

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1834

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corp'n of Freds'bg at the Council Chamber Jan'y 27, 1834
Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor
Councilmen: George Cox, Robert Dickey, A K Phillips, C C Wellford, B R Wellford, Jno Goolrick

William Allen, Councilman-elect appeared was qualified and took his seat.

Ordered that William T Murren's account amounting to twelve dollars sixty five cents be paid by the Chamberlain.

Present: J H Wallace, Recorder

A committee from the Hope Fire Company submitted a report and estimate of their property with a petition for an appropriation to aid them in the purchase and repairs of buckets, hose and their apparatus and for an alteration of the Engine House.

Whereupon Mr Allen moved that the sum of five hundred and nine dollars be appropriated which was rejected by their following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Allen, C C Wellford & B R Wellford 3

Noes Mess'rs George Cox, Robert Dickey, A K Phillips, Jno Goolrick & J H Wallace 5

On motion of Dr Wellford;

Resolved that the Clerk be directed to report to the next meeting of the Council the amount of the different appropriation to the two Fire Companies.

Present: James Williams

Thomas Daniel, presented a memorial complaining of an injury sustained by his premises in consequent of the excavation of the hill in the rear thereof by the Corporate authority which on motion of Dr Wallace was referred to a committee consisting of Dr Wallace, Jno Goolrick & A K Phillips.

On motion the committee of the Hope Fire Company were allowed to withdraw their petition.

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On motion of Dr Wellford

Resolved that the Clerk be directed to obtain from the two Fire Companies an accurate statement of their apparatus for the purpose of laying the same before the Council.

On motion the Council adjourned

Tho Goodwin, Mayor

Ch Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corp'n of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber March 14, 1834 pursuant to public notice from the Mayor

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Steph'n J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, C. C. Wellford, George Rothrock, George Cox, A. K. Phillips—
Common Councilmen

James D Harrow account for printing &c amount to eleven dollars and forty-nine cents was read and passed.

William M Blackford's account for advertising amounting to three dollars, forty-two cents was read & passed.

Present, James Williams, Councilman

John S Caldwell account amounting to fifty-two dollars, fifty four cents for sundry repairs on the Streets, Jail & Town Hall and George Redd's account for glazing done in the Town Hall amounting to two dollars, eighty-four cents were read & passed

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Daniel and that a trifling injury had been sustained by his property in consequence of the removal of gravel from the Corp'n lot and recommend a prohibition of the removal of gravel from said lot for the future.

Robert Dickey, George Cox & Charles C Wellford were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the [Page 55] Sergeant and Chamberlain and to report to the Council on Monday at 9 O'clock A.M.

Ordered that the Council do now adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

On motion the Council adjourned
Chs Goodwin, CC

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council at the Council Chamber Mar 17, 1834, pursuant to adjournment

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Robert Dickey, Bev. R Wellford, George Cox, Jas Williams, S J Blaydes, C C Wellford, A K Phillips—
Councilmen

The Committee appointed [to review] the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain submitted the following reports, which were on motion received and ordered to be recorded

In pursuance of an order of Council of the 14th Inst we the undersigned a committee appointed for the purpose of settling the account of Charles Goodwin, Chamb'n of the Corporation of Fredericksburg do hereby certify that we have minutely examined the same and find it supported by proper vouchers leaving a balance in his hands of one hundred & fifty six dollars, fifty two cents.

(Signed)

C C Wellford, George Cox, Rob Dickey.

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Monday March 17, 1834

This being the day appointed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as councilmen until the third Monday in March 1835, and until others shall be elected in their stead, a poll was opened for that purpose and the freeholders and 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 was found to be given for the followings viz

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| A K Phillips | 110 |
| C C Wellford | 107 |
| Tho Goodwin | 98 |
| J H Wallace | 95 |
| William Warren | 91 |
| B R Wellford | 87 |
| Geo Cox | 86 |
| Jno Goolrick | 85 |
| S J Blaydes | 79 |
| James Williams | 78 |
| William Allen | 67 |
| Fayette Johnston | 59 |

Who were declared to be duly elected common councilmen of the Town of Fredericksburg
Ch Goodwin, C C

Tuesday, Mar 18th 1834

S J Blaydes, John H Wallace, Fayette Johnston, B R Wellford, A K Phillips, C C Wellford, William Warren, James Williams, and George Cox this day met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oath of a common Councilman before the Mayor.

