

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1866

[Page 428]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1866

Present M Slaughter

J W Sener, Recorder

Thomas F Knox, Wm A Little, W H Cunningham, Chas Scott, B T Gill, James McGuire, Robt W Adams

Geo W Shepherd elected a member of the Council appeared and qualified and took his seat.

An a/c of A Walker for pulling down the walls of the Freemont Hotel building amounting to \$19.50 is allowed & ordered to be paid.

The Mayor submitted a report in writing of his interview with Mr A K Phillips in relation to the interests of the Corporation [Page 429] under the will of the late, Mrs Margaret Phillips which was read and ordered to be filed.

Present: J G Hurkamp

The Mayor submitted a communication in writing to the Council touch various subject of interest to the Corporation.

On motion made & seconded, ordered that the Mayor be instructed to employ four competent men as night police men upon the best terms he can & report to the Council.

On motion & seconded, ordered that the Pump Committee proceed without delay to have all the Public pumps of value in the Corporation put in complete order

On the recommendation of the Mayor, It was resolved that a Board of Health to consist of three physicians be appointed for this Corporation whereupon on motion the Council proceeded to ballot for the members of the board, when Dr Geo T Carmichael, Dr J G Wallace & Dr W S Scott were duly elected a Board of Health for this Corporation, who were respectfully requested to make suggestions & recommendation from time to time to the Council as they may deem it expedient and proper in relation to the sanitary condition of the Town.

On motion, made & seconded & in pursuance of the Mayors recommendation, ordered that the overseers of the poor be directed to contract with some person for the delivery of thirty cords of wood to be distributed by them in their discretion among the poor of the town.

On motion, ordered that the discount of five per cent to tax payers be allowed to all who pay their taxes within twenty days after notice that the Commissioner books are in the hands of the Collector and that the discount of two percent be allowed to all who pay their taxes within forty days after said notice, and that the collector be directed to publish said notice as soon as the Commissioners Books are placed in his hands by the Commissioner of the Revenue.

On motion made, Ordered that the Mayor be instructed to confer with the Surveyor of the Corporation and ascertain what it would cost to make a new map or plot of the Town on Parchment and report to the Council.

[Page 430]

Mr Wm H Cunningham submitted the following resolution,

Resolved that the contract made by Mr Peters which with Mess'rs Little & Goolrick for the prosecution of the claim against the Old Dominion Steam Boat Company at a contingent amount of the recovery be confirm

And that the rules be suspended in order to consider said resolution, which motion was lost.

On motion the Council adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day February 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W H Cunningham, B T Gill, Chs S Scott, John J Young, James McGuire, Geo W Shepherd, George Gravatt.

The Mayor submitted a report in writing of his interview with Col Ames commanding this post in relation to the delivery of the Jail to the Civil Authorities of this Corporation, Whereupon

On motion made & seconded, Ordered that the Public Property Committee be instructed to have the jail of this Corporation repaired & put in safe & comfortable condition for the reception of prisoners.

Present: Thomas F Knox, John G Hurkamp

Mr Knox moved that the compensation of the night police now be fixed at the sum of \$50 per month for one to act as chief of police, and \$40 per month for the remaining three, which motion Mr Scott moved to lay on the table which was carried.

Mr Scott moved to reconsider the action of the last meeting directing the Mayor to employ five night policemen which motion was carried, six members voting in the affirmative.

On motion made & seconded, Ordered that the Public Property Committee be instructed to wait again upon the Commandant of this post and request the removal of troops now quartered in the [Page 431] the Town Hall Building.

A Communication from Mrs Juliant Perry to the Mayor was read & on motion, ordered to be laid on the table.

On motion the Council adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Joseph W Sener, Recorder  
William A Little, John G Hurkamp, John J Young, Chas S Scott, B T Gill & Geo Gravatt

On motion made & seconded ordered that the compensation of the Commissioner of Streets be fixed at one dollar per day whilst he is actually employed in the discharge of his duties

The Council proceeded to elect by ballot a Commissioner of Streets for the Corporation, when Geo Aler was duly elected

Doctors Carmichael & Wallace declined to act as members of the Board of Health, whereupon the Council proceeded to fill the vacancies, Doctor Jones & Rose were duly elected members of the Board of Health of this Town to supply the vacancies aforesaid.

On motion, ordered that the Young Men Literary Society be allowed to use the Court House hall on the evening of their meetings.

On motion made & seconded, Resolved that the products of the present tax bill does not admit of the practicability of receiving the past due coupons of the bonds of this Corporation in payment of taxes for the current year.

On motion, Resolved that the Board of Health be requested to consider promptly all matters relating to the sanitary conditions of the Town, especially the condition of the marsh and [Page 432] canal on the wets of the Town, and report to the Council.

Resolved, That the Fred'g Agricultural Society be authorized to resume possession of the Mercer Square upon the terms and condition of the former occupation before the war, the design of said society be review its annual meeting and to endeavor to revive the society and thus promote the interests & prosperity of this section of the State.

Resolved, that the Telegraph Company be directed to place their post not at Mr Carter's door but at Wellford's corner.

On motion, Ordered that James B Sener, John J Young & B T Gill have permission to plant trees in front of their residences provided they are not alanthus trees, the Street Committee to superintend & point out the location of the trees

On motion the Council adjourned  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Thomas F Knox, Charles Scott, B T Gill, Geo Gravatt, John J Young, John G Hurkamp, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance & request of three members to consider some matters connected with the American Telegraph Company.

On motion made & seconded the action of the Council at the last meeting in relation to the American Telegraph Company was reconsidered.

[Page 433]

Mr Young moved that the order made at the last meeting requiring the American Telegraph Co to place their post at Wellford's Corner instead of in front of Mr Carter's house be reconsidered, Mr Scott moved to amend the resolution by appointing a special committee to consider the whole subject and act definitely therein, the amendment was lost & thereupon the question occurring on the original resolution the same was carried.

