

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1870

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council held at the Council room Tuesday Evening Jan 24th 1870

Present W E Nye, Mayor

F Bauman, Simon Hirsh, Charles Miller, Henry Miller, W W Bowler

No Quorum

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council held at the Council rooms Friday Evening Jan'y 28th 1870

Present W E Nye, Mayor

W W Bowler, Chas Miller, D S Dolbear, P B Dunn, P Couse, H Miller, W J Jeffries, W E Straight

The Mayor who was at the last meeting requested to act with the Finance Committee in the matter of the Hazel River bonds held by Thos Hill adm'r of George Ficklin dec'd on behalf of the Committee made a verbal report & on motion of Mr C Miller the Matter was postponed until the said bonds are renewed

Mr C W Wallace appeared before the Council and asked that \$2500 of the Corporation bond held by Mr Stringfellow & past due be paid & on Motion of Mr Straight the matter is laid over until the next regular meeting

Duncan Thomas [Thompson] Jr Chamberlain & Clerk of Council tendered his resignation to the Council and on Motion of Mr Jeffries the same is accepted & the Finance Committee is directed to examine his accounts & turn the same over to his successor

A Bill of W R Mason, amt'g to \$11.10 was ordered pd

On Motion of [Mr Dolbear], Mr R W Adams who has made application & there being no dissenting voice, be appointed Chamberlain & Clerk of the Council in place of Duncan Thompson who has resigned

On Motion of Mr Jeffries, Mr Geo W Eve is appointed Recorder of the Corporation in place of W H Barstow, resigned

The Council Then adjourned

[W E Nye, Mayor]

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Monday evening February 14th 1870

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Geo W Eve, Recorder

Chas Miller, F Bauman, W J Jeffries, Peter Couse, Henry Miller, W W Bowler

The Mayor stated to the Council that owing to matters of a private nature he would at the next meeting of the Council tender his resignation as Mayor, he did this to give the Council an opportunity in the mean time to select his successor

The Mayor presented to the Council the certificate of the oath of office of R W Adams elected at the last meeting Clerk of Council & Chamberlain in place of D Thompson, resigned. The Mayor stated that Mr Adams had given the usual bond as Chamberlain with A K Phillips as surety which Bond had been placed in National Bank for safe keeping

On Motion, The Clerk of the Council & Finance Committee were directed to make an account of the expenditures and receipts of the Corporation for the year ending 3^d Monday in March and have the same published in hand bill form, said account to set forth each item of expenditure by the various committee On Account of Heyer & Ludwig amounting to \$1102.97 was presented and on Motion was laid over

Mr Geo W Eve thanked the Council the honor confirmed upon him in electing him to the officer of Recorder and begged leave to respectfully decline the appointment.

The Council then adjourned

[W E Nye, Mayor]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Monday evening Feb'ry 21st 1870

Present W E Nye, Mayor

Geo W Eve, Simon Hirsh, W J Jeffries, W W Bowler, P B Dunn

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council, Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Wednesday evening Feb'ry 23^d 1870

Present Geo W Eve, P Couse, W J Jeffries, H Miller, W W Bowler, S Hirsh, F Bauman

On Motion W J Jeffries, Geo W Eve was called to the Chair

The resignation of W E Nye, Mayor, was read and on motion W J Jeffries, the resignation was accepted

The Chair stated that the next business was to elect a successor to Mayor Nye

Mr Eve nominated Dr L B Rose

Mr Bowler nominated Mr C Armat

No other nominations, the vote being taken by ballot, resulted as follows; Rose 4, Armat 3

Whereupon Dr L B Rose was declared elected a Mayor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of W E Nye

Dr Rose being sent for, appeared and took the oath of office before Justice C E Hunter

Present Dr L B Rose, Mayor elect

An Account of W C Morrison for work on Court House amounting to \$96.76 was read and ordered to be paid

There being a vacancy in the council occasioned by the resignation of Mr Barstow, On motion of Mr Eve, Mr Jno J Young was nominated to fill the vacancy, the vote being taken, Mr Young was elected.

Mr Jno J Young was on motion Mr Eve unanimously elected Recorder in place of Mr Eve declining to serve

By permission Mr Jno E Tackett was allowed to be heard upon the subject of excessive assessment of the Woolen Mills property and asked that there be an abatement in the Tax of said property.

On Motion, Mr Jeffries, the subject of Mr Tackett's request was referred to the Finance Committee and to be reported upon at the next Meeting

An account of C E Hunter amt'g to \$8.87 was read and ordered to be paid

The Clerk of the Council was directed to refer to the records in reference to the a/c of Hoyer & Ludwig and report the results of his investigation at the next meeting

On Motion, Mr Eve, the order directing the payment of \$69.76 to W C Morrison was reconsidered and the account of Mr James Tongue, in which is included the a/c of Morrison amounting to \$210.55 was read and ordered to be paid

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Mr Hirsh from the Committee on Numbering the Streets, made a verbal report and exhibited copies of numbers from different contractors and state prices of same.

On Motion Mr Jeffries, the Street Committee was directed to have the Streets designated by placing signs at the Corner of each Square at a cost of 25 cents for each sign and on Motion Mr Couse , the Mayor was requested to act with the Committee

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a called meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Saturday evening March 5th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Jno J Young, Geo W Eve, F Bauman, S Hirsh, P Couse, Chs Miller, W J Jeffries

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instances of a Committee of the Board of Trade, Mess'rs Mason, Phillips, & Hart, who were appointed by said Board to proceed to Washington with application from the Citizens of Fredericksburg to solicit aid from Congress in clearing and improving the Navigation of the Rappahannock and suggested a Mess'rs Mason & Phillips were present that they be heard and on Motion Mr Young, Mess'rs Phillips & Mason were unanimously allowed to be heard and these Gentlemen stated fully the object and importance of their mission and solicited an appropriation of \$100 to aid in defraying the expenses of the Committee and after some remarks by Mess'rs Eve, Couse & others,

On Motion, W J Jeffries, Resolved that the sum of one hundred dollars asked for by the Committee be and is hereby appropriated to aid in defraying expenses of said Committee bearing the Memorial of the Citizens to Washington

Present P B Dunn, D S Dolbar

The vote being taken upon Mr Jeffries resolution, It was carried, Ayes five, Noes four

A petition from the Young Men's Literary Society asking the use of Armory Hall, was presented and on motion the use of the Hall was granted, subject to the control of the Council

The subject of the appropriation for the cleaning of Kenmore Marsh was brought before the Council by the Mayor, and the Motion was laid on the table

Mr Eve made some remarks in reference to the late Mayor and On his Motion it was, Resolved unanimously that the thanks of this body be tendered to Colo W E Nye late Mayor for the important, faithful and courteous manner in which he [Page 539] discharged the duties of the office

The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

A Regular Meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg was held at the Council Chambers Tuesday evening March 22^d 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, W J Jeffries, Charles Miller, J J Young, F Bauman, S Hirsh, Henry Miller, P Couse

The Mayor called the Council to order

Present: W W Bowler, W E Straight

The attention of the Council was called to the account of Hoyer & Ludwig and after some remarks by Mr Eve who informed the Council that in a conference with the Counsel of H & L he stated that no action would be taken by the present Counsel

The matter was laid over

Mr Eve addressed the Council upon the subject of the Financial Condition of the Corporation and suggested that if it met with the views of the Council that some action be taken with reference to a satisfactory arrangement with parties holding the Bonds of the Corporation and on his motion it was, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to correspond with the Bond Holders of the Corporation proposing a Settlement of the Bonds held by them at fifty cents on the Dollar with interest payable semi-annually and that a tax be levied to meet the Interest promptly at maturity

The Mayor on Motion was directed to appoint the Committee

The Mayor appointed Mr Young, Mr Eve and the Clerk of the Council as that Committee
On Motion the Mayor was added to the Committee

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to a demand by J Tome for payment of one Bond \$500 past due and for the interest on \$3000 held by him

On Motion, The Chamberlain was directed to pay Mr Tome the A & interest due on the Bonds held by him

Two accounts of Waite & Sener for \$17.50 and \$6.10 were read and ordered to be paid

A Bill of Martin Cahill for services rendered at the late fire amt'g to \$2.00 was read and on motion was ordered to be paid

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The communication of Minor & Co in reference to the consolidation & funding Bonds was read and on Motion laid on the Table

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening April 26th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, W J Jeffries, J S Dolbar, Chas Miller, Simon Hirsh, F Bauman, P Couse

The Council was called to order by the Mayor

The Minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed

On Motion Mr Eve, The Mayor was directed to appoint a Committee of three to investigate the claim of Hoyer & Ludwig and report at the next regular meeting

The Mayor appointed Mr G W Eve Mr M Slaughter and R W Adams, the Committee

On Motion made and seconded, Resolved that the resolution adopted at the last meeting with reference to the settlement of the bonded debt of this Town be so amended as to allow interest at the rate of 8% per annum payable semi-annually and that a sinking fund be set apart for the liquidation of the principal at maturity

Permission was asked by Mr Wm Burke to put a stone footing across Main St erecting opposite the building he is now at his expense which was unanimously granted

A Petition signed by numerous Citizens at the lower end of Town asking the erection of a pump at the corner of Princess Ann & Dixon St was read by the Mayor and before any action was taken, Mr Eve stated that Mr Van Doren was present and desired to be heard upon the subject of a proposition to supply the Town with water.