On Motion that the salary of the Mayor for the present year be four hundred dollars, the yeas & noes were taken and on the question being taken those who voted in the affirmative were

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| S J Blaydes | |
| J H Wallace | |
| B R Wellford | |
| A K Phillips | |
| C C Wellford | |
| James Williams | 6 |

Negative were:

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| Fayette Johnston | |
| George Cox | |
| William Warren | 3 |

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor when Thomas Goodwin was unanimously chosen. John H Wallace was re-elected Recorder.

The Council proceeded to the election of a member to supply [Page 57] vacancy occasioned by the election of Thomas Goodwin to the Mayoralty and George Rothrock was duly elected.

Ordered that the messenger of the Council notify Mr Rothrock of his election and request his attendance.

The Mayor & Recorder took the oaths of their respective offices and that of a Justice of the Peace for the Corpo of Fred'g before Reuben T Thom, a Justice of the Peace for the County Spotsylvania.

George Rothrock appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

On motion the following salaries were fixed for the present year. Of the Clerk of the Council fifty dollars; of the Chamberlain one hundred dollars; of the Commissioner of the Revenue sixty dollars; of the Police Officers and Messenger of the Council one hundred dollars; of the Clerk of the Market one hundred dollars and of the Constables one hundred and fifty dollars each. The ayes & noes being called on fixing the salary of the constables at \$150, those who voted in the affirmative were Stephen J Blaydes, Geo Rothrock, J H Wallace, Fayette Johnston, George Cox, B R Wellford, A K Phillips, C C Wellford & James Williams 9
Negative William Warren 1

The Salary of the Bellman was fixed at fifty dollars.

Charles Goodwin was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation and qualified before the Mayor.

John Goolrick appeared, was qualified and took his seat,

John Metcalfe was elected Comm'r of the Revenue, John S Caldwell, police officer & Messenger of the Council, John Goolrick Surveyor & Geographer, William T Pullen measurer of salt, grain, coal &c; John S Caldwell collector of taxes & rents who took the oaths of their respective offices before the Mayor.

Samuel Phillips was elected inspector & measurer of lumber &c at the wharf and Bernard Cole, Inspector [Page 58] & measurer of lumber &c at the basin
Jesse White was elected Bellman

Lindsay Pullen and John T Baggott were sworn in as constables by the Mayor

The following Committees were appointed by the Mayor, viz;
On Streets S J Blaydes, Bev R Wellford, C C Wellford, Geo Rothrock
On Public Property J H Wallace, Jno Goolrick, Fay'e Johnston, Wm Allen
On Pumps Geo Cox, Wm Warren, James Williams & A K Phillips

On Motion, the Council adjourned
Chs Goodwin CC

At a meeting of the Common Council at the Council Chamber May 7th 1834 convened by call from the Mayor
Present Thos Goodwin, Mayor
Councilmen
Geo Cox
Jas Williams
William Warren
C C Wellford
A K Phillips
S J Blaydes
B R Wellford

William Allen was qualified and took his seat

The Chamberlain bond with E H Carmichael & Robert Ellis as securities was approved and ordered to be filed

Present Fayette Johnston, Councilman

A Communication from the Mayor was read and on motion so much of said communication as referred to the Streets was referred to the Street Committee; as much as relates to the Pumps to the Committee on Pumps and so much as relates to the Public Property to the Committee on Public Property.

The Chamberlains estimate of receipts & expenditures for the current [year] was read.

Present George Rothrock Councilman
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The following ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1834 was passed.

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in Council assembled that the taxes on persons & property of the town aforesaid for the year 1834 shall be as follows, viz.

