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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 26th day of Jan'y 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

Mess'rs Wm A Little, L A Beardsley, Wm C Morrison, Wm J Jeffries, Jno G Hurkamp, Geo W Eve, D C Ellis, Ab P Rowe

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The Mayor presented appropriation from Mr J B Ficklen, tendering the sum of \$1500 in currency for the interest of the Corporation in the house on Main Street in which he now holds an interest dependent on one life. And on motion of Mr Little,
Resolved that the fee simple title to the said property be offered to Mr Ficklen for the sum of \$6500 in the bonds of the Corporation, provided the said offer accepted within thirty days.

The Mayor also presented a communication from Mess'rs M Eldridge & Co through Mr J E Tackett, Agent of the Alex'a & New York & Alex'r & Philad'a Steam line, asking the co-operation of the Common Council in establishing a permanent Steam communication via Aquia Creek, from Fredericksburg to New York & Philadelphia and on motion Mr Jno E Tackett & Mr P Newton Harper were heard on the subject. When on motion of Mr Little,
Resolved that a committee of four members of the Council be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the Committee of the Board of Trade & also with the Committee of the said Steam Boat Company on in the subject presented in the above communication.

The Mayor appointed as the Committee under the foregoing resolution Mess'rs L C Frost, J G Hurkamp, D C Ellis, & Wm A Little.

On motion of Mr Hurkamp, Resolved that Mr Jno E Tackett be added to the above committee.

Mr Jno E Tackett by permission of the Council called the attention of the Council to the condition of the Marsh in the western suburbs of the Town and on motion, Mr Geo Aler was also heard on the same subject, when on motion of Mr Little,
Resolved that the whole subject be referred to the Street Committee who are requested with the assistance of the City Surveyor, to ascertain what is necessary to be done in the premises and what will be the probable costs thereof, and they are requested to make the necessary examination thereof as early as possible in order to report to a meeting of the Council which will be called to receive the report.

A communication from Jno M Herndon was read and on motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report.

A bill of Scott & Bowering amounting to the sum of Eleven dollars & fifty cents for adjusting the Bell of the Town Clock was allowed and ordered to be paid.

An account of Dr B S Herndon was read and on motion referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Hurkamp who was appointed at the last meeting of the Council to ascertain the cost of hose &c made a verbal report and on motion Mr Bowering was heard on the subject and after some discussion, on motion of Mr Frost,

Resolved that a committee of four be appointed by the Mayor to ascertain and report to the next meeting of the Council any feasible plan for furnished a suitable fire apparatus for the town, and also [Page 515] any information they can obtain in regard to the cost of a Steam Fire Engine or other apparatus or plan which will furnish the best protection to the town from fire.

A bill of Wm A Little, amounting to the sum of seventy five dollars was allowed and ordered to be paid.

The Mayor appointed as the Committee on a Fire apparatus Mess'rs Frost, Hunter, Morrison & Hurkamp.

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 23rd day of February 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

Mess'rs Wm A Little, Geo W Eve, L A Beardsley, Wm J Jeffries, Jno G Hurkamp, Wm H Cunningham, Peter Couse, Chas E Hunter.

The special Committee on a Fire Apparatus requested time until the next meeting of the Council in order to make a full and final report which on motion of Mr Cunningham was granted.

The Mayor presented a plot and survey of a lot formerly Betty Minor's which was sold for taxes to Mr Thomas Manuel. And it appearing to the Council that the said plot and survey is made out by the Corporation Surveyor in accordance with Section 7 Chapter 40 of the Ordinances of the Corporation, on motion of Mr Little the same is ordered to be recorded.

Present: D C Ellis

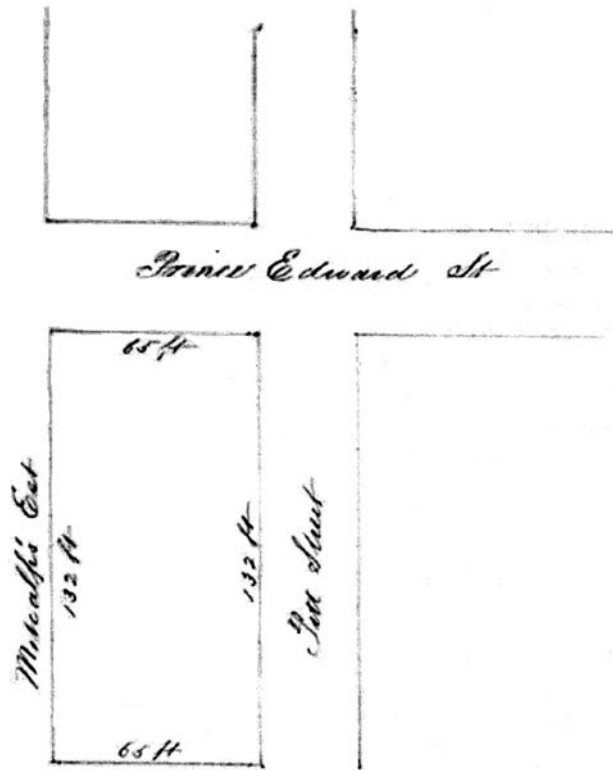
It being announced that a committee from the Young Men's Christian Association were in attendance, on motion of Mr Eve & by consent of the Council, Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh made a statement on behalf of the Association asking that a room be appropriated by the Council for the use of the Association.