Mess'rs Sener, Hurkamp & Gravatt, members of the Street Committee was excused from voting on the resolution & amendment.

On motion, Resolved that Street Committee, be requested to cause the post of the American Telegraph Company to be placed at Wellford's Corner, if practicable, to do so, if not the post remain where it is at present in front of Mr E Carter's house. Mess'rs Sener, Hurkamp and Gravatt were excused from voting on this resolution.

Mr James B Sener, by note in writing, resigned his position as Commissioner of the Freedman's Court, which resignation was accepted.

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

William A Little, Geo Gravatt, John J Young, Jas McGuire, John G Hurkamp & Thomas F Knox

The Mayor stated that he had convened the council for the purpose of communicating the result of his efforts to procure a suitable person to act for the Citizens as a Comm'r of the Freedman's Court, stated that Mr W P Conway, will if desired, act as Commr

On [motion] Mr W P Conway, was duly elected a Commissioner on the part of the Citizens of the Town in the Freedman's court.

On a/c of R W Hart, amounting to \$11.64, W Sener has permission of leading [Page 434] a branch pipe from the main on the corner of Caroline & George Street & leading into the well on the East corner of said street for the purpose of cleaning out the water pipes when it may be deemed advisable to do so.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to prepare an ordinance repealing all the Corporation laws on the Statue Book of the Corporation, relating to slaves.

Resolved, that it is not in the power of the Council to pay the interest on our Corporation debt this year, that the Clerk be instructed under the supervision of the Finance Committee to prepare an ordinance providing for the funding of all the interest now due and accruing during the present year upon the bonds of this Corporation.

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Jos W Sener, Recorder

W A Little, W H Cunningham, John J Young, G W Shepherd, B T Gill, John G Hurkamp, Robt W Adams, James McGuire, Chas S Scott, Thomas F Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering various matters of interest to the Town.

It appearing by the survey made by Carter M Braxton, Civil Engineer, that in order to drain the Marsh through Kenmore & Sandy Bottom, a sufficient fall cannot be obtained with lowering the culverts constructed by the Rail Road Company near the Depot. It is ordered that the Mayor inform the Richmond, Fred'g & Potomac Rail Road Company that the Council desires that the said Company shall make the needful alteration of said culvert as speedily as practicable in order that the same may be completed while [Page 435] the work of draining said Marsh is progressing and the Council declining the removal of such an obstruction as called for by the terms of the original agreement made by said Company in obtaining the right of way through the Town, ask for a prompt cooperation by said Company in this matter, which is deemed important to the health of the Town.

On motion, ordered that John B Alexander, H B Hoomes, L J Huffman & Chs S Scott be severally summoned to appear forthwith before this Council to give evidence.

On motion made & seconded, ordered that a committee to consist of four members be appointed to take into consideration all matters connected with the draining of the Marsh on the West of the Town, and to confer with John L Marye Esq'r and all person interested therein, and to report their action to the adjourned meeting of the Council on Tuesday evening next.

The Mayor appointed the following Committee under the preceding resolution, viz  
Charles S Scott, James W Sener, Wm A Hart, Wm H Cunningham.

A report from the Street Committee was presented & ordered to be laid on the Table by the following vote:

Yeas Knox, Little, Cunningham, Adams, McGuire, Gill

Noes Hurkamp, Sener, Young & Shepherd

On motion, resolved that Col Braxton Engineer for the Rail Road Company, be requested to proceed as speedily as possible to do the further work up the streets of the Town, as suggested by the report of the Street Committee, The yeas & nays were demanded upon this resolution and resulted as follows

Yeas Mess'rs Knox, Little, Cunningham, Adams, Scott, Shepherd, McGuire & Gill

Nays Mess'rs Hurkamp, Sener, & Young.

On motion, the petition of John L Knight Jr & other citizens was referred to the Street Committee for further action.

On motion, Resolved that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated to the purchase of Fire Apparatus for this Corporation, and that the agents of the Insurance Companies & private citizens of the town be requested to aid as far as possible by their contributions in effecting this very desirable work said [Page 436] appropriation not to be used until enough money has been raised to purchase on Engine, of eight inch cylinder & seven hundred feet of hose for said purpose & that the Commander of the Fire Company be requested to solicit subscriptions to carry out the above object

On motion the Council Adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At an adj'd meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Thomas F Knox, Wm A Little, George Gravatt, Wm H Cunningham, John G Hurkamp, John J Young, G W Shepherd, B T Gill, Charles S Scott, James McGuire, R W Adams

The Committee appointed on Friday last to consider all matters connected with the draining of the Kenmore Marsh submitted a report of their action in the premises, whereupon a motion was made & seconded the report of the Committee was approved & adopted.

Mr Little offered the following Resolution, Resolved that the sum of [blank] be appropriated for the purpose of draining the Kenmore Marsh & the Valley on the West of the Town from said Marsh to the Richmond, Freds'burg Rail Road to be expended by a Committee appointed by the Council, consisting of one member of the Kenmore Company, one of the Water Power Company & two appointed by this body, which appropriation together with \$500 tendered for this purpose by the Kenmore & Water Power Company, deemed sufficient for such purpose.

2<sup>nd</sup> That said committee be instructed to contract as soon as possible under the supervision of a competent Engineer with some responsible party to said work speedily and thoroughly.

3<sup>rd</sup> That John E Tackett on the part of the Water Power Company, John L Marye on the part of the Kenmore Company & M Slaughter, Mayor & C W Scott President of the board of Health, constituted said Committee.

Which on motion made & seconded was ordered to be laid on the Table.