On all houses & lots at the rate of three and a half dollars on every one hundred yearly rent or annual value thereof; on every white male above the age of sixteen years one dollars & fifty cents; on every slave above the age of twelve years and every free Negro or Mulatto above the age of sixteen years one dollar & fifty cents; on every riding and pleasure carriage of every description, Jersey Wagon, Phaeton, Gig, Chair, or Cariole of less value than \$100, one dollar; above the value of \$100 one per cent on the value thereof; on every horse, mare, or mile one dollar & fifty cents; on every dray or cart license five dollars and on every wagon license eight dollars.

A report of the condition of the Union Fire Company accompanied by an application for an appropriation of five hundred and fifty dollars was received & read and on motion laid over to the next meeting.

On motion, S J Blaydes, George Rothrock & George Cox were appointed a committee to examine into the condition of the building in which the Fire Engine are kept and the situation of the property in possession of each Company

On motion, resolved that the police office be empower to purchase a horse & cart and to hire a man for the purpose of hauling all manure filth &c from the street and to deposit on some vacant lot

The Council on motion adjourned
Chs Goodwin, CC
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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg August 18th 1834 at the Council Chamber

Present John H Wallace, Recorder
Councilmen
George Cox
John Goolrick
Fay'e Johnston

William Allen
A K Phillips
B R Wellford
William Warren

The Recorder stated that he had convened the Council in consequence of the reappearance of the Asiatic Cholera in our large cities for the purpose of adopting some precautionary measures.

Present, S J Blaydes, councilman

The following ordinances were read & passed;

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg that from and after the 20th day of this month it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to bring or expose to sale within the limits of the Corpo aforesaid during this season any melons, green corn, pears, fresh fish, crabs or oysters and all melons, green corn, pears, fresh fish, crabs or oysters which may be brought within the limits of the Corporation or exposed to sale in violation of violation of this ordinance shall be forfeited and it is hereby made the duty of the police & constables to seize and destroy the same.

And be it further ordained that if any person or persons shall bring or expose to sale with the limits of the Corporation any or either of the articles named in the above ordinance to wit melons, green corn, pears, fresh fish, crabs or oysters, he she, or they so offending if a white or free person shall be liable to a fine of one dollar for each offence and if a slave to punishment at the public whipping post in the discretion of a magistrate.

All fines in violation of this ordinance may be recovered by warrant before a Justice of the Peace by any person or persons who may sue for the same.

On motion, Resolved that the Mayor divide 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 a [?] from the day of their appointment [Page 61] 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 as are not able to pay for the same, and from all unoccupied lots where the owner or owners do not reside in Town at the expense of the Corporation and if any person shall refuse or neglect to cleanse his or her lot the inspectors shall forthwith have the same cleansed at the expense of the Corporation and report the fact to the Mayor with the name of such person or persons who shall so refuse or neglect.

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 C L Stevenson's corner

Ward No. 2 from Stevenson's corner to J S Caldwell's corner,

Ward No. 3 from Caldwell's corner to the Farmers Hotel

Ward No. 4 from the Farmers Hotel to Commerce Street.

Ward No. 5 from Commerce Street to James Ross' corner

Ward No. 6 from J Ross' to the upper end of the Town

And the following persons were appointed inspectors to wit

Ward No. 1, John Goolrick, Wm M Blackford, Samuel Phillips, John Staylor, Jno B Alexaner & W H Findall

Ward No. 2, Jno S Caldwell, John Terrier, Jno L Shultice, J J Rollow, Daniel Davis, Tho P Mills,

Ward No. 3, B N Barnett, Geo Rothrock, Alex J Walker, Tho Wright, R C Bruce & Jesse Curtis

Ward No. 4, James Williams, Robert Dickey, Fayette Johnston, Wm Allen, W H White, Chas Goodwin, & Peter Spilman

Ward No. 5 George Cox, S L Blaydes, Wm Warren, William Redd, Jno B Hall & Tho Curtis

Ward No. 6 C C Wellford, H H Wallace, Jno Hart, Wm Hanie, Jas Vass, Jacob Gore, J M Whittemore
Absent, Wm Allen

Ordered that the foregoing be published

Geo Cox & John Goolrick were appointed a Committee to have the bridge repaired on Commerce Street extended provided [Page 62] the expense does not exceed twenty five dollars and if the sum of twenty five dollars is not sufficient to report to the next Council the amount necessary.

