officers be elected whose duty it shall be to execute rigidly all the Ordinances which have been or may be hereafter passed for the regulation of the police of the town, that their salaries be payable at the termination of each quarter, but that they shall in no case be paid, until a majority present at a meeting of the Council, shall decide that the duties have been faithfully performed during the preceding three months, and if a majority at the said meeting decide that the duties have not been properly performed that their salaries for the entire quarter preceding be entirely forfeited.

Resolved that the salary of the Police officers be fifty dollars each for the year.

The Council then preceded to elect the several officers of the Corporation by ballot, whereupon Jno S Caldwell was duly elected, Clerk of the Council & Chamberlain, Jno Metcalfe, Commissioner of Revenue [Page 28]

John M Shepherd, Clerk of Market and Messenger of the Council, Linsey Pullin & W T Murray Police Officers, John Goolrick Surveyor; Robert Parrott, gauger of spirits; Sam'l Phillips, measurer & inspector of Lumber; & Robert Parrott, measurer of coal, salt, oat &c

The following standing committees were appointed by the Mayor to-wit; Committee on Corp'n Property; Jno H Wallace, Jno Goolrick, Robert Dickey, Fayette Johnston Street Committee; George Rothrock, Chas C Wallace, Steph'n J Blaydes, Bev R Wellford Pump Committee; William Warren, Jno Terrier, George Cox, James Williams

John Goolrick, a member elect of the Common Council appeared, took the oath of office before the Mayor and took his seat.

John Goolrick, Robert Parrott, Jno M Shepherd and John S Caldwell were then sworn to perform the duties of the offices to which they were respectively elected by the Council this day.

And then the Council adjourned,

Thos Goodwin, Mayor [Page 29]

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber the 23^d March 1832.

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Jno H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen; George Cox, George Rothrock, Steph'n J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, Beverly R Wellford, James Williams, Fayette Johnston, John Terrier, William Warren

The Mayor stated that he had convened the council to take into consideration the expediency of making an appropriation for draining the low grounds at the west side of the town, Whereupon on motion it was, Resolved, That a sum not exceeding fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid and Thomas Goodwin, George Cox, John H Wallace & George Rothrock were appointed to have the work performed.

On motion it was Resolved that the sum of Fifty dollars be allowed the Jailor for his service the present year in addition to the allowance that shall be made by the Court.

And that the salary of the Bellman be forty dollars payable quarterly.

Present Jno Goolrick, Common Councilman

On motion the Council then adjourned. Thos Goodwin, Mayor [Page 30]

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber the 30 April 1832 pursuant to a summons from the Mayor.

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Common Councilmen: Stephen J Blaydes, George Rothrock, Bev'y R Wellford, John Terrier, William Warren, Fayette Johnston, Chs C Wallace

A communication from the Mayor was read & ordered to be filed.

The Chamberlain's bond was presented and approved and the Mayor ordered to file the same.

An Account against the Corporation was presented by Richard Johnston amounting to eleven dollars and fifty cents which on motion was passed and the Chamberlain is hereby ordered to pay the same.

On motion made & seconded it was Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized on behalf of the Council to offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the conviction of the incendiary that attempted to fire the house occupied by James Cunningham.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved. That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain out of the funds of the Corporation to the Hope Fire Company to be expended by said company for Fire hooks, ladders &c.

The petition formerly presented by Mess'rs Peak & Hunt was taken up and considered, whereupon Mess'rs Terrier and Warren were appointed a committee to confer with them, as to the kind of house proposed to be built by them; and the terms of the contract to be entered into between [Page 31] the Corporation & said Peake & Hunt and report to the next meeting of the Council.

