

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1858

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening January 8th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

J G Wallace, Wm S Chesley, Jno E Tackett, James H Bradley, Wm F Cheek, M Slaughter, D H Gordon, H S Doggett, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

An Account of James H Bradley amounting to \$17 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

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On motion resolved that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby directed to pay to D H Gordon, five hundred and forty dollars in the City of New York, upon said Gordon's executing an indemnifying bond for the payment of coupons for a like sum, lost by him should payment of said coupons be demanded of the Corporation.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening January 26th 1858

Present Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

M Slaughter, A K Phillips, John E Tackett, J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, John M Herndon, Wm S Barton, Hugh S Doggett, Wm S Chesley, James H Bradley—Common Councilmen

A report of the School Commissioners was received, read and on the motion of Wm F Cheek, ordered to be laid on the table.

A communication from Thos Griffin, John Solan & others representing the Catholics of Fred'g asking the use of a room in the Town Hall for Worship was presented and read; Whereupon on the motion of Wm F Cheek, the same was referred to the Public Property Committee with instructions to report to the next Regular meeting of the Council.

On motion of H S Doggett, Resolved that the sum of \$50 be and the same is hereby appropriated for repairs to the Fire Engines belonging to the Corporation, the said repairs to be made under the Supervision of John G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, C C Wellford & Wm S Chesley, who are hereby constituted a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of A K Phillips, ordered that the Fire Engines belonging to the Corporation when the same shall be repaired, be taken in charge by the Committee on Public Property and that said Committee advertise and sell the same for the best price that can be obtained.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 3rd day of February 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

J G Wallace, John M Herndon, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, Jas H Bradley, H S Doggett, D H Gordon, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of the Finance Committee. And Thereupon on motion of Wm Allen, resolved that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars and to pledge the credit of this Corporation for the payment of the same, and the Mayor & Chamberlain are hereby instructed to execute any note obligation & deed that may be required by the Finance Committee under this order.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon the 12th of February 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Wm S Barton, James H Bradley, M Slaughter, Wm S Chesley, Jno M Herndon, H S Doggett, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed on the 30th January 1858, authorizing the collection of Corporation taxes on real estate in the Town of Fredericksburg and to take necessary action thereon. And thereupon an ordinance was presented, read and passed in the words and figures following, to wit;

“An ordinance concerning the collection of Corporation Taxes on Real Estate in the Town of Fredericksburg”
Passed February 12th 1858

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that (by virtue of the authority in them vested by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed the 30th day of January 1858, entitled, “an act authorizing the collection of [Page 265] Corporation taxes on Real Estate in the Town of Fredericksburg”) on the first day of December 1858, and in each succeeding year thereafter, the collector of taxes shall furnish to the Chamberlain of this Corporation a list of all real estate in said Corporation upon which the Taxes are unpaid to said date, mentioning the amount due for the Taxes on each lot, or part of a lot, and the name of the party assessed therewith and describing such lot or part of lot, as it is entered on the Books of the Commissioner of the Revenue, and shall post a copy of said list at the front door of the Court House of said Corporation on the first day of the next term of the Corporation Court. Thereafter and shall also publish said list once a week for four weeks in a Newspaper printed in said Corporation to each of which lists so posted and published a notice shall be added that the real estate therein mentioned or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the taxes thereon with interest and charges of sale, and Commission of five per centum to the Collector will be sold at public auction between the hours of ten in the Morning and three in the afternoon at the January Court thereafter at the front door of said Court House.

2nd If the said taxes, interest and Commission be not previously paid the same Collector shall proceed to make sale accordingly and the sale may be adjourned from day to day until completed.

3rd The sale shall be of each lot separately or if such undivided interest therein as shall be sufficient to satisfy the taxes thereon with the interest charges of sale and commission as aforesaid.

4th The Collector conducting said sale shall not directly or indirectly purchase any Real Estate so sold, under a penalty of fifty dollars, to be recovered in the name of the Chamberlain for the use of the Corporation by warrant before and Justice of the Peace and the sale shall moreover be void.

5th The Collector shall furnish to the purchasers of any Real Estate a similar memorandum & Receipt and shall return a like account of his sales to the said Council within thirty days and the owner of any Real Estate so sold may redeem the same in like manner and within the same time as prescribed by the 37th Chapter of the Code of Virginia of 1849, in cases of delinquent lands sold for State Taxes.