On Motion Mr Van Doren was heard and his remarks favorably considered

Mr F Bauman was appointed a member of the pump committee

The Mayor suggested that the Council appoint a Street Commissioner

On motion, Mr Eve, Resolved that a Street Com'r be appointed by the Council and that the salary be fixed and one hundred dollars pr annum.

Mr Geo Aler was nominated and unanimously elected Street Commissioner
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Mr Chaffee was heard in reference to difficulties in the way of his prosecuting the duties of his office growing out of the Enabling Act passed by the Legislature of Va

On Motion Mr Eve, ordered that Capt Chaffee, Collector of Taxes proceed at once to rent out the Hay Scales and Market Stalls and complete the collection of taxes as speedily as possible

The Mayor stated that upon conferring with privately a majority of the members of the Council he offered Mess'rs Green & Edrington a reward of \$50 for the detection of the parties breaking into the Store of Scott & Kearsley and he now considered that they had performed their duty in the arrest of certain parties supposed to be guilty of the offence.

On motion made and seconded, it was ordered that the rewards offered by the Mayor be paid to Mess'rs Green & Edrington

The Mayor suggested that some action be taken with a view to laying off the Town in wards for the purpose for the convenience of voters at the approaching collection and in conformity with the recent act of the General Assembly of Virginia, and On Motion, It is hereby ordered that in conformity with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed [blank] entitled an Act [blank]

That the whole City of Fredericksburg shall be embraced in one ward and that there shall be two precincts or voting places in said ward Viz, the Court House and the Town Hall and that George Street to Liberty and thence with Liberty to the Turnpike and thence with the Turnpike to the Western Limits of the Corporation shall be the dividing lines between said precincts and it is further ordered that all voters residing north of said line shall vote at the Town Hall and all voters residing South of said line shall vote at the Court House of the City

The Council on Motion, Mr Eve, adjourned until Friday evening April 29th 1870
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening April 29th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Chas Miller, Simon Hirsh, Peter Couse, F Bauman, W J Jeffries, Geo W Eve, Jno J Young

The Mayor called the Council to order, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

On Motion Mr Eve, Mr Wm H Fitzhugh was permitted to address the Council in behalf of himself, Edwin Carter, Wm F Lowery, Bazil Gordon, John Coakley & others, asking that certain privileges be granted them to do certain work at their own expense with [Page 542] a view to draining & of otherwise improving the property owned by them on Caroline Street, and upon their petition, On Motion Mr Young, the following resolution was adopted;

Resolved by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that permission be and is hereby given to Bazil Gordon, William T Lowery, Edwin Carter, William H Fitzhugh, Mrs Janet R Pollock, John Coakley and the heirs of Peter Goolrick, dec'd, the present owners of most of the Lotts & buildings between George & Hanover Streets on the West sides of Caroline St in the said Town of Fredericksburg and to their heirs and assigns the future owners of the said buildings & the lots on which the said buildings now stand, to make such excavation on said Caroline Street from the beginning of the present culvert near George Street, along the line of that portion of said culvert extending from the beginning to a point opposite the building now owned by the said Mrs Janet R Pollock, thence on the same line to such point below the buildings now owned by the said heirs or devisees of Peter Goolrick, dec'd on the said square as the said parties Bazil Gordon &c as may elect and thence across said Caroline Street and on the north side of said Hanover Street outside of the curb stones of said street to a point at or near the Bank of the River as may be necessary, at their own expense for the repairs and improvement of the old and for the construction of a new culvert or drain of brick & such other material and at such depth and of such dimensions as the said Grantees or a majority thereof may elect from the said point of beginning along the route indicated to the proposed terminus at or near the River Bank, and to uncover the same or any part thereof after its completion whenever it may be necessary for changing out or repairing the said culvert or drain and to tap the same with lateral culverts or cover drains from their respective lots.

A letter from Mr A W Moody, alias R Jas Buckly asking that the Council remit the whole or a part of the license tax recently paid by him was read and on motion laid on the table

Mr J B Sener was by permission, heard upon the subject of the condition of the Court House and urged that some action be taken by the Council looking to placing the property in a condition of undoubted safety

On Motion, Mr Young, Ordered that the Public Property Committee with the assistance of the Mayor be directed to examine the condition of the Court House and report at once if the same needs any repairs in

order to make it safe for the public use, and also make an examination of the Town Hall and to report whether it can be safely and suitably arranged for holding of the Court

On Motion Mr Eve (Couse ordered) that the License on Drays & Carts be fixed at \$5.50 and on Wagons at \$11 for the years ending April 1st 1871

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

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At a Called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening May 6th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, W W Bowler, Chas Miller, P Couse, F Bauman, S Hirsh, Henry Miller, H J Jeffries

The Mayor called the Council to order

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Jno J Young

The application of A W Moody for remission of the tax imposed upon him was taken up and discussed and on Motion, Mr Young, It was ordered that the License tax paid by Mr Moody amounting to \$45 be returned to him, said tax having been illegally imposed

The Chairman of Pub Property Committee, Mr Eve, made a verbal report of the result of the investigation of the Committee appointed at the last meeting and also submitted the report of Mr J Tongue shewing the probable cost of repairing the Court House. On Motion of Mr Young the report of Mr Tongue was received and ordered to be filed.

A Petition, signed by Catlett, Lawson & others asking the passage of an ordinance for the protection of their interests in Renting the Market Stalls, prohibiting the sale & marketing on the Streets during the Market hours was read.

Mr Eve at the suggestion of the Mayor moved that the Council go into the Election of the Clerk of the Market.

Mr Roy Jones was nominated and balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of the Market

The Salary of Clerk of the Market was fixed at one hundred dollars pr annum

On Motion Mr Eve It was ordered that the Clerk of the Council prepare an ordinance fixing a fine of [blank] upon all parties bringing meats, fowls, Butter, Eggs or vegetables into Town and offering them for sale during Market hours on the streets and submit the same to the next meeting for its action

Mr H Miller asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent: Henry Miller

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the necessity of the appointment of a Committee for the revision of the Charter of the Town to conform to the recent Constitution of the State of Va and also revise the ordinances of the Town.

On Motion Mr Eve, It was resolved that the Mayor, J J Young & the Clerk of the Council be appointed a Committee to revise the Charter of the Town and also the Ordinances now in force and submit the same to the [Page 544] next meeting of the Council.

A Motion, made & seconded, It was ordered that the Public Property Comm be requested to receive proposals for the repairing of the present and the building of a new Court house with plans and specifications for same with a view of submitting the question of repairing the present or building a new Court House to the voters of the Town at the coming election
The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening May 24th 1870
Present L B Rose, Mayor
Geo W Eve, Chas Miller, W W Bowler, S Hirsh
A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Thursday evening June 2nd 1870
Present L B Rose, Mayor
Geo W Eve, S Hirsh, W W Bowler, F Bauman, Chas Miller, P Couse, D S Dolbear
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

In Obedience to the order of the Council passed May 6th the Clerk submitted the following ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that if the owner or agent of any meats, fish, Butter, Eggs, or other Marketing brought into Town shall offer the same for sale or sell any of the said articles upon any of the Streets or elsewhere within the limits of the Corporation during the Market hours of the Town, the said owners or Agent shall forfeit and pay not exceeding [blank] for every sale of Meats, Fish, Butter & other Marketing so made, Provided that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the sale of any Marketing brought into Town at the Market house of the Town, subject to existing ordinances regulating the sale of same.

This ordinance shall be in force on and after 1st Day of July 1870

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On Motion, Mr Eve, The ordinance was unanimously adopted

On Motion ordered that the blank in the ordinance be filled with the sum of "Two Dollars" and made to read "Not exceeding Two dollars" for every sale of Meats, Fish, Butter, & other Marketing so made.

The Mayor informed the Council that they were called together more particularly with a view to the appointment of a Commissioner of the Revenue and suggested that the matter be taken into consideration.