And the council adjourned to meet Thursday evening next at ½ past 7 o'clock. Thos Goodwin, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber this evening May 3, 1832

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Common Councilmen: John Goolrick, George Cox, Step'n J Blaydes, Rob Dickey, F Johnston, C C Wellford, Wm Warren, B R Wellford

A committee on behalf of the Union Fire Company of Fredericksburg made application for an appropriation of two hundred dollars to aid in purchasing hose for the use of said Company and on motion it was,

Resolved that the sum of two hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Union Fire Company of Fredericksburg for the purpose aforesaid out of any money in the hands of the Chamberlain.

Present: John Terrier, Common Councilman

The Commissioner of the Revenue presented a statement of the annual value of the real property in the Town and the persons & personal property to be taxes the present year, viz.

Annual value of Real Estate	\$45,600
White Male persons above 16 years old	425
Free Negroes & mulattoes	190
Horses	140

On ordinance entitled an ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1832 was then presented & passed in the following words to-wit;

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg being a Council aforesaid [Page 32] that the taxes on persons & property of the Town aforesaid for the year 1832 shall be as follows, viz;

On all houses & lots at the rate of the three dollars & fifty cents for every hundred dollars yearly rent or annual value thereof;

On every male white person above the age of sixteen years one dollar & fifty cents;

On every slave above the age of twelve years one dollar and fifty cents;

On every free Negroe and Mulatto above the age of sixteen years one dollar and fifty cents

On every riding & pleasure carriage of any description, Jersey wagon, Phaeton, Gig, Chair & Cariole of less value than one hundred dollars, one dollar;

Above that sum one per cent on the value thereof;

On every horse, mare & Mule one dollar & fifty cents;

On every cart or dray license five dollars

And on every Waggon license eight dollars

This ordinance shall be in force from & after the passage thereof.

The following ordinance entitled "An ordinance concerns dogs was also read & passes, and is in the following works,

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any animal of the dog kind to go at large in the Town of aforesaid from and after the first day of June next without being muzzled, and any animal of the dog kind aforesaid so going at large without a muzzle which shall prevent them from biting shall be liable to be killed by the Police officers of the Corporation. And be it further ordained, that the owner or owners of any animal or animals of the dog king which shall be destroyed by virtue of the foregoing section shall forfeit & pay to the Mayor & Commonalty of the Town aforesaid the sum of two dollars, to be recovered by warrant.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

On motion it was Resolved that the sum of thirty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to deepen the ditch at the west end of the town & so drain the frog & factory ponds.

Mess'rs Warren & Terrier reported upon the subject referred to them at the last meeting of the Council and Mess'rs Cox, Wellford, & Terrier were appointed to confer further with Mess'rs Peak [Page 33] & Hunt relative to the subject of their petition.

A petition from the Butchers was presented and read and on motion a consideration was indefinitely postponed.

Whereas the General Assembly of V^a by an act entitled at act to Authorize the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fred'g to subscribe for Stock in the Rapp'k Canal Company passed on the 25th day of February 1832 did authorized the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg to subscribe for sixty shares of Stock in the Rappahannock Canal Company if a majority of the tax payers in the said town should be in favour of it, to be ascertained by a poll being opened for that purpose.

And Whereas a poll was opened for the purpose aforesaid at the Court House in said town, notice thereof having been published in the newspapers of the Town aforesaid and the Tax payers appeared and gave their votes as follows:

For the Corporation subscribing for the shares of Stock aforesaid one hundred and three votes Against it thirty votes

Therefore resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to subscribe in behalf of the Corporation for sixty shares of Stock in the Rappahannock Canal Company, after the individual subscriptions of three thousand dollars shall have been subscribed.

Ordered that it be entered on the minutes that the messenger of the Council was not in attendance at the last Council nor the present meeting.

Ordered that the Council adjourn Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Monday May 28th 1832

At a called meeting of the Common Council at the Council Chamber this evening

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Common Councilmen: John Goolrick, Beverly R Wellford, Robert Dickey, George Cox, James Williams, Stephen J Blaydes, Charles C Wellford

On motion made & seconded, It was resolved that [Page 34] the Mayor & Recorder be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the Corporation from the Farmers Bank of Virginia from time to time as the same may be required the amount of six thousand dollars for the purpose of paying for the Stock of the Rappahannock Canal Company which the Mayor heretofore subscribed for on behalf of the Corporation.

