

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1862

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 7th of January 1861 [1862]

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Jas H Bradley, Wm Allen, R W Adams, J G Hurkamp, And'w B Adams, U H Bradshaw, John M Herndon—
Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering that portion of the resolutions passed at the last Council requiring the officers of the 30th Reg't of Virginia Volunteers to erect suitable buildings on the Court House lot for a kitchen & privy; And thereupon on motion of U H Bradshaw, resolved that the subject be referred to the Committee on Public Property, with instructions to urge the immediate construction of said buildings on the Court House lot & Market House lot.

On motion of J S Caldwell & upon the statement of Mr J M Herndon, agent of the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, Resolved that the additional premium required by the said society upon the buildings belonging to the Corporation now occupied by the 30th Reg't of Va Volunteers be paid by the Chamb'n when required by sd society; to wit ¼ of 1 pr cent pr month.

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An a/c of Wm A Little, amounting to \$5.00 was passed & ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday afternoon the 10th of February 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Jas H Bradley, J H Hurkamp, Wm Allen, And'w B Adams, U H Bradshaw, J M Herndon, John E Tackett—
Common Councilmen

An account of John S Caldwell, acting coroner for holding an inquest on the body of Ann Belfour found dead, amounting to \$5.00 is allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of John Timberlake for summoning an inquest on the body of Ann Belfour, amt'g to \$3.00 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

And a/c of A A Little (*Fred'g News*) amounting to \$10.75 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

On motion & upon the application of the Confederate Government; Resolved that the Council tender to the Confederate Government the use of the Streets of the town in the immediate vicinity of the locality selected by said Government for the location of a yard, to build gun boats with the request that as far as possible such occupation shall not entirely obstruct the passage to and fro along said streets.

A Petition signed by a number of the citizens of the Town of Fred'g requesting the Mayor & Common Council to make an appropriation to supply the home volunteers of the 30th Reg't of Va Volunteers with overcoats & was presented & read and thereupon on motion of Mr J S Caldwell; Resolved that the sum of one thousand dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated to provide the materials for overcoats for the volunteers from town

who belong to the 30th Reg't of Volunteers, the same to be paid by the Chamberlain on the order of the Finance Committee to the Captains of the Companies.

On motion the Council then adjourned

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 afternoon the 24th of February 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

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

An account of John S Caldwell acting coroner for hold an inquest on the body of Henry J Thomas, amt'g to \$5 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

An Account of John Timberlake for summoning an inquest on the body of Henry J Thomas amt'g to \$3 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

The Mayor read a communication regarding the invasion of our Town and recommending defensive measures; and thereupon on motion, Mr J B Sener, addressed the board in favor of such defense, his information upon the subject having been derived by Capt Lynch the former commander of the battery at Aquia Creek, and thereupon on motion of Mr John S Caldwell.

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to wait immediately on the secretaries of War & Navy of the Confederate States and call their attention to the unprotected state of the Town of Fred'g and the importance of the free navigation of the Rappahannock River for supplies for a large portion of the Army of the Potomac, that the Army aforesaid is absolutely dependent on the farms bordering on the River for Corn &c for subsisting the Army and that said Committee be instructed to report to the Council as speedily as possible.

The Mayor appointed John S Caldwell and John E Tackett the Committee under the foregoing resolutions.

On motion of Mr John S Caldwell, ordered that the Mayor be added to the foregoing Committee and that said Committee do act in conjunction with our delegates in Congress & the Legislature.

An account of Dr F B Richeson, amt'g to \$50 was presented and on motion laid on the table for the present.

Ordered that the Chamberlain refund to E L McKenner[?] the sum of \$5 the amt of an erroneous assessment upon him for the year 1860.

On motion the Council then adj'd

G 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 the 3rd March 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, J G Hurkamp, Jno E Tackett, J M Herndon, H B Hall, John A English—Common Councilmen

The account of Dr F R Richeson, for a post mortem examination of Henry Thomas, which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the Council was taken up and a communication on the subject addressed to the Council by Dr Richeson, having been read, on motion of Mr J M Herndon, it is ordered that the said a/c amounting to \$50 be paid.