The subject was discussed by Mess'rs Eve, Dolbear & Couse, and it being determined to go into an election for Comm'r Revenue to serve until the 30th June next,

Mr Dolbear nominated Mr L Morgan Mills who was balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of Mr Mills unanimously

The Resignation of Mr W E Straight as a member of the Council was read and on Motion was accepted

Mr Eve Moved that the Council go into the election of a councilman to serve in place of Mr Straight, resigned, which being seconded and carried, the Council proceeded to the election; J G Hurkamp, Geo Gravatt & P McCracken were nominated and balloted for; the votes being counted resulted as follows McCracken 3, Gravatt 3, Hurkamp 1; no election; a second ballot was had with the following result, Gravatt 4 votes, McCracken 3 votes; so Mr Geo Gravatt was declared elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Straight

The Council adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

[R W Adams, C C]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening June 28th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, Peter Couse, W J Jeffries, W W Bowler, Charles Miller

No quorum being present the council stood adjourned

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Thursday evening June 30th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, Jno J Young, Henry Miller, W W Bowler, Chas Miller, F Bauman, W J Jeffries

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Committee appointed by the Council April 26, 1870 to investigate the claim of Hoyer & Ludwig against the Corporation through their Chairman, Mr G W Eve presented a report in writing which was read and on Motion of Mr Young the report was adopted.

Present: D S Dolbear

On Motion Mr Eve, The Clerk of the Council is directed to confer or correspond with Hon'l R C L Moncure and ascertain upon what terms the claim of Hoyer Ludwig can be settled and report to the Council as early as practicable.

An account of S S Brooke & H C Sener amt'g to \$20 for services as clerks in the election of 26th May was presented and On Motion Mr Dolbear ordered to be paid

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid Viz

Mr J Moon amt'g to \$5.00

Mr T Buck amt'g to \$3.00

Two accounts of Charles C Wellford amounting to \$8.00 inclusive. Said claims purporting to be contracted in 1860 and 1861 were presented and on Motion laid of the table.

Mr Young was appointed by the Mayor a Member of the Finance Committee

On Motion the Finance Committee is directed to examine the account of the Chamberlain to June 30th inst and to publish in hand bill form a statement of the receipts & expenditures of the Town commencing from the publication of the last statement to June 30th Inst

On Motion, the Chamberlain is directed to pay the salaries of Police & other officers of the Corporation due and unpaid to June 30th

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]
]R W Adams, C C]
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The Common Council elect met pursuant to call of W R Mason, Mayor at the Council Chamber Friday evening June 30th 1870

Present W R Mason, Mayor

W P Conway, Geo Gravatt, J H Myers, J Gordon Wallace, J W Sener, H S Doggett, W G Morrison, P McCracken, Thos Harrison

It appearing from Certificates handed to the Clerk of the Council that the Mayor and Council had duly qualified by taking the oath prescribed by Law before the late Mayor, L B Rose.

The Council was called to order by the Mayor, who stated that the first business in order was election of Recorder, Mr J J Young [Dr J G Wallace & J S Knox] having been nominated and the ballots being counted resulted in the election.

On Motion Dr J G Wallace, the Salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at seventy five dollars pr annum

R W Adams and R S Chew were nominated and balloted for, Adams received 7 votes, R S Chew 3 votes and was declared elected

Mr Young, Recorder-elect was qualified before the Mayor, also R W Adams Clerk of the Council

The Mayor presented a paper for the deliberation of the Council and called the Recorder to the Chair

Absent: M R Mason, Mayor

Mr Young, Recorder in the Chair

The resignation of Mayor Mason was presented by the recorder

Mr Doggett moved to lay the resignation on the Table, Mr Wallace moved as a substitute be placed in the hands of the Clerk to be forwarded to Judge Herndon, Mr Doggett withdrew his motion and Mr Conway offered the following as a substitute to the motion of Mr Wallace

W R Mason, Mayor having tendered his resignation to the Council, It is ordered that such action as the Council shall judge it proper to take in the premises be postponed for the present which being seconded by McCracken and the vote being taken the resolve Motion of Mr Conway was carried

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On motion Mr Sener, the Council proceeded to the election of Collector of Taxes

Mr L J Huffman was nominated and balloted for and unanimously elected

Present W R Mason, Mayor, who resumed the Chair, Mr Young retiring

The Council then proceeded to the election of Police Officers

Mr Doggett moved that the Council go into the election of police officers fixing the number and their salaries, which being seconded and the vote being put the Motion was carried. Mr Mason, Mayor giving the casting vote

It was decided by vote to fix the number of police at four and their salaries be fixed at \$300 for annum

The following parties were put in nomination, J S G Timberlake, C A Gore, W Jennings, Geo S Green, J A Taylor; and balloted for and the ballot being taken resulted in the election of J S G Timberlake, J A Taylor, G S Green and C A Gore as police officers for the ensuing twelve months. Mr J W Sener

The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg at the election held May 26th 1870 in Conformity to an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed May 11, 1870 entitled an "Act to provide for a general election" met pursuant to call of W R Mason, Mayor at the Council Chamber, Fredericksburg, Friday evening July 1st 1870
Present W R Mason, Mayor
W P Conway, Geo Gravatt, Jno H Myer, J Gordon Wallace, Jos W Sener, Hugh S Doggett, W G Morrison, Thos Harrison, P McCracken, Jno J Young- Councilmen

It appearing from certificates placed in the hands of the Clerk of the Council that the Mayor and Councilmen had duly qualified by taking the oath prescribed by law before, L B Rose, late Mayor by taking and subscribing to the oath required by law; The Mayor called Council to order and stated that the first business before them was election of Recorder.
Jno J Young, J Gordon Wallace and Jos W Sener, were put in nomination, and balloted for, and the ballots being counted and Mr J J Young receiving a majority was [Page 549] declared elected as Recorder of the ensuing year

On Motion Dr Wallace, It is ordered that the Salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at seventy five dollars pr annum

The Council next proceeded to the election of a Clerk of the Council R S Chew and R W Adams were placed in nomination and balloted for, and the ballots counted, R W Adams receiving a majority of the votes was declared elected Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mr Young, Recorder, and Mr Adams, Clerk of the Council qualified to their respective offices by taking the necessary oath before Mayor Mason.
The Mayor stated that he had a paper which he desired to have brought to the attention of the Council for their consideration and called the Recorder to the Chair, leaving the paper on the table, he retired.

Absent: M R Mason, Mayor

The Recorder took the chair and presented to the Council the paper left on the table by Mr Mason, the resignation of W R Mason, Mayor, which he read and is in the following words
"Fredericksburg, Va
July 1st 1870
To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg
I herewith tender my resignation as Mayor of this City to take effect when my successor is elected and qualified,
Signed W R Mason, Mayor"

Mr Doggett moved to lay the resignation on the table, Mr Wallace moved as a substitute to Mr Doggett's motion that the resignation of Mr Mason be placed in the hands of the Clerk of the Council to be forwarded to Judge J M Herndon for his action.

Mr Doggett withdrawing his Motion, Mr Conway offered the following as a substitute to Mr Wallace's motion

W R Mason, Mayor having tendered his resignation to the Council, It is ordered that such action as the Council shall judge it proper to take in the premises be postponed for the present which being seconded and put to the vote was carried

The Chair was requested to inform Mr Mason of the action of the council upon his resignation

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Collector Taxes, Mr L J Huffman was nominated and balloted for and unanimously elected.

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Present W R Mason, Mayor, who resumed the Chair, Mr Young retiring

Mr Doggett moved that the Council now go into the election of police officers, fixing the number and their salaries, which being seconded and put to the vote was carried. The Yeas and Noes being equal the motion was carried by the vote of the Mayor

On Motion It is ordered that the number of police officers be fixed at four, and their salaries at \$300 pr annum each.

J S G Timberlake, Geo S Green, J A Taylor, Charles A Gore and Washington Jennings were put in nomination and balloted for police officers and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

Timberlake 10, Green 10, Gore 9, Taylor 7 and Jennings 4 and J S G Timberlake, Geo A Green, C A Gore and J A Taylor were declared elected to serve this ensuing year

Mr Sener offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that the Clerk of the council be and he is hereby directed to furnish the Council with a statement of all the receipts and a detailed statement of all the expenditures of the Corporation for the past twelve months, also the amount of the present debt of the Corporation.