6th The purchaser of any Real Estate so sold and not redeemed within two years his heirs or assigns shall have the quantity purchased surveyed or laid off at his or their expense by the surveyor of the Corporation. The said survey to commence on either of the lines of the lot at the option of the purchasers, so as not to include the improvements on the same, if it can be avoided. A plat and certificate of every such survey shall be delivered to the Chamberlain and if the council upon examination thereof find it to be correctly made in conformity with this section it shall order the same to be recorded.

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7th After the expiration of the said two years, the purchaser of any real estate so sold and not redeemed shall obtain from the Chamberlain of the Corporation a deed conveying the same in which shall be set forth all the circumstances appearing in the Chamberlain's office in relation to the sale. For every deed executed under this section, the chamberlain shall be entitled to one dollar which the purchasers shall pay him on the delivery of the deed.

8th When the purchaser has assigned the benefit of his purchase the deed may with his assent, evidenced by his joining therein or by a writing annexed thereto be executed to his assignee. If the purchaser shall have died, his heirs or assigns may move the Court of this Corporation to order the Chamberlain to execute a deed to such heirs or assigns.

9th If no such deed or order of Court be made under this ordinance, within one year after the expiration of the said two years the former owner, his heirs, or assigns, may after such year and before such deed or order is made redeem the land by paying such amount with such additional taxes, and such interest as is mentioned in the 12th Section of the said 37th Chapter of the code together with the costs of the survey or report (and interest thereon) if any shall have been returned to the Chamberlain.

10th When the purchaser of any real estate sold for Taxes his heirs or assigns shall have obtained a deed therefor under this ordinance & within sixty days from the date of such deed, shall have caused the same to be recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Court of this Corporation such estate shall stand vested in the Grantee in such deed as it was vested in the party assessed with the Taxes (on account whereof the sale was made) at the commencement of the year for which the said Taxes were assessed, notwithstanding any irregularity in the proceedings under which the said Grantee claims title unless such irregularity appear in the face of the proceedings; and if it be alleged that the Taxes for the non-payment of which the sale was made were not in arrears, the party making such allegation must establish the truth thereof by proving that the taxes were paid.

11th The 23rd section of the said 37th Chapter of the Code shall be deemed a part of this ordinance and have the same effect as if it were here repeated.

12th When a parcel of Real Estate is offered for sale as aforesaid by the Collector and no person present bids such sum as is required by the 3rd Section, the Collector shall purchase the same on behalf of the Corporation for the taxes thereon and charges of Sale. A List of the real estate so purchased by the Corporation shall be made out by the Collector and after being verified by him on oath, shall within thirty days be delivered by him to the Chamberlain who shall make out a copy thereof and deliver it to the Commissioner of the Revenue and credit [Page 267] the Collector with the amount for which the said real estate may have been so purchased, but not with any commission thereon; there shall be no right to such credit unless the said list be so delivered on or before the expiration of the said thirty days.

13th The previous owner of any real estate so purchased for the Corporation, his heirs or assigns or any person having a right to charge such real estate for a debt may, until a further sale thereof by authority of the Council redeem the same by paying the Chamberlain the amount for which such real estate was so purchased with such additional sums as would have accrued for taxes thereon, if the same had not been purchased for the

Corporation and interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum on the former amount from the date of the purchase and in the additional sums from the first day of December in the year on which the same would so have accrued. When Real Estate so purchased is redeemed the Chamberlain shall certify the fact to the Commissioner of the Revenue.

14th Be if further ordained that the Collector of Taxes shall by the fifteenth day of March next, furnish to the Chamberlain a list of the real estate in said Corporation upon which the taxes heretofore assessed are now due and imparl, similar in its character to that required by the first Section and that similar proceeding as those provided for in that section shall take place except that the Sale thereon provided for shall be had at the next May Term (1858) of the Corporation Court, and all the provisions of this ordinance shall apply mutates mutandis to the proceedings under this section that apply to the proceeding under the first section hereof.

15th If the Collector of Taxes shall fail to comply with the duties devolved upon him by this ordinance, so that no sale be made he shall not be entitled to a credit for such taxes as shall be delinquent upon such real estate as might have been sold if he had properly discharged his duty under the same.

