

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1847

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday the 18th February 1847

Present, Brodie S Herndon, Recorder

E Conway, J McGuire, Geo B Waite, William Allen, U H Bradshaw, C C Wellford, H Scott, A G Lucas, J Curtis, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilmen

The Mayor being absent the Recorder took the Chair and called the Board to order.

Wm S Barton, Esq and Captain Wm A Jackson appeared before the Council on Behalf of the Fredericksburg Guards, a volunteer Company composed of the young men of the Town, praying permission for said Company to erect on that corner of the public square opposite the Printing Office of James D Harrow a building for the use of said Company for the purposes of drill &c &c, Whereupon after due consideration of the object it was, on motion, unanimously

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Ordered that said Company have permission to erect said building and that when said company shall or may be incorporated, a lease for lives to such persons as may be authorized by said act of incorporation to hold the same will be executed duly by the Corporate authorities of the Town for a portion of said lot, not exceeding [blank] feet on George Street and running back [blank feet]

And then on motion the Council adjourned

B S Herndon, Recorder

A Goodwin, CC

At a Council of Claims held at the Mayor's Office on the 12th March 1847, pursuant to public notice

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, G B Waite, A G Lucas, J W Lucas, James McGuire, E Conway, Common Councilmen

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain, viz;

J M Campbell's for printing blanks for Mayor's office	\$15.75
J D Harrow's for printing blanks for Mayor's office	\$9.00
J S Caldwell for sundries furnished for Jail &c	\$12.00
J H Maddox for candles &c	\$2.37
Wm Warren for plank	\$1.62
Edw'd McDowell for stationary furnished Mayor's officer	\$6.50
R B Semple for Wood &c furnished Mayor's officer	\$10.25
James McGuire for work done on Streets	\$3.75
Edw'd DeBaptist for work done on Streets	\$2.31
B Cole & J S G Timberlake for cleaning Mayor's office	\$9.00

An account of Mal. W Carter for stone work in laying a foot bridge at the corner near Wm Warren's and for cast iron plate to be used as a bridge, was laid before the board and the Council rejected it, on the ground that said work and plate were not ordered by the Committee having the authority to order the same.

An account of R B Semple, Mayor for rent received by him for the use of the Town Hall and for [Page 320] fines received during the present year, amounting to \$10.87 was laid before the Board, and the amount was ordered to be paid over to the Chamberlain and passed to the credit of the Corporation.

The subject of paying the expenses of the volunteers from the Town attached to Captain S P Bankhead's Company was brought to the notice of the Council and from the want of definite and precise information as to the amount of said expenses &c the matter was laid on the table for the future action of the Council.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to state and settle the accounts of the Sergeant and Chamberlain and report thereon to the Council on Monday Morning next at 9 o'clock, viz;
George B Waite, James W Lucas, B S Herndon.

The Mayor having reported satisfactorily as to the manner in which the Police officers have discharged their duties for the present quarter it was, on motion, ordered that their salaries be paid by the Chamberlain.

Doctor R T Browne appeared before the Council and upon a representation made by him on the subject of a notice from the Mayor about raising the rent of the office occupied by him in the South Wing of the Town Hall, it was on motion ordered that hereafter the annual rent for said office shall commence on the 1st day of April in each and every year, and that Doctor Browne be allowed to hold the same to the 1st April next at the rent he now pays, and that hereafter the Committee on Public Property annual rent said office for the highest price either at auction or privately.

And then the Council adjourned till Monday morning next at 9 O'clock
R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC
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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday morning the 15th March 1847
Present, R B Semple, Mayor
George B Waite, Wm Allen, E Conway, A G Lucas, C C Wellford, Thos F Knox, J W Lucas and U H Bradshaw—Common Councilmen

The Committee to whom was referred the examination and settlement of the accounts of the Chamberlain and Sergeant made the following reports where were approved and ordered to be entered on the Minutes of the Council, viz; on the Chamberlain account

“The undersigned committee appointed to examine & settle the account of A Goodwin, Chamberlain for the fiscal year ending this day, report that they have performed that duty and find the credits in said acct properly entered and the debits supported by correct and sufficient vouchers and that there is a balance in the hands of the Chamberlain amounting to forty five dollars and sixty two cents.
Given under our hands this 13th day of March 1847
B S Herndon, Jas W Lucas, Geo B Waite”

On the Sergeant's account

“We the undersigned a committee appointed by the Common Council of Fredericksburg to examine the account of John S Caldwell, as Collector of Taxes and Rents certify that we have performed that duty and that the same is justly stated and correctly balanced.