The Council then adjourned on Motion of Dr Wallace until Tuesday evening July 5th

[R W Adams, C C]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers Tuesday evening July 5th 1870

Present J J Young, Recorder

W P Conway, Geo W Eve, J T Knight, J W Sener, J G Wallace, J H Myer, Geo Gravatt, H S Doggett, W G Morrison, Thos Harrison, P McCracken

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion Dr Wallace, Resolved that until allowed, the rules of the last Council be adopted as applicable to the present

On Motion, Mr Conway, The resignation of W R Mason, Mayor was taken up and Mr Wallace offered the following;

Whereas the Common Council of Fredericksburg have received a written communication from W R Mason Esq'r resigning his position as Mayor;

Resolved that the Clerk of the Council be directed officially to notify Judge Herndon that a vacancy exists in the office of Mayor; in order that he may proceed in accordance with law to have such vacancy filled.
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The previous question being called and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes was as follows
Ayes Conway, Eve, Knight, Sener, Wallace, Gravatt, Doggett, Morrison, Young
Noes Myer, Harrison, McCracken

The Chair, then stated that the next business in order was the continuation of the election of officers

Colo C M Braxton was nominated and balloted for as surveyor of the Corporation and unanimously elected

The election of the Supt of Streets on Motion Mr Myer was passed over for the present

The Salary of Clerk of the Market was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum

Roy Jones was nominated and balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

Morris Montgomery was nominated and balloted for as weigher & Measurer of Coal, Salt & Grain and unanimously elected

R W Hart & C E Bragdon were nominated and balloted for measurer of Lumber & Wood and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of Mr Hart

On Motion, the election of Lamp Lighter is postponed for the Present

The Recorder stated that Mr Wm H Fitzhugh was present and desired to be heard in reference to an order of the Court appointing him with others to confer with the Council respecting the providing a suitable building for the holding of the Court.

On motion Mr Fitzhugh was allowed to be heard and read a paper signed by himself & Wm A Little, J B Sener, E M Braxton, Committee appointed by the Court.

J W Sener, on Motion, was heard on the same subject

Mr Conway submitted the following which was adopted.

The condition of the Court House of this Town having been brought to the notice of the Council by a Committee of the Corporation Court, It is resolved that a Committee be appointed by the Recorder to enquire into and consider the whole subject and report thereon at as early a day as practicable.

On motion, Dr Wallace, made & seconded. The Council appointed by the Council is directed to confer with the Committee appointed by the Court.

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The Recorder appointed G W Eve, J W Sener, J G Wallace and H S Doggett, the committee in Mr Conway's resolution

A Bill of A B Botts & S G Knox amount to twenty dollars was read and ordered to be paid

The Chair announced the following Committees

On Finance: W P Conway,, J G Wallace, H S Doggett

On Public Property: Geo W Eve, P McCracken, W C Morrison

On Streets: J W Sener, Jno T Knight, J H Myer

On Pumps: Geo Gravatt, Thos Harrison, Jno J Young

On Motion Mr Eve, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed to revise the Ordinances of the Town and report

And on Motion, Mr Conway, the Recorder was requested to serve on the committee

The following were appointed by the Council: W P Conway, J G Wallace, J W Sener, H S Doggett

The Council then adjourned

[Jno J Young, Recorder]

At a Called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening July 12th 1870

Present W R Mason, Mayor

W P Conway, P McCracken, J Gordon Wallace, P McCracken, Geo W Eve, J W Sener, J H Myer, Jos Harrison

The Council was called to order by the Mayor

Present: Jno J Young, Recorder

The Claim of Hoyer & Ludwig against the Corporation was called up by Mr Conway; Mr Eve Moved that the claim be paid upon the terms proposed by Judge Moncure, Mr Sener moved that the matter be laid on the table until [Page 553] the next meeting of the Council, carried and the Motion of Mr Sener being put to the vote it was carried

Mr Sener, Chairman of the Comm on Streets made a verbal report of the condition of Streets and recommended the adoption of the following ordinance and On Motion, Mr Eve, made and seconded the ordinance was adopted, which is in the following words

Every person who shall cast places or lay an rubbish, oyster shells, filth, dirt, shavings, stable manure, or offal of any trade, business, or occupation, or any rubbish from buildings, cellars or back yards, or any refuse or dirt from coal or firewood, or any ashes or any noxious or offensive matter, substance or thing whatsoever into or in any public square, places, street, lane or alley in the Town or cause the same to be done except when the same may have been removed from his or her or their premises for immediate removal the same to be removed within twenty-four hours shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every such offence and after due Notice this further sum of one dollar for each and every day the same shall remain in such places.

On Motion the foregoing ordinance was directed to be printed in hand bill form for circulation

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs McCracken, Myer, & Harrison to examine the books of Collector Chaffee.

The Mayor called attention of the Council to the nuisance in reference to Powder Magazine and on

Motion Mr Eve, The Mayor was directed to contract with any responsible party to erect a suitable magazine for the storage of Powder and pledging all the fee & allowed under the ordinance to the party disposed to build such magazine

Mr Wallace called the attention of the Council to the Ordinance concerning Drays, carts, & wagons and suggested certain changes

On Motion, the ordinance concerning Drays & Carts & Wagons Chap XXXV is so amended as that whereas the word Chamberlain is used, the word "Mayor" shall be inserted and that the bond required shall be for one hundred and fifty instead of three hundred dollars

Mr McCracken asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent: Mr McCracken

On Motion Mr Conway Resolved that when the Council adjoin, it adjoin to meet at 5 O'clock P M during the summer months pursuant to call or the regular meetings

The Council then adjourned

J M Mason, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council held of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening July 26th 1870

Present W R Mason, Mayor

Jno J Young, Recorder

W P Conway, J W Sener, H S Doggett, Geo Gravatt, Geo W Eve, J T Knight

The Meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Present J H Myer

The account of Hoyer & Ludwig against the Corpo was taken up, Mr Conway stated that he has authorized by Judge Moncure to say that the claim if now paid could be settled for the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars

On Motion, Mr Eve made and Seconded, It was ordered that the claim of Hoyer & Ludwig be paid as recommended and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars to Judge R C L C Moncure, attorney for Hoyer & Ludwig in full of the claim of said H & L against the Corporation.

Mr Sener submitted the following ordinance which was on Motion of Mr Eve adopted

Be it enacted and ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that so much of Sec't 1st, Chap 1st of the ordinances which provided for the election of Superintendent of Streets be and is hereby repealed

Mr Myer, Submitted the report of the Committee appointed to examine the Books of Collector Chaffin shew'g a balance of uncollected taxes of \$6324.32 and recommending that Mr Chaffin be directed to proceed with the collection of the taxes in his hands and report at the next regular meeting of the Council the amount collected, and on Motion, the report was adopted.

Myer offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that the Treasurer be requested to furnish this council a statement of all the uncollected taxes charged to L J Huffman, former collector since the War and that the said Huffman, be instructed to collect the same at once and report to each regular meeting of the Council the amount collected.

On Motion, Mr Conway, A Committee consisting of Mress'r Gravatt, Sener & Conway was appointed (by the Mayor) to confer with the Gas Co and ascertain upon what terms the company will supply the Corporation with Gas, after the expiration of the present quarter, the Company taking charge of and attending to the lighting of the Street Lamps

On Motion, Mr Eve, Section II, Chapter XXXIV of the Ordinances “Concerning Dogs, is amended in that the words “or night” shall follow “in the day” so as to read “in the day or night time”

On Motion, It is ordered that such of the ordinance as are directed to be published shall be published in the Newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

Mr Sener offered the following which was adopted

Resolved by the Mayor & Common Council. That the Police Officer be and they are hereby directed to prevent all carts or other vehicles containing marketing for sale from standing in any streets, or at the corner of, exposing said marketing for sale, and in case of failure of the owner to remove said carts or vehicles when directed so to do he or they shall forfeit and pay not less than one, nor more than five dollars for every such refusal.

On Motion, Mr Young, The Clerk of the Market is directed to purchase a pair of scale to be use of the Market House at a cost not exceeding ten dollars

The Council then adjourned.

[R W Adams]

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening August 2^d 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor-elect (at the election held July 28th 1870)

W P Conway, H S Doggett, J W Sener, P McCracken, Thos Harrison, Geo W Eve

The Council was called to order by the Mayor

Present J H Myer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor made some remarks in reference to an article appearing in the *Va Herald* in reference to the validity of his election and stated that he had consulted counsel in reference to the matter and read an opinion upon the same by J L Marye Jr

The Certificate of his election & oath of office was place by the Mayor into the hands of the Clerk of the Council

Mr Conway, stated that the Meeting was called at the instance of the Finance Committee and as Chairman of that Committee, he reported an Ordinance levying taxes to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the year ending July 1st 1871.

Present: Geo Gravatt

The Ordinance was read and on Motion of Mr Sener it was adopted; The ordinance is in the following words, to wit:

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1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that there shall be levied and collected on persons and property and other subjects of the Town of Fredericksburg, to defray the expenses of the Corporation for the year ending July 1st 1871 the taxes following, to wit:

2nd On Real Estate, one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) or every hundred dollars value thereof agreeably to the Commissioners Books

3rd On Personal Property, one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) on every hundred dollars value thereof agreeably to the Commissioners Books

4th On every Male Person over the age of Twenty one years fifty cents (50¢)

5th On licenses to all person required to be licensed by the Laws of the State of Virginia within the said Corporation, except Brokers and Real Estate Agents, who are taxed as hereinafter mentioned, Seventy-five per cent of the state tax, assessed thereon for the year 1870, and excepting Theatrical and other Exhibitions which are taxes under an Ordinance of the Corporation.