16th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

John M Herndon	\$5.00
John Haydon & Bro	\$54.15

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday afternoon the 17th of February 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Jno E Tackett, J G Wallace, John M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, H D Gordon

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon the 26th of Feb'ry 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, M Slaughter, Jno E Tackett, Wm S Chesley, Jas H Bradley, Douglas H Gordon—
Common Councilmen

The following a/cs were read, passed & on motion ordered to be paid, viz;

Jno Haydon & Bro	\$8. 18
Tackett, Ford & Mason	\$14.19
Tackett, Ford & Mason	\$8.50
Jno F Scott	\$11.25

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Council that James H Bradley has been improperly assessed with the tax on a lot lying out of the Corp'n amt'g to \$2.02 & that he has paid the same to the Collector on motion it is ordered that the same be refunded to him by the Chamberlain

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Council that A P Rowe has been improperly assessed with the tax on a lot lying out of the Corporation amt'g to \$9.67 & that he has paid the same to the Collector. On motion it is ordered that the same be refunded to him by the Chamberlain.

A communication from V Richards & Bro asking permission to erect an awning built of wood in front of their store, on Main or Caroline Street & a drawing accompanying the same was received & read. On consideration thereof on motion the said communication was laid on the table.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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AT a Council of Claims held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon the 9th March 1958

Present Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

M Slaughter, Jno E Tackett, Jno M Herndon, J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, Jas H Bradley, H S Doggett—
Common Councilmen

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

Edw'd McDowell	\$7.81
J H Kelly	\$33.75
R B Alexander	\$16.75
A A Little	\$13.00
Thos F Knox	\$1.20
C Cole	\$29.98
Waite & Sener	\$19.72
Hazard & Hunt	\$13.60
J H Bradley	.80
Thos Murray	\$6.00
Wm Allen	\$9.00
John Timberlake	\$47.75
B Cole	\$20.00
Wm Allen	\$11.68

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Council that Hay B Hoomes has been improperly assessed with the tax on 1-3/10 acre of land, amt'g to \$11.24 & that he has paid the same to the Collector. On motion it is ordered that the same be refunded to him by the Chamberlain

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee do settle the accounts of the Chamberlain of the Corp'n & of the Collector of Taxes and report the same to the Council on Saturday afternoon next at 4 o'clock.

Mr Jno M Herndon of the Finance Committee reported a settlement which the sd Committee had made with John S Caldwell, Collector of Taxes for the year 1854, from which it appears that the Corp'n stands indebted to the said John S Caldwell in the sum of \$158.53 which amount the Chamberlain is directed to pay to him.

Ordered that the Chamberlain do pay to Peter Goolrick the sum of \$25 for rent of Room for the public school for the quarter ending the 1st January 1858 & to Geo F Chew, Treas of sd School 85¢ bal app'g to be due to him upon a settlement of his account.

The Mayor having reported favorably it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the Quarter ending the 15th Instant.

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On motion of the Mr John E Tackett it is ordered that the voters at the ensuing municipal election be requested to designate on their tickets the names of two persons as police officers of the Corp'n

On motion of Mr Wm Allen ordered that when the Council adjourns it adjourn to meet on Saturday afternoon next at 4 o'clock

On motion the Council adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday afternoon March 13th 1858

Present Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Wm Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, John M Herndon, J G Wallace, D H Gordon, Wm S Chesley, Jas H Bradley, H S Doggett—
Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee appointed by an order of the last Council to examine & settle the account of Geo F Chew, Chamberlain made the following report which was approved & ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz;

We the undersigned Committee have examined the foregoing account of Geo F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation of Fred'sburg and find the same to be correct & supported by proper vouchers, by which account it will be seen that there is a balance due to the Corp'n by the said Chamberlain of sixteen hundred and thirty four dollars & six and a half cents. The scrip notes filed as vouchers in the said account were withdrawn by us & destroyed.

J M Herndon, D H Gordon, W F Cheek—Finance Committee

March 13th 1858

The Finance Committee appointed by an order of the last Council to examine and settle the account of Thos A Curtis, Collector of Taxes &c made the following report, which was approved & ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz;

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing account of Thos A Curtis, Collector of Taxes for the Corporation of Fred'g and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers. We find however, that the Collector has failed to render any account of interest deferred taxes, collected by him and we recommend that he be charged with the said interest.

