

## Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1871

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Saturday evening January 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, J H Myer, P McCracken, J T Knight, J J Young, Recorder, H S Doggett, J A Sener

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Sener, from the Committee appointed at the Meeting of the Council under the resolution of Dr Wallace, reported verbally that examination has been made and so far back as 1854, they could find that no privilege or privileges had been granted to Mess'rs Scott & Herndon, J F Scott or Scott & Bowering to the use of any of the Streets of the Town

Present: J G Wallace, W C Morrison, W P Conway

Dr Wallace submitted the following which was adopted;

Whereas a Gen'l Ordinance was adopted, repealing all previous Ordinances respecting the use of Streets and obstructions thereto by any party or parties, Resolved that the case of Mess'rs Scott & Bowering and the other parties come within the provision of said Ordinance

A Bill of C Murphy amounting to \$2.00 for hauling gravel was read and ordered to be paid

Mr Norberry appeared before the Council by Permission in reference to the payment of his taxes, and asking that a deduction be made as he was prepared to pay and tendered payment to the Collector within the time allowed by the Ordinance granting an abatement.

On motion moved and seconded "The case of Mr Norberry was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and settlement [Page 580]

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Comm'e, Reported verbally, That the interest of the Corporation in the House & Lot on Caroline Street occupied by [blank] had been sold pursuant to advertisement by auctioneer F Johnston for \$5600 in Corporation Bonds. Mr Wm H Fitzhugh becoming purchaser and having the privilege of furnishing the Bonds within the month of January; He also reported that the House occupied by Mr Green was not sold, the limit not being obtained \$5300 being on Corporation Bonds being the highest bid

Mr Conway submitted the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by the Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> November last, as refers to the limit fixed upon the interest of the Corporation in the House & Lot occupied by Mr J L Green be reconsidered and that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed by the Mayor to attend the sale of said property on 12<sup>th</sup> Inst and confer and obtain as to the price to be accepted for same

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Sener & Doggett as the Committee

The Mayor reported verbally that the Police Officers had performed their duties faithfully during the last quarter

On Motion ordered that the Treasurer pay their salaries to the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1871

My Conway asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent: Mr Conway

Mr Eve suggested that the Council go into the election of Overseers of the Poor and moved the number be fixed at six which was carried

The following persons were nominated as Overseers of the Poor and unanimously elected  
Dr R B Rennolds, A E Samuel, Thomas Griffin, A P Rowe, M McDonnell, Robt' T Knox

Mr Eve moved that the thanks of the Council be tendered to the present Overseers of the Poor who have tendered their resignation and are about retiring from office, for the faithful manner in which their duties have been performed: Carried unanimously

On Motion, Mr McCracken, Resolved that all fines against members under 23<sup>rd</sup> Rule to the present time be removed  
The Council then adjourned  
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Present L B Rose, Mayor  
Geo W Eve, J G Wallace, P McCracken, J H Myer, W P Conway, J W Sener, Wm C Morrison, Geo Gravatt  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On motion, Mr Sener, Ordered that the slate taken from the Court House roof be placed in the hands of the Pub Property Committee for disposal

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Committee appointed to superintend the sale of the House & Lot in the occupancy of J L Green, reported verbally that the property was put up and the highest bid offered was \$5000 in Corporation Bonds, and the price offered being below the price offered at a former sale the Committee deemed it prudent to withdraw the property for the present.

Present: H S Doggett

On Motion Dr Wallace, Resolved, That the same Committee be appointed with full powers to sell publicly or privately the interest of the Corporation in the House & Lot occupied by J L Green on such terms as in their discretion they may deem best

Mr Eve offered the following

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that our Senator & Delegate in the Legislature be requested to use all efforts to procure the Charter now applied for, for a Rail Road from Richmond to Alexandria, provided that such Charter shall require the Road to pass through Fredericksburg and also provided that the charges for local freight and travel shall not be greater than the Charges for through freight and travel

Mr Conway called for the Ayes & Naves and the vote being taken the resolution was adopted