6th Incomes, Interest, Salaries, and all other subjects of state taxation within the Corporation, Seventy five per cent of the State tax aforesaid thereon for the year 1870

7th On Licenses to Brokers and Real Estate agents, fifty per cent of the State Tax assessed thereon for the year 1870

8th And be it further ordained that two thirds of the taxes so assessed by this bill be received in the Past due Coupons and Interest on the Bonds of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at par

9th And it is further ordained that a deduction of five per cent shall be allowed to such persons as shall pay their taxes on or before the 15th day of October 1870; and of three per cent to such persons as shall pay on or before the 15th day of November 1870

10th And it is further ordained, that upon all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of November 1870 there shall be added and collected five percent, with interest thereon from the said 15th November 1870, at one percent a month until paid.

11th And it is further ordained, that all taxes shall be liable to be distrained for, on and after the 15th day of March 1871.

Mr Conway offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that L B Rose, Mayor be added to the Committee [Page 557] (as chairman thereof) to revise the ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg and that when the said Committee is prepared to report, the Mayor be requested to convene the Council to pass upon the said Ordinances, that they may be amended, adopted, and printed for the use of all persons interested.

Mr Eve, Char of the Com on Public Property, submitted the report of the Committee appointed to examine and report upon the condition of the Court House and the necessary amount required to repaint the same. The report was read. Mr Mc Cracken moved, that the report be laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council, which being seconded, and the Ayes and Noes being called for it was carried
Ayes Eve, Wallace, Doggett, Harrison, McCracken
Noes Conway, Sener, Myer, Gravatt

On Motion, Mr Eve, It is ordered that all bills against the Corpo not authorized by the appropriate Committee be referred to the Finance Committee for approval before being submitted to the Council

Mr Conway, from the Comm appointed by the last Council to confer with the Gas Co reported that in conversation with some of the Directors of the Co he was satisfied that Gas could not be furnished for much less if any than at present

Mr Wallace, submitted the following:

Whereas the condition of the Corporation finances is such as to require the strictest economy, Ordered that the Clerk of the Council be directed to inform the President of the Gas Company that the contract between said Company and the Town of Fred'g for the supply of Gas to the street lamp posts will be discontinued on and after August 8th 1870, which being seconded and the Ayes and Noes called for, the vote stood as follows

Ayes Conway, Eve, Wallace, Sener, Doggett, Myer, Harrison, Gravatt

Noes McCracken

On Motion, It is ordered that the Office of Lamp Lighter be discontinued on and after August 8th 1870

Mr Conway offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved that the order of the Council passed on the 26th July last directing S E Chaffee former collector of Taxes to proceed to collect the Taxes in his hands be rescinded and It is now ordered that the said Chaffee do turn over the books and uncollected tax bills to the present Collector and take his receipt thereof, to be credited to the said Chaffee in the settlement to be made by him with the Common Council [Page 558]

On Motion, Mr Doggett, The Mayor was authorized to procure a desk for the use of his office
The resignation of E Carter, E L Heinichen & G W Wroten, overseers of the poor to take effect on 31st inst August, was read and on Motion, Mr Sener, the resignation was laid on the Table until the next meeting

On Motion Mr Eve, the Mayor is requested to procure a net & crate for the safe up-keeping of dogs caught in violation of the ordinance concerning dogs.
The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening August 23^d 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W P Conway, J Gordon Wallace, P McCracken, J W Sener, Geo W Eve, Geo Gravatt, Jno T Knight
The minutes of the last meeting were read and On Motion, Mr McCracken the ordinance levying taxes for the Year 1870 was so amended as to read that upon all taxes remaining unpaid on 15th November 1870 there shall be added and collected 5% and interest upon the amount of said taxes at the rate of half percent per month until paid.

The resignation of E Carter, E L Heinchien & G W Wroten overseers of the poor was taken up
On Motion, Mr Eve, The resignation was directed to be returned, with the request that the parties continue to act until their successors are appointed or elected

The report of the Committee on the Court House examination &c was then taken up and discussed by Mess'rs Sener, McCracken, Conway & Wallace

Mr Conway offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on the repairs of the Court House be adopted and that the said Committee be authorized to contract for and superintend the said repairs on the principles of the said report. The vote being taken by Ayes & Noes on the resolution [Page 559] resulted as follows;

Ayes Conway, Eve, Gravatt, Wallace, Sener 5
Noes Knight, McCracken 2 Carried

A Communication from Mr A Lang, asking permission of the Council to allow him the use of a portion of the Street in front of his place of business for the temporary deposit of stones &c was read.
Mr McCracken, moved that the permission be granted

Mr Conway, Moved as a substitute that the matter be postponed until next meeting of the Council and the vote being taken upon Mr Conway's motion, it was lost; Ayes 3, Noes 4

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr McCracken, Dr Wallace move to amend, so as to allow all persons the same privilege asked for by Mr Lang, the vote being taken it was lost

A proposition in writing from Mr Chs Miller to light the street lamps of the Town for the sum of \$800 pr annum was read by the Mayor and on motion of Mr Eve, the subject was laid on the table.

The following bills being approved by the Finance Committee were read and ordered to be paid

W R Mason & Co amt'g to	\$7.20
Sener & Brooke amt'g to	\$4.00
A B Botts & S G Knox amt'g to	\$4.00

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the ordinance respecting the weighing of coal at the solicitation of Mr Montgomery Coal weighing &c who complained that Coal had been sold & delivered in Violation of the Ordinance.

The Mayor stated that Mr Hart was present and requested to be heard on the subject and On Motion Mr W T Hart was heard

On Motion Mr Eve, Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourn until Wednesday evening (Aug 24) 5 O'clock

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday 24th Inst

[L B Rose, Mayor]

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Wednesday evening August 24th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J Gordon Wallace, H S Doggett J T Knight, J H Myer, P McCracken, J W Sener, W P Conway, Geo Gravatt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Present: Geo W Eve

On Motion, Dr Wallace, The action of this Council respecting the repairs of the Court House was considered

Mr Conway, moved that the resolution adopted by the Council at its last meeting relative to the repairs of the Court House be re-adopted

Mr J B Sener one of the Committee appointed by the Court being present.

On Motion, Dr Wallace, was requested to be heard in reference to the subject under consideration

The Vote being taken by Ayes & Nays on Mr Conway's motion resulted as follows

Ayes Conway, Eve, Gravatt, Wallace, Sener, Doggett, Knight, Myers

Nays McCracken

So the motion of Mr Conway was carried

Mr Conway offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the committee appointed to examine the books of S E Chaffee, late Collector of taxes do receive the Books and unpaid Tax accounts from said Chaffee & give him a receipt therefor and turn the

said Books and accounts over to Landon G Huffman our present collector, taking his receipt therefor and make report to the Council

Mr McCracken moved that the permission asked for by Mr Lang in his communication to the Council be granted, which being seconded and the vote taken the motion was lost; Mr Sener by vote of the Council excused from voting; the following vote,

Ayes Gravatt, Knight, McCracken 3
Nays Conway, Eve, Wallace, Doggett, Myer 5

Mr Sener called the attention of the Council to complaint that had been made by citizen of the lower end of town of damage to the Street in that vicinity cause by the water from the Canal of the Water Power Company and on motion [Blank] the Mayor was directed to appoint [Page 561] a Committee to examine into the Street said to be damaged by overflow of water from the canal and report to the Council the result of their examination. The Mayor appointed Geo Gravatt, & Jno T Knight as the Committee
The Council then on Motion adjourned until 5 O'clock Friday evening Aug 26th
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening Aug 26th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W P Conway, J G Wallace, J W Sener, H S Doggett, P McCracken, Geo W Eve, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion, Mr Eve, It was resolved that Rule IV of the Rules and Regulations of the council be so amended as that the words "rise and" shall be inserted after shall in first line, so as to read "A member shall rise and address himself to the President and be recognized by him as entitled to speak."

The following accounts being approved by the Finance Committee were read and ordered to be paid

R Keyser amt'g to	\$2.50
R B Merchant amt'g to	\$4.00
Geo S Green amt'g to	\$48.00

The Mayor then vacated the chair and retired

On Motion, Mr Conway, was called to the Chair

Mr W P Conway in the Chair

On Motion Mr Eve, Resolved that the Salary of Mayor be fixed at Four Hundred Dollars per annum

On Motion Dr Wallace, The Treasurer is directed to pay to W R Mason, late Mayor, one month's salary at the rate of Four Hundred dollars per annum

Present L B Rose, Mayor, who resumed the Chair, Mr Conway vacating

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Dr Wallace offered the following which was adopted: Resolved that the 9th Chapter of the ordinances on the Market laws be repealed and the committee on the revision of the laws be instructed to prepare and present to this Council an ordinance more in accordance with the spirit of the acts and interests of the Corporation

The Council, on Motion, adjourned until 8 o'clock

[L B Rose, Mayor]

The Common Council assembled pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock Friday evening
Present L B Rose, Mayor
W P Conway, J W Sener, Geo W Eve, J H Myer, P McCracken, J G Wallace, H S Doggett

Mr McCracken offered the following additional Rule to the Rules and Regulations of the Council which was adopted
Rule XXIII Any member of the Council absent from the Council at the time fixed for the meeting without sufficient excuse shall be fine at the discretion of the Council, not to exceed one dollar.

