

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1860

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At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening January 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present Wm S Scott, Mayor

M Slaughter, Recorder

Wm Allen, Geo F Carmichael, John M Herndon, George Aler, John E Tackett, D H Gordon, John A English, H S Doggett—[Common Council]

On account of Mess'rs Hart & Hayes against the Corporation for tax on license, improperly assessed amounting to \$20 was on motion, again taken up, & on consideration thereof, ordered to be refunded by the Chamberlain

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to James A Taylor the sum of twenty two dollars for extra police &c the same having been paid by him

Present, Wm S Barton

A Communication signed the ladies of Fredericksburg was received & on motion laid on the table

On motion the Council then adj'd

Wm S Scott, Mayor

At a Regular Monthly Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening February 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present Wm S Scott, Mayor

M Slaughter, Recorder

Geo F Carmichael, Rob't H Adams, John M Herndon, Wm Allen, Geo Aler, Wm S Chesley, H S Doggett, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

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

John F Scott	\$15.04
John F Scott	\$5.00
James A Taylor	\$15.00
Wm Allen	\$54.87
Jno M Herndon	\$5.50

Present, D H Gordon

A Communication from Mess'rs Ficklen & Howison proposing to purchase from the Corporation the house & lot at corner of Caroline & Wm Street was received & read and on consideration thereof the Council on motion declined to accept said proposition.

On motion Mess'rs M Slaughter, J M Herndon, & Wm S Chesley are appointed proxies to represent the Corporation in the meeting of the Stockholders of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company to be held on Tuesday next & also at any subsequent meeting of the stockholders of said Company

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On motion resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized & instructed to assign & transfer to the Rappahannock Building Fund Association the claim held by the Corporation against the part of lot on Plank road standing in the name of Wm M Mitchell for \$31.50 & with Int on \$16.50 & part thereof from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1858

& on \$16.50 & residue thereof from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1857, without recourse to this Corporation. And the said Building Fund Association is hereby authorized to use the name of this Corporation & any process or mode it might adopt for the recovery of the same at its own costs.

Whereas the Church Wardens of St Georges Church have presented their petition to the Council requesting that an investigation into the right by which the Corporation now holds & occupies the portion of the square between George, William & Prince Edward Streets used for many years as a public burying ground might be had with the view of surrendering the said lot of ground to the Trustees of said Church, if upon such investigation it shall appear that this Corporation is not entitled to it.

Resolved that the Hon. John T Lomax be and he is hereby requested to ascertain and report to the Council the present condition of the title said property.

On motion of Mr D H Gordon, ordered that the St[reet] Committee be and they are hereby instructed to enquire & ascertain what it will cost to light the Streets of the Town with gas. The number of lamps it will require & all matters appertaining thereto & report to the Council.

On motion the Council then adj'd  
Wm S Scott, Mayor

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on  
Wednesday Evening March 14<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present Wm S Scott, Mayor

M Slaughter, Recorder

Wm Allen, John A English, Wm S Chesley, John M Herndon, Geo Aler, R W Adams, Wm S Barton, D H Gordon, H S Doggett, Geo F Carmichael—Common Councilmen

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

<i>The Fred'g News</i> , A A Little	\$6.00
W Har White	\$3.25
E McDowell	\$2.38
Wm J Jones	\$18.00
Curtis S Carter	\$3.82
Ro B Alexander	\$22.00
Wm Allen, \$3.60 & \$15.75	\$19.35
<i>Dem Recorder</i>	\$7.50
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Wm S Chesley	\$.60
Jack Davis	\$16.00

An account of Mess'rs English & Spindle amounting to \$27.41 is allowed with the exception of the item for a log chain entered on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 1859, amounting to \$3; which item is referred to the Finance Committee

An account of Allen Stratton amounting to \$3.63 was read & on motion referred to the Finance Committee

An account of B Cole amounting to \$24.25 was read & on motion referred to the Public Property Committee

An account of the *Democratic Recorder* amounting to \$60 for printing the General Ordinances of the Corp'n was read and on motion ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain upon the receipt by him of two hundred copies of said Ordinances

On motion ordered that the Common Council will, and do, hereby pledge the taxes first to be collected this year to pay the note drawn by the Chamberlain and endorsed by the members of the Finance Committee for \$1000. The said note bears date on the [blank] day of March 1860 and is payable 103 days after the date and has been discounted for the use of the Corporation.

