

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1861

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening, January 8<sup>th</sup> 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm Allen, And'w B Adams, U H Bradshaw, John M Herndon, Geo F Carmichael, Jas H Bradley, Ro W Adams, D H Gordon, H B Hall—Common Councilmen

It appearing that the estate of Mrs Cath'e Kale was improperly charged on the Comm'r Books of 1860 with tax on dividends of Farmers Bank Stock amt'g \$5.52 it is ordered that the Chamberlain refund to Jonathan Johnson administrator of Cath'e Kale the said amount.

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering the inadequacy of the present police force of the Corporation and thereupon on motion the Council proceeded to ballot for two additional police officers when John Timberlake and James T Kendall were unanimously elected in the first ballot to hold office until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March next and at a salary each at the rate of \$150 per year

Present, John S Caldwell, Recorder; Wm S Barton

An account of J G Hurkamp for work done on the Fire of Engines &c amt'g to \$25.50 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

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, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

A B Adams, Wm Allen, Jas H Bradley, Ro W Adams, John E Tackett, Wm S Barton, George F Carmichael—Common Councilmen

An account of John S Caldwell, acting coroner for holding an inquest on the body of James Eton, amt'g to \$5.00 is allowed, ordered to be paid.

An account of John Timberlake for summ'g inquest to view the body of James Eton found dead, amt'g to \$3. Was allowed, & ord'd to be paid.

The Mayor stated that Mr Jas T Kendall who was appointed a police officer at the last meeting of the Council had by note in writing addressed to [Page 224] to him, declined to accept the offer, and that he, the Mayor, had under the order entered the 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1860 appointed Mr John F Haywood as such police officer, his term of office commencing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1861 & expiring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March next, which action of the Mayor was confirmed by the Council.

On motion of John E Tackett, ordered that Mr Peleg Clarke be allowed in the settlement of his taxes for the present year a deduction of 5 pr cent in the amount thereof, he having had an unsettled a/c with the Corp'n when said taxes became due

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor  
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

A B Adams, Wm Allen, D H Gordon, James H Bradley, J M Herndon, Ro W Adams—Common Councilmen

The following accounts were passed, and ordered to be paid

Carter M Braxton	\$12.00
<i>Fred'g News</i>	\$2.00
<i>Dem't Recorder</i>	\$11.60

Present, John E Tackett

On motion 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 four thousand dollars as may be necessary to meet the engagements of the Corporation. And the Council hereby pledge the taxes of the year 1861 for the payment of said loan so to be made, and the interest thereon, and the Mayor and Chamberlain are hereby directed to execute any obligation or deed that may be required by the Finance Committee under this resolution.

Present Wm S Barton, U H Bradshaw.

Mr John M Herndon presented an opinion in writing of the Hon John T Lomax upon the question of who are entitled to vote in the Municipal elections of the Corp'n of Fredericksburg which opinion having been read was on motion of Mr D H Gordon laid on the Table

The following ordinance was read and passed.

Be it ordained that the Court House of the Town of Fredericksburg shall be the place for holding the Municipal elections of this Corp'n and that it shall be the duty of the Sergeant of this Corp'n to give ten days [Page 325] notice of such election by publication in one of the Newspapers in the Town of Fred'g

On motion of Mr John M Herndon, ordered that a fee of \$25 be tendered to Judge Lomax for his opinion upon the question of the right of suffrage in the Municipal election of the Corp'n

On motion ordered that the sum of \$7.50 be refunded to Hay B Hoomes for tax improperly assessed on his Stallion

On motion ordered that the sum of \$2.50 be refunded to A P Rowe for tax improperly assessed on his Stallion

An a/c of Curtis & Carter amounting to \$19.30 was passed and ordered to be paid.

On motion resolved that an appropriation of one hundred dollars per annum be made to each company composing the Second Battalion of Volunteers of Virginia to be paid quarterly to the Treasurer of the Battalion from this day.