On motion made & seconded it was

Resolved that the consideration of the petition of Mess'rs Peake & Hunt concerning the building of a house on the site of the house now occupied by them be indefinitely postponed.

The Mayor read a letter from Mr Fayette Johnston resigning his office of a Common Councilman, which resignation was accepted and the council then proceeded to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy whereupon Benjamin N Barnett was duly elected

The Council then proceeded to elect a member of the Common Council to fill the vacancy occasioned by Mr John Terrier accepting the office of Justice of the Peace and Alexander K Phillips was duly elected.

And then the Council adjourned, Thos Goodwin, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 20th day of June 1832 pursuant to a summons from the Mayor.

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorders

Common Councilmen: George Cox, Stephen J Blaydes, James Williams, William Warren A K Phillips who was elected a member of the Council in the place of John Terrier, appeared took the oath of office and took his seat.

George White made application to [Page 35] the Council to be hereafter exempt from the payment of a capitation tax, and it was ordered that the said White be exempt from the tax aforesaid.

The Mayor presented a receipt from John Metcalfe, Treasurer of the Rapp'k Company for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars being the first installment paid on account of the sixty shares of stock subscribed for by the Corporation which was ordered file.

Present George Rothrock

Benjamin N Barnett who was elected a member of the Common Council in the place of Fayette Johnston appeared, was qualified & took his seat.

Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the police officers twelve dollars & fifty center each for their quarter's service up to the present day.

Ordered that Lindsey Pullen be allowed three dollars & fifteen cents for summoning the inquest aforesaid

Ordered that William S Murren be paid by the Chamberlain three dollars & twenty eight cents for eight days services at the rate of his salary of last year.

An ordinance entitled "an ordinance concerning hogs" was read & passed and is in the following words, Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that it shall not be lawful for any person to keep in his or her lot any animal of the hog kind from and after the first day of July next. Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, and if any person shall contrary to the true intent & meaning of this ordinance keep any animal of the kind aforesaid, he or she shall [Page 36] forfeit and pay five dollars to any person will sue for the same, to be recovered by warrant before any Justice of the Peace.

Be it further ordained that if any person shall be convicted of violating the foregoing section of this ordinance, and shall not the same day remove from his or her lot, the animal or animals of the kind aforesaid, it shall be considered an new offense, under this ordinance, and the party offending liable to the penalty aforesaid, to be recovered in like manner.

And be it further ordained, that if any slave shall keep any animal of the kind aforesaid, on any lot apart from the lot of his or her master or mistress contrary to the meaning of this ordinance, such slave offending, shall upon conviction thereof by a Justice of the Peace, be punished by stripes not exceeding thirty nine; but such punishment may be remitted upon the payment of the penalty mentioned in the first section of the ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

And then the Council adjourned.

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday the 3rd day of August 1832

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen: John Goolrick, George Cox, Steph'n J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, Geo Rothrock, William Warren, James Williams, Benj'n N Barnett, Bev R Wellford, Chas C Wellford

On motion made & seconded it was

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to settle the accounts of John M Shepherd, late Sergeant of the Corporation.

Whereupon George Cox [Page 37] James Williams & Charles C Wellford were appointed

The following ordinance was read & passed.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the ordinance entitled "an ordinance concerning the duties of the Sergeant of the Corporation of Fredericksburg passed July 19th 1827 be and the same is hereby repealed.

The following resolutions were presented & read

Resolved, that John S Wellford, Hugh M Patton, John Peck, Robert Ellis and William Jackson Jr be and they are hereby constituted a Board of Health for the Town of Fredericksburg, whose duty it shall be to provide whatever may be necessary for furnishing a hospital, for the reception and accommodation of such persons as may be seized with the prevailing epidemic who may be incapable of providing for themselves, hiring nurses, appointing physicians, and making all such other arrangements as they may think necessary and proper, and the Chamberlain is hereby authorized to pay to their order the expense of the same, and it is hereby recommended to the said Board to confer with the Physicians of the Town in making the arrangements.