A communication from Jno T Lomax relative to the title of the Grave Yard on Prince Edward Street was received and on motion laid on the table.

A Communication was received from Mess'rs Ficklen & Howison tendering an offer of two thousand dollars for the fee simple title to the property at the SW intersection of Caroline & William Streets, and on motion of Mr Wm S Chesley, the ayes & noes on the question as the acceptance or rejection of said proposition were called and the same was accepted as follows, viz;

Ayes, M Slaughter, H S Doggett, J M Herndon, Wm S Barton, Jno A English, Geo F Carmichael, Geo Aler, Wm Allen, D H Gordon 9

Noes, Ro W Adams, Wm S Chesley 2

And the Mayor is directed to execute the proper deeds.

The Mayor having reported favorably on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the present quarter.

On motion ordered that the voters in the approaching [Page 307] Municipal election be requested to designate on their tickets whom they prefer as Mayor.

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee settle the accounts of the Collector & of the Chamberlain of the Corp'n and make report to the Council.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to John S Caldwell \$30 for his services in connection with the Revised Ordinances of the Corp'n

On motion Mr M Slaughter was added to the Finance Committee

On motion of Mr M Slaughter ordered unanimously that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mr Wm S Barton for his services in connection with the Revised Ordinances of the Corp'n

On motion ordered that the Council adjourn to meet on Saturday evening next at 7½ o'clock

Wm S Scott, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday Evening March 17<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present Wm S Scott, Mayor

M Slaughter, Recorder

Wm Allen, Jno M Herndon, John A English, H S Doggett, W S Chesley, Ro W Adams, Wm S Barton—  
Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee made the following reports which were approved & ordered to be inserted in the minutes, viz;

“We the undersigned have examined the within account of Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes of the Corp'n of Fred'g and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 1860

J M Herndon, R W Adams—Finance Committee”

“Wee the undersigned Committee have examined the foregoing account of Geo F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corp’n of Fred’g commencing March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1859 and ending March 17<sup>th</sup> 1860 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 Corporation by the said Chamberlain of seventeen hundred and fifty two dollars and fifty six cents, to meet which [Page 308] it appears by the Cert of the Book Keeper of the Farmers Bank at Fred’g exhibited to us that the said George F Chew has a sufficient sum in said Bank. The scrip and coupons filed as vouchers in the said a/c were withdrawn by us and burned.

J M Herndon, R W Adams—Finance Committee

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the a/c of B Cole having reported that there is the sum of \$21.17 due Mr Cole on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay the same.

The following accounts were read, passed & ord’d to be paid, viz;

<i>The Virginia Herald</i>	\$6.25
Hill & Warren	\$1.50

Present Geo Aler

On motion ordered that the Report on the right to vote in the Municipal elections made by Mess’rs Barton, Conway & Marye be adopted for the approaching election.

On motion the Council then adj’d (till Monday) morning next at 7 o’clock

Wm S Scott

Geo F Chew, C C

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present D H Gordon, Wm S Barton, H S Doggett, M Slaughter, Jno A English, Wm S Chesley, Geo Aler, Geo F Carmichael

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March 1861 and until others are elected in their stead, the voters met at the Court house and deposited their ballots 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	460
John E Tackett	395
W S Chesley	315
Ro W Adams	305
H B Hoomes	267
D H Gordon	253
Andrew B Adams	256
J S Caldwell	244
U H Bradshaw	232
M Slaughter	228
Jno B Alexander	221
Horace B Hall	214
Geo F Carmichael	201
Wm S Barton	188

J H Bradley 183

Wm Allen 178

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected

On motion the Council then adj'd

Geo F Chew, C C

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Council Chamber

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1860

John M Herndon, M Slaughter, Jno S Caldwell, D H Gordon, H B Hoomes, Wm S Chesley, Andrew B Adams, U H Bradshaw, Robert W Adams, Horace B Hall, members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber, and severally took the oaths of office before Benjamin Clark, a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg

On motion John M Herndon was called to the Chair

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 Benj Clark, a Justice of the Peace for the Corp'n of Fred'g

Present, Peter Goolrick, Mayor

Montgomery Slaughter, Esq'r was elected Recorder of the Corporation & took the oaths of Office before Benj Clark, a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg

On motion the salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at two dollars for each Council

The Salary of the Chamberlain was fixed at four hundred dollars

The Salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue was fixed at two hundred and fifty dollars

The Salary of the Collector of Taxes and rents was fixed at 2 pr cent for all monies received by him by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, 5 pr cent for all taxes received by him thereafter & 2 pr cent on rents

The Salary of Clerk of the Market was fixed at one hundred dollars

The Salary of the Superintendent of Streets was fixed at one hundred dollars

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

Geo F Chew was elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation

Robert W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue

Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes and rents

William J Jones, Clerk of the Market

John Minor, Surveyor

Rob't W Hart, Inspector & Measurer of lumber, wood &c

Morris Montgomery, weigher & measurer of coal & grain & salt

George Aler, Superintendent of Streets

On motion of Mr W S Chesley the number of Police officer for the current year were fixed at two and their salaries were fixed at [Page 310] one hundred and fifty dollars each.

On motion ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to nominate police officers, subject to the action of the Council. Whereupon the Mayor nominated Bernard Cole and John W Collins.

The Council then proceeded to elect Police Officers for the current year when John W Collins and James A Taylor were elected.

Mr Peter Goolrick tendered his resignation as Mayor of the Corporation, which resignation was on motion received.

On motion Mr M Slaughter was called to the Chair

On motion of Mr J M Herndon, ordered that the election of Mayor of the Corporation be postponed until this day two weeks, being the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860.

The Tax on Drays, Carts and Wagons was on motion of Mr J S Caldwell fixed at the same rates & upon the same terms as last year.

On motion of Mr J S Caldwell, resolved that the Council will pay no bill against this Corp'n unless the same shall be contracted by some person duly authorized by the Council or some Committee thereof

Robert W Hart, Thomas A Curtis, Morris Montgomery, Wm J Jones, John W Collins, James A Taylor, Geo F Chew took the oaths of office before the Recorder

The Recorder appointed the following standing Committees for the Current year, viz;

On Finance, John M Herndon, D H Gordon, R W Adams

On Public Property, John E Tackett, Jno S Caldwell, M Slaughter

On Streets, Wm S Chesley, H B Hoomes, A B Adams

On Pumps, U H Bradshaw, Jno B Alexander, H B Hall

On motion the Council then adjourned till the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 1860 at 7½ o'clock PM

M Slaughter, Recorder

Geo F Chew, C C

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present M Slaughter, Recorder

Wm S Chesley, John S Caldwell, Rob W Adams, Uriah H Bradshaw, John E Tackett, Horace B Hall, John M Herndon—Common Councilmen

John B Alexander, member elect, by letter addressed to the Council, resigned, which resignation on motion was accepted.

The Council proceeded to the election of a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of John B Alexander, when George F Carmichael was unanimously elected.

Present D H Gordon, Hay B Hoomes

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

John M Herndon                    \$5.00

Charles S Scott                    \$22.36

William Allen                    \$1.68

George F Carmichael, member elect of the Council appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

A report of the Public Property Committee in relation to letting the Market Stalls was returned and ordered to be filed with the prices for which said stalls rented.

The Recorder stated that [this] was an adjourned meeting of the Council for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the Corporation to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Peter Goolrick, Esq'r.

And thereupon on the motion of John M Herndon the Council proceeded to elect a Mayor of this Corporation to supply the vacancy aforesaid when Montgomery Slaughter, Esq'r was elected, and qualified before George F Carmichael, a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania by taking the oaths of office.

William S Barton, Esq'r was unanimously elected a member of the Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of M Slaughter Esq as Mayor of the Corporation.

