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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 22nd of January 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Tho F Knox, Recorder

Jos W Sener, Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, Jas W Ford, Geo W Wroten, J E Hurkamp, Wm H Cunningham.

The Committee appointed by the Council to ascertain the cost of Fire Engines, hose &c made a report in writing, and on motion of Mr Wm A Little, the report of the Committee is adopted and the same Committee is requested to make the necessary purchases of the engine, hose & hose carriage &c upon the most reasonable terms as to cost and times of payment, not to exceed the statements submitted in said report.

The Committee appointed by the Council to ascertain what would be the cost of lighting the Streets with gas made a report in writing which on motion was laid on the table.

The Mayor read a communication from the Clerk of the Corporation Court and the Commissioner of the Revenue in regard to the importance of having an accurate map of the town prepared and also a proposition from C M Braxton, Corporation engineer, proposing to prepare such a map, and on motion it is ordered that Mr Braxton be authorized to prepare an accurate map of the Town upon the terms proposed in his communication.

The Mayor also presented and read a communication from Mr Gab'l Johnston asking a remission of part of the tax imposed upon him as an auctioneer, which on motion was laid on the table.

A Communication was read from Mrs Rebecca Sale asking permission for her hogs to run at large during the winter, which on motion was [Page 463] laid on the table.

A bill of J B Sener, Editor *Fred'g Ledger* for advertising delinquent list amounting to one hundred and seventy three dollars was ordered to be paid.

A Communication of E N Stephens was on motion laid on the table.

A bill of Robert W Hart, Comm'r of the Revenue amounting to Eighty Five 19/100 dollars was ordered to be paid.

A bill of Johnston & Co amounting to Eight 38/100 dollars was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the resignation of Josh Cole as night policeman was accepted.

Present James McGuire, Common Councilman

On motion of J W Sener, Resolved that the Committee on Streets be authorized and instructed to notify the owners of the property of the late Alexander Walker, on Wolfe Street, to repair the brick wall, now in

a dangerous condition, and if not so repaired or rendered safe by the said owners in a reasonable time, then the Committee are directed to remove the said wall at the expense of the owners to be recovered by warrant.

On motion Mr J McGuire permission is granted Capt V M Johnson to plant trees in front of the Union House under the supervision of the Street Committee.

On motion ordered, that the public property committee be instructed to have the Engine house repaired and put in proper condition without delay.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday the 23^d day of January 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

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

The Mayor presented orally a request from Mr Wm S Barton asking that the Council would appoint someone to receive his taxes, he not being willing to settle his account as presented by Mr Huffman, the regular Collector, which on motion was laid on the table for the present.

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On motion of Mr Bradley, the bill of Mr J B Sener, Editor *Fred's Ledger* ordered on last night to be paid was re-considered.

By consent of the Council Mr J B Sener was heard when the matter for the present was laid on the table.

Mr Wm S Barton was by consent of the Council heard, when it was deemed unnecessary to take any steps in the matter, the ordinances of the Corporation fully covering the case.

Mr J W Sener then moved that the bills of the Editor of the *Fred's Ledger* be paid, which was seconded and was afterwards withdrawn.

On motion, it was ordered that the sum of seventy-five dollars be paid the Editor of the *Fred's Ledger* in full of his bill against the Corporation for printing the delinquent list of real estate.

On motion of Mr Wm A Little, Resolved that hereafter all printing and publication to be made for this Corporation shall be made by putting out the same upon the best terms, except so far as the contract at present existing with Mr Jesse White is concerned, which is not intended to be interfered with hereby.

On motion, Resolved that the collector of taxes be directed to refund to all those persons who have paid him the cost of publishing their taxes in the delinquent list, whenever called on by them.

A bill of Geo H Timberlake amounting to six dollars was ordered to be paid.

On motion, Resolved that hereafter all bills against the Corporation not certified by the appropriate Committee be referred to the Finance Committee to be reported upon to the next meeting of the Council.

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 26th day of February 1867.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, A P Rowe, Jos W Sener, Jas McGuire, J G Hurkamp, E M Braxton, Jas W Ford, Jas H Bradley.

The Mayor presented a communication from sundry citizens of the town in regard to the old wall and chimney on the Shakespeare lot [Page 465] and on motion the superintendent of the Streets is ordered to inform the owners that the Council consider the said wall and chimney to be in a dangerous condition and to request that they be pulled down at once.

A communication was also presented from Mr R Keyser on behalf of the Mozart Club in regard to renting the upper room of the Town Hall which on Motion was referred to the Public Property Committee with instructions to ascertain what contract could be made with the said Mozart Club to report to the next meeting of the Council, generally what should be done in the premises.

A bill of R T Knox & Bro and one of Dr. B S Herndon were referred to the Finance Committee under the order of the Council passed January 23^d 1867.