Resolved that the Mayor be president ex-officio of said Board and that they have power to fill any and all vacancies that may occur in their body and appoint the necessary officers of the Board

Resolved that the Board of Health be authorized to use the Town Hall as a Hospital Which resolutions upon motion made & seconded were adopted.

On motion, made & seconded the following resolutions were adopted, viz,

Resolved, That the Mayor divided the Town into six wards, and that he appoint as many Inspectors in each Ward as he shall deem necessary, whose duty it shall be to visit and inspect every lot in their respective wards, at least once [Page 38] a week from the day of their appointment to see that all filth is removed from such lots, and the premises kept clean and in good order, and that all the streets in their respective wards be kept & clear from all sources of unhealthy or noxious exhalations.

Resolved that the Inspectors so appointed, be and they are hereby authorized to enter each and every lot, for the purpose of performing the duty imposed on them by the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the Inspectors be authorized to remove all filth from the lots of such persons, who are not able to pay for the same and from all unoccupied lots, where the owners do not reside in Town, at the expense of the Corporation, and if any person shall refuse or neglect to clean his or her lot, the Inspectors shall forthwith have the same cleaned at the expense of the Corporation and report the fact to the Mayor and the name of such person, who shall so refuse or neglect.

And in pursuance of the first resolution the Wards were laid off as follows, viz

Ward No 1 from the lower end of the Town to Capt Henry T Phillips'

Ward No 2 from Cap't Phillips' to Mr Caldwell's

No 3 from Mr Caldwell's to Mr Bowen's

No 4 from Mr Bowen's to Commerce Street

No 5 from Commerce Street to Mr Ross'

No 6 from Mr Ross' to the upper end of Town

An the following persons were appointed Inspectors:

No 1 John Goolrick, Wm M Blackford, Peyton Hough, Joshua Myers, Samuel Phillips and John Staylor

No 2 John S Caldwell, John Terrier, John L Shultice, John J Rollow & John Furnehough

No 3 Benj'n A Barnett, Geo Rothrock, Richard J Walker, Thomas Wright, Robert C Bruce & Jesse Curtis

No 4 James Williams, Wm Allen, Robert Dickey, Hugh W Fry, Fayette Johnston, Wm H White, John Crump & Charles Goodwin

No 5 George Cox, S J Blaydes, William Warren, John Chew, John B Hall, Thomas Curtis and Thomas Proctor.

No 6 Charles C Wellford, H H Wallace, John Hart, Wm Harvie, Ephraim Francis & Jacob Gore.

Ordered that the Council do now adjourn till the 9th of August at 5 O'clock PM Thos Goodwin, Mayor [Page 39]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 9th of August 1832

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor John H Wallace, Recorder Common Councilmen: John Goolrick, Robert Dickey, Steph'n J Blaydes, Bev R Wellford, Geo Rothrock, James Williams, Benj'n N Barnett, William Warren, George Cox

William Jackson Sr made application in writing for permission to open a gate from his lot into the Market Square, and on motion it was ordered that leave be granted him to put a gate not exceeding four feet wide, in the wall enclosing the Market Yard to let into his lot, with the understanding that the Council shall shut and close it at pleasure. Ordered that the note making the application be filed.

Present: Charles C Wellford, Councilman

John S Caldwell, having this day been appointed Sergeant of the Corporation, he resigned the office of Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation.

Whereupon the Council proceeded to fill the vacancies made by his resignation by electing by ballot, and Charles Goodwin was duly elected Clerk of the Council & Chamberlain of the Corporation.

The Council then proceeded to the election of the messenger of the Council and a clerk of the Market in the place of John M Shepherd, deceased, when William T Williams was duly elected.