Given under our hands this 13th day of March 1847

B S Herndon, Jas W Lucas, Geo B Waite”

The Sergeant of the Corporation returned the following lists of deferred Taxes and Rents for 1846, viz;
Deferred Taxes Three hundred and nine dollars and eighty six cents
Deferred Rents, One hundred and twenty four dollars and thirty three cents.

The Sergeant also returned the following list of [Page 322] Insolvents, viz;
Of whites amounting to one hundred and forty dollars and four cents
Of Free Blacks & Mulattos Seventy eight dollars and twenty five cents.

This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen for the Corporation of Fredericksburg until the 3rd Monday in March 1848, and until other are elected in their stead, and the freeholders and housekeepers being notified of such election, met at the Council Chamber and deposited their ballots and upon counting the same, it was found that the largest number of votes were given for the following persons, to wit

Hugh Scott	247
Jas W Lucas	246
B S Herndon	241
Geo B Waite	237
James McGuire	228
Thos F Knox	221
Chas C Wellford	183
Wm Allen	181
A G Lucas	167
Landon J Huffman	129
Peyton Hough	111
Granvill Gilman	111
U H Bradshaw	92

The first twelve of whom were declared duly elected to serve as Common Councilmen of the Corporation until the third Monday in March 1848 and until others are elected in their stead.

And then the Council adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

Mayor's Office, March 16th 1847

William Allen, Granvil Gillman, A G Lucas, B S Herndon, P Hough, Geo B Waite, James McGuire, Hugh Scott, Thomas F Knox, members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg Met at the Mayor's office and were sworn into office by the Mayor.

On motion the Salary of the Mayor for the present year was fixed at the sum of four hundred dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor when Robert B Semple, Esq was re-elected Mayor for the present year and took the [Page 323] several oaths of office before Doctor Beverley R Wellford a Justice of the peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

And then they went into an election for Recorder when Doctor B S Herndon was re-elected and was sworn into office by the Mayor.

On motion the salaries of the following officers were fixed at the following sums for the present year, viz;

Clerk of the Council	\$50
Chamberlain of the Corporation	\$100
Commissioner of the Revenue	\$60
Clerk of the Market	\$100
Jailor	\$50
Police officers (each)	\$125

On motion the Compensation to the Collector of Taxes and Rents was fixed at 10 pr cent on Tax and 5 pr cent on Rents and it was

Ordered that the Bellman of the Corporation have the use of the house on the Court House Square free of Rent for his services as Bellman.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers of the Corporation for the present year when Arthur Goodwin was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation, John Metcalfe, Commissioner of the Revenue, M D Anderson, Clerk of the Market, J S Caldwell, Collector of Taxes & Rents, B Cole and J S G Timberlake, Police Officers, John Minor, Surveyor of the Corporation, Jesse White, Bellman, M D Anderson, Measurer of Coal, Grain &c, Wm M Baggett, Inspector and Measurer of Lumber, Plank &c &c, R W Adams, Measurer of Wood at the Wharves, and M W Bailey, Measurer of Wood at the Depot.

The Standing Committees for the year being balloted for, the following was the result, viz;

On Pumps, A G Lucas, George B Waite, Thos F Knox, Wm Allen

On Streets, Hugh Scott, G Gilman, Jas W Lucas, B S Herndon

On Public Property, C C Wellford, J McGuire, L J Huffman, Peyton Hough

Each Committee to [Page 324] appoint its own Chairman.

On motion, the Clerk of the Council was authorized to contract for the publication of the Ordinances &c during the present year in the two Newspapers of the Town with the printers themselves.

On motion, The Tax on Dray, Cart and Wagon licenses for the present year was fixed at the same rate as last year.

An account of Francis H Bell for keys furnished for doors of the Mayor's office in 1845 amounting to one dollar was ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain; also an account of B Cole for wood furnished the Mayor's office amounting to two dollars & fifty cents.