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to consider an application which would be made by Mr J Horace Lacy concerning the two field pieces belonging to this Corporation; and Mr Lacy being present stated to the Council that he desired to raise an artillery Company but that neither the Confederate, nor State Governments could furnish Cannon but that if the Council would let him have the two field pieces belonging to the Corporation he could possibly raise a Company; Whereupon on motion of John E Tackett, it was resolved that the Public Property Committee be authorized to lend the two field piece aforesaid to Mr Lacy for the public defense during the War.

On motion of John A English, ordered that upon the application of the proper offices, the powder and balls on hand be also delivered to Mr Lacy whenever he may call for the same; and inventory and estimate of such ammunition being first made by the Public Property Committee

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to wait upon the Secretaries of the Navy & War in relation to the defense of the Rapp'k River, reported verbally that they waited on the Secretary of the Navy only, on the suggestion of the Hon D Dejarnette, who with our Delegate Mr D H Gordon accompanied them, and that the Secretary stated that he would send an officer immediately to survey the River for the purposes of suggesting the proper places for defense.

An a/c of English & Spindle amounting to \$62.25 was presented & ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to John S Caldwell \$15.50 for himself and \$6. For Mr J E Tackett the amt of expenses incurred by them as a Committee to wait on the Sec'y of the Navy under an order of the Council.

On motion the Council then adj'd
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday the 10th day of March 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking such measures in cooperation with Gen'l Holmes, the military commander at this post, as well [ten dot?] secure peace, good order and sobriety in the Community; and thereupon the following preamble and resolutions were passed, viz;

In view of the present exigency in public affairs and the large number of troops quartered in our vicinity upon whose sobriety, efficiency and valor, momentous issues depend, and the perilous consequence attendant upon the immediate use of intoxicating liquors.

Be it therefore resolved that all persons within the limits of this Corporation be and they are earnestly invoked to suspend the sale of ardent spirits for the present; and be it further resolved that Maj'r Gen'l T H Hoopes,

commanding the Department be and he is hereby requested to use all his authority forthwith to prevent the sale thereof by the people of this Town to the troops under his command and to all others.

And be it further resolved that the police officers be and they are hereby required to visit all parts of the town daily and report to the Mayor the names of all persons who they have cause to believe disregard the above request and that the Mayor cause the keepers of all tipping shops who may be so reported to him to be arrested and dealt with according to law.

On motion the Council then adj'd
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Wednesday afternoon the 12th of March 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

Wm Allen, J M Herndon, J G Hurkamp, John A English, Jas H Bradley, A B Adams

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz;

Wm Allen	\$10.75
Wm Allen	\$4.69
<i>Fred'g Herald</i>	\$15.70
<i>Demo Recorder</i>	\$23.18
<i>Demo Recorder</i>	\$4.00
<i>Demo Recorder</i>	\$46.75
E McDowell	\$23.20

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On motion of Mr J M Herndon, ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to tender to the Brigade Commander by Gen'l Whittle, the use of the Town Hall for an Hospital so soon as the same is vacated by the troops now occupying it.

On motion the Council then adj'd
G F Chew, C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on the 15th day of March 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J M Herndon, James H Bradley, J A English, J E Tackett, J G Hurkamp, A B Adams, Geo F Carmichael—
Common Councilmen

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

“We the undersigned, [reviewed] the account of Thomas A Curtis, Collector of Taxes and Rents for the Corporation of Fredericksburg and find the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers

J M Herndon, Jas H Bradley—Finance Comm'ee”

“The undersigned Committee have examined the account of George F Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation of Fredericksburg commencing March 16th 1861 and ending March 15th 1862 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 Corporation by the said Chamberlain of twenty six thousand, four hundred and eighty nine dollars. The Chamberlain exhibited to us this bank book shewing a balance to his credit in the Bank of Commerce of Twenty five thousand, nine

hundred and forty four dollars and 79/100 and having in his hands in cash paid today by the Collector a sum sufficient to cover the balance, the coupons and scrip notes embraced in the account were burned by us J M Herndon, Jas H Bradley—Finance Committee”

On motion the Council then adjourned
G F Chew, C C

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Monday March 17th 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

J M Herndon, James H Bradley, John A English, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, A B Adams—Common Councilmen
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This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen of the Town of Fredericksburg until 3rd Monday in March 1863 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	322
Wm Allen	219
Robert W Adams	314
John E Tackett	313
J G Wallace	261
Wm A Little	257
Andrew B Adams	252
H B Hall	248
J G Hurkamp	242
J H Bradley	239
John A English	216
J W Slaughter	200
G F Carmichael	161
John S Caldwell	127
John L Marye Jr	69

The first named twelve of whom were declared duly elected.