A communication from Mr J B Sener asking a reconsideration by the Council of the vote at the last meeting of the Council allowing him seventy five dollars in full for his bills for printing the delinquent list of last year, was on motion laid on the table.

Ordered that the error in the assessment of the income tax charged to Wm Allen's estate be corrected and that the estate be relieved from the payment of \$5.04, the amount of said error in the tax account for 1866.

A communication was read from Mr Wm F Cheek which on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ordered that notice be given by hand bills to be posted about the town that a council of Claims will be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday, March 12th 1867.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a Council of Claims held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 12th day of March 1867.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Jas W Sener, Jas H Bradley, Wm A Little, E M Braxton, Geo W Wroten, A P Rowe, James McGuire, Jas W Ford—Common Councilmen

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

R W Hart amt'g to \$62.50

J W Adams amt'g to	\$8.65
A P Rowe amt'g to	\$16.00
R T Knox & Bro amt'g to	.86
J T Kelly	\$16.00

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A bill of Doct B S Herndon amounting to \$38.00 was reported from the Finance Committee, and on motion ordered that the bill be returned to Dr Herndon with the endorsement of the said Committee to wit: "the State law prevents payment of the above bill just now."

On motion ordered that when the Council adjourned it adjourn to meet on Friday evening the 15th Inst at 7½ O'clock.

On motion, Resolved that Mayor Slaughter be and he is hereby instructed to proceed to Washington City and wait on the President of the United States and ascertain whether in the approaching Municipal election in this Corporation, the right to vote and the qualifications of voters therein is to be governed by the Charter of said Corporation and the existing laws of Virginia, or by the late act of Congress known as the Military Bill"

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 the 14th day of March 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Tho F Knox, Recorder

Jas McGuire, A P Rowe, Jos W Sener, E M Braxton, J H Bradley, Geo W Wroten, Wm H Cunningham, Jas W Ford, and J J Young—Common Councilmen

Mayor Slaughter made a verbal report of his visit to Washington City and his interview with the President and the Attorney General of the United States in accordance with the resolution of the Council, passed at the last meeting.

On motion, Resolved, that John L Marye, Jr be and he is hereby requested to proceed to the City of Richmond and wait upon Major Gen'l Schofield and endeavor to get from him such instructions as shall be a guide to the Commissioners at the approaching Municipal election to be held in the town on Monday next, as to what shall be considered the necessary qualifications of the voters who may present their votes.

On motion ordered that the resolution adopted at the last Council to meet on Friday was reconsidered.

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On motion ordered that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to meet on Saturday evening at 4 o'clock

The Mayor having reported that the police officers had discharged their duties satisfactorily during the last quarter, ordered that the Chamberlain pay them their salaries for that time.

A bill of Wm S Barton for costs incurred in the suit of Barton vs Huffman was ordered to be paid.

And then the Council adjourned till Saturday evening at 4 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday the 16th March 1867.

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thomas F Knox, Recorder

Will'm A Little, A P Rowe, Jas McGuire, J G Hurkamp, Jos W Sener, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham—Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined and adjusted the account of R S Chew, Chamberlain of the Corporation ending the 16th day of March 1867 and found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers and a balance due the Corporation by the Chamberlain of the sum of four hundred and twenty four 84/100 dollars. The Committee also reports that they counted and examined the coupons of the bonds of the Corporation which had been funded by the Chamberlain in accordance with an order of the Council passed December 20th 1861 amounting to the sum of \$4,098.00, which said coupons have been destroyed by us, the report was received and approved.

The Finance Committee also reported that they had adjusted the account of L J Huffman, Collector of Taxes &c for the year 1865 and find a balance due by Mr Huffman of \$556.87. By direction of the Committee has given his receipt for that amount, said receipt to be credited from time to time to him hereafter as the collector may pay over to the Chamberlain in that a/c.

The Finance Committee also reported that they had examined the account of L J Huffman, collector of taxes for the year 1866 and find the same to be correct and showing a balance of \$6,033.19 of uncollected taxes in the hands of the collector.

The report was received and approved.

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The Mayor presented a communication from Major Gen'l Schofield in the words following to-wit,
Head Quarters 1st District State of Va
Richmond Va March 16th 1867

Major James Johnson V R C

Spt Bureau R F & A L

First, The Municipal election in the City of Fredericksburg which the Charter of that City directs to be held on Monday the 18th Inst, is hereby ordered to be suspended until the necessary preparations can be made to fully and fairly execute the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2^d 1867 concerning the election franchise and qualification for office

Second, Major James Johnson V R C Supt Bureau, R F & A L at Fredericksburg will furnish an official copy of this order to the Mayor of the City and one to each of the civil officers whose duties in connection with the City election are suspended by this order

By Command of Major Gen'l Scholfield

S F Chaflin

Asst Adj Gen'l

On motion the following preamble and resolution was passed.