Ayes Sener, Wallace, Eve, Gravatt, Doggett, Myer, McCracken

Naves Conway

The office of Surveyor of the Corporation being vacant by the failure of Col Braxton to qualify, Mr Wm Slaughter was nominated and unanimously elected Surveyor of the Corporation in place of Col Braxton failing to qualify. And the Clerk was directed to inform Mr Slaughter of his election

The Mayor read a petition from John E Tacket, Pres't Washington Woolen Mills Co asking that the property of the Co for the past two years be [Page 582] be assessed upon the basis of the State Assessment of the present year

Mr Tackett being present he was on Motion allowed to be heard upon the subject of his petition  
On motion, Mr Eve, Resolved that the application of Mr Tackett be referred to the Finance Committee with the request that they report at as early a day as possible

An account of Hart & Hayes for Carpenters Risk of Ins on Court House amt'g to \$40.00 was read and ordered to be paid

On Motion Mr Conway, Resolved, That A K Phillips, W R Mason, & Wm J Hart be requested to have such correspondence with Hon Lewis McKenzie our Representative in Congress as will lead to an appropriation by Congress for the cleaning out of the Rappahannock River in accordance with the Memorial presented by the Citizens of Fredericksburg for that purpose

On Motion Mr McCracken, Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay to L M Mills late Com'r Revenue the sum of one hundred dollars on acct of his services as Com'r Revenue

Mr Tackett was by permission heard on the part of Mr Russell of the Paper Mill Co asking that permission be given to the use of a part of the Street near the Rail Road Bridge, for the purpose of sinking a trunk or pipes to carry off the waste water from the Paper Mill

On Motion, Mr Eve, The application of Mr Tackett was referred to the Street Committee for examination and report

On Motion Mr Conway, the Mayor was requested to call on the newly elected Overseers of the Poor and ascertain who and how many of their number will serve  
The Council then adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'burg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening Jan'y 31<sup>st</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

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Present: W P Conway

Mr McCracken, Chairman of the Committee appointed to examine the books of S E Chaffee, late Collector of Taxes, submitted a written report which was read and on Motion adopted

Mr Wm A Little being present requested to be heard on the part of L M Mills late Com'r Revenue in reference to the claim of said Mills for his salary as Com'r and on motion Mr Little was allowed to be heard

After the remarks of Mr Little Mr J B Sener being present was on motion was allowed to be heard on the part of Mr Quinn the present Com'r

On Motion, Mr Conway, Ordered that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to L M Mills the balance of his salary amounting to one hundred and fifty dollars deducting therefrom any indebtedness of

said Mills to the Corporation, it appearing to the Council that Mr Mills has completed the Com'r Books for 1870

The Mayor in conformity to the resolution passed at the last Council stated that he had called on the different parties elected as Overseers of the Poor and out of the number elected A P Rowe, A E Samuel, M McDonnell consented to serve and it remained for the Council to elect three Overseers in place of R B Rennolds, R T Knox, & Thos Griffin declined.

Abraham Cox, Wm H Smith and Geo Mullen were nominated and unanimously elected as Overseers of the Poor in place of Rennolds, Knox & Griffin declining to serve  
The Council then adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening Feb'y 2<sup>nd</sup> 1871  
Present L B Rose, Mayor  
Geo W Eve, J W Sener, P McCracken, J G Wallace, J H Myer, Jno T Knight, H S Doggett

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of Mr W R Mason, one of the Committee appointed some time since to visit Washington in the interest of the Town, looking to an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River. Mr Mason being present he was on Motion, permitted to be heard in a presentation to [Page 584] the object for which the council was convened  
Present: J J Young, Recorder

Mr J B Sener being present was on Motion heard on the subject before the Council  
On Motion, Dr Wallace, Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted Jan'y 24<sup>th</sup> 1871 requesting A K Phillips, W R Mason & W T Hart to correspond with Hon Lewis McKenzie in reference to an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of the navigation of the Rappahannock River be rescinded and that W R Mason, J McCracken & Jas B Sener be requested to proceed to Washington and use all efforts to procure an appropriation from Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River, and that the sum of seventy five dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray their expenses. And the Treasurer is directed to pay the sum appropriated upon the order of the Chairman of said Committee  
On Motion, Mr Eve, Resolved That the Committee be directed to request our former Townsman Jno T Rollow to co-operate with them in the accomplishment of the object of their mission to Washington