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor  
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening, March 13<sup>th</sup> 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Andrew B Adams, H B Hall, Ro W Adams, James H Bradley, Wm Allen, U H Bradshaw, G F Carmichael, John M Herndon—Common Councilmen

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

English & Spindle	\$7.53
J M Herndon	\$11.00
Hy T Botts	\$11.75
Jas H Bradley	\$2.75
Chs S Scott	\$6.50
Wm Allen	\$9.75
Wm Allen	\$5.08
E Hanie	\$2.40
L O Magrath	\$.60
E McDowell	\$12.62

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On the petition of sundry citizens of the Town & on motion ordered that a poll be opened at the ensuing Municipal election to ascertain the sense of the voters of the Corp'n upon the establishment of a free school upon the plan recently published in the papers of the Town & that the Clerk give notice thereof by publication in the Weekly Advertiser

The opinion of the Hon J T Lomax upon the question “who are entitled to vote in the Municipal elections of the Corp'n” & which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the Council was on motion again taken up, and the same being put to the vote it was adopted.

An account of Charles Williams amounting to \$38.00 was on motion referred to the Overseers of the Poor of this Corporation

On motion the Council then adj'd until Saturday Evening next at 7 o'clock

John S Caldwell, Recorder

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 16<sup>th</sup> 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

James H Bradley, And'w B Adams, Ro W Adams, Wm Allen, J M Herndon, U H Bradshaw, Geo F Carmichael—Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee made the following reports which were approved and ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz;

“The undersigned have examined the accounts of Thomas A Curtis, collector of Taxes for the Corporation of Fredericksburg and find the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Mar 16, 1861

J M Herndon, R W Adams—Finance Committee”

“The undersigned have examined the account of Geo F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation of Fred’g commencing Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 1860 & ending Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 1861 and find the same to be correct and 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 thirty one hundred & seventy dollars 26/100. The scrip notes and coupons filed as vouchers were withdrawn by us and burnt.

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> 1860

J M Herndon, R W Adams—Finance Committee”

The Mayor reported in writing that the police officers had discharged their duty for the quarter ending Mar. 16 1860, whereupon on motion it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay their salaries for said quarter [Page 327]

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz;

<i>The Fred’g Herald</i>	\$8.50
J W Adams	\$2.85
Jack Davis	\$10.00

Present, W S Barton, John E Tackett

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Council employ a clerk to keep the Poll book on Monday next, to take the sense of the voters upon the establishment or non establishment of a free school in the Town

On motion the Council then adj’d till Monday morning next at 6½ o’clock

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Geo F Chew, C C

Council Chamber March 21<sup>st</sup> 1861

John M Herndon, James H Bradley, Geo F Carmichael, Andrew B Adams, Wm Allen, John S Caldwell, J G Hurkamp, John A English, Horace B Hall, Ro W Adams, members elect of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber, and severally took the oaths of office before M Slaughter, Mayor of the Corporation of Fredericksburg

On motion, Mr Wm Allen was called to the Chair

The Salary of the Mayor was fixed at four hundred dollars

The Council then proceeded to elect a Mayor when Montgomery Slaughter was elected and took the several oaths of office before Benjamin Clark, a justice of the peace for the Corp’n of Fredericksburg

Present, M Slaughter, Mayor

John S Caldwell was elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the oaths of officer before Benj Clark a Justice of the Peace for the Corp’n of Fred’g

On motion the salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at \$2 for each meeting of the Council

The salary of the Chamberlain was fixed at four hundred dollars

The salary of the Comm’r of the Revenue was fixed at two hundred & fifty dollars

The salary of the Collector of Taxes and Rents was fixe at two per cent for all monies received by him by the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, five per cent on all taxes received by him after the 15<sup>th</sup> of June and two per cent on rents

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

The salary of the Sup’t 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 & Chamberlain of the Corp'n  
Robert W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue  
Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes & Rents  
Wm J Jones, Clerk of the Market  
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John Minor, Surveyor of the Corporation  
Robert W Hart, Inspector and Measurer of lumber, wood &c  
M. Montgomery, Weigher & Measurer of Coal, Grain & salt  
George Aler, Superintendent of Streets.

On motion of J M Herndon the number of police officers for the current year was fixed at three and their salaries fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars each.

On motion ordered that the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to nominate the Police Officers subject to the action of the Council.

The Council then proceeded to elected police officers for the current year, when Daniel Bradford, John Timberlake and Jas T Kendall were elected.