Whereas by an order this day received from Major Gen'l J M Schofield commanding District No 1 the State of Virginia, the annual Municipal election which according to the requirements of the Charter should take place on Monday the 18th day of March 1867 it being the third Monday in said moth, is

suspended, “until necessary preparations can be made to fully and fairly execute the provisions of the Act of Congress of March 2nd 1867 concerning the elective franchise and the qualifications for office; Therefore, Resolved by the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg that in pursuance of said order the election heretofore advertised to be held on Monday the 18th Inst for Mayor and Common Councilmen be and it is hereby suspended until further orders.

And Whereas further, under Gen’l orders No. 1 issued from the same Head Quarters, all officers under the existing Provisional Government of Virginia are continued in office for the present, this Council in accordance with said orders hereby resolves that the person at present discharging the duties of the offices required by the Charter of this Corporation be and they are hereby continued in their respective offices until further orders.

Whereas by an order of the Common Council passed on the 5th day of December 1865, Mr Thomas B Barton was employed as counsel for the Corporation vs the old Dominion Steamboat Co and his [Page 469] compensation to be fixed by the Council, resolved that in accordance with that resolution, the compensation of Mr Barton be fixed at fifty dollars in full of his fee in that case.

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 the 21st day of March 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Jas H Bradley, Jos W Sener, Jas W Ford—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 Friday the 22nd day of March 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

J J Young, E M Braxton, J H Bradley, James McGuire, Jno G Hurkamp, Jas W Ford, Jos W Sener, Wm A Little—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking into consideration some propositions for clearing the wrecks out of the river and opening the harbor and then read a proposition from Sam’l Richardson, also one from Wm J Marshall.

On motion Mess’rs A A Little and John L Marye Jr were heard on the matters under consideration, Mr Sam’l Richardson was also heard.

On motion, ordered that a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the Wharf owners and others, to obtain all the information possible on the matter under consideration, to report to the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor appointed Mess’rs J H Bradley, E M Braxton, & Thos F Knox as the Committee.

Ordered that when the Council adjourns it adjourns to meet on Monday evening the 25th inst at 4 O’clock

Ordered, that the License tax on Drays, Carts and Wagons for [Page 270] the year 1867 be fixed at the same rate as for the year 1866.

And then the Council adjourned till Monday 4 o'clock PM

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday the 25th day of March 1867 at 4 O'clock PM

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

James McGuire, Jos W Sener, E M Braxton, James H Bradley, Jno G Hurkamp, Geo W Wroten—
Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had convened pursuant to adjournment to receive the report of the special Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council in regard to clearing the wrecks out of the river.

The Committee made a verbal report through Mr E M Braxton after which, on motion, Capt Dawes was heard upon the matter under consideration. On motion, Mr Richardson was also heard.

On motion, Resolved that [blank] be requested to proceed to Baltimore and make application in the name of this body to merchants trading with Fredericksburg and such others as may be disposed to contribute for subscriptions to aid in making our harbour navigable, and that a list be kept of those subscribing, which shall be published in one or more of our town papers.

Ordered that the blank in the foregoing resolution be filled with the name of Mr E M Braxton, his expenses to be paid by the Corporation.

Ordered that a commission of ten percent be allowed Mr E M Braxton upon the amount subscribed through his exertions in Baltimore

A bill of J L Marye Jr amounting to \$6.50 for his expenses in visiting Richmond by request of the Council was ordered to be paid.

On motion, Resolved that the Council accept the proposition of Mr Sam'l Richardson in regard to removing the five wrecks now obstructing the navigation of the Rappahannock River, provided the necessary funds can be raised.

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Mr Bradley moved that the order of the Council passed on the 24th October 1866 in regard to the weighing of Coal be rescinded, which being seconded, was put to the vote and the motion was lost.

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 26th day of March 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm H Cunningham, A P Rowe, Jos W Sener, Jas McGuire, Jas H Bradley, J G Hurkamp, J J Young—
Common Councilmen

In obedience to the order of the Council passed on the 24th day of October 1866, the Clerk of the Council reported the following Ordinance,

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg, that if the owner or consignee of any anthracite coal brought to this town shall sell the same and have it delivered without having such coal weighted at the Corporation scales allowing 2240 pounds to the ton, said owner or consignee shall forfeit and pay [blank] for every tone of such coal so sold and delivered.”

On motion made and seconded, the ordinance was adopted.

On motion, the blank in the ordinance was filled with the amount of one dollar, so as to read “shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every ton of such coal so sold and delivered.”

On motion of Mr James McGuire, Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed, before renting the hay scales to reserve to the Corporation the right to weigh all anthracite coal sold and delivered in the said Corporation.

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 29th day of March 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the request of members to take into consideration the ordinance now in force in regard to the weighing of anthracite coal.