On Motion, Dr Wallace  
It is ordered that L B Rose, Mayor of this Corporation do write to W H Fitzhugh or to such person as he shall designate all the right title and interest of the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va. (upon his paying over to the Treasurer of the Corporation and exhibiting his receipts thereof bonds of the Corporation of the face value of Five thousand and Six hundred Dollars in the House and Lot on Main or Caroline Street formerly occupied by Simon Hirsh, and sold by order of the Council passed November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1870  
The Council on Motion, Mr Eve, adjourned until Monday ensuing next 7 O'clock

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'burg held at the Council Chamber Monday evening Feb'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, T McCracken, H S Doggett, J G Wallace, P W Sener, J H Myer, W C Morrison, Geo Gravatt  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion, Dr Wallace, so much of the order passed at the last council [Page 585] fixing the hour of adjournment to 7 O'clock was rescinded

Present J J Young

Mr W R Mason, Chairman of the Committee appointed by the Council to proceed to Washington to look after the interest of the Town with respect to the procuring an appropriation by Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River, appeared before the Council and made a statement of the progress of the Committee. Mr McCracken, one of the Committee also made a statement in reference to the object of their Mission

Mr Sener, Chairman of the Street Committee to whom was referred the application of Mr Russell of the Paper Mill Co, reported that the Committee had examined the subject and would recommend that the party have the privilege of sinking a wood trunk subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Council

On Motion, Mr Eve, Resolved That the Fredericksburg Water Power Co and lessees of the Paper Mill Co and the Representative of the estate of John L Marye, dec'd having requested the Council to grant permission for the construction of an underground Trunk under Sophia Street and thence along the descent of Prussia Street to the River in order to serve as a waste way for the surplus of waste water discharged from the Paper Mill, the Council doth hereby grant permission for said work to be done, Provided, that the Owner or Owners of such work shall keep it in a safe condition, so as not to obstruct or endanger the passage of the Streets, and whenever repairs are required to said work, such repairs shall be considered under the supervision of the Street Committee and subject to the approval of the Council

Dr Wallace from the Finance Committee asked in consequence of the absence of the Chairman of the Committee for further time to report upon the application of Mr Tackett referred to them; granted

Mr Gravatt asked and obtained leave to retire. Absent Geo Gravatt

On Motion, Mr Eve, Ordered, That section 1, Chapter XXXVII (37) of the Ordinance concerning Overseers of the Poor be so amended that the word "two" be inserted in place of the word "six" in second line and that the word "July" be inserted in place of the words "March or April" in the same line so as to read: "There shall be appointed annually by the Council in the Month of July two Overseers of the Poor for the Town of Fredericksburg who shall remain in office until the next annual appointment unless sooner removed by the Council."

Mr Sener Offered the following, Resolved that one hundred and fifty dollars [Page 586] per annum from the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1871 be fixed as the salary of the Overseers of the Poor. This sum to include the salary of the two appointees.

Dr Wallace moved to substitute One Hundred dollars per annum in place of one hundred and fifty, which motion be seconded and the vote taken it was lost. The question then recurring upon Mr Sener's Resolution, and the vote taken by Ayes & Naves it was carried as follows

Ayes Eve, Sener, Young, Doggett, Myer, Morrison, McCracken 7  
Naves Wallace

Mr Doggett asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr Doggett

Dr Wallace submitted the following which was adopted

Whereas a vacancy occurs in the office of Overseers of the Poor by reason of the parties recently elected to serve in such Capacity. Resolved that E Carter and E L Heinichen be and they are hereby appointed as Overseers of the Poor until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July next

Mr Eve offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved That the Mayor be requested if he deems it necessary to call a public meeting of the Citizens, on Monday Night next to consider the recent action of the Council on the subject of and all matters of interest of the Town in reference to Rail Roads