Ordered that George Cox, James Williams and Charles C Wellford be a committee to examine the accounts of the Chamberlain and report to the next meeting of the Council after they have performed that duty.

Absent: J H Wallace, B R Wellford & Robert Dickey.

William T Murren presented an account against [Page 40] the Corporation amount to three dollars and eighty four cents for services as Clerk of the Market, which is ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

Lindsay Pullen is allowed three dollars & fifteen cents for summoning an inquest to view the body of a boy slave the property of Enock Edwards.

On motion made & seconded the following ordinance entitled "an ordinance concerned crabs" was read & passed.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any person to bring into the Town aforesaid any crabs, this season, after the 13th day of the present month, and all crabs which may be brought to Town after the day aforesaid shall be forfeited and the constable are hereby directed to seize the same and throw them in the river.

The ordinance shall be in force from the passing thereof.

On motion made & seconded the following ordinance concerning Geese was read & passed. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for Geese to go at large in the Town aforesaid after the 13th day of the present month, and every goose going at large after the day aforesaid shall be forfeited and the constables shall sell the same wherever found retain one half of the proceeds of such sale and pay the remainder to the Chamberlain. This ordinance shall be in force from the passing thereof

On Motion the Council adjourned Thos Goodwin, Mayor [Page 41] At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at their Chamber on Wednesday the 15 August 1832

Present: Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Councilmen: George Cox, Steph'n J Blaydes, John Goolrick, James Williams, William Warren, Benj'n N

Barnett, C C Wellford, Robert Dickey

Charles Goodwin, elected Clerk & Chamberlain, in place of John S Caldwell, resigned, appeared and was qualified. His bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars with E H Carmichael, Wm Jackson Jr & Robert Ellis as securities was approved & ordered to be filed by the Mayor.

William S Williams was qualified as Clerk of the Market and Messenger of the Council.

The Committee appointed at the last Council to examine the accounts of the late Chamberlain, Mr John S Caldwell, submitted the following report which on motion was received and ordered to be put on record. "In pursuance of a resolution of the Council of the date of Aug't 9th we have proceeded to examine the foregoing account and find the debits supported by proper vouchers, and on the credit side we find the balance of \$504.57 to agree with the settlement made with the Chamberlain Mar 17th last, and the amount of \$894 to agree with the receipts of Mr Caldwell as Chamberlain on the books of the late John M Shepherd, leaving the account precisely balanced.

Signed, George Cox, Chs C Wellford

Aug't 15, 1832

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Health the following ordinance was passed.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to bring or expose to sale within the limits of the Town aforesaid [Page 42] this season any melons, green corn, pears, or fresh fish; and all melons, green corn, pears, or fresh fish, which may be brought to Town or exposed to sale in violation of this ordinance, shall be forfeited. And it is hereby made the duty of the constables to seize and destroy the same.

And be it further ordained that if any person or persons shall bring or expose to sale in the town aforesaid any melons, green corn, pears, or fresh fish, he, she or they, so offending shall be liable to a fine of one dollar for each offence, to be recovered by warrant before a Justice of the Peace, by any person or persons who may sue for the same.

On Motion the council was adjourned

Chs Goodwin, Clk

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg a their Chamber Oct 15th 1832 Present John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen: James Williams, Robert Dickey, George Cox, George Rothrock, Benj'n N Barnett, Steph'n J Blaydes, A K Phillips.

The Recorder having explained the object of the meeting. Present: William Warren & C C Wellford, Councilmen

On motion it was

Resolved, That so much of the ordinance passed on the 3rd August as empowered the Inspectors to keep the streets in their respective wards clean and clear from all sources of unhealthy or noxious exhalations be and the same is hereby repealed.

Ordered that the sum of the twelve dollars and fifty cents be paid to each of the constables by the Chamberlain for their quarter's salary as police officers due the 20th ultimo.

On motion the council adjourned. Thos Goodwin, Mayor Chs Goodwin, Clk. [Page 43]