The Mayor then read a communication from sundry Coal dealers requesting a repeal of the ordinance requiring all anthracite coal to be weighed at the Corporation Scales, Whereupon Mr Knox move the following,

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg, that the ordinance passed on the 26th day of March 1867 requiring “All anthracite coal to be weighed at the Corporation Scales” be and it is hereby repealed, which being seconded, was put to the vote, the yeas & naves being called for

Ayes Mess’rs Knox & Bradley 2

Noes Mess’rs Cunningham, Sener, Ford, Braxton, Wroten, Hurkamp, Little, Rowe, McGuire 9

And so Mr Knox’s motion was lost

Mr Bradley moved that the present Coal Measurer be dismissed, which was seconded

By permission Mess’rs R W Adams and James Hayes were heard when the vote was taken on Mr Bradley’s motion and the motion was lost.

And then the Council adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday April 10th 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

E M Braxton, A P Rowe, J W Ford, J J Young, Wm A Little, Jos W Sener, James McGuire—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the [Page 473] purpose of receiving the report of Maj E M Braxton, of his mission to Baltimore.

Maj Braxton then made a verbal report, which on motion, was received and adopted and the Committee discharged.

The Mayor then read a communication from E T Haynie asking to retain the booth which he has erected at the corner of Main & Commerce Streets, and on motion, permission was granted him to do so at the pleasure of the Council, on which motion the ayes & noes were called for and Mr Braxton was excused from voting.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Rowe, Young, Little & McGuire 5

Noes Mess'rs Sener & Ford 2

So the permission was granted.

The subject of clearing the five wrecks obstructing the navigation of the Rappahannock River was then taken up and Mr Richardson by consent was heard.

Ordered that the night police be dispensed with on the first of May next.

The following resolution offered by Mr Little was adopted,

Resolved that our delegate in the Legislature be requested to obtain the necessary legislation to authorize this Corporation to issue its bonds payable from two to ten years to the amount of \$3,250—to be expended in paying for removal of the obstructions in the River and Harbor of Fredericksburg, and that the Corporation be authorized to impose a tax on the wharf owners at Fredericksburg in order to assist in defraying the expenses of removing said obstructions from the harbor

2nd That the Mayor be requested to communicate there resolutions to our Delegate

And then the Council adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday May 13th 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Wm A Little, Jos W Sener, Jas H Bradley, Jas McGuire, J G Hurkamp, Jas W Ford, J J Young—Common Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of some of the members [Page 474]

On motion Mr C W Wallace was heard on the part of Mr Richardson in regard to clearing the wrecks out of the river, Mr Richardson himself was also by consent heard.

On Motion of Mr Young, Resolved that the Mayor be requested and instructed to employ counsel to attend to the interests of the Corporation in the matter of the contract with Sam'l P Richardson for removing the obstructions in the channel of the River; said contract to be on the terms of the proposal submitted by Mr Richardson to the Council and the \$3250 of Corporation bonds to be issued at ten years and in installments as the work progresses and when the work is properly done so reported on by some party competent to do so, then the balance of said bonds to be issued.

The Mayor then read a communication from sundry Citizens in regard to digging a well at or near the corner of Frederick & Charlotte Streets, which on Motion was referred to the Pump Committee with instructions to take such action as in their judgment may seem necessary.

The Mayor read a communication from Joseph E Lordsley and also one from Dr Wm S South, which on motion were laid on the table.

The Mayor also read a communication from J H Myer in regard to the booth at the corner of Main & William Streets and by consent Mr C W Wallace was heard, when on motion the communication was laid on the table.

On motion, ordered that Edw'd L Haynie be summoned to appear before the Council at its next meeting to shew cause why the permission heretofore granted him for keeping a booth at the corner of Main & Commerce Streets should not be withdrawn.

On motion, Mr Hurkamp was excused.

The Mayor presented a communication from sundry Citizens in regard to the Chimney on the old Shakespeare lot, which on motion was referred to the Street Committee and the Superintendent of Streets with instructions to report to the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor then read a communication from the Board of Health in regard to the condition of the town, which on motion was received and laid on the table.

And then the Council adjourned.
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening May 28th 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Wm A Little, James McGuire, J G Hurkamp, E M Braxton, J W Sener, Jas W Ford, Wm H Cunningham—Common Councilmen

The Mayor presented a communication from Colo C M Braxton, Surveyor of the Corporation enclosing the Map of the town ordered some time ago.

On Motion ordered that the bill of Colo Braxton for preparing the above mentioned map amounting to one hundred dollars be paid.

On motion, the Superintendent of Streets is directed to remove the Corporation stones specified in the communication of Colo Braxton and to have them placed in their proper positions under the supervision of the Surveyor.