Wm S Barton elected a member of the Council appeared was qualified and took his seat.

On motion of John M Herndon the Council proceeded to elect a Recorder of the Corporation when John S Caldwell was elected and qualified before M Slaughter, Mayor.

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An account of Lewis O Magrath, amounting to \$2.40 was read, passed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council proceeded to elect six overseers of the Poor of this Corporation when Mess'rs John S Caldwell, Peter Goolrick, Geo Rowe, Argalus E Samuel, Hugh S Doggett and George W Eve were duly elected.

William S Barton was appointed a member of the Committee on Public Property in the stead of M Slaughter, elected Mayor of the Corp'n

Geo F Carmichael was appointed a member of the Committee on Pumps in the room of Jno B Alexander, resigned.

The official bond of George F Chew as Chamberlain of this Corp'n in the penalty of \$10,000 with J J Chew & Robert C Duerson as securities was submitted and approved by the Council

The official bond of Thomas A Curtis as Collector of Taxes & rents in this Corporation with J J Carter, George Aler and Wm S Chesley as securities was submitted to and approved by the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned  
M Slaughter, Mayor  
Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Evening the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

John M Herndon, Wm S Barton, Hay B Hoomes, John E Tackett, A B Adams, U H Bradshaw, D H Gordon, Wm S Chesley—Common Councilmen

Mr John M Herndon, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported a bill imposing taxes for the year 1860 having been read, was passed and is as follows, viz;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that there shall be levied and collected on persons, property, and other subject in the said Town to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the year ending the third Monday in March 1861, the taxes following to-wit;

On real estate, \$1.25 on every \$100 value thereof

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On all Personal property other than slaves, \$1.25 on every \$100 value thereof agreeably to the Commissioner's books

On each white male above twenty one years of age, \$3.00

On each slave above twelve years of age, \$5.00

On each free colored male above 21 years of age, \$3.00

On monies, bonds, securities and liquidated claims except the bonds of the Corporation of Fredericksburg and Virginia State Bonds, 65 cents on every \$100

On all Capital invested or used in any manufacturing business or invested, used or employed in any trade or business, 50 cents in every \$100.

On the personal property, monies and credits of Joint Stock Companies, sixty five cents on every \$100.

On the interest or profits which may have been received by any person or converted into principal so as to become an interest bearing subject or otherwise appropriated within the year next proceeding the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1860 arising from bonds, bank stock and certificates of debt of this state or of any public corporation created by this state, ten per centum.

On all money and Bonds or other evidences of debt under the control of any person acting as receiver or Commissioner under an order of any Court, 65 cents on every \$100

On the salary, income, or fees of every person as ascertained by the Commissioner of the Revenue under the laws of the State, \$1 on the \$100.

On every license granted to an insurance agent, 8 per centum on the amount received by him as Commission or compensation and in no case, less than \$15.00

On every merchant, Auctioneers, ordinary keepers and livery stable keepers license granted by the State, 25 per centum of the State Tax.

On every license to a broker, 25 per centum on the State Tax

On the Dividend declared by Insurance Companies within the year preceding the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1859 to be paid by such Companies respectively, thirteen & a third per centum

On every slave sold by auction, one dollar on every hundred dollars of the amount of such sale to be paid by the auctioneer

On Bagatelle \$10

On Ten Pin Alley, \$10 each, provided that where there are more than one such alley in any room, \$5 each shall be charged for the excess over one.

On Billiard tables, \$25 dollars provided that where there is more than one such table kept in any room, \$12.50 shall be charged for the excess over one.

On every license to a person selling goods by sample or card otherwise than at some store house or place of trade, unless the party shall obtain a merchants license, \$30.00

On Hawkers & Pedlars and others vending articles in the street or elsewhere in the Town, whether of foreign or domestic growth and manufacture, \$10 for each carrier

On every license granted for a circus, exhibition of animals or jugglers \$25, and \$5 on any other public show, exhibition or performance elsewhere for every 24 hours or each time of performance unless the same be in a room fitted for public exhibitions in which case the [Page 314] the proprietor or occupier of such room may pay either \$20 for a year, or the said \$5 for 24 hours at his election. And where there are two or more rooms fitted up in the same building each separate room shall pay a like tax, and a separate license shall be obtained therefor

On every license to the Owner or occupier of a Daguerrean or Ambrotype room or gallery, \$10 for each room.