On motion the Council adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 15th June 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

W Allen, G Gilman, P Hough, C C Wellford, H Scott, L J Huffman, J W Lucas, J McGuire, Thos F Knox—Common Councilmen

An estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation for the current year based upon the returns of the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Collector of Rents, was laid before the Board by the Chamberlain of the Corporation; whereupon on motion it was ordered that the taxes upon persons and property for the present year be as follows viz;

On Real estate 4½ per cent on the annual value thereof

On each white male above the age of 16 years \$1.75

On each slave above the age of 12 years \$1.75

On each free male Negro or Mulatto above the age of 16 years \$.175

On each free female Negro or Mulatto above the age of 16 years \$.75

On each horse \$.150

On every carriage, cariole, gig, phaeton, or pleasure carriage of any description of the value of \$100 or under \$1.75

For each one above the value of \$100, 2 per cent on the value thereof

On each Alley in every ten pin alley or bowling Saloon \$5.00

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The Mayor having reported in writing that the Police Officers had discharged their duties for the past quarter to his entire satisfaction, it was on motion, ordered that the Chamberlain pay their salaries for the same.

Applications from the Hope and Union Fire Companies for appropriations to purchase an Engine for the first and to relieve the other from debt incurred by the purchase of apparatus &c, accompanied with explanations from the Committees of said companies were submitted to the Board and after due consideration it was on motion, ordered that the Chamberlain of the Corporation pay the Commanders of said Companies when in funds from the receipt of taxes, the sum of four hundred dollars each, for the purposes above named.

An account of R B Semple, Coroner for holding inquests on the bodies of two infants, found dead amounting to ten dollars, was passed and ordered to be paid. Also an account of B Cole & J Timberlake for summoning inquests and attendance upon the same in above cases amounting to eleven dollars and fifty cents.

The subject of taxing auctioneers for licenses and for amount of sales being brought to the notice of the Council it was ordered that the Mayor and Clerk of Council be and they are hereby instructed to draught an ordinance on the subject embracing said objects and report the same to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr C C Wellford called the attention of the Council to the fact that a notice had been served on him by the Police Officer directing the removal of the railing in front of his dwelling, alleging that he was willing to do so provided others who enjoyed the same privilege were required to do the same; and requested the

action of the Board on the subject. Whereupon on Motion of Mr Allen the whole matter was indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Council adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 22 June 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

Wm Allen, G Gilman, J McGuire, H Scott, P Hough, C C Wellford, L J Huffman, J W Lucas, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilmen

A communication from Wm Slaughter Esq presenting a Map of the Town for the use of the citizens was laid before the Board together with the Map which was received and on Motion it was ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby directed to present the thanks of the Council to Mr Slaughter for his valuable present.

An acc't of Doct Wm M Smith for the post mortem examination of the bodies of two infant children found drowned in March and May last, amounting to ten dollars was passed and ordered to be paid.

The following ordinances were passed, viz;

An ordinance to regulate the appointment and duties of auctioneers within the Town of Fredericksburg

1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that any person or persons wishing to pursue the business of an Auctioneer within the Town under a general license for the sale of all and every article of merchandise or any other property real or personal whether the same be of his or their own property, or be confided to his or their care or under a special license merely for the sale of real estate or slaves, whether the same be of his or their own property or be confided to his or their care, shall before commencing the same make known his or their wish to the Common Council who, if they shall be satisfied with his or their character, shall direct the Clerk to grant him or tem a license under the terms and conditions hereinafter contained, and license to continue in force for and during the time of one year from the date thereof unless sooner revoked by the Common Council for good cause shown.
2. And be it further ordained that all and every person or persons applying for a general license to sell at public auction articles of merchandize or any other property real [Pager 327] or personal, whether the same be of his or their own property or be confided to his or their care, shall before receiving such license pay unto the Chamberlain of the Town of Fredericksburg five dollars for the use of said town and shall enter into bond with not less than two securities to be approved by the Common Council in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned well and truly to pay to the said Chamberlain for the use of said town, Twelve and one half percent in the one hundred dollars on all sale of real estate, fifty cents in the one hundred dollars on all sales of slaves, and one dollar in the hundred dollars of the amount of all other sales to be by him or them made at public auction, to be accounted for in every three months, in the manner following, that is to say; that each and every of said auctioneers, shall once in every three months render an account, on oath or affirmation (which may be administered by the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace for the Town aforesaid) to said Chamberlain of all the property or effects by him or them sold at public auction at any time before the said time of rendering the same account and since his or their last settlement and shall then immediately pay to the said Chamberlain the full amount of twelve and one half

cents in the hundred dollars on all sales of real estate, fifty cents in the hundred dollars on all sales of slaves and one dollar in the hundred dollars of the amount of the account of all other sales so rendered.