A K Phillips, George Cox & Fayette Johnston were appointed a committee to examine the pond of water upon Mrs Lambeth's lot and the lots adjoining and report to the next Council the amount necessary to drain or fill up said pond and what portion of such expense will be contributed by the citizens I the neighborhood of said lots, also any other stagnant pool of water

The Council then adjourned

Chs Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Sept 27, 1834 pursuant to notice from the Mayor

Present Thomas Goodwin, mayor

Councilmen

George Cox

Jno Goolrick

Geo Rothrock

Jas Williams

S J Blaydes

Fay'e Johnston

B R Wellford

Ordered that the sum of thirty dollars be paid to the Committee of arrangements for rending funeral honors to LaFayette

Ordered that the payment of \$100.81 made by the Chamberlain to the Adm's of John M Shepherd, late Serg't of the Corporation be sanctioned.

The following ordinance was passed,

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the Corpo of Fredericksburg that from and after the passage of this ordinance it shall not be lawful for any baker or bakers, or the agent or agents of any baker or bakers, or any other person or persons to hawk about the streets in baskets or offer or expose to sale with the limits of the Corporation any cakes or bread at any other place than his or her shop under a penalty of two

dollars for every offense against this ordinance, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent any baker or bakers from supplying his or her customers
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Ordered that L Pullen's account of three dollars & fifteen cents for summoning an inquest on the body of Jacob a slave of Mrs Beck in Sept 1833 be paid by the Chamberlain.

Ordered that the account of Edw'd McDowell amounting to six dollars & seventy five cents be paid by the Chamberlain

Absent B R Wellford, Present William Warren

Ordered that the Market House Committee be requested to ascertain the cost of the necessary repairs on the Market house and report to the next council.

Ordered that the Pump Committee enquire into the expediency of filling up the pump at Barnett's corner and report to the next Council
And the Council adjourned
Chs Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corpo of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Nov 20 1834

Present John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen

John Goolrick

George Cox

S J Blaydes

Will Allen

F Johnston

A K Phillips

B R Wellford

C C Wellford

The Recorder stated that he had convened the Council for the purpose of appropriating a sum on money to reimburse C A Pearson money expended by him in drawing the lot belonging to the heirs of Tho Johnston dec'd

Ordered that George Cox, B R Wellford & A K Phillips be a committee to examine the work the charges for the same all other matters relating to the same.

Ordered that the Serg't of this Corporation sell the horse & cart purchased by him for the use of the Corpo and pay the proceeds to the Chamberlain.

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J H Wallace & C C Wellford were appointed a committee for improving the side walks in the upper end of the Town and Fayette Johnston & A K Phillips for the like purpose in the lower end of the Town.

On motion Resolved,

That the Clerk of the Market be and he is hereby directed to keep the Market house and yard in cleaner and in better order, and that he keep the steps at the north & south ends of the market house free from snow and ice during market hours, and that he be furnished with a copy of this resolution by the Clerk of the Council

And the Council adjourned

Chs Goodwin C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Nov 26, 1834

Present John H Wallace Recorder

Councilmen

William Allen

Jno Goolrick

B R Wellford

Jas Williams

Geo Rothrock

S L Blaydes

Will Warren

The Recorder stated that he had convened the Council for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of purchasing an improved scale of weighing hay, a model of which was exhibited by a Mr Hibbard.

Present C C Wellford & George Cox

Mr Hibbard proposed to furnish one the above improved scale to weigh from one pound to 10,000 lbs for the sum of \$100

A Motion was made to postpone the proposition indefinitely which being lost, the question was taken on acceding to the proposition of Mr Hibbard and decided in the negative.

The Council adjourned

Chs Goodwin, CC

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corpo of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Dec 9th 1834 pursuant to notice from the Recorder.