On motion made & seconded, ordered that a Committee be appointed [Page 437] to carry out the report of the Committee in relation to draining the Kenmore Marsh

On motion, Ordered that said Committee consist of three members & Mess'rs John E Tackett, Chs S Scott & John G Hurkamp are duly appointed said Committee.

On motion, Ordered that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the recommendations of the Special Committee in relation to draying the Kenmore Marsh

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sburg held at the Council Chamber  
Thursday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Wm A Little, John J Young, John G Hurkamp, Charles Scott, James McGuire, George Gravatt, Wm H  
Cunningham, B T Gill & Thomas F Knox.

The Mayor having made a favorable report, ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Police officers their  
salaries for the Quarter ending the 19<sup>th</sup> Inst.

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

James McGuire	\$2.11
J W Adams	\$5.00
New Era Office	\$16.50
Fredericksburg Ledger	\$24.75
Virginia Herald	\$18.00
J J Chew	\$7.76
On motion Scott & Bowering	\$18.30
M Slaughter	\$22.00

On motion, ordered that the bill presented by Lewis O Magrath amt'g to four dollars be laid on the table.

On motion, Ordered that the Chamberlain pay to Robt Dignum the sum of ten dollars, amount paid by  
him to the Federal Military for permission to sell Liquor &c

[Page 438]

On motion, ordered that one of the Police officers of the Corporation proceed to collect forthwith from Mr  
Lange the sum of \$18.30 amount of account due to Mess'rs Scott & Bowering.

The Special Committee in relation to draining the Kenmore Marsh made a report, Whereupon on motion  
made & seconded the further sum of \$150 is appropriated for the purpose of effecting the object of the  
Committee.

It is hereby certified by the Council, that the Council has not furnished a Mayor's office during the past  
year & the Mayor therefore has been compelled to use his private counting room for that purpose for  
which he has charged no rent, also that no clerk of the Market been appointed, the ordinances relating to  
the Market if not enforced has not been owing to any want diligence of the Mayor in that regard.

On motion of Mr Cunningham permission is granted him to plant trees in front of his house on Caroline  
Street under the supervision of the Street Committee.

Resolved that Mr Jno G Hurkamp be permitted to enclose the unopen street through Alsop's lots near the  
basin, said inclosure to be removed whenever ordered by the Council.

On motion, ordered that the trees planted by Mr Bradley in front of the Baptist Church remain where they are now planted.

On Motion, ordered that the report of the Street Committee laid upon the table at an former meeting, be taken up and that the same be returned to the Committee.

Ordered that the Sergeant of this Corporation procure a suitable ballot box for this Corporation & the sum of \$1.50 is appropriated for that purpose.

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor  
[Page 439]

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Saturday evening the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866  
Present M Slaughter, Mayor  
J W Sener, Recorder  
Chs S Scott, Geo Gravatt, James McGuire, John G Hurkamp, Geo W Shepherd, Wm A Little, B T Gill—  
Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined & adjusted the account of George F Chew, Chamberlain, of the Corporation the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 186, and find the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers and a balance due the Corporation by the Chamberlain of Eighty Three dollars & twenty cents. The report was received & approved.

The Finance Committee report that they had examined the account of L J Huffman, collector of Taxes for the Corporation of Fredericksburg, and found the same to be correct & shewing a balance of \$3,441.14 of uncollected taxes in the hands of the Collector, the report was received and approved.

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg on Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
Present M Slaughter, Mayor  
J W Sener, Recorder  
William A Little, Geo Gravatt, Chs S Scott, B T Gill, John G Hurkamp, William H Cunningham, James McGuire, Thomas F Knox, John J Young—Common Councilmen

This being the day fixed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen of the Town of Fredericksburg, until the third Monday in March next 1867 and until others are elected, in their stead the voter met at the Clerk's office in the Court House of said Corporation and [Page 440] and deposited their ballots and after counting the same it was found that the largest number votes were given for the following persons to wit:

George Gravatt	315
John G Hurkamp	289
John E Tackett	278



Wm H Cunningham	253
Thom F Knox	245
E M Braxton	237
Wm A Little	229
Jno J Young	225
James McGuire	197
A P Rowe	157
James H Bradley	138
Geo W Wroten	134
J W Sener	115
A B Adams	85
G W Shepherd	84
C Armat	67
B F Bowering	65
Chs S Scott	64

The first names twelve of whom were declared duly elected

On motion the Council adjourned  
M Slaughter, Mayor

Council Chamber, Fredericksburg, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1886

George Gravatt, Jno E Tackett, Wm H Cunningham, Thomas H Knox, E M Braxton, Wm A Little, A P Rowe, James H Bradley, Geo W Wroten, James McGuire, John James Young & John H Hurkamp—

Common Councilmen 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, Esq'r, Mayor of the Corporation.

On motion Thomas F Knox was called to the Chair and John James Chew was appointed Clerk pro tem

On motion the salary of the Mayor was fixed at \$400 to the third Monday on March next.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Mayor for this Corporation when Montgomery Slaughter Esq'r unanimously elected and took the several oaths of office before J P Wallace a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg and took his seat at the Board.

On motion made the salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at two dollars for session.

George F Chew was duly elected Clerk of the Council [Page 441]

Thomas F Knox was elected Recorder of the Corporation and took the several oaths of office before M Slaughter Mayor of the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

The Salaries of the following officers were fixed as follows

The Chamberlain of the Corporation three hundred dollars

The Commissioner of the Revenue two hundred & fifty dollars

The Collector of Taxes & Rents, 2 per cent on all taxes collected by the day of [blank] & 5 percent on Taxes red'd thereafter & 2 pr cent on rents  
The Superintendent of Street one hundred dollars  
The Clerk of the Market one hundred dollars

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the current year when Geo F Chew was elected Chamberlain of the Corporation

Rob't W Hart	Commissioner of the Revenue
Landin J Huffman	Collector of Taxes & Rents
Carter M Braxton	was elected Surveyor
Charles Bragdon	was elected Inspector & measurer of lumber, wood &c
John W Edrington	was elected weigher & measurer of coal, grain, salt &c
George Aler	Superintendent of Streets

On motion the number of Police officers for the current year was fixed at two, and their salaries are fixed at \$200 each pr annum.