On motion the Council then adjourned,
G F Chew, C C

Council Chamber
March 18th 1862

John M Herndon, Wm Allen, J G Wallace, J G Hurkamp, Andrew B Adams, John E Tackett, Horace B Hall, John A English, Wm A Little, Robert 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 Fred’g

On motion Mr Wm Allen was called to the Chair

The Salary of the Mayor was set at four hundred dollars

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor when Montgomery Slaughter Esq was elected and took the several oaths of office before Mr John Coakley, a Justice of the Peace for the Corp'n of Fred'g

Mr John M Herndon was elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the oaths of office before M Slaughter, Mayor of the Corp'n of Fred'g

On motion the salary of the Clerk of Council was fixed at the same rate as last year.

The Salary of the Chamber was fixed at four hundred dollars

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

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The Salary of the Collector of Taxes and Rents was fixed at two per centum for all monies received by him by the 15th of June, five per centum on all taxes received by him after the 15th of June and 2 per centum on rents.

The Salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at the same as last year.

The Salary of the Superintendent of Street was fixed at one hundred dollars.

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

George 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 & Rents

Robert W Hart, Inspector & Measurer of lumber, wood &c

Wm J Jones, Clerk of the Market

Wm Slaughter, Surveyor of the Corporation

M Montgomery, weigher & measurer of Coal, Grain & Salt

George Aler, Superintendent of Streets

On motion of Mr A B Adams the number of police officers for the current year was fixed at four and their salaries at \$150 each.

The Council then proceeded to elect police officers for the current year, when James A Taylor, John Timberlake, Daniel Bradford & Wm C Smith were elected.

The tax on drays, carts and wagons was fixed as follows, viz;

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

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

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

On drays & carts 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 \$1.00

On motion of Mr J M Herndon, ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to employ some person to sign for him notes of the Corporation.

Rob't W Hart, Jas A Taylor, John Timberlake, D Bradford, Wm C Smith, Geo F Chew took the oaths of office before the Mayor

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The Mayor appointed the following standing Committees, viz;

On Finance, John M Herndon, James H Bradley, R W Adams

On Public Property, William Allen, William A Little, John A English

On Streets, John E Tackett, J G Hurkamp, Andrew B Adams

On Pumps, J Gordon Wallace, Horace B Hall, J W Slaughter

On motion the Council then adj'd
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 1st of April 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

John M Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, J H Bradley, R W Adams, J G Hurkamp, John A English, A B Adams, John E Tackett—Common Councilmen

Mr James A Bradley, member elect of the Council appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

An a/c of Jack Davis, amounting to \$12 was allowed & ordered to be paid.

On motion, ordered that the Governor of Virginia be requested to exempt from military duty James A Taylor, John Timberlake, William C Smith & Daniel Bradford, police officers of this Corporation, their services being indispensable to the peace and good order of the Town.

On motion and upon the application of A K Phillips, President of the Fred'g Gas Co, resolved that the Governor of Virginia be requested to exempt from military duty, Thomas Griffin, John Griffin & Patrick McDonell, their services being indispensable to said Company.

On motion of Mr John E Tackett, resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby requested to ascertain from Mr J H Lacy & Mr Thorburn whether or not they will have use for the two field pieces belonging to the Corp'n and in the event of their not requiring them, that then the Mayor be instructed to lend the sd pieces to the Governor of Virginia.

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An account of John M Herndon acting coroner for holding an inquest on the body of Michael Russell, amounting to \$5 was ordered to be paid.

An a/c of John Timberlake for summoning the inquest in the above case amt'g to \$3 was ordered to be paid.

The application of Alexander K Phillips, President of the Fred'g Gas Co to have exempted from Military duty Thomas Taylor, was on motion rejected.