The Council then adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers Friday evening Feb'y 17<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder, J W Sener, G W Eve, Wm C Morrison, J H Myer, R W Cooke, J Howison, W P Conway

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of prominent Citizens looking to the interest of the Town in the question of a Charter for a Rail Road from Washington to Richmond now in prospect of passage by the Legislature and to take into consideration the propriety of sending a Committee to Richmond to endeavor to procure such an amendment to the proposed Charter as will require Fredericksburg to be included as one of the points for the establishment of the Company Work Shops

Present J G Wallace

Mess'rs J B Sener and M Slaughter being present were on motion permitted to be heard on the subject for which the Council was called both urging the [Page 587] appointment and sending a Committee to Richmond

Mr Eve, submitted the following: Resolved That the Mayor be direct to send a Telegram to our Senator and Delegate in the Legislature requesting that they urge the location of W & R Company Work Shops at Fredericksburg by an amendment to the Charter of said Company now under consideration by that body Mr Sener moved as a substitute for Mr Eve's Resolution, That a committee of two be appointed to proceed to Richmond at once to confer and co-operate with our Senator and Delegate and use their best efforts to procure an amendment to the Charter of the Washington & Richmond Rail Road Co requiring that Fredericksburg be included as one of the points of location of the Company's Work Shops.

Dr Wallace offered the following as an amendment to Mr Sener's substitute, Resolved That the Senator & Delegate from this Town be requested to use their influence to have inserted in the Charter of the Washington & Richmond Rail Road a provision that the Work Shops of the Company shall be located in the Town of Fredericksburg, City of Richmond, or Manchester at their option and otherwise use their best exertion to procure the passage of this measure. Resolved that the Mayor be instructed to inform our Senator & Delegate of this resolution at his earliest time

The vote being taken upon the amendment of Dr Wallace by Ayes & Naves it was lost

Ayes: Wallace, Conway, Eve 3

Naves: Sener, Young Morrison Myer, Howison, McCracken 6

The question recurring upon the substitute of Mr Sener and the vote being taken by Ayes & Naves it was carried

Ayes, Sener, Young, Morrison, Myer, Howison, McCracken 6

Naves, Conway, Eve, Wallace 3

On Motion Mr Sener, Resolved that the sum of twenty five dollars be and is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of the Committee under the resolution adopted at this meeting  
A Motion to reconsider the substitute of Mr Sener was adopted and on Motion Mr Sener the number of the Committee was fixed at three instead of two and then the substitute as amended was adopted

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs M Slaughter, R W N Noland, A A Little as the Committee  
The Council then adjourned  
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday Feb'y 28<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

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

The Minutes of the last and preceding meetings were read and approved

Present J Howison

Mr M Slaughter, one of the Committee appointed at the last Council to proceed to Richmond under Mr Sener's resolution appeared and made a statement of the result of efforts of the Committee and asked that the Committee be discharged

Present: J W Sener

On Motion, Dr Wallace, Resolved: That the thanks of the Council be tendered to the Committee for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty and that the Committee now be discharged

Present: J W Sener

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Committee asked for further time to report upon the app'n of Mr Tackett—granted

A petition signed by a member of Citizens of the lower end of Town that a pump be placed in their vicinity for the convenience and comfort of the people in that locality

On Motion Mr Conway, The petition was referred to the Pump Committee to be reported upon at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr J B Sener was present and on motion was permitted to be heard on behalf of Mr Pittman for an abatement of taxes on certain property excessively (in his opinion) assessed

On Motion Mr Conway, Resolved that the assessment upon the property referred to by Mr Sener being the House & lot next to L J Huffman on Princess Ann Street be reduced to the assessment made by the Corpo Court, viz be \$1000 and that the Collector of Taxes be directed to abate in the settlement of the Tax on said property in the sum of \$500 of the valuation thereof for the past five years, including the year 1870.