The Council then proceeded to elect police officers for the current year, when James A Taylor & John S G Timberlake were elected.

The Mayor appointed the following standing Committees viz,

On Finance	Wm A Little, Wm H Cunningham & J H Bradley
On Public Property	James McGuire, E M Braxton & Geo W Wroten
On Streets	John G Hurkamp, Jno E Tackett & Geo Gravatt
On Pumps	Thomas F Knox, Jno J Young & A P Rowe

Richard Caldwell was elected the Clerk of the Market.

Mr Cunningham moved that the Collector of Taxes be allowed the sum of 7½ percent upon the uncollected taxes, Mr McGuire moved to amend the motion by making the allowance two percent to the collector, the amendment was lost and the original motion adopted, fixing the compensation of the Collector at seven & a half per cent, upon the uncollected taxes of the last year in his hands.

[Page 442]

The tax on Drays, Carts & Wagons for the present year was fixed as follows, viz, on drays & carts five dollars and on wagons ten dollars

James A Taylor, Jno S G Timberlake, Geo Aler, Richard Caldwell & John M Edrington took the oath of office before the Mayor of this Corporation

On motion, permission is granted the Trustees of Presbyterian Church to plant trees around their church under the supervision of the Street Committee.

On motion is granted Mr Edwin Carter to plant trees in front of his house on Caroline Street, under the supervision of the Street Committee.

On motion the Council adj'd

M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thomas F Knox, Recorder

Jno G Hurkamp, A P Rowe, Wm H Cunningham, G W Wroten, E M Braxton, Jno E Tackett, Jas H Bradley, John J Young, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

On motion Jno James Chew was appointed Clerk pro-tem

The official bond of Geo F Chew as Chamberlain of this Corporation in the penalty of ten thousand dollars with Jno James Chew, Robt S Chew & John G Hurkamp as securities was presented to the board, approved and ordered to be filed to be by him deposited by him in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

On motion ordered that the Committee on the Market be requested to call upon the owners of the Kenmore property for the sum of \$300, promised by them towards the reclamation [Page 443] of the Marsh on the West of the Town.

On motion of Mr Tackett, Resolved that the Mayor be requested on behalf of the Corporation to notify the Kenmore Company & all other property holders that they must immediately drain the Marshes on their property & on failure on their part the Corporation shall proceed to drain the property and assess the amount to said Company or other property holders.

Absalom P Rowe was appointed a member of the Committee on the Marsh in the stead of Charles S Scott.

On motion of Mr Tackett, Resolved that the sum of one hundred & fifty dollars be appropriated to the completion of the drainage of the Kenmore Marsh, and the Finance Committee are hereby authorized to borrow the amount if necessary.

On motion, ordered that the Public Property Committee be requested to provide a suitable office for the use of the Mayor & also for the meeting of the Council.

On motion, ordered that all persons engaged in doing business in any Gift enterprise in this Corporation be required to pay a tax of one hundred dollars per month or a less period.

Mr Geo Gravatt by note in writing addressed to the Council resigned his seat as a member of the board, which resignation was on motion received.

The Council then proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Geo Gravatt, when Mr J W Sener was elected on the first ballot

The Official bonds of D J Huffman as Collector of Taxes in the penalty of \$10,000 with W P Conway & [blank] securities, was presented to the board & approved & ordered to be filed with the Mayor to be by him deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

On motion, ordered that L B Doggett be allowed to obtain a license to conduct business by paying a pro rata tax.

A bill of Morrison & Beall amounting to nine dollars [Page 444] was presented & ordered to be paid.

A P Rowe Esq'r was appointed a member of the Committee on Streets in the place of Mr Gravatt, resigned.

On motion the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866

Present Mr Slaughter, Mayor

Thomas F Knox, Recorder

James McGuire, Jno E Tackett, A P Rowe, E Braxton, Geo w Wroten, Wm H Cunningham, W A Little, Jno G Hurkamp, James H Bradley—Common Councilmen

Joseph W Sener, member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor & took his seat at the board.

On motion of E M Braxton, Resolved that the order of Council made at the last meeting laying a tax on persons conducting the Gift Enterprise business be reconsidered.

On motion, Resolved that the order made at the last meeting imposing a tax on persons conducting the Gift Enterprise business be and the same is hereby rescinded the council being of the opinion that the said business is a lottery.

R W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue of this Corporation took the oaths of officer before the Mayor.

On motion, Resolved that the ordinance on the subject of Scale &c in the market be amended as follows, that patent spring balances may be used by the butchers & others in the market, subject to the supervision and correction of the Clerk of the Market.

On motion the Council Adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor  
[Page 445]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

William A Little, Geo W Wroten, Jno G Hurkamp, Jno E Tackett, Joseph W Sener, Jno J Young, James H Bradley, A P Rowe, William H Cunningham—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that he had convened the Council at the request of the Marsh Committee.

On motion of Jno E Tackett, ordered that the third section of Chapter 38, subject of nuisance be amended & re-enacted as to read as follows:

Every person owning or occupying a lot on which there may be a sunken place holding stagnant water neglecting to fill up or drain the same or to commence work within three days after notice to do so by a Police officer & continue steadily to do said work, shall forfeit & pay not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars for every day after the service of said notice, if he shall continued in default, and shall neglect to fill up such place or drain the same.