On motion the Council then adj'd
G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday April 3rd 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J M Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, H B Hall, A B Adams, J H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, Robert W Adams—Common Councilmen

Upon the application of John Coakley, superintendent of the Fredericksburg Aqueduct Company, stating that David Magee is employed as an important and indispensable hand in the service of the said Company and

asking that the Governor of Virginia be requested to exempt him the said David Magee from Militia duty, on motion, was laid on the table.

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened to take into consideration the ordered published by the Military authorities requiring all citizens from Town and Country to procure passports from the Mayor, in and out of the City, and to determine whether the Council will establish a passport office and authorize the employment of one or more clerks to discharge the duties of said office; and thereupon on motion of the Mr James H Bradley;

Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to establish a passport office in the Town and to employ one or more clerks to discharge the duties of said office.

On motion the Council then adjourned

G F Chew, CC

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Friday the 18th of April 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J M Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, John A English, J G Wallace, Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

On motion and in view of the impending invasion of our Town by our enemies;

Resolved that the Records and papers of the Corporation now in the custody of Geo F Chew, Clerk and Chamberlain be not removed, but that the same be deposited in the vault of the Clerk's office of the Corporation and that the said George F Chew, be and he is hereby relieved from all responsibility in relation to said records and papers, using due diligence to protect the same as far as it is in his power

The Mayor having stated that the Chamberlain and the Collector of Taxes and Rents of this Corporation had filed their official bonds with him, on motion the Council doth approve said bonds, & request the Mayor to retain possession of the same for the present.

The Council having been called in order to confer as the what action is proper to be taken by them in the present position of the Town;

It was unanimously ordered that a Committee consisting of the Mayor & Mess'rs William A Little, J Gordon Wallace, Thomas B Barton, Wm F Broaddus & John L Marye Jr, be appointed whose duty it shall be to confer with the Military commander of the forces of the United States now threatening the occupation of the Town and that this conference be held whenever said Commandant shall ask a communication from these authorities; that said Committee shall inform the Commander that inasmuch as the forces of the Confederate States have evacuated the town, no resistance can or will be made to its occupation by the United States forces, but that these Municipal authorities expect and claim that adequate steps will be taken by the Commander to insure protection of persons and property during such occupation, according to the recognized rules of civilized warfare; and that said Commander be further informed that the population of this Town have been in the past and are now in conviction and sentiment loyal to the existing government of the State of Virginia and the Confederate States of America.

On motion the Council then adjourned

G 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 the 24th of April 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J M Herndon, Recorder

H B Hall, Wm A Little, A B Adams, J G Wallace, Wm Allen, James H Bradley—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of adopting measures to prevent the sale of ardent spirits to the United States troops now in our vicinity; and thereupon, on motion of Mr J M Herndon; Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to increase the police force and to pay them for their services what he may regard as fair compensation and that all citizens of the Town be respectfully requested to comply with the former request of the Council in regard to sales of liquor and that said Police be specially charged with the duty of suppressing its illegal sale.

On motion ordered that the Street Committee or any member thereof be instructed to have repaired without delay the footways at and about the store & dwelling of G W Shepherd, on Caroline Street and Market Alley

Mr J W Slaughter, member of the Council elect having failed to qualify, on motion the Council proceeded to elect a member in his stead, when Mr J S Caldwell was elected on the first ballot

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the R W Hart \$150.00 in part of his salary as Comm'r of the Revenue for the present year.

On motion the Council then adjourned,

G 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 the 25^h of April 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J M Herndon, Recorder

Wm Allen, Wm A Little, J H Bradley, A B Adams, J G Wallace, Horace B Hall—Common Councilmen

Mr John S Caldwell, elected a member of the Council appeared, was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the Board.

The Mayor appointed Mr J S Caldwell a member of the Committee on Pumps

Whereas it is manifest that to preserve the peace and good order of the Community during the occupation of the Town or its vicinity by the troops of either Army during the Present war it is manifestly necessary to prohibit the sale or distribution of intoxicating liquors so as to prevent their use by the soldiers; Therefore

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council

1st That the sale, gift or distribution in any manner of intoxicating liquors within the corporate limits of the town is hereby expressly prohibited except upon the Certificate of the Mayor, or of a physician & for medical purposes.