Mr Sener submitted the following which was adopted

Whereas Mess'r Russell and others by resolution adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1871 were granted certain privileges. Resolved That unless the parties complete the work set forth on the application and for which they obtained the privilege asked for within the next ninety days that the same privilege be revoked

Dr Wallace asked and obtained leave to retire; Absent Dr Wallace

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On Motion, Resolved That the Mayor be requested to have the Globes for the Street Lamps taken down and removed to a place of safety  
The Council then adjourned

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening March 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present W P Conway

Mr Conway Chairman of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of J E Tackett Pres't of Washington Woolen Mills Co submitted the following report which was read and on motion Mr McCracken unanimously adopted as follows:

The Committee of Finance of the Council of the Town of Fredericksburg beg leave to report as follows on the application of Jno E Tackett president of the Washington Manufacturing Co to have remitted a portion of the taxes for the years 1869 & 1870 on the Washington Mills in said Corporation

The Washington Mills were assessed at the sum of Sixty five thousand dollars which your committee believe to be an excessive valuation, and your Committee on inspection that the Assessor has now fixed the value of said property at the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars and although your Committee might differ with the Assessor on the value he has placed on the said property, yet the committee recommend the abatement of the Taxes for the said years 1869, 1870 for the difference of the said amounts day \$40,000 and recommend that the Council authorized and direct the Collector of Taxes to act accordingly Signed W P Conway, Chrnm by order of Committee, March 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

On Motion Mr McCracken, Ordered that the Collector of Taxes be directed and authorized to deduct from the taxes of John E Tackett, President of the Washington Woolen Mills Co the excess of Taxes over and above the valuation of \$25000 on the Washington Mills in this Corporation for the years 1869 & 1870 and receive in full discharge of the Taxes of said years the amount of such Taxes as based upon said valuation of said property to Wit, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported upon the claim of C W Edrington Sergeant, and on Motion Mr Eve the report was received and the claim [Page 590] of Mr Edrington was referred to the Overseers of the Poor

The Mayor submitted the report of the Committee appointed by the Council to proceed to Washington and procure an appropriation from Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River, which was read and on motion Dr Wallace, was directed to be filed.

Dr Wallace submitted the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas the Common Council by resolution did appoint Mess'rs W R Mason, P McCracken James B Sener a Committee to visit Washington and obtain from the Congress of the United States an appropriation to remove the bars from the Rappahannock River and Whereas said Committee have performed the duties of that office in a most satisfactory manner; Resolved by the Common Council that the Committee be request to continue their efforts as far as possible in having the work executed at once and Resolved further that the thanks of the Council are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Mess'rs



Mason, McCracken & Sener for the zeal exhibited by them in pressing the work and the success attending their labors

The following bills of the Ledger Office, one amt'g to \$2.00 & the other to \$3.00 were read and ordered to be paid

On motion, Mr Conway, the treasurer is direct to pay to J B Sener the sum of five dollars for writing desk for the Mayor to J B Ficklen