On motion, ordered that F F Miller be allowed a credit on his license for a Daguerian Gallery for the next year of ten dollars

On motion, ordered that the Commissioner of the Revenue grant a license to W W Dillard & Lewis Huegee for the unexpired time of one meeting provided said Dillard & Huegee renew their licenses for the next year.

On motion, ordered that Mr A P Rowe be permitted to use Mr Francis' old shops as a soap & candle factory during the pleasure of the Council

On Motion the Council Adjourned,  
M Slaughter, Mayor  
[Page 446]

At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866  
Present M Slaughter, Mayor  
E M Braxton, Jno E Tackett, Jas H Bradley, Jno J Young, J W Sener, Geo W Wroten, A P Rowe—  
Common Councilmen

On motion Jno J Young was appointed Clerk pro tem.

The Mayor presented a written communication announcing the death of Geo F Chew, Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation which on motion was ordered to be filed and recorded viz Mayor's Office  
Fredericksburg, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866  
To the Common Council  
Gentlemen

It is my sad duty to announce to you the death of Geo F Chew Esq'r the accomplished and efficient clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation. In communicating this melancholy event I cannot refrain from saying a few words in token of my appreciation of his character as a faithful officer and valued citizen. For many years our official duties brought into daily intercourse, it was therefore my fortune to know him intimately, Possessed of rare abilities, remarkable accuracy, and familiarity with all matters pertaining to the history and interests of the Corporation, he was ever at his part prompt to discharge the obligations of his office and to meet the constant demands upon him fro gratuitous labour & information. His intelligence, skill and fidelity as an officer commanded the confidence and admiration of his associates. This kind of disposition, Courteous bearing and accommodating spirit secured the esteem and regard of all who knew him. His lost will be sincerely felt & sincerely lamented by the officers of this Corporation and by the Community generally. It is for you gentlemen of the Council to determine what action shall be taken by your body in respect to his memory and remains.

M Slaughter, Mayor

On motion it was resolved that William A Little, E M Braxton and the Mayor be appointed a Committee to draft suitable resolutions for the occasion.

Whereupon the said Committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the Council [Page 447] and ordered to be placed on its records to-wit:

Resolved That we have received with unfeigned sorrow the intelligence of the death of George F Chew, Esq'r chamberlain of the Corporation and Clerk of the Council a citizen and officer whose loss cannot be too deeply deplored, and whose place it will be difficult, if not impossible to supply, during the long years in which many of us have been associated with him as an officer of this Corporation, it give us pleasure to testify to his uncommon abilities, his accurate and systematic habits of business and the curtesy and kindness of disposition exhibited by him in all our official and private intercourse and to record the unanimous sentiment of this body that the inscrutable Providence which has thus removed him will be as deeply felt in the loss of his invaluable official services as it is sincerely lamented by us as his fellow citizens and personal friends. He was an honest and upright man, a useful and valuable citizen, a faithful, experienced and most accomplished officer and at the termination of a long and useful life, is followed by the unmingled regrets and the unqualified admiration of all with whom he was for so many years associated.

Resolved That the Mayor and members of the Council attend the funeral in a body.

On motion the Council adj'd

At a Called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

William A Little, Geo W Wroten, Jno J Young, E M Braxton, Wm H Cunningham, James H Bradley, Absalom P Rowe—Common Councilman

A Communication from the board of health was received, read and ordered to be filed

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr Solan which on motion was referred to the Street Committee who were directed with the aid of the Commissioner of Streets to consider the same and report at the next meeting of the Council.

On motion ordered that the sum of two hundred & eighty five dollars [Page 448] be appropriated to be expended under the supervision of the Committee this day appointed by the Court of this Corporation in repairs of the court house.

The Council proceeded to the election of a Clerk of the Council to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late incumbent, whereupon the vote being taken by ballot, R S Chew was duly elected.

The Council proceeded to the election of a Chamberlain of the Corporation, Whereupon the vote being taken by ballot R S Chew was unanimously elected.

On motion, Ordered that the Collector of Taxes allow to all persons who paid a Military tax, who have not received the same a credit in any future tax bill, he may have against such persons to the extent of the amount of said Military Tax so paid by them.

Ordered that Chap 35, section 1 of the Corporation laws be amended by the insertion of the words other vehicles after the words dray, carts & wagons

Ordered that the tax on vehicles drawn by one horse be fixed at five dollars, and on vehicles drawn by two horses at ten dollars.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined and adjusted the accounts of Geo F Chew, late Chamberlain of this Corporation ending the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1866 and find the same to be correct & supported by proper vouchers & a balance due the Corporation by the late Chamberlain of \$91.71. The report was received & approved and the balance ordered to be paid over to the Chamberlain elect upon his qualification.

Robt S Chew elected Clerk of the Council and Chamberlain of the Corporation appeared and took the oaths of office before the Mayor

Resolved that the uncollected taxes of the Year 1862 now in the hands of the Collector be remitted and the Finance Committee be directed to settle the accounts of the Collector [Page 449] for said taxes, according to this resolution.

Resolved that the Mayor be instructed to prepare a petition to be signed by the Council and presented to the proper authorities for permission to levy a Mud tax not to exceed [blank] cents per ton upon all vessels entering the port of Fredericksburg, the proceeds of the said tax to be exclusively appropriated to removing the obstructions in the river and deepening and cleansing out the Channel.

And then the Council Adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thomas F Knox, Recorder

James H Bradley, J W Sener, E M Braxton, W A Little, Wm H Cunningham, Jno E Tackett, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering various matters of interest to the Corporation

The official bond of Robt S Chew, as Chamberlain of the Corporation in the penalty of ten thousand dollars with John J Chew & H B Hoomes as securities was presented to the board, approved, and ordered to be filed with the Mayor to be by him deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

William A Little, Thos F Knox, & James H Bradley are appointed proxies to represent the interests of the Corporation in the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company at any meeting of the Stockholders of said Company to be held hereafter.