J M Herndon, D H Gordon, W F Cheek—Finance Committee

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And thereon on motion of John M Herndon it is ordered that the sd Collector be required to pay the sum of \$20 for interest on the deferred taxes, which amount the said Collector paid over to the Chamberlain.

The following accounts were read, passed, and ordered to be paid, viz;

Jesse White	\$16.20
Jno S Caldwell	\$8.00
Fitzhugh & Little	\$12.66
Jas A Taylor	\$40.25
Wm J Jones	\$11.25

Reuben Garnett

\$16.00

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain allow to John S Caldwell interest from the 15th March 1855 on the sum of \$158.53 heretofore reported to be due him & ordered to be paid.

Mr Wm Allen moved that a poll be opened at the approaching municipal election to take the sense of the voters of the Town upon the establishment of Public Schools by the Common Council and the Ayes & Noes having been called for, the motion was negatived as follows, viz;

Ayes, Wm Allen, H S Doggett, Wm S Chesley, Jno H Bradley 4

Noes, Wm F Cheek, John M Herndon, M Slaughter, J G Wallace, D H Gordon 5

On motion Mr D H Gordon is excused

On motion ordered that the report on the right to vote in the municipal elections made by Mess'rs Conway, Barton & Marye be adopted for the approaching election with the exception of the 1st Item thereof which is amended in this that only freeholders who have acquired their title at the present time shall be entitled to vote as such

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday morning next at 7 o'clock
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday March 15th 1858

Present Wm F Cheek, J G Wallace, M Slaughter, James H Bradley, Wm S Barton, Wm S Chesley, Hugh S Doggett—Common Councilmen

This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen for the Town of Fredericksburg until the third Monday in March 1859 and until others are elected in their stead, the voters met at the Court House and deposited their ballots [Page 272] and after counting the same it was found that the largest number of votes were given for the following persons to wit;

John M Herndon 387

William S Barton 337

J G Wallace 334

John E Tackett 325

M Slaughter 321

D H Gordon 318

Wm Allen 279

G F Carmichael 244

Wm F Cheek 236

R W Adams 232

Alexander K Phillips 221

Hugh S Doggett 218

Wm S Chesley 208

James H Bradley 206

William T Hart 192

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected

On motion the Council then adj'd

W S Barton, Pres't pro tem

Geo F Chew, C C

Council Chamber

March 16th 1858

Montgomery Slaughter, Douglas H Gordon, J Gordon Wallace, Wm Allen, Wm F Cheek, John M Herndon, Geo F Carmichael, Hugh S Doggett—members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oaths of office before Charles C Wellford, Esq'r a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania

On motion Mr Jno M Herndon was called to the Chair

On motion the salary of the Mayor was fixed at four hundred dollars

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor when Peter Goolrick was elected and took the several oaths of office before Chas C Wellford, Esq'r a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania.

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Mr William Allen was elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the oaths of Office before Chas C Wellford, Esq'r a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Spotsylvania

A K Phillips, Robt W Adams, Wm S Barton, Esq'r members of the Council elect took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

An ordinance defining the duties of Police officers was read and passed & is as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that in addition to the duties now devolved upon the Police Officers of the Corporation, by former ordinances, that it shall be their duty to superintend and see to the cleaning, repairing & altering the Streets.

On motion the Salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at two dollars & fifty cents for each Council.

The salary of the Chamberlain, at four hundred dollars

The Comm'r of the Revenue, two hundred dollars

The Collector of Taxes & Rents, 2 pr cent on the amount received by him for taxes before the 15th July, 5 pr cent for all taxes collected by him after that period & 2 pr cent on rents collected.

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On motion of Mr A K Phillips, ordered that the foregoing order fixing the salaries of different officers be rescinded and that the salaries of the different officers of the Corporation be fixed at the same amounts as last year.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers of the Corporation for the current year, when

Geo F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain

Robt W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue

Thos A Curtis, Collector of Taxes and Rents

Wm J Jones, Clerk of the Market

On motion of Mr Allen the number of Police Officers for the present year were fixed at two.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Police Officers for the present year when James A Taylor & Bernard Cole were duly elected.

John Minor was elected Surveyor of the Corporation

Robt W Hart was elected Inspector & Measurer of Lumber, Wood, &c

Morris Montgomery was elected Measurer of Coal, Grain &c

Ordered that the penalty of the Bonds to be given by the Chamberlain and the Collector of Taxes and Rents be fixed at \$10,000.