On motion, ordered that a Committee of three of which the Mayor shall be chairman, be appointed to examine into the accuracy of the Map prepared by the town surveyor to report to the next meeting of the Council.

The following were appointed the Committee Mess'rs Slaughter, Mayor; Little and R W Hart.

On motion ordered that the public property Committee have the said map varnished and neatly framed.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the communication of sundry citizens in regard to the chimney on the old Shakespeare lot, having reported to the Council that they consider the said chimney and wall to be in a dangerous condition and that it should be taken down, Ordered that the owners of the said property have the said chimney and wall taken down within ten days from this date, and in the event of their failure to do so, in the time specified, the Superintendent of Streets is directed to have the same taken down; the expense to be recovered by warrant from the owners

The Mayor presented a petition from sundry citizens of the town praying for a bridge to be placed over Marye's canal on Charlotte Street on Motion was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to have a bridge built, if in their judgment it was expedient.

Mr Jos W Sener by note in writing addressed to the Council tendered his resignation as a member of the Council, which on motion was laid on the table.

Mr Wm A Little, who was employed by the Mayor under [Page 476] the instructions of the Council to prepare a contract with Mr Sam'l P Richardson for removing the five wrecks obstructing the channel of the river presented and read the contract which he had prepared and which was already signed by Mr Richardson, and on motion the Mayor was instructed to sign the same on the part of the Corporation.

A bill of Mr Wm A Little for preparing and adjusting the above contract amounting to twenty five dollars is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that a meeting of the Common Council shall be held on Friday next at 8 O'clock

And then the Council adjourned.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Friday evening May 31st 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council had met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday evening

On motion Capt A D Minor was hear on the subject of removing the wrecks now obstructing the channel of the river.

Ed T Haynie appeared before the Council in obedience to the rule served upon him by order of the Council at a previous meeting & was represented by his counsel, Mr E M Braxton, who presented a petition from sundry citizens, property holders & tenants in the neighborhood asking that Mr Haynie be allowed to retain the booth erected by him at the corner of Main & Commerce streets.

On motion Mr James B Sener was heard & presented a petition asking that the said booth should be removed.

Mr J J Young moved that Mr Haynie be allowed to retain his booth in its present position, which being seconded the yeas and nays were called for & resulted as follows:

Yeas, Messrs Little, McGuire, Knox & Young—4

Neas, Messrs Ford, Hurkamp, Bradley, Rowe, Sener and Cunningham—6

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Mr Thos F Knox, moved that the privilege heretofore allowed Mr E F Haynie to retain his booth be withdrawn to take effect on the 1st day of October 1867, which Mr Rowe moved to amend by withdrawing the leave, to take effect at the end of sixty days and the question coming up on the amendment and a division called for Mr Rowe's amendment was adopted.

On motion, ordered that Mr Haynie be required to remove his booth in the next sixty days.

A bill of John B Larkin amounting to \$1.50 was ordered to be paid.

On motion, ordered that the tax of \$2.00 paid by Rev'd T W Gilmer for 1865 be refunded to him, as he was not a resident at the time.

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 June 7th 1867

Present E M Braxton and J H Bradley—Common Councilmen

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 25th day of June 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham, Jas McGuire, E M Braxton, Jos W Sener, J G Hurkamp, G W Wroten—Common Councilmen

The Finance Committee presented a report recommending a tax bill for the current year, which on motion, made and seconded was adopted and the Chamberlain is directed to prepare an ordinance in accordance therewith.

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By unanimous consent the proposition of Mr Jos E Lordsley which was laid on the table at the previous meeting is permitted to be withdrawn.

On motion of Mr E M Braxton, made and seconded, Resolved that the owners and lessees of Wharves within the Corporation of Fredericksburg have permission to erect scales on their respective wharves by which the weigher and measurer of Coal is hereby authorized to weigh the coal now required to be weighed at the Corporation Hay Scales.

On motion of Mr J W Sener

Resolved that the Chamberlain be requested to furnish a statement of all moneys paid by him for repairs, or for new pumps from the first of April last to this date, including bills for same.

On motion, the use of the upper room in the Town Hall is granted to John F Scott and George Aler, officers of the Friends of Temperance Society, for the use of their Society during the pleasure of the Council.

On motion of Mr J W Sener,

Resolved that the Street Committee with the assistance of the Town Surveyor be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain accurately how much of Sophia Street had been taken up by buildings, fencing or otherwise and report what action is necessary to protect the Corporation from further injury, and also whether it will be to the interest of the Corporation to condemn and sell a part of said Street.

On motion of Mr Wm A Little,

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby instructed to investigate and report to the Council the situation of the Mercer Square property and what privileges, if any, have been granted to any parties in regard to said property, and at what price said property can be sold payable in the bonds of the Corporation.