The Council on Motion adjourned until Monday evening Aug 29th 5 O'clock
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council, Town of Fred'g held at the Council Chamber Monday evening Aug 29th 1870
Present
J G Wallace, W P Conway, J T Knight, H S Doggett, Geo Gravatt, J W Sener, P McCracken, Geo W Eve
On Motion, Mr Sener, Mr Conway was called to the Chair

On Motion, D Wallace, The following members were excused from attendance under Rule XXIII
Mess'rs Morrison, Harrison, and Young

Dr Wallace offered the following which was adopted
Resolved: That the committee to whom was referred the examination of the books &c of Collector Chaffee be directed to retain the books &c now in their hands and report the result of their examination by or before the next regular meeting and in the mean time they are directed to employ [Page 563] a clerk to aid in arranging the books of said Chaffee at a fair rate of compensation for such service

Present: L B Rose, Mayor; who made his excuse for failure of attendance at the opening of the Council;
The mayor took the Chair
Mr Conway vacating
Mr Sener asked and obtained permission to retire
Absent Mr Sener
The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Wednesday evening August 31st 1870
Present L B Rose, Mayor
P McCracken, H S Doggett, Geo W Eve, J G Wallace, Jno T Knight, W P Conway, J H Myer, Geo Gravatt
Absent, J J Young, Thos Harrison, W C Morrison, J W Sener
The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr Myer, on Motion, was excused from the fine for failure to attend the last meeting of the Council under Rule XXIII

On Motion, Dr Wallace, Mr Jno Taylor was permitted to be heard in reference to the ordinance respecting the weighing & delivering of coal. Maj Braxton was also by permission heard.

On Motion, Mr Eve, the Council adjourned until Friday evening 8 O'clock, Sept 2^d 1870
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council, Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
Friday evening September 2^d 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, H S Doggett, P McCracken, J H Myer, J T Knight, J G Wallace, W P Conway, Geo Gravatt

Absent: J J Young, Thos Harrison, W C Morrison, J W Sener

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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On Motion Mr W T Hart and Maj E M Braxton were permitted to be heard in reference to the ordinances
respecting the weighing of Coal.

The account of Fred'g Gas Co amt'g to \$293.00 was read and ordered to be paid

The account of L M Mills amt'g to \$5.50 was read and order to be paid

The account of the Mutual Ass'n Co for quota of 1870 was directed to be paid

On motion, Mr Conway,

The Mayor is directed to appoint a Committee of five to take into consideration the revision of the
ordinance concerning coal and report to the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor appointed Mr Conway, Mr McCracken, Mr Gravatt, & Mr Myer & Mr Doggett as the
Committee

Mr Conway moved a reconsideration of the action appointing a committee to revise the ordinance
concerning coal which was carried.

Mr Conway, motion, The ordinance considering the weighing of coal was referred to a committee of the
whole of the Council

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
Monday evening September 5th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W P Conway, J G Wallace, J W Sener, P McCracken, Jno T Knight, H S Doggett, J T Knight

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The XXIII Rule was on Motion, suspended in its application to the present meeting of the Council

On Motion Mr Conway, It was resolved that the ordinance concerning the weighing of coal passed Oct
24th 1866 and the amendment adopted Sept 9, 1867 be and they are hereby repealed

On Motion, Mr Conway, The printed ordinance concerning the weighing coal as revised by the
Committee was adopted.

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On Motion, Mr Conway, The action of the Council respecting the repairs of the Court House was
reconsidered

Dr Wallace, Moved, that the former Committee be discharged and the Mayor be requested to appoint a new Committee of three members of the Council and two practical mechanics to full examine into the subject of the repairs of the Court House and report the result of their examination to the Council which was seconded, put to the vote & carried.

The Mayor appointed Mr Conway, Mr Sener, Mr Morrison, Mr Benj'n Bowering and Mr Geo Mullen

The Council on Motion adjourned until Wednesday coming 7½ O'clock September 7th
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Wednesday evening September 7th 1870

Present

W P Conway, J W Sener, J G Wallace, J J Young, Recorder, P McCracken, Jno T Knight, H S Doggett, J H Myer

J J Young, Recorder in the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion Dr Wallace, The XXIII Rule was suspended in application to the present meeting of the Council

Present Geo W Eve, Geo Gravatt, L B Rose, Mayor

Mr Young vacated & Dr Rose, Mayor took the Chair

The Mayor presented and read a petition signed by many citizens asking the Mr Alexander Lang and all other citizens shall have this privilege of using a portion of the Streets & pavement in front of their places of business for the presentation of the same.

Dr Wallace presented & read a petition signed by E L Heinichen & Co & others asking the same privilege desired by Mr Lang & others.

Dr Wallace moved that the petition be laid on the table which was seconded

Mr Lang being present desired to be heard on the subject of the petition and on Motion Mr Lang was permitted to be heard.

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Dr Wallace called the previous question and the Ayes and Nays being called for the previous question was sustained

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Wallace, Young, Myers

Nays Gravatt, Knight, McCracken, Doggett

The vote then being taken when Dr Wallace's motion to lay the petitions on the table by Ayes and Nays it was carried as followed

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Wallace, Young Myer 6

Nays Gravatt, Doggett, Knight, McCracken 4

Mr McCracken offered the following: Resolved that thirty days be allowed Alexander Lang to remove the stone now in front of his place of business

Dr Wallace offered the following as an amendment to the resolution of Mr McCracken "Provided that the same times shall be granted to all the inhabitants of the town to occupy same portion of the Streets" which being seconded and the vote taken in the amendment it was lost

The question recurring upon the adoption of Mr McCracken's resolution Mr Eve Moved as a substitute therefore that Mr Lang be allowed fifteen days in which to remove the stone now in front of his place of business

Dr Wallace moved that twelve months be allowed Mr Lang to removed the stone referred to, which being seconded and the vote taken it was lost, the vote then being taken upon Mr Eve's Motion to allow Mr Land fifteen days to remove the stone, it was decided in the negative

The question again recurring upon the adoption of Mr McCracken's resolution and the vote being taken upon the same it was decided in the Negative.

The Council on Motion adjourned until 7½ o'clock Friday evening, September 19th 1870
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening September 9th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, J W Sener, H S Doggett, J H Myer, P McCracken, W P Conway, J J Young, Recorder

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J G Wallace, J T Knight, Geo Gravatt

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The Mayor submitted the following ordinance which, on Motion, Mr Eve, was adopted

If any person shall willfully throw any stone or filth of any kind into or within fifteen feet of any Spring within this Corporation or in any way deface or injure the wall around said Spring, he shall forfeit to the Corporation for the expense incurred in repairing the same

The Council on Motion adjourned until Monday evening 7½ O'clock September 12th 1870
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Monday evening September 12th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder

J G Wallace, P McCracken, J W Sener, J H Myer, W P Conway, G W Eve

Absent: J T Knight, T Harrison, Geo Gravatt, W C Morrison, H S Doggett

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved

The Mayor asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder in the Chair

Mr L O Magrath being present and desired to be heard on reference to the offensive odour from Guano stored in neighboring houses and on Motion Mr McG was heard upon the subject

Present W C Morrison

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the examination and cost of repairs of the Court House, submitted the following report which was read

The Committee to whom was referred the condition of the Court House and the repairs necessary for the security of the building and the occupation of the same for public purposes have maturely considered the whole subject and beg leave respectfully to report, The Committee with the exception of Geo Mullen, whose opinions are well known to accord with this report, met at the Court House on Saturday evening at 5 o'clock and after examining the building inside and out and conversing fully and freely on the subject unanimously agreed that the plan reported by the Committee on the 1st day of August last, hereto annexed is the only safe and feasible plan for the security of the said building, short of its entire demolition and the erection of a new building. The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the foundation, walls were good and that the Rafters are now sound and that a single [Page 568] roof may need be put in the said building in the plan of the report annexed hereto, to make the said building (with the Iron brace rods perfectly safe for many years. This committee would recommend that in addition to the repairs recommended by the annexed report of the 1st of August, that a Court Room for all Court purposes be fitted up by the removal of the partition between the District Court in the North Wing of the building (upstairs) to the west partition of the first Jury Room, and that the present Court room be used only for popular and political assemblages of the people, this change will cost a small sum and afford a comfortable Court Room for Judges, Lawyers, suitors and all others having business in the Court House in the city and be in all respects in the judgment of this Committee a valuable improvement with this addition your committee unanimously recommends the adoption of the report of the first Committee (hereto attached) and that the work be accomplished with all convenient dispatch