On every Toll Bridge, \$20.

On every Dog, \$1.

On every Bitch, \$5.



On motion of Mr John S Caldwell, it is ordered that the 6<sup>th</sup> Section of the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the General Ordinance of this Corporation concerning the Market & Clerk of the Market be and the same is hereby repealed.

An ordinance to prevent nuisances in the Market House &c was presented, read & passed and is as follows, viz; Be it ordained that if any person shall urinate, deposit any excrement or commit any other nuisance in or by the Market House or in either of the Alley's leading from Princess Anne Street into the Market lot he shall forfeit and pay for each offence one dollar.

Any slave, free negro or mulatto violating this ordinance may be punished with stripes.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On motion ordered that the Clerk do cause the foregoing ordinances to be printed in hand bill form and cause the same to be posted in & about the Market place.

On motion ordered that the Clerk cause the tax bill this day passed to be published in the *Weekly Advertiser*.

On motion it is ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to cause the Council Chamber & Mayors office to be cleaned, lighted, and warmed when necessary and that he be also authorized to procure all blanks necessary for the Mayors Office.

An account of J B Alexander amounting to \$1.31 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, 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 Tuesday Evening the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Horace B Hall, Jno M Herndon, Robert W Adams, U H Bradshaw, A B Adams, H B Hoomes, J E Tackett—  
Common Councilmen

On Motion, John S Caldwell, Andrew B Adams, & John E Tackett were appointed proxy's to represent the stock held by the Corporation in the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company at the approaching annual meeting of the stock holders of said Company

A petition signed by sundry citizens praying the extension of Prince Edward from the brow of Federal Hill southward was presented and on motion made and seconded a committee consisting of Mess'rs John E Tackett, Andrew B Adams & U H Bradshaw were appointed with instructions to enquire, ascertain & report to the Council the lowest sum for which the right of way can be obtained, and also the probable cost of opening said street.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, 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 Evening the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder  
Horace B Hall, A B Adams, W S Chesley, U H Bradshaw, John E Tackett, John M Herndon—Common Councilmen

Hay B Hoomes, by note in writing addressed to the Council resigned as a member of the Council, which resignation was on motion accepted.

James H Bradley was unanimously elected a member of this body to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hay B Hoomes, Esq'r

On motion made and seconded ordered that the Chamberlain do out of the funds of this Corporation pay the judgments recently obtained in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania County by Lewis Wrenn & wife & Lewis Wrenn against the Mayor & Commonalty of [Page 316] this town.

On motion of John M Herndon, made and seconded it was ordered that the Mayor appoint the proxys to represent the stock held by the Corporation in the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Co at the approaching annual meeting of the Stockholders of sd Co; whereupon the following gentlemen were appointed the proxys, viz; Jno M Herndon, Wm S Chesley, & Douglas H Gordon.

Present, Ro W Adams

James H Bradley, Esq'r duly elected a member of the Council appeared was qualified and took his seat as a member of the Board.

An account of Robert W Hart, Comm'r of the Revenue of this Corporation amounting to \$266.98 was presented, allowed & ordered to be paid.

John L Marye, Esq'r appeared before the Council & stated that he contemplated carrying the water from the run or mill race lately opened by him on the West side of the town to the river at a point near the abutment of the Rail Road bridge and that he desired the privilege of opening Frederick Street from the san run or race to the point aforesaid, for the purpose of fixing or placing a wooden trunk therein, to conduct the water to the river and thereby afford a water power sufficient for one or more manufacturing mills, and he further stated that the openings would be filled up as rapidly and with as little inconvenience to the public as possible and put the street or streets opened by him in good order and condition and have the trunks safely secured so that the street or streets shall not sink or be depressed over the trunk intended to be sunk in the Streets.