It being reported that blacksmith shop has been put upon at the foot of Charles Street, which is said to be in the said street, ordered that the Street Committee be instructed to enquire into the facts of the case and to report to the next meeting of the Council

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 9th day of July 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to receive a report from the Committee appointed in the Contract entered into with Mr Sam'l Richardson, which report was read, from which it appears that Mr Richardson has complied with the first part of the contract and on motion ordered that the first installment of the bonds called for by the contract, amounting to the sum of one thousand dollars, viz two bonds of five hundred dollars each bearing date on the day of delivery and payable respectively two and three years after date with interest at six percent per annum, be executed by the Mayor and Chamberlain, and delivered to Mr Richardson.

Mr Rowe presented a proposition from Mr C S Scott proposing to enclose the Burying ground on Prince Edward Street, he to have the privilege of using the same for a period to be fixed upon hereafter, and on motion, Mr Scott was heard on the matter, when Mr Hurkamp moved that the whole subject be referred to the Public Property Committee to examine into the subject and also to enquire into the cost of repairing the wall around the said burying ground. Mr Bradley offered an amendment to Mr Hurkamp's motion, that the Public Property Committee be instructed to have the said Burying ground enclosed in as economical a manner as possible; Mr McGuire moved to lay the whole matter on the table, which motion was lost, and the question recurring on the amendment of Mr Bradley it was adopted.

On motion, ordered that Mr C S Scott be permitted to build a toll house at this end of his bridge on each side of Commerce Street the same to be held by him at the discretion of the Council.

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday July 23rd 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

Jas McGuire, A P Rowe, Jno J Young, J G Hurkamp, E M Braxton, Geo W Wroten, Jas H Bradley and J W Ford—Common Councilmen

The Public Property Committee through its Chairman, made a verbal report in regard to the Mercer Square property, now in the possession of the Fredericksburg Agricultural Society, unanimously recommending that the Corporation should resume the control of the said property, but that they had not been able to ascertain at what price the said property could be sold payable in the bonds of the Corporation.

On motion Maj J H Kelley, sec'y of the Agricultural Society was heard on the report of the Pub Prop Comm, when Mr Bradley moved that the resolution passed on the 15th February 1866 granting permission of the Fred'g Agricultural Society to resume possession of the Mercer Square property upon the terms and conditions of its former occupation before the War, be revoked, which motion being seconded was passed by a vote of six to three.

The Mayor read a communication from a large number of citizens of the Town that the previous action of the Council requiring E T Haynie to remove his booth at the corner of Main & Commerce Street be revoked and that Mr Haynie be allowed to remain undisturbed for the present. When Mr Knox moved that the action of May 31 requiring E T Haynie to remove his booth in sixty days be rescinded which was adopted. Mr E M Braxton, declining to vote.

Mr Knox then moved that Mr E T Haynie be allowed to retain his both at the corner on Main & Commerce St until the 1st day of May 1868, which being seconded was adopted, Mr E M Braxton declining to vote.

On motion, Resolved that the Rappahannock Agricultural Society be allowed to hold their annual fairs on the Mercer Square property until the said property is disposed of.

An ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1867 was passed and is in words & figures following to-wit;

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1st Be it Ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that there shall be levied & collected on persons, property & other subjects of the Town of Freds'burg to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the Year ending on the 3rd Monday of March 1868 the taxes following to wit:

2nd On Real Estate fifty cents in every hundred dollars value thereof agreeable to the Commissioners books.

3rd On personal property fifty cents in every hundred dollars value thereof agreeable to the Commissioners books.

4th On each white or Col'd male above the age of twenty one years (2) two dollars.

5th On all licenses and other subjects assessed with state taxes within the Corporation of Fredericksburg (except brokers who are taxed at ¼ of State tax) 50 pr cent of the state tax for the year 1867 assessment thereon and excepting theatrical & other exhibitions which are taxes under and ordinance of the Corporation

6th And it is further ordered that one half of the tax so assessed by this bill be received in the interest past due on the bonds of the Corporation of Fred'g at par.

A bill of Dr Wm S Scott for attending a Coroner inquest amounting to five dollars is ordered to be paid.
A bill of M Slaughter for acting as Coroner & holding an inquest amounting to five dollars is ordered to be paid.

On motion ordered that the salary of the superintendent of Streets be paid at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum from this date

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a stated meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Wednesday the July 21st 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Thos F Knox, Recorder

E M Braxton, J W Wroten, J G Hurkamp, Jas McGuire, Jas H Bradley, Jas W Ford, Wm H Cunningham, A P Rowe

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to receive a report from the Committee appointed to superintend the removal of the wrecks from the river which report was read by the Mayor.

On motion ordered that the second installment of the bonds called for by the contract of the Corporation with Mr Sam'l Richardson amounting to the sum of one thousand dollars in two bonds for the sum of five hundred each bearing date on the day of delivery and payable respectively four & six years after date with interest at six percent per annum be executed by the Mayor & Chamberlain and delivered to Mr Richardson.