3. Be it further ordained that all and every person or persons applying for a special license to sell at public auction real estate and slave only, whether said real estate or slaves be his or their property or be confided to his or their care, shall, before receiving the same, pay to the Chamberlain, twenty five dollars for the use of the Town aforesaid and shall also enter into bond with not less than two sureties to be approved by the Common Council in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned well and truly to pay to the said Chamberlain for the use of the said Town, fifty cents in the one hundred dollars of the amount of all sales of slaves to be by him or them made at public auction, and twelve and one half cents in the [Page 328] one hundred dollars of the amount of all sales of real estate to be accounted for and paid in every three months in the manner and under the sanction as in the preceding section of this ordinance.

4. And be it further ordained that if any person or persons shall sell, or attempt to sell any property real or personal within the limits of said town by public auction, whether said property belong to said person or persons or to others without having obtained a license as herein before is directed, every person, or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay as a penalty therefor to the use of said Town five dollars for every article so by him or them sold to be recovered with costs by warrant in the name of the Chamberlain, before the Mayor, or any Justice of the Peace for the Town aforesaid.

5. Provided always and it is hereby further ordained that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to hinder any sheriff, sergeant, commissioner of any court, constable, or other public officer to sell and dispose of by way of public auction any lands, goods, chattels or effects, taken in execution, attached, or decreed to be sold by any Court within this Commonwealth, or by virtue of a distress warrant for rent in arrear, and liable to be sold by order of law, or to prohibit any executor, administrator, or curator from exposing to sale by way of public auction any lands, goods, chattels or effects which were of their respective testator or intestate, or to prohibit any trustee from exposing to sale by way of public auction any property conveyed to secure creditors.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after the first day of July 1847.

An Ordinance concerning dogs

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace for the Town aforesaid, having sufficient proof that any dog or dogs have bitten or annoyed any person, in any of the public streets alleys or lanes of this Town shall forthwith order such dog or dogs to be killed by a constable and if the owner of such dog or dogs shall conceal the same, or cause the same to be concealed, so that [Page 329] the order of the Mayor or Justice of the peace cannot be executed such owner shall be liable to a fine of two dollars for each dog for every day such dog or dogs shall remain so concealed which fine shall be recovered by warrant before the Mayor or Justice of the Peace for the use of the Corporation .

This Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On motion it was ordered that the Mayor and the Attorney for the Commonwealth be requested to investigate the question of the authority or power of the Council to impose a tax upon the agencies of the different fire Insurance Companies located here; and also upon Bagatelle tables and report their opinion to the next meeting of the Council.

And then the Council adjourned
R B Semple, Mayor
A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 30th June 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

G Gilman, Wm Allen, C C Wellford, Thos F Knox, A G Lucas, P Hough, L J Huffman, J W Lucas, Hugh Scott—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking some order in relation to the railings before the houses or lots of sundry individuals in the town when on motion it was;

Ordered that all individuals before whose lots railings have been put up shall remove or cause to be removed the railing or other obstruction extending across the footway leaving that portion of the railing running parallel with the Streets standing if said persons may choose to do so.

The vote on the adoption of said order being as follows, viz;

Ayes, Hough, Knox, Scott, J W Lucas, A G Lucas 5

Noes, Huffman, Herndon, Gillman, Wellford, Allen 5

The mayor giving the casting vote in the affirmative.

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The following resolution offered by Mr C C Wellford was put to the vote and rejected, viz;

Resolved that all porches, houses, plaster, hogsheads & all other obstructions whatsoever on the line of the streets be removed.

Mr C C Wellford, then moved the council he be permitted to erect a portico before his front door on the line of the street, which was rejected by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Knox, Herndon, Gillman, Allen 4

Noes, Huffman, Hough, Scott, J W Lucas, A G Lucas 5

Mr Wellford declining to vote.