Signed

W P Conway, Chrmn

September 12th 1870

On Motion, so much of the report of the committee as states to a change of the Court Room was laid on the table for the present

Mr Conway offered the following

Resolved that the report of the Committee on the repairs of the Court House of August 1st 1870 be adopted and that a committee be appointed to contract for and superintend the said repairs on the principles of the said report, which being seconded and the votes taken by Ayes & Naves as called for by Mr McCracken, it was carried

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Wallace, Morrison, Myer, Knight, Young 8

Nays McCracken 1

On Motion Dr Wallace, Resolved that the repairs of the Court House be entrusted to the Public Property Committee and that the Mayor be directed to appoint two members of the Council to act with the Public Property Committee in the contracting for and repairs of the Court House under the resolution, adopted by the Council

“An ordinance to prevent the unlawful intrusion of Boys on Rail Road Cars, or Machinery in this Corporation and accidental injuries resulting therefrom, was presented by Mr Conway, and on Motion adopted and is in the following words, to wit:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg

1. That it shall be unlawful for any minor to climb or get, or attempt to climb or get upon any Rail Road car or Machinery, while in Motion, within the limits of this Corporation [Page 569] ; and the parents or guardians of any minor who shall be convicted of violating this ordinance shall be fined by the Mayor not less than five nor more than twenty dollars
2. It shall be the duty of every policeman, who shall at any time be in any street when Rail Road Cars shall be in Motion to vigilantly observe them and to arrest any minor who may violate this ordinance and promptly report such violation to the Mayor before whom the parent or guardian shall be summoned to appear and shew cause if he or she can why he or she should not be fined in accordance with this ordinance

On motion, Mr McCracken, The XXIII Rule was suspended in the case of Mess'rs Gravatt, Doggett and Harrison absentees at this session of the Council

On Motion, Mr Eve, Resolved that this ordinance as revised be published and go into effect as soon as the Charter of the Town is remodeled

On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that the Mayor and three members of the Council to be appointed by him with the Clerk of the Council be directed to contract for the printing of 500 copies of the ordinances of the Corporation at the lowest price and to examine the proof sheets as the work progressed

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening September 27th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Wallace, J W Sener, P McCracken, J H Myer, H S Doggett, W P Conway, Thos Harrison, Geo W Eve

Absent J T Knight, W C Morrison, J J Young, Recorder, Geo Gravatt

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Application being made by Braxton & Wallace, Attys for Thos Hill, Admr Geo Ficklen dec'd for the renewal of certain lost bonds of the Corporation of Fredericksburg due notice of the loss of said bonds having been advertised in the *Virginia Herald* Fred'g for 3 months according to laws

On motion Mr McCracken the subject was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council

On motion, Mr Conway

Ordered that the Collector of Taxes be directed to [Page 570] receive 2/3 old of the taxes of 1870 in the past due Coupons or Interest of the Corporation at par or the equivalent of same or currency at the rate of sixty cents on the dollar

It having been brought to the notice of the Council that the rents of the Market Stalls and Hay scales for the year 1869 remained unpaid and that the renters declined payment except in the past due obligations or Interest of the Corporation, Mr Conway offered the following resolution

Resolved, that the Collection of taxes be directed to proceed at once to collect the rents of the Market Stalls and Hay scales for the year 1869 in national currency

Mr Eve, moved as an amendment that the rent of the Hay Scales & Market Stalls be received in the past due interest of the Corporation which being seconded and the voted it was lost
The vote was then taken upon the resolution of Mr Conway and it was carried
Ayes 7 Naves 1 Mr Myer
The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening October 11th 1870

L B Rose, Mayor

J Gordon Wallace, P McCracken, H S Doggett, J T Knight, J W Sener, W P Conway, Geo W Eve, Geo Gravatt, J H Myer

Absent J J Young, Recorder, T Harrison, W C Morrison

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that suit had been brought against the Corporation by a party or parties holding the past due Bonds of the Corporation, and suggested that such action be taken by the Council in the premises as will afford equal justice to all the creditors of the Town

Present: J J Young, Recorder

Mr Conway offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, that counsel be employed to defend the suit or suits instituted or to be instituted against the Mayor and Commonalty on the Bonds due by the City of Fredericksburg and that the said Counsel be directed to make such defenses and take such proceedings as will prevent any Bond holder or Bond holders from obtaining any priority of lien or other advantage [Page 571] over any other bond holder or creditor of the city, whether the same is due or not.

Mr Conway, moved that the counsel to be employed under the resolution adopted be allowed a fee of not exceeding one hundred dollars

Mr Eve moved an as amendment that the counsel be allowed the sum of fifty dollars which being second the votes being it was lost.

The question recurring upon Mr Conway's motion Dr Wallace moved as an amendment that the counsel be allowed the sum of sixty dollars, which being seconded and the vote taken the amendment of Dr Wallace was carried

Mr Young asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent J J Young

Dr Wallace asked and obtained leave to withdraw the application for the renewal for the lost Bonds asked for by Braxton & Wallace at the last Council.

Mess'rs J B Sener, St G R Fitzhugh & W A Little were nominated as counsel under Mr Conway's resolution and balloted for, and the ballots being counted and Mr J B Sener receiving a majority of the votes cast he was elected

The Major reported for the consideration of the Council the Charter of the Town as revised by him

On Motion Mr Conway

Resolved that the Mayor and clerk of the Council be directed to prepare the Charter and amendments as early as practicable and forward the same to our delegate in the Legislature
The Council then adjourned

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening Oct 18th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder

J G Wallace, J W Sener, G W Eve, J T Knight, P McCracken, Geo Gravatt, H S Doggett, H H Myer
Absent, W P Conway, T Harrison, W C Morrison

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Meeting was called at the instance [Page 572] of the Chairman of the Finance Committee to take action in reference to estimating the terms for the abatement of 5% to the taxpayer of the Town, the books of the Commissioner not being ready to enable them to pay their taxes by 15 inst

Present: W P Conway

Application was made by Waite & Sener for the privilege on sinking a well in the Market house lot upon certain condition set forth on the application

On Motion, the permission asked for by Mess'rs Waite & Sener was granted

On Motion, Mr Conway

Ordered that the times for the abatement of 5% upon the taxes of 1870 be extended to 15th November and for the abatement of 3% be extended the 15th December next

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening Oct 25th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Wallace, Geo Gravatt, Jno T Knight, P McCracken, J H Myers, Geo W Eve, J W Sener

Absent: J J Young, Recorder, W P Conway, J Harrison, W C Morrison, H S Doggett

The Mayor stated that the amended charter had been prepared but suggested that before the same was sent to the Legislature the propriety of the Council employing some legal gentleman to frame such a charter as would conform in all its parts to the Constitution & Laws of the State, no action was taken

The Council was informed by the Mayor that legal steps had been taken by A P Rowe & others to prevent the collection of the rents of Market Stalls &c for 1869 in National Currency by process served on him and the collector of Taxes

Mr Doggett asked & obtained leave to retire

Absent H S Doggett

On Motion Mr Sener the Council adjourned until Friday evening Oct 28th 7 O'clock

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening Oct 28th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

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H S Doggett, W C Morrison, W P Conway, G W Eve, J G Wallace, J W Sener, J J Young, Recorder
Absent P McCracken, J H Myer, J T Knight, Geo Gravatt, Thos Harrison

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present P McCracken, J H Myer, J T Knight

Mr Conway called the attention of the Council to some inaccuracies in the minutes of the 11th inst and on his motion Mr Eve's motion was so amended as to read "not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars" and the motion of Dr Wallace was so amended as to read "not exceeding the sum of sixty dollars."

In communication from E Carter was read by the Mayor stating that if elected to the position of overseer of the poor for another year he declined to serve unless at the salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum

On Motion Mr Conway, The communication read of Mr Carter was laid on table

A Communication from W H Fitzhugh was read by the Mayor offering on the part of J B Ficklen the sum of \$1500 in cash, or \$3750 in Corporation Bonds for the interest of the Corporation in the house & lot on Caroline St

On Motion Mr Doggett the communication of Mr Fitzhugh was laid on the table.