When on motion of Mr Frost, Resolved that the Young Men's Christian Association be allowed the choice of two rooms, the one on the left and the other on the right of the present Council Chamber to be occupied during the pleasure of the Council for the uses and purposes of the Association.

Mr L C Ellis, Chairman of the Street Committee made a verbal report in regard to the condition of the Kenmore Marsh and the Mayor also presented a written report in regard to the matter from C M Braxton, Corporation Surveyor & also the written offers of several persons, owners of the lands lying adjacent to contribute to the proper drainage of the Marsh, when by consent of the Council, Mr Braxton made some remarks on the subject, When Mr Frost moved that the sum of \$250 be appropriated to draining the said Marsh, to be expended under the superintendence of the Corporation Surveyor & in conjunction with the offers of individuals referred to above & also the tender of Mess'rs Hurkamp, Rowe & Hoomes, to which motion Mr Eve offered as an amendment that the whole matter be recommitted to the Street Committee for further report, which amendment was lost, and the question recurring on the motion of Mr Frost it was adopted.

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Account of J H Kelly amounting to \$19.00 was allowed and ordered to be paid.



Description of a lot bought by Thomas Manuel for taxes and in part of Thos F Knox, the same being part of Town lot No. 161 & bounded as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner formed by the intersection of Prince Edward St & Pitt Street, thence with Prince Edward St on the west side sixty five feet to Metcalf land, thence at right angles to said Prince Edward St and parallel to Pitt St one hundred & thirty two feet, thence at right angles to last line & parallel to Prince Edward St sixty five feet to Pitt Street, thence one hundred & thirty two feet along the north side of Pitt St to the point of the beginning.

Carter M Braxton, Corporation Surveyor

Feb'y 22nd 1869

The above plot & survey was examined by the Council at a meeting held on the 23rd day of February 1869 & ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

R S Chew, Clerk Council

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At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Thursday the 1st day of April 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

Geo W Eve, Wm J Jeffries, D C Ellis, L A Beardsley, Peter Couse, Chas E Hunter.

On motion R S Chew was appointed Clerk Pro tempore

Wm E Straight appointed Clerk of the Council & Chamberlain of the Corporation appeared and was qualified before the Mayor by taking the oath of office & the oath prescribed by the Act of Assembly passed July 2nd 1862.

The official bond of Wm E Straight, Chamberlain of the Corporation in the penalty of Ten Thousand Dollars, with A J Underhill, D W Bailey & C L Straight as his securities was presented to the Council, approved and ordered to be delivered to the Mayor to be by him deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

S E Chaffee appointed collector of taxes for the Corporation appeared and was qualified before the Mayor by taking the Oaths of Office & the Oath prescribed by the Act of Congress passed July 2nd 1862

The official bond of S E Chaffee collector of taxes for this Corporation in the penalty of ten thousand dollars with Wm Lang, G W Eve, Chas E Hunter & L C Frost as his securities was presented to the Council, approved and ordered to be delivered to the Mayor to be by him deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mess'rs F Bauman & Henry Miller, appointed members of the Council appeared and was qualified by the Mayor by taking the oath of office & the oath prescribed by the Act of Congress passed July 2nd 1862 & took their seats at the Board.

Mess'r Montgomery appointed measurer of wood & lumber appeared & was qualified before the Mayor by taking the oath of office & the oath prescribed by the Act of Congress passed July 2nd 1862

On motion ordered that the late Clerk of the Council be directed to turn over all books & papers in his hands belonging to the Council to Wm E Straight the present Clerk of the Council.

On motion ordered that the late Chamberlain of the Corporation be directed to turn over all books, papers & monies in his hands belonging to the Corporation, to Wm E Straight the present Chamberlain.

On motion ordered that the Finance committee be directed to examine the accounts of the late Chamberlain & collector of taxes & to make report to the next meeting of the Council

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Ordered that the number of Police Officers be fixed at two, and thereupon the Council proceeded to ballot for them, Chas W Edrington, Wm Way & Washington Jennings being on nomination which resulted in the election of Chas W Edrington & Wm Way as temporary Police Officers

Absent: Chas E Mallam, Mayor

On motion the salary of the Mayor for the years ending the 3rd Monday in March 1870 was fixed at four hundred dollars.