Whereupon on motion of John S Caldwell made & seconded it was resolved that Mr Marye have leave to open the Street or streets indicated by him according to his statement above mentioned under the superintendence of the Street Committee and that he also have leave to open the culvert in Sandy bottom & fix the same so that it shall be secure for travelers and foot passengers to pass over, the alteration or improvement last mentioned to be done in a manner satisfactory to the Street Committee.

On motion the Council then adj'd  
M Slaughter, 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 Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1860  
Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder  
R W Adams, H B Hall, J M Herndon, U H Bradshaw, A B Adams, D H Gordon, Geo F Carmichael, Wm S  
Barton—Common Councilmen

The Mayor having announced to the Board in a few appropriate remarks the death of Wm S Chesley, one of its members the following resolutions offered by Mr J S Caldwell were adopted, viz;

Resolved that it is the sense of this Board that in the death of William S Chesley this Council has lost a judicious and faithful member and that the Town has been deprived of a useful & worthy citizen.

Resolved that this Council sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased in their bereavement of a husband and father, and as a slight manifestation of respect for the memory of the deceased they will attend his funeral this evening as a body.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased by the Clerk of the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

M Slaughter, 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 June 26<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Andrew B Adams, John M Herndon, U H Bradshaw, R W Adams, H B Hall & D H Gordon—Common Councilmen

The Mayor having reported favorably on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1860

Mr Wm Allen was unanimously elected a member of the Body to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Wm S Chesley.

A Petition was received signed by sundry of the Citizens of the Town calling the attention of the Council to the condition of the Streets in the Town & read and the Mayor was requested to call the attention of the Police and the Superintendent of Streets to the subject matter thereof & to enforce the laws bearing thereon

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An account of Wm A Little against the Corporation for defending suits of Wrenn & wife & Wrenn amounting to \$200 was presented to the board & read & on motion laid on the table.

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, 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 July 24<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

James H Bradley, H B Hall, U H Bradshaw, Andrew B Adams, Robert W Adams—Common Councilmen

William Allen, Esq'r who has been duly elected member of the Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of W S Chesley, appeared, was qualified & took his seat at the board.

Present Wm Allen

The a/c of Wm A Little against the Corporation was again taken up and on motion of Mr J S Caldwell was laid on the table

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

Benjamin Clark	\$5.00
Chas Williams	\$6.50
Jas A Taylor	\$3.00

Mr Wm Allen was appointed a member of the Street Committee

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, 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 August 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Jno E Tackett, A B Adams, Wm Allen, H B Hall, J M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

An a/c of Wm Allen amounting to 84¢ was ordered to be paid  
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The account of Wm A Little against the Corp'n for defending suits as Wrenn & wife & Wrenn amounting to \$200 was again taken up and on motion of Mr J M Herndon, the said account was ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain.

An account of C Cole was presented and on motion of Mr John E Tackett ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Mr Cole the sum of sixty dollars in full payment of the said account.

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor  
Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm Allen, U H Bradshaw, H B Hall, J M Herndon, R W Adams, A B Adams, Jas H Bradley, Jno E Tackett—Common Councilmen

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

Wm Allen	\$9.75
Benj Clark	\$10.00
Jas A Taylor	\$3.00

Hoomes, Tackett & Co       \$51.40  
John Timberlake           \$3.00

The Mayor having reported favorably on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police Officer their salaries for the quarter ending the 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 1860

On motion of Mr J M Herndon it is ordered that the Chamberlain in settling with the officers do allow them one moiety of the fines reported by the Mayor to have been received by them up to the third Monday in Sept 1860

On motion of Mr John E Tackett, resolved that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized and requested to borrow upon the best terms they can procure such sum not exceeding five thousand dollars as may be necessary to meet the engagements of the Corporation and the Council hereby pledge the taxes of the Corporation for the year 1861 for the payment of said loan so to be made and the interest thereon and the Mayor and [Page 320] Chamberlain are hereby instructed to execute any obligations & deed that may be required by the Finance Committee under this resolution.