Resolved, that the police officers be directed to serve a notice upon Dr B R Wellford, requiring him to grade & put in order the pavement & footings in front of his house at the corner [Page 450] of Hanover & Princess Ann Streets.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr C C Wellford which on motion was laid upon the table

On motion, the application of H W Wissner &c for a remission of license tax was laid on the table.

On motion, made & seconded, all action of the Tax bill is postponed to an adjourned meeting of the Common Council to be held on Tuesday evening the 12<sup>th</sup> inst at 5 O'clock P M

On motion, ordered that the Public Property comm'ttee be authorized to contract with Jessee White to do the Corporation printing in payment of rent of the office occupied by him.

On motion the Council adjourned till 5 O'clock PM June 12<sup>th</sup> 1866.

M Slaughter, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thom F Knox, Recorder

Wm A Little, Wm H Cunningham, Jas H Bradley, E M Braxton, Jno E Tackett, James McGuire, Jno G Hurkamp, A P Rowe, Jno J Young, Jo W Sener, Geo W Wroten—Common Councilmen

On motion made & seconded the report of the Finance Committee was divided into two sections.

Mr E M Braxton offered the following resolution,

Resolved that it is deemed inexpedient to levy any tax to pay any portion of the interest in the Corporation debt at this time, which being seconded,

And the Ayes and Noes being called for the resolution was [Page 451] rejected by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, Braxton, McGuire, Powe, & Wroten 5

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Little, Cunningham, Tackett, Hurkamp, Young & Sener 7

An ordinance imposing taxes for the Year 1866 was passed and is in the words & figures to-wit;

1<sup>st</sup> Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that there shall be levied and collect on persons and property and other subjects of the Town of Fredericksburg, to defray the expenses of the corporation for they year ending the third Monday in March 1867, the taxes following to-wit,

2<sup>nd</sup> On Real Estate fifty cents on every hundred dollars value thereof agreeable to the Commissioners books.

3<sup>rd</sup> On Persons property fifty cents on every hundred dollars value thereof agreeable to the Commissioners Books.

4<sup>th</sup> On each colored male above the age of twenty one years two (2) dollars.

5<sup>th</sup> On all licenses and other subjects assessed with state taxes within the Corporation of Fredericksburg (except Brokers which are taxed 25 percent) 50 per cent of said Tax assessed in the year by the State of



Virginia, and excepting theatrical & other exhibitions which are taxed under an ordinance of the Corporation.

6<sup>th</sup> And it is further ordered that once fourth of the taxes so assessed by this bill for the Corporation be received in the interest past due in the bonds of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at par.

Ordered that the Chamberlain be instructed to renew a last registered Corporation Bond No. 342 for \$100 to C Wistar Wallace after due advertisement & upon his giving the usual bond.

Ordered that the Chamberlain be instructed to renew a lost registered Corporation Bond No. 240 for \$150 to Jas B Ficklen after due advertisement & upon his giving the usual bond.

Mr C W Wallace appeared before the Council & permission being granted him was heard upon a communication of Mess'rs Morrison & Beall which he presented, and on motion the said communication was laid on the table.

[Page 452]

A bill of Jesse White amounting to \$11.50 for printing for the Corporation was ordered to be paid.

And then the Council adj'd  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1866

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

J J Young, J H Bradley, Jas McGuire, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, Geo W Wroten—Common Councilmen

The Mayor presented a communication from T B Barton, Esq'r Attorney for the Commonwealth in regard to the collection of the ground rents due the Corporation by Mess'rs J B Ficklen and D Green's Est, which on motion, made and seconded was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and final action.

A copy of the report of the Grand Jury, made at July Court last in regard to the condition of the Corporation Jail was also read by the Mayor, which on motion made and seconded was referred to the Public Property Committee with directions to report at the next meeting of the Council the probable cost of making the needed repairs.

On motion of Mr J W Sener, ordered that the Street Committee be instructed to call on Jno L Marye Esq'r for his contribution of two hundred dollars towards draining the Marsh.

A Communication from a committee appointed by the Fredericksburg Fire Co was also presented which on motion was laid on the table

On motion, Mr J J Young, ordered that the Collector of Taxes proceed without delay to destrain for all uncollected taxes due the Corporation for 1865 according to law.

A communication from the Overseers of the Poor was on motion laid on the table.

The following persons were unanimously elected Overseers of the Poor to serve until the next annual appointment viz,  
Mess'rs James Hayes, Edwin Carter, Edw L Heinichison, A E Samuels, Wm Burke, and G W Wroten  
[Page 453]

A communication from Miss Francis E Mills was presented and which on motion was laid on the table.

A bill of Robert W Hart, Commissioner of the Revenue for six months services amounting to \$25.00 was ordered to be paid.

A bill of Young & Hoomes amounting to \$9.00 was ordered to be paid.

And then the Council adjourned.  
M Slaughter, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening August 28<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Prest. M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

James McGuire, A P Rowe, J W Sener, J G Hurkamp, Wm H Cunningham, Geo W Wroten, James H Bradley, Jno J Young—Common Councilmen

The Chairman of the Public Property Committee Mr Jas McGuire, made a verbal report in regard to the Jail, and the repairs necessary to make it secure. The Committee having decided on what repairs should be done solicited bids for the work, one only being submitted by Mr Wm H Norton, who proposed to do the work in a strong and substantial manner for the sum of \$354.20 and on motion his bid was accepted, provided the timber used for the wood work, shall all be well-seasoned, or kiln dried, the work to be executed under the supervision of the Pub Property Committee, and the same Committee are also authorized to procure suitable locks for the new door, and as many as may be necessary for the cell doors.