2nd That any person violating this ordinance shall be arrested, tried before a Justice of the Peace and upon conviction there be punished by fine, not exceeding twenty dollars (one half of which shall go to the informer) and imprisonment in the Corporation Jail, not to exceed thirty day, at the discretion of said Justice if said party be white or if a Negro or Mulatto by stripes not exceeding thirty nine, at any one time and the liquor found upon his or her premises shall be destroyed by the police officers.

3rd This ordinance shall be in force from its passage and shall continue during the present war.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council cause the foregoing ordinance to be published in hand bill form and that the Police officers distribute the same in the Town.

The following ordinance was passed, viz;

An ordinance to prevent the use of small boats on the Rappahannock River during the presence of the United States Troops in Stafford County.

Be it ordained &c (see ordinance Book for ordinance in full)

On motion the Council then adjourned

G F Chew, C C

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 16th of August 1862

Present J M Herndon, Recorder

Andrew B Adams, John S Caldwell.

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 18th of August 1862

Present J M Herndon, Recorder

John S Caldwell, Andrew B Adams, Wm A Little, H B Hall

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 20th of August 1862

Present J M Herndon, Recorder

J G Wallace, John S Caldwell, Andrew B Adams, John G Hurkamp, Wm A Little

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

Geo F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 1st day of Sept 1862

Present J M Herndon, Recorder

John S Caldwell, A B Adams, J G Wallace, Wm A Little, Wm Allen, J G Hurkamp, H B Hall—Common Councilmen

The Recorder stated that the Council had been called in order to take such proceedings under the existing state of affairs as might be desired, expedient & necessary; and thereupon on motion of Mr Wm A Little, resolved that the Resolution of the 24th day of April heretofore passed by the Council be and it is hereby renewed [Page 351] until further directions & that the Police officer appointed by the Mayor thereunder be instructed to see that the state & Corporation laws be strictly enforced & specially to see to the protection of public property.

On motion of J S Caldwell,

Resolved, that Mess'rs John G Hurkamp and Andrew B Adams be and they are hereby authorized to proceed to any point on the line of the road between here and Richmond that they may can communicate with Richmond and to Richmond if necessary to inform the authorities of the Confederate Government of the evacuation of Fred'burg by the United States Troops, and also to request to best offices of the Confederate Government in behalf of the citizens of our Town, who are now incarcerated in the City of Washington as Political Prisoners.

John M Herndon, by note in writing addressed to the Council resigned his office as Recorder which on motion was received.

Mr Jno S Caldwell, was elected Recorder of this Corp'n was qualified before B Clark, Justice of the Peace for the Corp'n

The following ordinance was passed, viz;

An ordinance to prevent the use of small boats on the Rapp'k River during the present War. Be it ordained &c (See ordinance book for ordinance in full)

On motion the Council then adjourned
Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg the 15th day of Sept 1862

Present J S Caldwell, Recorder

A B Adams, Wm Allen, John M Herndon, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, W A Little

On motion resolved that Mr W A Little be and he is hereby authorized to proceed to Richmond and cooperate with Mr G H C Rowe in obtaining thro the Confederate Government the release of our fellow townsmen who are now in Washington City as Political Prisoners.

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The following accounts were ordered to be paid

A B Adams & J G Hurkamp \$39.25

R W Hart \$33.96

On motion it is ordered that the Chamb'n pay the police officers their salaries up to this day.

On motion it is ordered that the services of Wm Smith & Henry D Bowman as police officer be and they are hereby disposed with from this date and that their salaries cease from this day and that the Compensation of the other police officers be reduced to the sum fixed by the Council on the 18th day of March 1862.

On motion the Council adjourned

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 25th day of Sept 1862

Present Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

W Allen, Jno A English, H B Hall, A B Adams, J G Wallace, J M Herndon—Common Councilmen

Mr Jno M Herndon, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported a bill, imposing taxes for the year 1862 which bill having been read was passed as is follows (see Ord book for ordinance in full)

On motion of Mr Jno M Herndon ordered that the Clerk of the Council be and is hereby directed to Mr Thomas A Curtis, Collector &c & ascertain whether he intends to continue in office & if so that his presence is required as soon as possible

Daniel Bradford resigned his office as Police officer.

The Council proceeded to elect a Police officer to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Daniel Bradford when James A Taylor was elected on the first ballot.