Present: Chas E Mallam Mayor

Mr Hunter moved that the salary of the Police Officers be fixed at the sum of three hundred & fifty dollars which motion after a division was lost.

Mr Frost moved that the salary of the Police Officers be fixed at the sum of three hundred dollars, which motion after a division was lost.

On motion of Mr Eve, the salaries of all the officers of the Council was fixed at the same sum as heretofore.

The Mayor appointed the following Committees

Finance Committee: L C Frost, Chas E Hunter, Wm C Morrison

Public Property: George W Eve, Wm J Jeffries, Wm C Morrison

Streets: L C Frost, Chas E Hunter, F Bauman

Pumps: Peter Couse, L A Beardsley, Henry Miller

Petition was presented by Chas E Hunter to allow Mess'rs A S & C G Hilper to close Frederick Street the depth of their property to be opened at any time by the order of the council. Petition granted.

On motion of Mr Jeffries it was ordered that the license of drays and wagons be levied the same as the past year.

On motion of Mr Frost it was resolved that the Police Officers be given one half of the fines imposed for violations of the laws of the Corporation.

On motion of Mr Frost it was resolved that Mr Hurkamp be continued upon the Fire Comt'ee as in the final report

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The Council then adjourned to meet at 7 O'clock on the 9th of April 1869

At an adjourned meeting of Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Friday 9th day of April 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

Geo W Eve, Wm J Jeffries, Henry Miller, Wm C Morrison, Peter Couse, F Bauman, W C Ellis, Chas E Hunter

L C Frost asked and obtained leave, and did make a personal explanation. Mr Frost then handed to the Mayor the resignation of himself, Mr Chas E Hunter and W C Morrison to take effect when persons can be found and qualified to succeed them. On motion of Mr Eve their resignations were ordered to be laid on the table.

The Finance Committee through their chairman Mr Frost, reported that they had examined the account of the late Chamberlain and find the same to be correct. And a balance due him by the Corporation of \$57.40 which amount they recommend to be refunded to him out of the first funds that may come into the hands of the Chamberlain.

The Finance Committee through their Chairman Mr Frost reported that they had examined the accounts of L J Huffman late collector of taxes and find the same to be correct & a balance of uncollected taxes in his hands amounting to the sum of \$9,495.32.

The Mayor vacated the Chair to offer the following resolution which was accepted.
Resolved that the Council express its feelings of deep regret that circumstances have rendered it necessary that the accomplished Chamberlain & Clerk of the Council Col Rob't Chew should vacate his office, it is felt by the Body that the removal of Col Chew will be a public loss. The manner in which he has conducted his responsible duties deserve the highest praise, therefore the thanks of the Council for his valuable services are hereby tendered to him, together with best wishes for his future prosperity.

The Finance Committee offered their report for the Current year which was accepted and ordered to be recorded

The Committee upon Fire apparatus then offered their report which was accepted.

The Mayor then presented the petition of Joseph Hall to close for the present Willis Street. Referred to the Street Committee.

The Mayor brought to the notice of the Council the unsafe condition of the Jail, Whereupon, [Page 520] on motion of Mr Frost the matter was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

On motion of Mr Hunter of the Finance Committee Mr Heinichen of the Overseers of the Poor made an explanation in regard to the expenditures of the past year.

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered that \$1,200 be appropriated to the maintenance of the Poor for the present year under superintendence of the same Overseers.

On motion of Mr Hunter it was ordered that the ration of Sugar & Coffee for the Poor be dispensed with except to the sick.

D C Ellis offered his resignation as a member of the Council and on motion of Mr Eve it was accepted.

On motion of Mr Hunter it was ordered that the Collector be directed to collect at once the license for all drays and Wagons now due.

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered the Pub Property Committee hereby authorized to contract with some responsible party to wind up and keep in order the Public Clock for the current year at a sum not exceeding \$50.00.

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered that the tax list be published in the *Fredericksburg News*.

Mr Hunter gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Council submit a motion that some grade be established for the streets of the Corporation.

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered that the report of the Finance Committee for the fiscal year ending March 15th 1869 be published in all three City papers.

The Council then adjourned

The Tax Bill reported by the Finance Committee for the Year ending March 1870

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee respectfully report that they have prepared and herewith submit an ordinance imposing taxes for the years ending the third Monday in March, 1870. They find that with the most economical administration of the affairs of the Corporation it has required the sum of about nine thousand (9000) dollars in money to meet necessary Municipal expenses exclusive of the claims for interest on the Bonded debt of the City, which amounts now [Page 521] to about thirteen thousand (13,000) dollars annually, this amount interest and some accumulation of interest past due were provided for in part by the Finance bill of the past year, by the City receiving two thirds of the taxes due her in interest Coupons.