On motion, made and seconded, ordered that the Mayor be authorized to employ three additional and competent Night Policemen for the next sixty days or long if he thinks it necessary, upon the best terms he can, and report his action hereon to the next meeting of the Council.

And then the Council adjourned  
[Page 454]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening September 4<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Wm H Cunningham, E M Braxton, J H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, J J Young, J W Sener, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

A report in writing was submitted by Mess'rs Little and Bradley of the Finance Committee in regard to raising money to buy Engine and Hose for the Fredericksburg Fire Company and on motion, made and seconded, ordered that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed to act in conjunction with the

Committee of the Fire Co and who are authorized to raise the money upon the terms indicated in the report of the Finance Committee and also to make purchase of the necessary Engine & hose &c which Engine & Hose are to be the property of the Corporation.

The Mayor appointed as the Committee, Mess'rs Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, and J W Sener.

The attention of the Council was called to the fixing the compensation & appointment of the Police

On motion, made and seconded, the compensation of the night policemen was fixed at one dollar and fifty cents per night.

On motion, made and seconded, the appointment of the three additional night policemen is postponed till Friday evening next at 4 O'clock.

On motion, ordered that the Mayor be authorized to give notice by hand bills that the Council would elect three sober and efficient night policemen on Friday evening and desiring applicants to submit their claims in writing.

And then the Council adjourned till Friday evening next, Septem'r 7<sup>th</sup> at 4 O'clock.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening September 7<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

J W Sener, A P Rowe, W H Cunningham, G W Wroten, E M Braxton, J H Bradley, Jas McGuire, J G Hurkamp, J J Young—Common Councilmen

[Page 455]

A communication from two members of the Board of Health was presented and read by the Mayor recommending the removal of the heavy growth of vegetable matter in the vacant lots and the streets of the town, as being injurious to the health of the Citizens, which on motion made and seconded, was laid on the table.

The Mayor stated that the next business in order was the election of three night policemen, and the following applicants were found to have handed in their names viz;

B G Harris, John Edrington, James A Cox, Wm C Smith, John L Anderson, John Larkin, C W Edrington, Robert C Hart, M Cahill, Chas Shepherd, James L Cole, Clay Taylor, P Hedinger, William Gouldman.

After several ballots by the Council the following named men were elected night policemen; B G Harris, Peter Hedinger and John Larkin, to serve during the pleasure of the Council.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr John E Brophy asking permission to establish a distillery within the Corporate limits of the town and on motion made and seconded the privilege was unanimously granted him.

The Mayor presented a communication from J M Edrington, Measurer of Coal &c asking an increase in the amount allowed the Measurer for measuring Coal from twenty five to forty cents per hundred bushels which on motion, made and seconded was unanimously laid on the table.

On motion ordered that the Pub Property Committee be authorized to purchase for the Corporation hay & coal scale and have them put up at once.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

John E Tackett, E M Braxton, Jno J Young, J H Bradley, James McGuire, A P Rowe—Common Councilmen

On motion made and seconded, Ordered that the Collector of Taxes be directed to proceed without delay to collect the Corporate License tax for the present year.

The Mayor stated to the Council that Peter Hedinger and John Larkin, who were elected two of the Night Police at the last meeting of the Council, had declined to serve and [Page 456] the Council proceeded to elect two others in their places, and upon the first ballot, M Cahill and James L Cole, were elected to serve as night policemen during the pleasure of the Council.

The Mayor submitted an application from Mrs Mary M Wheeler asking the remission of a fine for two two dollars & fifty cents imposed on his son for firing a gun in the limits of the Corporation, which on motion made and seconded was unanimously laid on the table.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> September 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

E M Braxton, J H Bradley—Common Councilmen

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

A P Rowe, Geo W Wroten, E M Braxton, Jas McGuire, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that he had convened the Council for the purpose of considering the laws at present in existence in regard to the disposition of fines imposed by the Mayor, or to pass some new law in regard to same.

On motion made and seconded, Chapter XV of the ordinances of the Corporation is amended by striking out the words “five dollars”, and inserting in place thereof “ten dollars” so as to read “not less than one, nor more than ten dollars.”

On motion, made and seconded, Ordered that all fines and penalties imposed since March 20<sup>th</sup> 1866 or which may be hereafter imposed and collected by the Mayor or other Justice [Page 457] shall be paid over to the Chamberlain quarterly except where it is otherwise provided by law.

Mr E M Braxton moved that the salary of the police officers be fixed at the sum of three hundred dollars per annum commencing March 20<sup>th</sup> 1866, which Mr W H Cunningham moved to amend, by inserting two hundred and fifty dollars in lieu of the three hundred dollars, and being seconded the question was put and the amendment carried.

The Mayor having reported in writing that the Police Officers had discharged their duties satisfactorily during the last six months, it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay them their salaries for that time.

On motion made and seconded, Ordered that the salary of the night policemen be paid weekly upon the certificate of the Mayor to the Chamberlain, that they have discharged their duties satisfactorily.

Ordered that the Public Property be instructed to purchase three tons of coal and a stove the latter to be put up in the Mayor’s office.

A Bill of R C Hammock was laid on the table.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that all persons arrested hereafter at night for disorderly conduct or other offenses shall be confined in the Corporation Jail until the next morning after the arrest and then to be carried before the Mayor or some other Justice to be dealt with according to law.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

J W Sener, Wm H Cunningham, E M Braxton, James McGuire, A P Rowe, Geo W Wroten—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened to take into consideration some change in the ordinance of the Corporation regarding the charge for weighing on the Corporation scales.

[Page 458]

On motion of Mr James McGuire and seconded, Ordered that Section III, Chapter XII of the Ordinance of the Corporation is amended in this, that the word “three, in the ninth line of said section be stricken out, and the five, be inserted in lieu thereof, so as the read “five cents for every nett hundred pounds thereof.”