Ordered that the Clerk cause the tax bill this day passed to be printed for circulation in hand bill form

Ordered that the Services of Wm Smith a police officer appointed by the Recorder be disposed [Page 353] with

On motion the Council then adj'd
Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 8th day of October 1862
Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

J G Wallace, Jno A English, Wm Allen, J M Herndon, H B Hall, J G Hurkamp, A D Adams, Wm A Little, John E Tackett

On motion ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Robt W Hart one hundred dollars being the balance due of his salary as Comm'r of the Revenue of this Corp'n for the Year 1862

Ordered that the a/c of Wm A Little Esq'r for his expenses to Richmond &c amounting to \$38.00 be paid by the Chamberlain

On motion ordered that the Public Property Comm'ee be instructed to enquire & ascertain the present condition of the Fire engines and also as to the probable coast of procuring new engines & their [cost] & report to the Council

Mr Thomas A Curtis resigned his office as Collector of Taxes & Rents in this Corp'n which resignation was on motion received.

Absent, Jno S Caldwell, Recorder

On Motion of Mr J M Herndon, ordered that an allowance of \$33.00 be made to Mr John S Caldwell for his service during the absence of the Mayor

Mr John S Caldwell was elected Collector of Taxes & Rents of the Corporation to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Thomas A Curtis

Mr John S Caldwell resigned his seat at the Board.

Mr John S Caldwell this day elected Collector of Taxes & Rents took the oaths of office before the Mayor.

Mr John L Marye Jr Was elected a member of the Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Jno S Caldwell.

Mr Wm A Little was elected Recorder of the Corporation in the place of the Jno S Caldwell, resigned.

An a/c of Wm Little [Page 354] amt'g to \$10 was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion the Council then adj'd
M Slaughter, Mayor

G F Chew, C C

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Thursday afternoon the 16th day of October 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm Allen, A B Adams, Jno M Herndon, J G Wallace

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Friday afternoon the 17th day of October 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm Allen, A B Adams, J G Wallace, John M Herndon, John A English, J G Hurkamp, H B Hall—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had be called for the purpose of taking such action as may be necessary in order to obtain a supply of salt for the use of the inhabitants of the town; and thereupon on motion of Mr John A English, it is ordered the Mayor be & he is hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to supply the inhabitants of the Town with salt, and that the Chamb'n pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the object upon the order of the Mayor.

The official bond of John S Caldwell as Collector of Taxes & Rents of this Corporation in the penalty of \$10,000 with A K Phillips & Geo Aler as sureties was submitted to the Board approved & ordered to be filed by the Mayor.

An ordinance amendatory to an ordinance concerning the Market & the Clerk of the Market was passed & is as follows.

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council that the third section of said ordinance be amended so as to read "If any person shall during the Market hours buy any kind of meat poultry, butter, eggs, or vegetables for the purpose of selling again, he or she [Page 355] shall pay a fine of five dollars

On motion the Council then adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 10th day of November 1862

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm Allen, J G Wallace, John M Herndon, A B Adams, Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, John A English, Wm A Little—Common Commissioners

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of considering and adopted such measures as may be necessary in order to supply the poor & needy of the Town, with wood, meal & the necessities of life during the present winter.

And thereupon on motion of Mr James H Bradley, it is ordered that a Committee of two be appointed to take measures to supply the poor of the Town & especially, the families of absent soldiers with wood & meal & the necessities of life during the present winter and that an appropriation of \$2000 be & is hereby made to defray the necessary expenses thereof & that said committee are requested to proceed with delay in carrying the object into effect with liberty to said committee to employ an agent or agents if necessary.

Mess'rs Jas H Bradley, Andrew B Adams are appointed the Committee under the foregoing order

On motion the Council then adjourned
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on the 21st day of November 1862
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
H B Hall, Jas H Bradley, John A English, John G Hurkamp, Wm A Little, J G Wallace, Wm Allen, John M
Herndon, A B Adams

John L Marye, Jr member of the Council elect appeared & took the oaths of office before the Mayor
Present, Jno L Marye, Jr

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called [Page 356] to consider a communication from Brevit Major
Gen'l E V Sumner demanding surrender of the Town and the said Communication having been read as also the
reply of the Mayor thereto on motion of Mr Wm A Little the reply made to the said Communication of Gen'l
Sumner by the Mayor was unanimously approved and endorsed by the Council.