But as large amounts of Bonds are held out of this City in various parts of the State and even outside of the State those coupons are not annually sent in and bought by our tax payers, thereby leaving a considerable amount of interest coupons of the past year still unpaid and one or more bonds for raising wrecks which will fall due in the current year. Your Committee are therefore compelled to provide in the present tax bill for the payment of the interest for the current year and the above mentioned bonds in money. At the same time your Committee realized the necessity of making the tax as light as possible and of receiving some portion of the tax of the current year also in coupons.

The Committee's Books shows the taxable subjects to be as follows.

Real Estate	\$1,282,838.00
Personal Property	\$120,000.00
Poll tax on 750 polls of which only about six hundred are remittable	
Licenses in 1868 realized	6,539.72

Your Committee propose to levy the tax for the current year as follows

On Real Estate \$1.25 in the \$100 value being the same as last year	\$16,147.02
On Personal Property also same as last year \$1.25 on the \$100 value	\$4,678.12
On Persons \$3.00 per head	
On Licenses except Real Estate & Brokers three fourths of the State tax	
For the current year	\$6,539.72
	\$27,364.86

Last year \$25,335.00

On incomes interests and salaries and all other subjects of taxation in the Corporation three fourths of the State Tax for the current year. On which your Committee recommend that one third be received in coupons interest and past due obligations, viz

	\$9,021.62
And two thirds in money viz	\$18,243.24
	\$27,364.86

There remains due \$9,495.32 of the last years taxes unpaid and in the hands of the Collector, from which your Committee believe a sufficient sum will be collected to make up any deficiency in the cash part of the current year.

Your Committee further recommend that a tax of one dollar per head upon all male dogs and two dollars upon all female dogs be imposed and that the Ordinance in regard to the tax collars for dogs as modified during the past summer, by the present Council be strictly enforces.

We also recommend that the same deduction on taxes paid before the 15th of August & the 15th day of September be made as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed L C Frost, Chas E Hunter
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chambers Tuesday April 27th 1869
Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor
L C Frost, Recorder

L A Beardsley, F Bauman, Henry Miller, Wm J Jefferies, Geo W Eve, Wm C Morrison, Chas E Hunter

Mr P B Dunn appointed member of the Council appeared and declined to serve, giving as a reason that had not the time to attend to the meetings of the Council

The Chairman of the Street Committee reported adversely to the granting of Mr Hall's petition to close Willis Street, and on motion of Mr Eve it was Resolved that the petition not be granted.

The Chairman of the Pub Property Committee to whom the condition of the Jail was referred, reported that in their opinion that the Jail was now in as good and safe condition as it could be put in without it being rebuilt.

But on motion of MR Frost it was ordered that the lower cells be case upon the inside with two inch oak plank.

The Chairman of the Public Property Committee reported that he had made contract with Mr Murray to wind up and keep in order the Town Clock for the sum of \$40 per annum and on motion the report was accepted.

Moved by C E Hunter that there shall be established by actual survey a standard grade for the streets and side walks of the city & that C M Braxton be and it hereby authorized to make said survey.

The resolution was carried by the following vote:

Yeas Mess'rs Beardsley, Bauman, Hunter, Frost, Morrison, Jeffries

Nays Mess'rs Mille & Eve

The Mayor presented a bid from Chas A Grave offering to keep the City pump in order for twelve months and on motion referred to the Pump Committee.

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered that the Chamberlain pay to the Captor of Albert Fortune the reward of Fifty dollars offered by the Mayor for his apprehension.

On motion of Mr Frost, the Pump Committee were requested to investigate and report at the next meeting on the condition of the Pump opposite the house of J J Chew and to ascertain the best and cheapest method of obtaining water at that pump.

The Council then adjourned

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber Tuesday the 25th day of May 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

Peter Couse, Henry Miller, F Bauman, Wm J Jefferies, Geo W Eve, Chas E Hunter

On motion of Mr Frost it was ordered that the bid of Mr Gore for keeping the City pumps in order for twelve months be laid on the table

The Chairman of the Pump Committee to whom was referred the condition of the pumps opposite Mr Chew's house report that in their opinion the pump could not be repaired.

Present W C Morrison

On motion of L C Frost resolved that the pump Committee be and hereby is authorized to build one or two new wells and pumps in line of those at Chew's and Manner's corners respectively without further report to this board.

Washington Jennings was nominated by the Mayor for appointment of Police Officer in place of Wm Way and on motion he was appointed to date from May 21st 1869

On motion of Mr Frost Capt G J Jones was appointed a Police Officer for the City from this date.

On motion of Mr Jefferies it was resolved that the Finance Committee insist on the Collector to distraint for any taxes now passed due and for any taxes now passed due that are not paid at once.