Present, D H Gordon

On motion, permission was granted to A B Adams, Thos J Haydon & others to keep carriages &c in the Street opposite their stables during the time of holding the fair provided they stop the highway.

On motion of Mr D H Gordon, ordered that the Street Committee be and they are hereby instructed to cause a substantial railing to be place on the band at the termination of Pitt Street near the river.

On motion of Mr D H Gordon made & seconded and by virtue of the provisions of the 14<sup>th</sup> Section of Chapter 40 of the General Ordinance of the Corp'n of Fred'g It is ordered that the Collector of Taxes do expose to sale the several parcels of real estate sold for taxes on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 1858 and purchased by the Corporation after giving four weeks notice thereof in one of the Newspapers printed in Fredericksburg

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor  
Geo F Chew, C C

At a Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Evening the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

John M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, U H Bradshaw, John E Tackett, A B Adams, Wm Allen, Ro W Adams, Wm Allen, Geo F Carmichael, H B Hall, Wm S Barton—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr J M Herndon ordered that the Mayor and Chamberlain do execute to Wm F Broaddus, Guardian of the children of Ro. B Semple, dec'd, a duplicate of a bond of the Corp'n which issued on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1851 to Ro. B Semple for the sum of \$100, No. 21 in the Chamberlain's Register, and which fell due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1860, said original bond as is stated have been lost or destroyed; upon the said Broaddus executing a bond with condition to indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from any loss, damage or injury which it may sustain or be liable to sustain by reason of the issuing of such duplicate.  
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A Communication of Mr John Howison in relation to the measurement of meal &c was read and on motion of Mr J M Herndon the said communication was laid on the table.

On motion ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ additional police at such periods as he may deem necessary for the preservation of the peace and good order of the Town.

On motion of Mr John M Herndon, ordered that the subject of the exercise of the right of suffrage in the Municipal elections of this Corporation be submitted to the Hon Jno T Lomax and that he be requested to furnish his opinion to the Council in writing.

On motion resolved that the Mayor cause a memorial to be presented to the General Assembly of Virginia to extend the limits of the Corporation according to the survey to accompany said memorial so as to include the buildings on which Water Power afforded by the Fred'g Water Power Company is now used; and that the senator of this District and the Delegate of this County be requested to present said memorial and use their influence in carrying out its views.

A petition to rent the whole of the upper part of the Town Hall was referred to the Public Property Committee.

On motion of Mr Wm S Barton, resolved that the Public Property Committee be, and they are hereby instructed to procure from Mr Hunnicutt the possession of the room in the South end of the Court house now occupied by him under lease & upon the best terms they can obtain and to have the same properly fitted up for the use of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of Volunteers

On motion ordered that the Public Property Committee be requested to examine and ascertain whether the Brass Cannon owned by the Corp'n can be put in serviceable order and the probable cost of the necessary repairs thereto.

An Account of Wm Allen for coal, amounting to \$82.50 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned  
M Slaughter, 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 evening, December 26<sup>th</sup> 1860

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

John S Caldwell, Recorder

Andrew B Adams, John E Tackett, U H Bradshaw, D H Gordon, William Allen, John M Herndon, Robert W Adams, Horace B Hall, Jas H Bradley, William S Barton—Common Councilmen

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

John Timberlake	\$6.00
James A Taylor	\$6.00
William King	\$5.00
James C Jones	\$5.00
James T Kendall	\$5.00
Edward King	\$1.00

On motion of D H Gordon resolved that the Committee of Public Property be instructed to have all necessary repairs made to the fire engines and likewise be instructed to procure as much hose as they may deem necessary at once and draw on the Chamberlain for the Amount, and that they be further instructed to ascertain if they can

procure the services of some efficient person to keep the Engines & hose in good condition & to report to the Council at what prices such services can be obtained.

An ordinance in relation to dangerous walls and chimneys was presented read and passed and ordered to be recorded and also published in the *Weekly Advertiser*.

The Mayor reported verbally that the police officers had discharged their duties; whereupon on motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay their salaries for the quarter ending the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 1860

On motion the Council adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

Geo F Chew, C C

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