On Motion ordered that the Council adjourn till Saturday evening July 27th at 7½ O'clock

M Slaughter, Mayor

[No minutes for adjourned meeting in the transcript or original Council Minutes]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Monday Aug't 12 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Geo W Wroten, E M Braxton

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Tuesday Aug't 13
1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
E M Braxton, Jas McGuire

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Wednesday Aug't
14th 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
E M Braxton, Jas McGuire, Jas H Bradley

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Thursday Aug't 15th
1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Thos F Knox

E M Braxton, J G Hurkamp, Jno J Young, Jas W Ford, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham, Jas McGuire,
Wm A Little

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to receive a report from the Committee appointed to
superintend the removal of the wrecks from the River, which report was then read and received and
ordered to be filed, and it appearing that Mr Sam'l Richardson has completed his contract for removing
five wrecks from the channel of the River on motion of Mr Bradley, ordered that the third and last
installment of the bonds called for by the said contract amounting to the sum of twelve hundred and fifty
dollars, viz, two bonds for the sum of five hundred dollars each and one bond for the sum of two hundred
and fifty dollars, payable respectively eight, nine & ten years after date and bearing interest at six percent
per annum be executed by the Mayor & Chamberlain and delivered to Mr Sam'l Richardson being in full
for the amount due him under the said contract.

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of held at the Council Chambers on August 27th 1867

Present M Slaughter, Mayor

A P Rowe, Geo W Wroten, Jas McGuire, J H Bradley, Jas W Ford, Jno J Young and Wm H Cunningham

The Mayor presented a communication from 2nd Lieut Hector Sears, Military Commissioner enclosing an
order from the Headquarters First Military District State of Va in regard to the care of all indigent persons

in this Corporation without respect to Color & also a communication from the President of the Board of Overseers of the Poor upon the same subject which communications & order were then read.

On the motion of Jas H Bradley, the following responses to the communication of Lieut Sears, enclosing General Order N^o 51, Headquarters first Military District State of Virginia and also a communication from President Board of Overseers of Poor was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Council.

“In reply to the communication submitted to the Common Council of Fredericksburg by Lieut Hector Sears, enclosing communication from the President of the board of Overseers of the poor, in regard to providing means for support of paupers &c, this Council begs leave respectfully to state that they have always endeavored & even in the most disastrous period of their history during & since the War succeeded in providing means for the support of such paupers white & black as may have been properly chargeable to the Corporation by reason of permanent residence lawfully acquired in the Town. The question of color has never arisen in the Board of Overseers when the necessity for relief was apparent, Free Negroes & Whites shared alike before and during the War when the poor fund was distributed. And the Emancipation of the Negro in our midst has made no difference in this regard except to diminish the subject of taxation & resources of the Town, while it has greatly increased the number properly chargeable for support upon the Community. The situation of this community, its poverty and its financial condition is truly set forth in the enclosed communication from the President of the Overseers of the Poor which this Council beg leave to adopt & endorse, it is further [Page 485] proper and this Council herein respectfully state that by the operation of the Freedman Bureau in Freds’bg and that without consultation with or any authority from the Municipal Authorities of the Town, there have been collected from the adjoining Counties, a number of blind, lame, sick, and pauper Negroes who have subsisted upon supplies from said Bureau and where this Council has reason to fear it is proposed to turn over to us to support & they beg leave respectfully to represent to Lieut Sears & through him to Gen’l Schofield the manifest & palpable injustice of this course, that it is contrary to our municipal and to our State Legislature and if required will be forced upon an already overburdened & impoverished community without color of law by the strong arm of military power alone.

We do not believe that the military authorities in Va can lend themselves to any such invasion of the legal rights of this community their past record assures us of their future action, and we respectfully ask that all paupers who may have been thus allotted and maintained here by the Freedman Bureau may be returned to the City or County of their former residence where they are by law properly chargeable and this Corporation & Council will to the utmost of its means & resources endeavor to supply the necessities of those who are lawfully & properly chargeable upon the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

Having thus respectfully submitted our views in the premises, we return the communication named and ask that this appeal to Gen’l Schofield may accompany them to Head Quarters.

On motion ordered that the Clerk of the Council prepare a certified copy of the foregoing appeal & enclose the same to Lieut Hector Sears, Military Commissioner &c with the request that he will forward the same together with the communication of the President of the Board of Overseers of the Poor to Maj Gen’l S M Schofield for his action.

And then the Council adjourned.