Present John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen

Fay'e Johnston

S J Blaydes

Geo Rothrock

B R Wellford

Geo Cox

C C Wellford

William Warren

The Recorder stated that he had convened the Council at the request of a Committee of citizens who were appointed to procure an engineer to survey a route for a rail road from this place to the western waters.

On motion of F Johnston a majority of the Committee appointed to settle with C A Pearson for the expenses attending the drawing of the vacant lot of Johnston's heirs were authorized to report

Ordered that B N Barnett be added to said Committee

E H Carmichael, Robert Dickey, Wm Jackson & Jno S Wellford presented a memorial from the citizens praying for an appropriation to defray the expenses of the engineer sent by the Secretary of War to survey the route of a rail road from this to the Western Waters.

Mr F Johnston moved that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to defray the expense of Col Long, the engineer, and the question being taken by yeas & nays was as follows

Ayes: F Johnston, C C Wellford, B R Wellford, William Warren 4

Noes: J H Wallace, George Cox, S J Blaydes, Geo Rothrock 4

Dr B R Wellford then moved that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated so soon as the memorial this evening presented shall be signed by as many voters as voted at the last election for councilmen and the question being taken by yeas and noes it was carried

Ayes: F Johnston, C C Wellford, Geo Rothrock, B R Wellford, Wm Warren 5

Noes: J H Wallace, G Cox, S J Blaydes 3

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On motion the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars was appropriated for repairs to the engine house under the direction of the Committee of the Hope Fire Company

Absent William Warren

On Motion the ordinance prohibiting the sale of bread by the baker's boy was repealed,

And the Council adjourned,

Chs Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corpo of Fred'g at the Council Chamber Dec 13, 1834

Present John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen

John Goolrick

Geo Rothrock

B R Wellford

S J Blaydes

George Cox

Fay'e Johnston

William Warren

C C Wellford

The Recorder stated that the council had been convened in consequence of a letter addressed to the Mayor by Col Mercer on behalf of Judge Coulter, praying for the graduation of the lower end of Commerce Street, and the filling up of the vacuum at the abutment of the Bridge caused by the proprietor having raised the same

Mr B N Barnett on the part of the Committee appointed to settle with C A Pearson, made a verbal report with an estimate of the cost amounting as near as the Committee could ascertain to the sum of \$258.53.

Mr Pearson stated the actual cost of the work was \$225.24.

Mr Blaydes moved tha Mr Pearson's account amounting to the sum of two hundred & twenty five dollars 24 cents be paid by the Chamberlain and the question being taken by ayes & noes it was carried:

Ayes: J H Wallace, F Johnston, S J Blaydes, B R Wellford, C C Wellford 5

Noes: George Cox, William Warren, George Rothrock, John Goolrick 4

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Col Mercer's letter having been read, it was ordered unanimously that no appropriation be made for the graduation of the street or filling up the abutment of the Bridge.

Ordered that Wm Warren, B R Wellford, George Cox, and J H Wallace be a committee to draft a memorial to the Legislature for authority on the part of the Mayor & Council to issue scrip to bear and interest of 5 pr ct

And the Council adjourned

Chs Goodwin CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber Dec 31, 1834 pursuant to a call from the Mayor

Present Thomas Goodwin, mayor

Councilmen

William Warren

James William

A K Phillips

S J Blaydes

Geo Cox

William Allen

John Goolrick

The Mayor stated that he had convened the Council on the application of Dr Wallace a member of the Committee appointed to memorialize the Legislature for authority on the part of the Corporation to issue scrip to bear an interest of five pr cent

Present B R Wellford

Ordered that John Baggott's account for guarding the small pox hospital amounting to twelve dollars & fifty cents be paid by the Chamberlain

Doct Wellford on the part of the Committee appointed to memorialize the Legislature for authority to issue scrip to bear an interest of 5 pr cent reported a memorial and the draft of a bill which being amended

was adopted and ordered to be signed by the Mayor attested by the Clerk & forwarded to O M Crutchfield the delegate from this County with a request that he would present the same to the Legislature

And the Council adjourned

Chs Goodwin, CC

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