On motion, the rules and Regulations of the last Council were adopted for the Government of this Council

James A Taylor, Bernard Cole, Morris Montgomery, Wm J Jones, Geo F Chew took the oat of officer before the Mayor

On motion the Council then adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon March 19th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Geo F Carmichael, H S Doggett, John M Herndon, J G Wallace, M Slaugther, Robt W Adams

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The Mayor appointed the following standing Committees for the current year, viz;

On Public Property, William S Barton, William Allen, Alex'r K Phillips

On Streets, M Slaughter, Hugh S Doggett, Ro W Adams

On Pumps, J Gordon Wallace, John E Tackett, Geo F Carmichael

On Finance, John M Herndon, Douglas H Gordon, Wm F Cheek

The official bond of Geo F Chew, as Chamberlain in the penalty of \$10,000 with J J Chew, & Wm T Hart as securities was submitted to the Board, approved & ordered to be filed.

The official bond of Thos A Curtis, Collector of Taxes in the penalty of \$10,000 with Jas D Hunt & Jno A English, his securities was submitted to the Board, approved & ordered to be filed

On motion the Council adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening the 23rd of March 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Wm F Cheek, Jno M Herndon, J G Wallace, D H Gordon, M Slaughter, R W Adams—Common Councilmen

The tax on drays, carts & wagons for the current year were fixed at the following rates, viz;

On drays & Carts from 1 April for one year \$5.00

On drays & Carts from 1 Nov'r to 1 April \$3.00

On drays & Carts from 1 Jan'y to 1 April \$2.00

For one month \$1.00

And on Wagons in the same proportion at the rate of ten dollars per year. No license to issue at any time for less than one dollar.

The following accounts were presented, allowed, & ordered to be paid, viz;

Geo Aler	\$69.90
Scott, French & Co	\$1.00
John F Scott	\$3.75

On motion the Council adjourned

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon the 16th of April 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

H S Doggett, John M Herndon, A K Phillips, Ro W Adams, J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, D H Gordon—
Common Councilmen

Mr Wm S Barton, by note in writing tendered his resignation as a member of the Common Council which resignation was on motion received.

The Council proceeded to elect a member of the Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Wm S Barton, when Mr Wm S Chesley was unanimously elected on the first ballot

Mr Wm Allen is app'd Chairman of the Public Property Committee and Mr Wm S Chesley a member of said Committee

On motion the Council adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon April 27th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

M Slaughter, H S Doggett, J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, Rob't W Adams, Wm S Chesley—Common
Councilmen

On motion of Mr Wm Allen the following ordinance was passed, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the 10th Section of the ordinance passed the 5th day of October 1854, entitled "an ordinance regulating the Market" be amended in this, that the Butcher residing in the Town of Fred'g shall sell any meats in the Market house or Market space, except at a stable to be rented by such Butcher for the year.

This ordinance shall be in force from and after the 1st day of May next.

On motion the Council then adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon May 7th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

M Slaughter, J M Herndon, Wm F Cheek, J Gordon, Wallace, Jno E Tackett, Wm S Chesley—Common Councilmen

John M Herndon, Esq'r, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported a bill empowering Taxes for the year 1858 which bill having been read was passed and is as follows, viz; (see order book for ordinance in full)

Ordered that the Clerk cause the Tax bill this day passed to be published in the *Weekly Advertiser*

On motion the Council adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon May 18th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

Geo F Carmichael, H S Doggett, J Gordon Wallace, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, Rob't W Adams, Jno M Herndon

On motion the Council proceeded to appoint proxies to represent the stock of the Corporation at the meeting of the Stockholders of the Fred'g Valley Plank Road Company to be held on tomorrow the 19th Inst, when Mess'rs Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, & H S Doggett were appointed such proxies.

On motion, ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ some person to keep the Council Chamber & Mayor's office clean and in good order, to bring water, make fires &c when necessary.