A motion to reconsider the Resolution offered by Mr C C Wellford was carried and the following offered as a substitute therefor, viz “Resolved that all porches and houses encroaching upon the line of the Streets be removed.” Was rejected by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Gilman, Wellford 2

Noes, Huffman, Hough, Knox, Scott, J W Lucas, Herndon, Allen, A G Lucas 8

A motion to adjourn was put to the vote and rejected.

Mr Hugh Scott, then moved that all the proceedings of the meeting of the Council be rescinded, which being seconded and put to the vote was carried, so said proceedings were ordered to be rescinded.

And then the Council adjourned until tomorrow evening.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 1st July 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, J McGuire, G Gillman, A G Lucas, J W Lucas, Hugh Scott, P Hough, L J Huffman and Thos F Knox—Common Councilmen

The subject of the removal of the railing from the footways of the Streets being taken up, Mr Hugh Scott moved the following preamble and order viz;

Whereas the practice heretofore prevailing of granting permission to individuals to [Page 331] put up post and railing before their premises in those streets of the town not much used as public thoroughfares & where such privileges were not deemed an inconvenience to the public has led to the encroachment on the public footway by others without any authority or permission therefor, to an extent to threaten serious public inconvenience, Therefore It is ordered that all individuals as well those who have heretofore had permission as those who have not before whose lots or premises such railings have been erected shall without delay, remove or cause to be removed any railing or other fence or paling extending across the footways, leaving that portion of such railing on the line of the curbing & running parallel with the Streets, standing, if said persons may choose to do so, Provided always and it is hereby distinctly declared that no person or persons shall hereafter erect or cause to be erected any post and railing or other paling on the line of the curbing and parallel with the Streets, except by the authority and with the permission of the Council.

Be it further ordered that the police officers are hereby required rigidly and promptly to enforce the foregoing order in all cases, where the owner or owners of the lots or premises before which said railing or fence shall be shall refuse to remove the same in a reasonable time and it is hereby further required of said Police officers rigidly to enforce the Ordinances of the Corporation in relation to the detection and removal of nuisances and the removal of all obstructions in the streets or footways, provided said officers shall not interfere with or attempt to remove any building or portico already erected and which may extend upon the footways of the Streets.

Which was passed by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, P Hough, Thos F Knox, H Scott, J W Lucas, A G Lucas, J McGuire 6

Noes, L J Huffman, B S Herndon, G Gilman, Wm Allen 4

Mr Allen assigning as a reason for his vote “that he is opposed to the adoption of this order believing that no change has taken place in public sentiment to require the removal of what was authorized by the Council a very few years since.” Which was spread upon the minutes by the permission of the Board.

And account of John Minor, Surveyor against [Page 332] C C Wellford for surveying the line of the Street in front of his house amounting to two dollars, was laid before the Board by Mr Wellford, for their consideration and discussion as to the propriety of its being paid by himself, or by the Corporation, Mr Wellford stating at the time that he was perfectly aware that the paling put upon by him before his house & which led to the surveying of said line extended upon the footway. Which account after some explanations by Mr Wellford was laid on the table with the view to future action thereon.

Present, C C Wellford—Common Councilman

On motion of Mr C C Wellford the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the difficulties which now exist in this town in relation to obstructions in the Streets, lanes &c have arisen from a too lax administration of the laws as they now exist, in permitting individuals to transgress without incurring penalties for so doing.

And the Council then adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber September 14th June 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

G Gilman, Wm Allen, H Scott, J McGuire, P Hough & Thomas F Knox, Common Councilmen

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain, viz;

An account of R B Semple's, Coroner, for holding an inquest on the body of E Garner, five dollars
B Cole and J G Timberlake for summoning an inquest & attendance on their same in above case, five dollars and twenty five cents.

An account of Thomas B Barton for services rendered in giving sundry opinions to the Council and its committees during the Mayoralty of Benjamin Clark and Robert B Semple, amounting to fifty dollars was [Page 333] submitted to the Board and on motion it was laid on the table on account of the thinness of the Council.

The Mayor having reported favourably as to the manner in which the Police officers had discharged their duties it was ordered that the Chamberlain pay their quarter's salary to the 3rd Monday in this month.