On motion of Mr Eve it was resolved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three to confer with himself in regard to the matter of imposing a special tax upon all junk dealers and that when this meeting adjourn to meet on Monday evening next to receive the report.

On motion of L C Frost resolved that the board authorize and direct the Public Property Committee to furnish sufficient lumber to enclose two sides of the burying grounds known as Potters field, provided the colored people do the labor of building said fence.

On motion of L C Frost be resolved that so much of the Ordinance relating to Dogs, which on the fourth line calls for a collar with a piece of metal attached thereto be amended so as to read or leather strap to serve as a muzzle, the form of which shall be arranged by the Mayor to be paid for the same as the collar and metal and that said collar and muzzle be obtained from the Chamberlain.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on Monday evening next at 8 O'clock.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council at the Council Chamber the 31st day of May 1869

Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor

L C Frost, Recorder

F Bauman, Henry Miller, Peter Couse, Chas E Hunter, Wm J Morrison, Geo W Eve, Wm J Jefferies, Geo W Eve

The Committee appointed at the last meeting in the matter of imposing a special tax upon all junk dealers, reported through their Chairman, the Mayor, that they had prepared an Ordinance which they submit to the Council and after a considerable discussion the Ordinance was rejected.

On motion of Chas E Hunter, it was ordered that the Chamberlain is hereby authorized to issue a negotiable note for the payment of such sums as may be due to the Overseers of the Poor at this date.

The Council then adjourned.

At regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber the 22nd day of June 1869
Present Chas E Mallam, Mayor
Chas Miller, F Bauman, Chas E Hunter, Henry Miller, Geo W Eve, Wm J Jefferies.

Mr L A Beardsley appointed Recorder in place of L C Frost appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr Eve it was ordered that Mr Carter be allowed to change the telegraph pole in front of his lot to the opposite side of the Street.

Mr Morton presented their bills amounting to \$21 and upon motion of Mr Jefferies they were reported to the Overseers of the Poor.

On motion of Mr Hunter it was ordered that the Commissioner of the Revenue be authorized to adjust the accounts of Edward D Haslup, Wade Hicks & Mrs Tombs with the Collector of Taxes.

Mr W E Straight offered his resignation as Chamberlain & Clerk of the Council & upon motion of Mr Eve it was ordered to be laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr Miller it was ordered that the state of the Bridge across the canal at Charles Street be reported to the Street Committee and that they be requested to make a report at the next meeting of the Council

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On motion of Mr Chas Miller that the Street Committee be requested to take into their serious consideration the filthy condition of the Streets, and also that they be requested to advertise for bills from persons who will undertake to keep the streets clean & in order in such a manner as the committee may direct.

The Council adjourned.

At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber Thursday evening July 15, 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Geo W Eve, L C Frost, F Bauman, W J Jefferies, Chas Miller, Henry Miller, Peter Couse

P B Dunn appointed common councilman by Maj Gen Canby appeared & was qualified before the Mayor by taking the oath office & the oath prescribed by the act of Congress passed July 2nd 1862 & took his seat at the Board.

W W Bowler, appointed Councilman by Maj Gen'l Canby having filed his qualification in the Clerk's office appeared & took his seat.

On motion of Mr Frost resolved that the installation of Mr Barstow as Recorder now about to be proceeded with be postponed

On motion of Mr Frost resolved that this body now proceed to recommend one of its own members in accordance with the City Charter to Gen'l Canby for appointment as Recorder for the City.

On motion of Mr Frost ordered that the recommendation of Mr Miller as recorder be forthwith forwarded to Gen'l Canby.

On motion of Mr Frost ordered that the Chamberlain be directed to pay to Mr Hart his bill for services as Ass't Comm of Revenue.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mess'rs Braxton & Wallace, Atty's in reference to the unpaid interest upon certain Bonds held by T S Coleman and S Lawrence Stringfellow, and on motion of Mr Frost it was referred to the Finance Committee to report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the unsafe condition of the Bridge across [Page 526] Charles Street asked until the next meeting to make their report which was granted.

On motion of Mr Frost it was authorized that the Chamberlain be authorized to take Council [counsel?] in the matter of the threatened suit of E H Taliaferro.

D S Dolbar appointed councilman by Maj Gen'l Canby appears and filed his qualification.

The Council then adjourned.

The Mayor appointed the following Committees

Finance: W H Barstow, D S Dolbar

Pub Property: Geo W Eve, W J Jefferies, P B Dunn

Streets: W W Bowler, F Bauman, L A Beardsley, P B Dunn

Pumps: Peter Couse, H Miller

At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber this Friday evening July 27th 1869.