On motion the Council adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 24th day of August 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

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Jno M Herndon, H S Doggett, J G Wallace, John E Tackett

There not being a quorum present the Council stood adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon Sept'r the 14th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

Jno M Herndon, Wm F Cheek, D H Gordon, J G Wallace, R W Adams

There not being a quorum present the Council stood adjourned

Geo F Chew, C C

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening Sept'r 25th 1858

Present Peter Goolick, Mayor

William Allen, Recorder

H S Doggett, Robt W Adams, J G Wallace, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chesley, M Slaughter, Jno M Herndon—
Common Councilmen

The following accounts were read, passed & ordered to be paid, viz;

Horace Helsop	\$2.25
Robt W Hart	\$166.71
Peter Goolrick for rent of school rooms	\$50.00
Wm M Mitchell for rent of school room	\$55.00
To be pd to J A English pr order	
Chas Williams	\$2.00

On motion of Mr Jno M Herndon, ordered that the Public Property Committee be & they are hereby instructed to take possession of the furniture of the school rooms, heretofore used by the free schools & expose the same to sale at Public Auction for cash, or credit at their discretion & report the same to the Council

A petition from Joshua Hudson asking permission to convey the mails in a wheel barrow upon the side walks of the Town, to and from the Post Office to the Depot. Was presented, read whereupon Mr Wm Allen moved that the said petition be granted and the Ayes & Noes having been called for, on said motion, the same was carried by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Wm Allen, H S Doggett, R W Adams, M Slaughter, D G Wallace 5

Noes, Wm F Cheek, Wm S Chelsey, J M Herndon 3

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Present, Geo F Carmichael

A petition addressed to the Mayor & by Lewis Wrenn & Eliza his wife, asking for redress for injuries sustained by the latter by being precipitated from the side walk on Charlotte Street owing to its defectiveness was read, and on motion of Mr Wm F Cheek, laid on the Table.

An a/c of Wm Allen for winding up & attending to the Town Clock & repairs thereto amounting to \$9.88 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Mr Wm F Cheek, by note in writing resigned his office as Common Councilman which on motion was received.

A Report & Memorial from the Commander & Regulator of the Hope Fire Company asking an appropriation of \$600 for the purchasing of hose &c was presented & read & thereupon Mr Wm Allen moved that the petition be granted and the Ayes & Noes being called for on said Motion it was rejected by the following vote, viz;

Ayes, Wm Allen

Noes, H S Doggett, R W Adams, G F Carmichael, M Slaughter, J M Herndon, J G Wallace, Wm S Chesley

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The Council proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Wm F Cheek when Mr James H Bradley was elected on the first ballot

On motion the Council then adjourned
Peter Goolrick, Mayor

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday Evening the 5th of Nov'r 1858
Present Peter Goolick, Mayor
William Allen, Recorder
Wm S Chesley, k Ro W Adams, J G Wallace
There being no quorum present the Council adj'd

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 5th Nov'r 1858
Present Peter Goolick, Mayor
William Allen, Recorder
Ro W Adams, M Slaughter, J G Wallace, D H Gordon, Wm S Chesley
Mr James H Bradley, member of the Council elect to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Wm F Cheek appeared, was qualified before the Mayor & took his seat at the Board

Mr James H Bradley was appointed a member of the Finance Committee
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Mr Wm Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Public Property reported the sale of the furniture of the School rooms, accompanied with an a/c of the sales & a check in favor of the Chamberlain for \$25.89, the nett amount thereof which report was on motion received and adopted.

An a/c of the Rappahannock Building Fund Association against the Corp'n for taxes erroneously paid was presented and the vote being taken thereon it was rejected unanimously

An a/c of Bernard Cole, amounting to \$2.78 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

An a/c of Mr Wm Allen amounting to \$72.63 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adj'd

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber the 28th day of Dec'r 1858
Present Peter Goolick, Mayor
William Allen, Recorder
J Gordon Wallace, James H Bradley, Hugh S Doggett, Jno E Tackett, Geo F Carmichael, W S Chesley

An a/c of Geo W Rothrock amounting to \$25.00 was presented and ordered to be paid.

An account of Geo W Rothrock amounting to \$250 was presented and on the motion of J Gordon Wallace the same was referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to answer & report upon the same at the next meeting of the Council.

An a/c of James A Taylor, amounting to \$21 for killing dogs was presented & ordered to be paid

On motio the Council proceeded to the appointment of proxies to represent the Corporation at the meeting of the stockholders of the Fred'g Water Power Company to be held in January next when Mess'rs James H Bradley, Wm S Chesley & Jno E Tackett were duly appointed.

The Mayor reported in writing that the several police officers have discharged their respective duties to his satisfaction

On motion the Council then adj'd

Peter Goolrick, Mayor

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