The tax on drays, carts & wagons was fixed at the following rates, viz;

On drays & carts from 1 Apr for one year	\$ .500
On drays & carts from 1 Nov to 1 Apr	\$3.00
On drays & carts from 1 Jan'y to 1 Apr	\$2.00
On drays & carts for one month	\$1.00

And on Wagons in the same proportion at the rate of \$10 per year, no licenses to issue at any time for less than \$1

The Mayor appointed the following standing Committees for the current year

On Finance, John M Herndon, D H Gordon, R W Adams  
On Public Property, John S Caldwell, J G Hurkamp, John A English  
On Streets, Jas H Bradley, Wm Allen, And B Adams

G F Chew, Robert W Hart, John Timberlake, Daniel Bradford, M Montgomery took the oaths of office before the Mayor

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor  
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Carmichael, D H Gordon, H B Hall, Jas H Bradley, John G Hurkamp, Wm Allen, John A English, And'w B Adams—Common Councilmen

The official bond of Geo F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation in the penalty of \$10,000 with John J Chew & Robert C Duerson as Sureties was submitted to and approved by the Council.

The official bond of Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes & Rents in the penalty of \$10,000, wit John J Carter, Geo Aler & Edwin Carter as sureties was submitted to & approved by the Council  
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An account of the *Democratic Recorder* Office amounting to \$3 was allowed & ordered to be paid.

D H Gordon elected a member of the Council appeared, was qualified and took his seat.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain issue bonds to the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company under the instructions of the Finance Committee for the balance of subscription due sd Comp'y by the Corporation

On motion permission is granted to Mr E N Taliaferro to count the ballots given at the late election for collector of taxes under the supervision of the Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that the statement of receipts & expenditures of the Corporation for the last fiscal year be posted at the front door of the court house of the Corporation.

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 1861

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

H B Hall, Jno E Tackett, John M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, John A English, And'w B Adams, Wm Allen, R W Adams, G F Carmichael—Common Councilmen

John E Tackett, elected a member of the Council, was qualified before the Mayor & took his seat.

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened to take into consideration several resolutions adopted by sundry Citizens of the Town assembled at the Court House last evening in relation to establishing a Guard at the present crisis on the condition of the Country, our military companies being subject to be called into the service of the State at any moment which will have the peace and quiet of the Town to be preserved by the citizens not subject to Militia duty; and thereupon on motion of J M Herndon, resolved that a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars be appropriated for the purposes set forth on the resolutions of the meeting of Citizens held last evening and presented to the Council, to be expended under the directions of the Finance Committee, and that the Chamberlain of the Corporation be and he is hereby authorized and directed to borrow the said amount & to execute the note or notes of the Corporation for such sums not exceeding the amount aforesaid as may be required by the said Committee to be secured by a lien upon the real estate belonging to the Corporation.

On motion ordered that the public property committee cause the [Page 330] the two cannon belonging to the Corporation to be put in perfect & efficient order for service.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1861

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, And'w B Adams, J G Hurkamp, H B Hall, J H Bradley, Geo F Carmichael, R W Adams, J M Herndon, John E Tackett, John A English—Common Councilmen

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of issuing small notes of the Corporation to meet the expenses of the Corporation; and thereupon the following ordinance was read and passed, viz;

An Ordinance for issuing small notes (see ordinance book for ordinance in full)

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1861

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

John E Tackett, John M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, Wm Allen, H B Hall, A B Adams, R W Adams, John A English, John G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

On motion resolved that the bonds directed to be issued by this Corp'n in payment of the balance of subscription due to the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Company be not delivered unless they be in full satisfaction of the said balance of subscription to the said Company by this Corporation.

Mr J W Slaughter appeared before the Council and leave being given made the following statement, that at a recent interview with our fellow townsman D H Gordon Esq, in the City of Richmond, Mr Gordon expressed his willingness to contribute the sum of \$2000 towards the equipment of a volunteer Company in the Corporation, or to be applied in such manner as the Council may deem best in the present emergency; Therefore be it resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered to Mr Gordon for his liberal [Page 331] proposition.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G 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 14<sup>th</sup> of May 1861

Present John S Caldwell, Recorder

R W Adams, G F Carmichael, John A English, J G Hurkamp, J H Bradley, D H Gordon, Horace B Hall—Common Councilmen

On motion Mess'rs John S Caldwell, J G Hurkamp & R W Adams were appointed Proxy's to represent the stock held by the Corp'n in the Fred'g & Valley Plank Road Company at the approaching annual meeting of the Stockholders of said Company.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday the 22<sup>th</sup> of May 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

John M Herndon, H B Hall, D H Gordon, J H Bradley, J A English, And'w B Adams, Wm Allen, R W Adams—Common Councilmen