Present W E Nye, Mayor

H H Barstow

D S Dolbar, W J Jefferies, W W Bowler, F Bauman, Geo W Eve, P B Dunn

On motion of Mr Eve ordered that the Chamberlain be instructed and authorized to pay the interest for one year amounting to \$120.00 on Bonds held by Mr S T Coleman, also that he be authorized to the interest for three years amount'g to \$540 due upon Bonds held by P L Stringfellow the above amount allowed being collectable under the Stay Law.

The Mayor presented a communication from Rob't A Taylor in relation to the interest due on Bonds referred to the Finance Committee [Page 527]

On motion of Geo W Eve, resolved that the lamp lighter be ordered to turn off the gas in the Street lamp at 12 O'clock.

The Chamberlain presented the petition of Jno W Croughton, cartman asking to have refunded to him a portion of the license tax paid by him, and on motion of Mr Jefferies it was ordered that the Chamberlain be authorized to excuse license tax in proportion to the time the dray may commence upon the Street.

On motion of Mr Jefferies it was resolved that the services of the present Street Committee be disposed with from this date.

The Mayor presented a communication for Judge Alfred Motion asking if some steps could not be taken to secure some portion of the Peabody Fund and on motion of Mr Eve, resolved, that the Mayor, Judge Morton, Maj Kelley be and are appointed a committee to present the claim of the Corporation to a share in the funds recently contributed to the South by Mr Peabody for Educational purposes.

On motion of Mr Dolbar ordered that the Street Committee be authorized to advertise by posting hand bills for bids for person who will contract to keep the Streets of this Corporation clean for the balance of the present year.

On motion of Mr Barstow ordered that the matter of repairing the Gunnery Spring be referred to the Pump Committee

The Chamberlain presented the [blank] of Maj Kelley for advertising amount to \$27.00 and on motion it was ordered to be paid.

The Council then adjourned.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council room this Friday evening August 24th 1869

Present Wm E Nye, Mayor

W H Barstow, Recorder

Councilmen: W W Bowler, L a Beardsley, F Bauman, D L Dolbar, W J Jeffries, P B Dunn, Geo W Eve.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the matter of paying the interest upon bonds, held by Mr Richardson for the removal of wrecks from the River, made their report and upon motion of Mr Eve, their report was ordered to be laid upon the table until the report of a committee can be heard as to the liability of the Corporation for the payment of the Bonds.

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On motion of Mr Couse it was ordered that the Finance Committee be directed to examine and enquire into the liability of the Corporation for the payment of the above mentioned bonds.

The Street Committee who were directed at the last meeting to advertise for bids from persons who would contract to keep the Streets of the Corporation clean for the balance of the year, reported that George Aler was the lowest bidder, and that they had partially contracted with him to keep the Streets in order & that Mr Aler had been at work upon the Streets for several days.

On motion of Mr Barstow, ordered that the Street Committee be instructed not to make any further payment of money to Mr Aler for cleaning of the Streets until a contract and bond for the faithful discharge of said work is properly executed and signed.

On motion of Mr Chas Miller, the Pump Committee are directed to repair the Gunnery Spring as to them may seem most advisable. On amendment of Mr Eve, it was ordered that the work done upon said Spring and all work done for the Corporation be let to the lowest bidder.

On motion of Mr Jefferies it was ordered that the judgment against the Corporation in favor of E H Taliaferro for the sum of \$16.80 be paid.

A communication from Capt Quinn & Mr Reed was presented asking that the Friends of Temperance Society be allowed to use of the South end room of the Court House in which to hold their meetings, and on motion of Mr Couse the request was granted, they agreeing to deliver up the same at the pleasure of the Council.

W E Straight, Chamberlain, presented a new bond in the penalty of Ten Thousand dollars with C L Straight & W E Nye as his securities and on motion the same was ordered to be accepted and delivered to the Mayor and by him to be placed in the Bank for safe keeping.

On motion of Mr Couse, the Street Committee were directed to make enquiries as to the expediency of numbering the houses of the City.

The Chamberlain presented the bill of J W Adams for stationary furnished the Corporation since April 1868 amounting to \$10.10 and on motion it was ordered to be paid.

Bill for 75 cents was presented by Mr Heinichen for carting dirt from the Street and on motion it was ordered to be paid.

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The Council then adjourned

At a regular meeting of the Council held at the Council Rooms, Tuesday Evening September 28th 1869
Present W H Barstow, Recorder
D S Dolbar, W W Bowler, Geo W Eve, W J Jefferies, F Bauman, Chas Miller, Peter Couse.

The Finance Committee who were directed at the last meeting to enquire into the liability of the Corporation as to the payment of Bonds given for raising the wrecks in the river, Reported that they had made a thorough investigation of the matter & in their opinion the Corporation are liable for the payment of the bonds.

On motion of Mr Eve, ordered that the Chamberlain be directed to pay six months interest Mr Richardson upon bonds issued for wrecks.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the matter of numbering the Streets of the City were granted further time to report and were instructed to ascertain the cost of numbering the houses and report at the next meeting.