On Motion Mr McCracken

Resolved that the Mayor appoint a committee of three members of the Council to act with the Public Property Com in reference to the value And sales of the property belonging to the Corporation also the best manner and terms in which said should be disposed of and report to a meeting of the council on Monday 7th November

The vote on Mr McCracken's resolution was taken by Ayes & Naves and it was carried unanimously

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Wallace, Young, Doggett, Knight, Morrison, Myer, McCracken,

Nays none

The Mayor appointed Dr J G Wallace, W P Conway and J J Young the committee under Mr McCracken's resolution to act with the public Prop Committee

A Petition signed by Geo L Dixon & others asking the Council to enclose or have enclosed the burying ground known as Potters Field

On motion Mr Sener, the Petition was referred to the Public Property Committee [Page 574] with direction that the premises be examined and the probable cost of enclosing the ground ascertained and report at the next meeting of the Council

The Council then adjourned until 7th November

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber Monday evening November 7th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, J W Sener, J J Young, Recorder

Jno T Knight, J H Myer, J G Wallace, W G Morrison, Geo Gravatt, H S Doggett

Absent: W P Conway, P McCracken, Thos Harrison

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: W P Conway

Mr Eve presented the report of the committee appointed at the last Council upon the value and terms of sale of the property belonging to the Corporation of Fredericksburg which was read and on motion of Mr Sener, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged.

The following as the report of the committee

“The undersigned a special Committee appointed by the Council to take into consideration the propriety of disposing of the real estate owned by this Corporation and the prices which should be required for the same beg leave to report that in their opinion the interest of the Corporation would be advanced by a sale for the bonds of the Corporation, of the said real estate for the house on Main Street, occupied by Mr Hirsh, the recommend that the minimum price be the equivalent in Corporation bonds of \$2000 in currency

For the House occupied by Mr Green on Commerce St the equivalent in Corporation bonds of \$3000 in currency

For all interest in the Town Hall and lot the equivalent in Corporation bonds of \$5000 in currency

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed G W Eve, J G Wallace, P McCracken, W P Conway, Jno J Young, W C Morrison

Mr Conway offered the following resolution was adopted by a vote of Ayes 6 Noyes 4

Resolved that the Mayor be directed to advertise for sale at public auction (in pursuance of the report the committee this day made and adopted) the real estate of the Corporation for the Bonds of the Corporation and that the said real estate be sold to the highest bidder provided that the house [Page 575] now occupied by Simon Hirsh shall not be sold for less than \$5000;

The House in possession of J L Green for less than \$7500 and the Market House & lot for less than \$12,500 in said Bonds, and that the Market house & lot be sold in parcels or in whole as may be determined before the day of the Sale

The following is the foregoing resolution

Ayes Conway, Eve, Wallace, Gravatt, Young Morrison

Nayes Sener, Doggett, Knight, Myer

Mr Conway offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the Market house and lot and report to the next meeting of the Council the best mode of offering the said House & lot for sale and whether or not it will be best to hold the present Market and a portion of the lot from sales

The mayor appointed Mess’rs Eve, Conway and Sener the Committee under the resolution of Mr Conway

Mess’rs G W Eve and J T Knight asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent G W Eve, J T Knight

Mr Morrison, from the Com on Public Property made a verbal report as to the cost of enclosing the Potters Field burying ground

Present G W Eve

On motion, Mr Sener, The sum of one hundred dollars is appropriated for the purpose of enclosing the Potters Field burying ground under the supervision of the Public Property Committee

The Council then adjourned
[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening, November 22^d 1870

Present J J Young, Recorder

G W Eve, J G Wallace, J W Sener, H S Doggett, W P Conway, W C Morrison

J J Young, Recorder in Chair

Present J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present, L B Rose, Mayor who took the Chair, Mr Young vacates

Mr Conway from the Committee appointed at the last council to take into consideration the best plan to be pursued with reference to the disposal of the Town Hall & Market Yard, submitted the following report

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To the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg

The Committee appointed to report upon the expediency of the sale of the Market House lot, and how and when the same should be offered have conferred together upon a view of the said property and respectfully report there is a disagreement of the said committee on the subject which the members may at a proper time submit to the Council that that body may indicate its will in the premises. In the meantime the committee agree that the other property of the City to wit, the House occupied by Simon Hirsh and the House occupied by J L Green be advertised by the Mayor of sale (giving reasonable notice) and be sold on the terms fixed upon by the council without awaiting the action of the Council in regard to the Market House lot

Signed, W P Conway for Committee

November 22^d 1870

On Motion, Dr Wallace, Resolved that so much of the report of the Committee as referred to the sales of the property occupied by S Hirsh & J L Green be adopted and that the remainder of the report be referred back to the Committee to report to a future meeting of the Council.

Mr Conway reported verbally that a contract had been made for repairs to the Court House to a great extent and that the remainder of the work to be done would be contracted for in due time and that the whole expenditure for repairs would be within the expectation of the Committee

On Motion, Mr Sener

Resolved that the sum of three thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for repairs to the Court House, the same to be expended under the direction of the Special Committee on said repairs

The Mayor called attention of the Council to the incomplete state of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Books and recommended that the Council take such action necessary in the premises

The Mayor brought to the attention of the Council the dangerous condition of the Trunk in the Streets leading to Marye's Mills and suggested that such action be taken as is necessary to prevent accident to citizens of the Town and Country; the Mayor was requested to take such action as deemed necessary in the premises

The following bills approved by the Finance Committee were read and ordered to be paid to wit

R S Chew amt'g to	\$7.50
A A Little amt'g to	\$6.00

Mr Sener chrmn Street Committee submitted a written report of their action and the amount expended by them from 11th July to the present times, which was read and approved

On Motion Mr Eve, the council adjourned until Tuesday evening next 7 O'clock

[L B Rose, Mayor]

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council Town of Fredericksburg, held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening November 29th 1870

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Wallace, W P Conway, S W Sener, J T Knight, W C Morrison, J H Myer, Geo Gravatt

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following bills being presented by Mr Conway Chrmn of Finance com, were read and ordered to be paid, provided that upon examination they have already been paid, Viz

W H Norton amt'g to	\$8.00
W H Norton amt'g to	\$15.00
W H Norton amt'g to	\$3.25
W H Norton amt'g to (duly certified)	\$1.50

Mr Conway offered the following resolution which being put to vote was lost:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted Oct 11, 1870 for the employment of counsel to defend action brought or to be brought against the Corporation for bonds due or to become due to prevent any one Creditor from obtaining priority of lien or other advantage was not intended to apply to the small notes of the Corporation, issued prior to the war, bearing interest and used as currency

On motion, Mr Sener, made and seconded the vote on the resolution was reconsidered; the vote being taken upon Mr Conway's resolution it was adopted unanimously

On motion, Mr Sener,

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to taken into consideration the sale of the engine belonging to the Corporation

The vote upon the foregoing was reconsidered

On motion Mr Conway, the following resolution was then adopted

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make sale of the Engine belonging to the Corporation at a price that they in their judgment may be deem best.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Sener, Knight & Gravatt as the Committee

An Account of R B Merchant, amt'g to \$5.75 was read and ordered to be paid

On Motion Mr Conway,

Resolved, that the Collector of Taxes be directed to receive [Page 578] in payment of taxes the small notes of the Corporation issued prior to the was at their face value excluding interest

The Council then adjourned

[L B Rose, Mayor]

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening December 27th 1870

Present

J G Wallace, P McCracken, J H Myer, W P Conway, W C Morrison, Geo W Eve, J W Sener, Geo Gravatt

On Motion Mr Conway was requested to take the chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An Account of G W Eve, amounting to \$8.40 was read and ordered to be paid

Present: H S Doggett

Dr Wallace at the request of Mr J G Hurkamp stated to the Council that owing to erroneous assessment he had declined to pay his taxes, and asked that the Council take such action as proper in this premise

On motion Mr McCracken, the subject of Mr Hurkamp's request was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and settlement

Mr McCracken offered the following which was seconded by Mr Doggett,

Resolved: That all privileges heretofore granted to Mess'rs Scott & Herndon, Jno F Scott or Mess'rs Scott & Bowering to the use of the Street in front of their foundry be and the same are hereby rescinded and that they be required to remove all obstructions placed by them in any of the Streets of the Town, in violation of the ordinances of the Corporation

Dr Wallace, Moved as a substitute to the resolution of Mr McCracken

That a Committee be appointed to enquire what if any privileges as to the use of the Streets in front of their Foundry have been granted to Scott & Herndon, J F Scott, or Scott & Bowering, and report to the Council at its next meeting

The Vote being taken by Ayes and Naves as called for by Dr Wallace,

Ayes Eve, Sener, Wallace, Gravatt

Naves Doggett, Morrison, Myer, McCracken, Conway

Mr Conway moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the substitute was lost, [Page 579] which was carried and then, on motion Mr Conway the substitute of Dr Wallace's was unanimously adopted

The Chair appointed Dr Wallace, Mr Sener, Mr Morrison, Mr Doggett, and Mr McCracken as the Committee

Mr J B Sener being present was on Motion heard in reference to his claim for Services as counsel for the Corporation

On motion, it is ordered that \$30 of the claim of Mr Sener be now paid, and that the remaining \$30 be paid on or before the 1st day of May next

The Council then adjourned

[W P Conway, Ch'man]