On motion of Mr McGuire, Resolved that the Clerk of the Council prepare an ordinance requiring that all anthracite Coal brought to Town for sale shall be weighed at the Corporation scales. This ordinance shall taken effect on and after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March 1867.

The following bills were read and ordered to be paid.

<i>Fred'g New Era</i>	\$15.50
<i>Fred'g Ledger</i>	\$15.50

A bill of Wm J Moon for repairing Town Clock amounting to seventy five dollars was on motion referred to a special committee for investigation.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs E M Braxton, W H Cunningham and A P Rowe as the Committee.

Mr John E Tackett by note in writing addressed to the Council resigned his seat as a member of the Council which resignation was on motion accepted.

The Council then proceeded to elect a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Jno E Tackett, when Mr J W Ford was elected unanimously on the first ballot.

And then the Council adjourned

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham, Wm A Little, E M Braxton, J J Young, J G Hurkamp—Common Councilmen

Mr James W Ford, member of the Council elect appeared was qualified before the Mayor and took his seat at the board.

[Page 459]

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to consider a claim of Wm J Moon, for repairing the Town Clock made a verbal report through Mr E M Braxton their Chairman, recommending that fifty dollars be paid Mr Moon in full of all demands to this date against the Corporation which report was adopted and fifty dollars ordered to be paid Mr Moon by the Chamberlain.

On motion of Mr J H Bradley, ordered that Washington Wright be continued as the Clock Tender at the rate of eighteen dollars per annum from this date.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Mayor be authorized and instructed to assign the interest of the Corporation in the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road to Col E M Braxton or his assigns upon the terms and conditions set forth in the following paper.

Whereas the General Assembly of Virginia passed an Act on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1866 authorizing the President & Directors of the Fred'g and Gordonsville R Rd Co to sell the states interest in the said road on such terms as a majority of the private stockholders may agree to dispose of their interests in said road, provided the said road was completed within five years from the first day of January 1866, and the State is released from here subscription to said road, unpaid, now therefore we the undersigned private

Stockholders in the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville R Road Company, in order to induce parties, able to complete said Rail Road believing its completion would result greatly to their benefit and to the interest of the state do hereby pledge ourselves and covenant to convey the number os shares of stock written opposite to our respective names at one cent per share to Col Carter M Braxton, or his assigns who shall agree and bind themselves in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company to complete the same upon the conditions names in the said Act of Assembly, whenever a majority of the private stockholders shall agree and bind themselves in writing to convey their stock in said Rail road to said party or parties undertaking to complete the same.”

On motion made and seconded, ordered that two fines of one dollar each imposed upon Albert Fortune for driving his wagon on the side walk be remitted.

On motion made and seconded ordered that Chapter XIX, section VI be amended by inserting after the word “aforesaid” in the third line the words “with intent to obstruct said footway”

On motion made and seconded, Ordered that hereafter the Council will meet regularly on the fourth Tuesday in each month at seven [Page 460] o'clock PM and that the Court house bell shall be rung at that hour.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Wm A Little, Wm H Cunningham, Jos W Sener, E M Braxton, Geo W Wroten, John G Hurkamp, A P Rowe, Jas H Bradley—Common Councilmen

On the application of James L Cole, night policeman leave of absence is granted him to enable him to visit the county for the benefit of his health.

On motion E Dorsey Cole is appointed to act as substitute for James L Cole during his temporary absence from the Corporation.

Present John J Young, Common Councilman

An ordinance for funding the interest due on the bonds of this Corporation was passed in the words following to-wit:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that any person to whom interest upon the bonds of the Corporation may be due at the present time and up to the first day of January 1867, when the amount of interest so due to any such person, shall not be less than fifty dollars, shall be entitled to receive in discharge of such interest in whole or in part, a bond or bonds of the said Corporation of the date of said first of January 1867, bearing six percent interest per annum payable semi-annually in sums of fifty dollars, or any multiple thereof, the said bonds to be made payable not less than ten years nor more than thirty years after date, as the person receiving them may elect.

On motion, ordered that the profits and fees provided for in Chapter XXXIX of the Bye laws of this Corporation be and they are hereby tendered to any citizen who will erect and keep up a public magazine for the keeping of gun powder—such building to be located and created under the supervision of the Public Property Committee

And then the Council adjourned

[Page 461]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1866.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Joseph W Sener, A P Rowe, James McGuire, Geo W Wroten, Jas H Bradley, Jas W Ford, John J Young, Wm H Cunningham—Common Councilmen

Dorsey Cole appointed at the last meeting of the Council as substitute for James L Cole absent by leave of the Council having resigned the position. On motion the Council proceeded to elect a substitute for E Dorsey Cole until the return of James L Cole.

George H Timberlake, Edwd S Haynie and C W Edrington were put in nomination and a ballot being taken, George H Timberlake was elected as a night policeman to serve during the temporary absence of Jas L Cole.

The Mayor having reported in writing that the Police officers have discharged their duties during the quarter ending to day, it is ordered that the Chamberlain pay them their salaries for that time.

On motion, Resolved that the minimum amount of the bonds in which the interest of the Corporation debt to 1<sup>st</sup> January 1867 is to be funded be fixed at the sum of thirty dollars instead of fifty dollars and that the Chamberlain be authorized to issue certificates of debt for the surplus of interest above thirty dollars or some multiple of thirty dollars in each case bearing interest at 6 per cent payable annually and said certificates to be paid ten years after date, and that the ordinance passed on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1866 be amended in conformity with this resolution.

On motion made and seconded, ordered that a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to ascertain what would be the cost of furnishing lamp posts for lighting the streets, setting them up and what would be the cost of Gas annually.

The Mayor appointed as the committee Mess'rs Sener, Bradley and Ford.

And then the Council adjourned.