The Finance Committee made a written report in regard to the interest now due & unpaid by the Corporation & on motion of Mr Eve their report was ordered to be re-committed to them for further report.

A petition from C C Wellford and others asking that foot bridges on Main at the intersection of all the Streets above Commerce, and on motion referred to the Street Committee
Present: Henry Miller

On amendment of Mr Eve to Mr Jefferies motion, the night Police salary was fixed at \$250.00 per annum.

On motion of Mr Eve it was ordered that the special Police be paid one dollar per night for their services

A bill of Mr Herndon, Counsel for the Corporation in the case of Taliaferro vs the Corp of \$5.00 was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr Jefferies fixing the salary of the Night Police was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr Jefferies resolved that the night police be dispensed with.

On motion of Mr Eve ordered that the Chamberlain advertise and receive bids for lighting the lamps of the City for one year, said bids to be submitted to the Council [Page 530] at their next meeting for their approval.

The Council then adjourned.

At a regular meeting of the Council held at the Council Rooms Oct 26th 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

W H Barstow, Recorder

W W Bowler, F Bauman, H Miller, Geo W Eve, P B Dunn, W J Jefferies

The Street Committee who were allowed further time at the last meeting to report in regard to numbering the Houses of the City asked for further time in which to report which was granted.

The Finance Committee who were allowed further time at the last meeting to make a report of the indebtedness of the Corporation asked for still further time to make said report, which was granted.

On motion of Mr Dolbar, the council proceeded to an informal ballot for Lamp Lighters with the following result:

John Brown	4 votes
Hugh Hicks	1 vote
Wash Wright	3 votes

After which a formal ballot was taken by which Washington Wright received 5 and John Brown 3, whereupon Wash Wright was declared elected at the salary of \$125.00 per annum.

On motion of Mr Dolbar, it was ordered that the Lamp Lighter light the Street lamps on all dark nights, where instructed so to do by the Mayor.

A bill presented by Mr Bowering of \$10.00 against the Corporation for making bunks for the jail was ordered to be paid.

A bill of Capt Green for \$18.50 for blankets furnished for the use of the Jail was ordered to be paid.

A bill presented by Mr McClain for making a ladder for Lamp Lighter amounting to \$2.50 was ordered to be paid.

P B Dunn was appointed a member of the Street Committee in place of Mr Beardsley [Page 531] resigned

Mr Wallace asked that the Chamberlain be directed to redeem three one dollar bills issued by the Corporation prior to the War and on motion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee

A Petition of the Police to have an increase of Salary and motion of Mr Eve it was laid upon the table until the next meeting of the Council.

The Council then adjourned

At a special meeting of the Council held at the Council Rooms Nov 15th 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

W H Barstow, Recorder

Chas Miller, Geo W Eve, Wm J Jefferies, Peter Couse, P B Dunn, W W Bowler, D T Dolbar

The Mayor stated to the Council that they had been called together to receive the report of the Finance Committee in regard to the indebtedness of the Corporation and to take some action in regard to appointing Police.

Whereupon Mr Barstow, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented a written report which upon motion of Mr Eve was accepted & ordered to be recorded among the minutes of the meeting.

On motion of Mr Eve it was resolved that Mr Huffman be sent for and asked to attend this meeting & to report what progress he has made in collecting the taxes of 1868.

On motion of Mr Barstow, Resolved that the tax Collector be requested to collect as rapidly as possible the taxes now due and unpaid and that he distrain against any and all delinquents who shall not have paid their taxes by the 15th day of December 1869.

The Mayor presented a bill of C E Hunter for furnishing stovepipe for the use of the Jail amounting to \$8.05 was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr Eve, Resolved that there be one extra policeman appointed to serve as night watch and that one of the day policemen be designated a Night Watch & that they be paid at the rate of \$365.00 per year.

On motion of Mr Jefferies, the resolution fixing the Night Police salary at \$365.00 per year was reconsidered.

And a motion of Mr Miller was put to the vote fixing the salary at \$500.00 per year was taken and lost.

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Whereupon the original motion of Mr Eve was put, making the pay of Night Police \$365.00 per annum and was carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Finance Committee's Report

Your Finance Committee to whom was referred the matter of ascertaining the present indebtedness of the Corporation would respectfully report,

That under an order passed by the Council at a previous meeting, they engaged Mr Robert Hart to assist the Chamberlain and that together after a most thorough search and examination of the accounts and vouchers in the possession of the present Chamberlain of the Corporation they have returned to your Committee as the result of their labors the following statement, which is made up to Jan'y 1st 1870.