Mr J M Herndon, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported a bill imposing taxes for the year 1861 which bill having been read, was passed and is as follows (See Ordinances Book for bill in full)

On motion the council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, And'w B Adams, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, J M Herndon, John A English, D H Gordon—Common Councilmen

A Petition signed by a number of the Citizens of the Town requesting the Mayor & Common Council to adopt measures to supply with the necessities of life the families of the Fred'g Volunteers under the public service &c was read and thereupon on motion of Mr J M Herndon, Resolved that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated [Page 332] at the present time for the purposes set forth in the said petition to be expended under the direction of the Mayor

A bill of expenses incurred by a committee of Citizens in providing foot &c for the Tennessee Regiment on their arrival in Fred'g amounting to \$41.75 was rejected.

On motion of Mr Wm Allen, ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ an additional police officer.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

M Slaughter, Mayor

C F Chew, C C

At a Monthly meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

H B Hall, John M Herndon, R W Adams, Jas H Bradley, A B Adams, Wm Allen—Common Councilmen

On motion the Council proceeded to elect six overseers of the Poor of this Corporation when Mess'rs John S Caldwell, Geo W Eve, George Rowe, Argalus E Samuel, Jos H Bradley & Andrew B Adams were elected.

On motion, ordered that a further sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose of supplying with the necessities of life the families of those volunteers now in the public service &c to be expended under the directions of the Overseers of the Poor.



On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to R W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue \$250 amount of his salary for the year 1861 and also \$17.94 for registering 598 voters making in the aggregate \$267.94.

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

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

D H Gordon, Js H Bradley, H B Hall, John M Herndon, Jno A English, J G Hurkamp, A B Adams, Wm Allen, R W Adams—Common Councilmen

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The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering the propriety of appointing additional police officers; and thereupon on motion of D H Gordon the number of such additional police officers was fixed at three, and the Council proceeding to ballot for such officer; Wm C Smith, John Hudson, and James A Taylor were elected on the first ballot to hold officer for three months from this date at a salary each at the rate of \$150 per annum.

The following preamble and resolutions offered by Mr J S Caldwell were adopted, viz;

Whereas it is believed by the Common Council of the Town of Freds'burg that the closing on Sunday and on every evening at 10 o'clock PM of the Public bar room and other places in the Town where ardent spirits are sold to be drank where sold will greatly ten to the peace and quiet of the town.

Be it therefore resolved by the Common Council that the proprietors of all such place be notified that it will be expected that from and after this sate their places of business will be closed all day on Sundays and on any evening of the week at 10 o'clock PM

Be it further resolved that if this notice shall be disregarded by any licensed house, that the police officer shall, and it is hereby made their duty to report any and all persons that shall disregard it to the Corporation Court in order that their licenses may be revoked.

An account of the Democratic Recorder Office amounting to \$11.88 was ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain refund to Mrs Harriet Barton the tax paid by her on her slave Harry.

On motion ordered that the Chamb'n refund to the Exors of Col Hugh Mercer the tax paid by them on slaves Mary and John

On motion ordered that the Mayor be requested to address a note to Mr Thomas A Curtis in order to ascertain whether he means to continued in office as collector.

On motion the Council then adjourned  
M Slaughter, Mayor  
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1861

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

H B Hall, R W Adams, J M Herndon, Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, A B Adams, Wm Allen—Common Councilmen

The following ordinance supplemental to an ordinance entitled “An ordinance for issuing small notes” passed the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1861 was passed.

Be it ordained by the Common Council that the Mayor cause to be issued a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars in notes of one dollar each, and in notes of fifty cents each, a sum not exceeding then thousand dollars in addition to those authorized by the ordinance aforesaid.

The following ordinance was passed, viz;

“An ordinance authorizing the issue of small bills, less than fifty cents”

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to have printed due bills of the Corporation to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars in sums of twenty five cents, redeemable in sums of five dollars in Virginia Bank bills, in presentation of due bills to the amount of five dollars and that the same be signed by the Chamberlain or such other persons as the Finance Committee may authorize so to do

Present John E Tackett

An account of John Hudson for services as night watch amt'g to \$6 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby instructed to invest a sum, not exceeding ten thousand dollars in the Bonds of the Southern Confederacy or the Treasury notes of the State of Virginia; and the Chamberlain is directed to check in favor of said Committee for the amount of such purpose.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1861

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, A B Adams, H B Hall, J H Bradley, J A English, J M Herndon, R W Adams, J G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

D H Gordon Esq'r by note in writing resigned is office as a member of this board, which resignation was on motion received.