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At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Sept 4th 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor

Geo W Wroten, E M Braxton, Jas McGuire, A P Rowe
There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Monday Sept 9th 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Thos F Knox, Recorder
A P Rowe, Geo W Wroten, J G Hurkamp, Jas H Bradley, Jas McGuire
There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'sbg held at the Council Chamber on
Tuesday the 24th day of September 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Thos F Knox, Recorder
Geo W Wroten, Jno J Young, Wm H Cunningham, E M Braxton, Jas McGuire, Jas H Bradley, J G
Hurkamp

The Mayor presented & read a communication from Mr Jas Hayes enclosing a communication from
Lieut Hector Sears in regard to the colored paupers now in the Hospital for Freedmen in this Town.
And on motion of Mr Jas H Bradley, this Council expresses its readiness & willingness to take charge &
care for all colored paupers who were residents of the Town on the 1st day of January 1861 & the Mayor
is requested to communicate the sense of the Council to the President of the Board of Overseers of the
Poor.

The Mayor presented his report in writing in regard to the manner in which the Police Officers have
discharged their duties during the last three months, which report on motion of Mr Geo W Wroten was
received and the Chamberlain was instructed to pay the quarter salary now due to J S G Timberlake one
of the police officers.

On motion of Mr Geo W Wroten, Ordered that Jas A Taylor be dismissed from Office as a Police Officer
of this Corporation.

Mr Bradley moved that the Council proceed at once to the election of three night Policemen, which
motion Mr McGuire moved to amend [Page 487] by substituting two in place of three, which amendment
not being seconded was withdrawn, and the question being taken on Mr Bradley's motion it was resolved
that three night policemen be elected to serve during the pleasure of the Council.
On motion of Mr Bradley ordered that the compensation of the night Police be fixed at one hundred &
fifty cents pr day, and to be paid as heretofore.

The Mayor then read to the Council the application of sundry citizens for the office of night policeman &
the ballot being circulated the following named persons were elected as night policemen viz,
Geo H Timberlake, Martin Cahill and Jno B Larking.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr A L McKenney which on motion was referred to the Pub
Prop Committee with the request that the report on the same at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Braxton moved that the Ordinance passed on the 26th day of Mar 1867 as an amendment to the old
Ordinance in regard to the weighing of Anthracite Coal be repealed, which Mr McGuire moved to amend

as follows, "That the Ordinance now in force in regard to the weighing of coal remain in force provided that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to apply to coal which may be sold & delivered from the Coal yards" and the question being taken on the amendment of Mr McGuire it was adopted.

The Mayor presented a communication from Lt Col Johnson desiring to procure the room in the south end of the Court House for the use of a free Colored School and on motion of Mr Braxton the Chairman of the Pub Prop Committee be instructed to inform Col Johnson that the Council respectfully decline to rent the room for that purpose.

Geo H Timberlake and Jno B Larkin, Night Policemen appeared and took the oath of office before M Slaughter Esq'r Mayor
And then the Council adjourned.
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday the 25th October 1867
Present Wm A Little, Jas H Bradley, Jas W Ford & A P Rowe

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Saturday Oct 26th 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
Geo W Wroten, Jas H Bradley, Wm H Cunningham

There being no quorum present the Council stood adjourned.

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Tuesday Nov 26th 1867
Present M Slaughter, Mayor
E M Braxton, Wm A Little, Geo W Wroten, Jas McGuire, Jno G Hurkamp, Ab P Rowe, Wm H Cunningham & Jas H Bradley

The Mayor presented a communication from W N Revere in regard to the assessment of his property in the Town of Fred'bg which on motion made & seconded, was referred to the Commissioner of the Revenue for his action.

On motion of Mr E M Braxton, Ordered that the quarter's salary due on the 18th day of September 1867 to Jas A Taylor for his services as Police Officer be paid to him by the Chamberlain.

On motion of Mr J G Hurkamp, St Geo R Fitzhugh Esq'r by permission of the Council presented communication from Mr J B Ficklen in regard to ground rent due by him to the Corporation which was referred to the Finance Committee for settlement.

Mr Fitzhugh also presented a proposition from Mr Ficklen to purchase the interest of the Corporation in the property now held by him on a lien for lives which on motion made and seconded was referred to the

Pub Prop Committee, with instructions to report to the next meeting of the Council & especially to report the value of the Corporations interest in the said property.

Mr Bradley moved that two additional night watches be appointed [Page 489] to serve during the pleasure of the Council which being duly seconded and the Ayes & Nays were called for the vote resulted as follows;

Ayes Mess'rs Braxton, Little, Wroten, Rowe, Cunningham & Bradley

Noes Mess'rs McGuire & Hurkamp

And the motion was adopted.

The Mayor then read to the Council the application of sundry persons for appointment as night watchmen & Mr Jas A Taylor & Wm H Deshazo were also put in nomination, and the ballot being had resulted in the election of T W Roberts and Chas W Edrington, who being present were sworn into office by the Mayor.

And then the Council adjourned.