Total indebtedness of the Corporation \$244,521.48 of which [blank]

At a regular meeting of the Council held at the Council Rooms Tuesday evening November 23rd 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Peter Couse, W W Bowler, Chas Miller, Henry Miller, P B Dunn, W J Jeffries.

No Q [no quorum]

At a special meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Rooms Monday evening Dec'r 12th 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Geo W Eve, Chas Miller, Wm J Jefferies, H Miller, W W Bowler, P B Dunn

Duncan Thompson Jr presented an appointment from Maj Gen'l Canby as Chamberlain & Clerk of the Council and it having been certified to this Council that Mr Thompson has qualified before Mr Eustace Chaffee by taking the several oaths of office prescribed by the laws of the State of Virginia together with the oath prescribed by the Act of Congress July 2nd 1862, he is therefore allowed to take his seat as Clerk of this Board.

Duncan Thompson appointed Chamberlain by Gen'l Canby in place of W E Straight who has resigned, presented a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, with Wm E Straight, W E Nye, H H Lamb, Peter Couse, & Wm M Morrison and in motion the same [Page 533] was accepted and ordered to be delivered to the Mayor by him to be place in the bank for safe keeping.

Simon Hirsh and Wm E Straight appointed Councilmen by Gen'l Canby produced certificates of their due qualification and they were directed to take their seats.

Present: Wm E Straight & Simon Hirsh

Mr Eve presented a bill from B S Herndon MD as salary as physician to the Poor House from March 1st 1861 to Dec 5th 1861, amount of bill \$38. On motion of Mr Eve the bill was ordered to be paid.

A bill from D Herndon MD was presented for surgical services rendered in the case of Samuel Folk for two weeks attendance visits and dressing wound twice per day, am't of bill \$50.00

On motion of Mr Eve it was ordered that the bill be referred to the Overseers of the Poor.

On motion of Mr Eve the Finance Committee were directed to examine the accounts of the late Chamberlain and turn them over to the present Chamberlain.

A communication from Braxton & Wallace was read to the Council requesting the payment of three years interest amounting to eighteen hundred dollars on the Bonds of the Corporation, owned by Thomas Hill, administrator of George Ficklen, on motion W E Straight the matter was laid over until next meeting.

On Motion of Mr Eve the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council directing the Collector of taxes to distraint for all taxes not paid by the 15th of December was amended so as to read the 15th of January.

The Council then adjourned.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Rooms Tuesday evening, Dec'r 28th 1869

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Peter Couse, Geo W Eve, Wm J Jefferies, Wm E Straight, Simon Hirsh, F Bauman, Henry Miller, Chas Miller

The Finance Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the late Chamberlain made the following report, that, in accordance with the direction of the Council they have examined the accounts and books of the late Chamberlain W E Straight and find the same correct in all respects and a balance of \$960.60 in his hands of Corporation money which amount with the books he has turned over to [Page 534] Duncan Thompson Jr the present Chamberlain

On motion of Mr Eve, the report was accepted.

A communication from Braxton & Wallace requesting the payment of interest on bonds held by Thomas Hill, administrator of Geo Ficklen, dec'd which was laid over at the last meeting, was taken up and after some discussion it was ordered on motion of Mr Straight that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee and on motion of Mr Eve the Mayor was requested to act with the Committee.

Mr St Geo Fitzhugh appeared before the Council and requested the sale of property belonging to the Corporation situated on Main Street.

On Motion of Mr W E Straight, the matter of the sale of said property was referred to the Property Committee to report at the next meeting.

The following appointments were made by the Mayor:

Simon Hirsh on the Street Committee; W E Straight on Finance Committee; Chas Miller on Pub Property Committee.

On motion of W E Straight, it was ordered that the Street Committee be directed to have the Street on Winchester & Amelia repaired at once.

On motion of Mr Eve it was ordered that the Street Committee be ordered to examine the damage done of Charles Street by waste water form Mr Marye's Mill race and request Mr Marye to repair the damage immediately.

On motion of Mr Jefferies it was resolved by the Common Council that the name of William Street be changed to Commerce and the name of Caroline Street be changed to Main Street.

On motion of Charles Miller, the Street Committee was the directed to enquire into and ascertain the probable cost of putting up the names of the Streets at the corners and number of the houses and report at the next meeting, showing samples of the lettering numbering &c.

On motion of Mr Eve the Mayor was requested to procure a Street lamp to replace one that is broken.

Johnston & Co presented a bill to the Council for Coal Oil &c amounting to \$13.72.

On motion of Mr Jefferies it was ordered to be paid.

James McGuire presented a bill for sundry articles purchased by the Corporation amounting to four dollars & twenty cents, on motion of Mr Eve it was ordered to be paid.

Markey presented a bill for blankets amounting to thirty two [Page 535] dollars. On motion of Mr Eve it was laid over until the next meeting.

The Council then adjourned.