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The Council then proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of D H Gordon, when Mr Uriah H Bradshaw was unanimously elected.

An account of Wm Allen, amounting to \$10 was allowed & ordered to be paid.

Mr J M Herndon moved that an appropriation of \$700 be made to the Fred'g Brass Band, which motion was lost.

Mr James H Bradley was appointed a member of the Finance Committee in the room of D H Gordon, resigned.

Mr U H Bradshaw was appointed a member of the Street Committee

A Copy of an order of the Corporation Court addressed to the Council was presented and on motion of Mr John S Caldwell it was;

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to receive from the Citizens of the Town contributions of clothing, blankets, sock, and such other articles as the soldiers of the Tenn may require for the approaching season

The Mayor appointed the following Committee under the foregoing resolution, viz;

John S Caldwell, Jas H Bradley, John A English John Coakley & Chas B Wellford

On motion of Mr Allen ordered that the sum of two dollars per thousand for signing the notes of the Corp'n be allowed to the Mayor and those signing for him, and the sum of six dollars per thousand be allowed to the Chamberlain.

On motion the Council then adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

G F Chew C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 1861

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, John A English, A B Adams, U H Bradshaw, H B Hall, J M Herndon, Js H Bradley, J G Hurkamp—  
Common Councilmen

Mr U H Bradshaw elected a member of the Council appeared, was qualified and took his seat at the Board

An account of John S Caldwell, acting coroner for holding an inquest on the dead body of an infant amounting to \$5 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

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An account of John Timberlake for summoning the inquest amounting to \$3 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

Present, R W Adams

Whereas it has been represented to the Council that a part of the Burying Ground belonging to the Corporation has been set apart by the Committee on Public Property for the internment of the remains of such soldiers of the Confederate Army as die here and the said Committee desire their action in the premises confirmed by the Council; Be it therefore resolved by the Common Council that a part of said lot equal to the length of it on Barton Street and running back one hundred feet from Barton Street be appropriated as a burying ground exclusively for the remains of the soldiers of the Army, and the remains of such white persons as their friends may wish to inter there.

Whereas in consequence of the engagements of the Mayor and of indispositions also it was impossible for him to sign the notes or due bills authorized by an ordinance passed on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1861, fast enough to meet the demands of the Public for such an issue, and a parcel of said due bills were signed by John M Herndon, others by D H Gordon, John Coakley, Wm Slaughter and J S Caldwell. Now be it ordained &c that the due bills of the Corporation signed by the persons aforesaid are hereby declared to be rated against this Corporation and that the Chamberlain be and he is hereby authorized to redeem the same according to the terms thereof;

Be it further ordained that the Recorder be and he is hereby authorized to sign for the Mayor the due bills to be issued under this ordinance as passed the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 1861 & on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1861, at any time the engagements of the Mayor shall prevent him from so doing.

On motion the Council then adjourned  
Jno S Caldwell, Recorder  
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 1861  
Present M Slaughter, Mayor  
Jno S Caldwell, Recorder  
Wm Allen, John A English, U H Bradshaw, And'w B Adams, Robert W Adams, H B Hall, Jas H Bradley, J M Herndon—Common Councilmen

On motion of Mr John S Caldwell; Resolved that the use of the unoccupied rooms in the Court House except the district Court room, be and the same are hereby tendered to the officers and soldiers of the 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia Volunteers, as long as they are stationed here, and also the rooms in the Old Town Hall, provided the Temperance Society will vacate their room, and provided the Insurance of the said building [Page 337] shall not be affected by such occupations and provided further that the officers of said Regiment be required to erect on the Court House lot a building suitable for a kitchen and also a privy for the use of the soldiers located in the Court House under the direction of the Committee on Public Property.

The Mayor having reported favorably on motion ordered that the Chamberlain do pay to the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 16<sup>th</sup> Inst.

James A Taylor & Wm C Smith were appointed police officers from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1861

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the order of the Mayor a bill of C Cole for furnishing the volunteers with supper &c

Present John E Tackett

On motion ordered that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby instructed to invest such amount as they may see fit of the Corporation funds, after a settlements with the Chamberlain in such securities as to them may seem best

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