Whereas it having been stated to the Board that Bernard Cole, a Police officer had lately received several severe stabs with a knife inflicted by a mad man who was in his custody by virtue of a warrant from the Mayor, therefor it was ordered that the sum of twenty five dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated as compensation to said Cole for loss of time &c and that the Chamberlain pay the same.

On motion the Council adjourned

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber 15th October 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

B S Herndon, Recorder

G Gillman, Wm Allen, J McGuire, Geo B Waite, James W Lucas, H Scott, Thomas F Knox, L J Huffman—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated the Council had been convened to take into consideration several subjects to wit; The conflicting claims of the Corporation and Dr William Bankhead to the well lately inclosed by Dr Bankhead the obstructions in the streets and dray licenses.

Mr Wm Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Pumps, submitted to the Council for their consideration and action thereon the written opinions of Thos B Barton and R L C Moncure, Esquire, on a statement of facts in relation to the conflicting claims of the Corporation and Dr Wm Bankhead to the well above named which being read it was on motion, ordered that the whole matter be, [Page 334] laid on the table for the future action of the Council.

On motion, ordered that John J Chew & W C Beale be and they are hereby authorized to use and occupy that part of Hawk Street extending from the corners of their respective lots on Prince Edward and Hawk Streets to Wm K Gordon's land at a rent of one dollar per annum during the pleasure of the Council.

A motion made by Hugh Scott to rent all the streets of the town now closed and occupied by any individuals to said individual or individuals occupying the same at the rent of one dollar per annum was seconded and then said motion was laid on the table.

The Chamberlain was directed to refund to Wm Slaughter one dollar and seventy five cents paid by him for tax on a slave which had been also charged to Montgomery Slaughter.

James W Lucas, Esq, tendered his resignation as a member of the Council which was accepted and an election to supply the vacancy was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

And then the Council adjourned till Monday evening next at 7 O'clock.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber
18th October 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

Wm Allen, P Hough, James McGuire, A G Lucas, Hugh Scott, L J Huffman, G Gillman, Common Councilmen.

The official bonds of A Goodwin, Chamberlain with Wm Allen as security and John S Caldwell as Collector of Taxes and rents with Samuel Phillips and Alexander K Phillips as securities in the sum of five thousand dollars each, were submitted to the Board approve, and ordered to be filed by the Mayor
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U H Bradshaw was elected a member of the Common Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of James W Lucas, and the police officer was directed to notify Mr Bradshaw of his election and request his attendance.

Mr Bradshaw appeared was qualified and took his seat at the Council Board.

An application of Mrs Vass for permission to erect a paling to extend some five feet from the end of her portico, and running parallel with her house was laid before the Board by the Mayor and the application rejected.

It was ordered that it be entered on the minutes of the Council that the Counting room attached to the store house now occupied by Thomas A Ball and recently put up by John L Marye, who is the leasehold owner of said house was built by and with the permission of the Council.

Present, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilman

The Council then took up the subject of the conflicting claims of the Corporation and Dr William Bankhead to the Well recently enclosed by Doct Bankhead within the limits of his lot; Whereupon the whole matter was referred to the Committee on Pumps for settlement and adjustment with Doctor Bankhead.

U H Bradshaw was appointed a member of the Committee on Streets.

A motion made and seconded that the owners of drays running on the streets have the same numbered, and its consideration was postponed till the next meeting of the Council.

And then the Council adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 13th December 1847

Present, R B Semple, Mayor

L J Huffman, A G Lucas, H Scott, Peyton Hough, Wm Allen, James McGuire, U H Bradshaw, Thomas F Knox—Common Councilmen.

The Mayor submitted a report in writing as to the manner in which the Police officers had discharged their duties for the present quarter ending on the 3rd Monday of this month, which being unfavourable and containing charges of neglect of duty and refusal to execute the orders of the Mayor, the Police officers were allowed the privilege of explaining their course, and this being done both to the satisfaction of the Council and the Mayor, it was on Motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay the police officers their salaries for the present quarter.

On motion, ordered that Hugh Scott, B S Herndon, and the Clerk of the Council be and they are hereby appointed a committee to investigate the question as to the true limits of the Town and report to the Council and, on motion, the Mayor was added to said Committee.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

R B Semple, Mayor

A Goodwin, CC