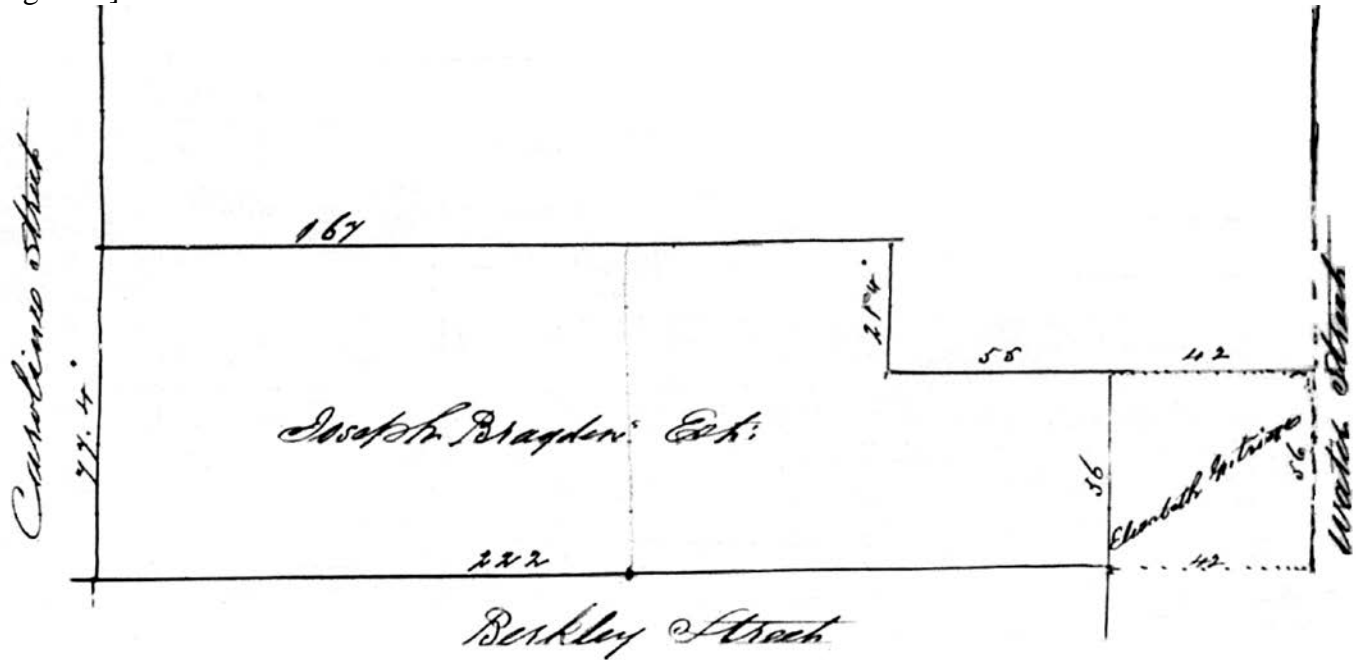
The Mayor presented a plot and survey of a lot sold for taxes and purchased by Chas E Bragdon, the lot owned by Jos Bragdon's Est and it appearing to the Council that the survey is made by the Surveyor of the Corporation in accordance with Section 7, Chap 40 of the Ordinances of the Corporation.

On Motion, Mr Eve, It is ordered that said plat & survey be recorded

On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that all monies arising from the sale of the slate taken from the Court House be appropriated toward putting repairs and preservation of the building in the discretion of the Committee

The Council then adjourned

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Part of Lot 252 & 262 as marked on Map of Fredericksburg belonging to Joseph Bragdon's Estate, Surveyed for Chas E Bragdon March 8<sup>th</sup> 1871

Beginning at the intersection of Caroline & Berkley Streets and running up Caroline Street (77' 4") seventy seven feet four inches, then at right angles and parallel with Berkley Street (167') One hundred and sixty seven feet, thence at right angles and parallel with Caroline St (21' 4") Twenty one feet four inches, thence at right angles and parallel with Berkley St (55') fifty five feet, thence at right angles and parallel with Caroline St (56') fifty six feet to Berkley Street, thence with Berkley Street to the beginning W L Slaughter Corporation Surveyor

The above plat & Survey was examined by the Council at Meeting held March 14<sup>th</sup> 1871 and ordered to be recorded

Teste

R W Adams

Clerk of Council

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday evening March 16<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W P Conway, Geo W Eve, J G Wallace, J T Knight, W C Morrison, P McCracken, J H Myer

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering an application of Mr Jno Sacrey for the privilege of blasting on a portion of the work on which he is now engaged under contract with Mess'rs Russell, Tackett & Est J L Marye excavating on Prussia St to the River

Mr Sacrey being present was by consent heard on the subject of his application

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On motion Mr Conway, Resolved that the application of Mr A Sacrey for the privilege asked for be referred to the Street Committee with full power to act on the premises in their discretion, provided that said Committee see that the parties asking the privilege through Mr Sacrey be held responsible for any damage to persons and property that may take place in the execution of the work

The Council then adjourned

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fred'burg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening March 28<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Geo W Eve, J H Myer, J T Knight, H S Doggett, P McCracken, W C Morrison, W P Conway, J W Sener

The minutes of the last and proceeding meetings were read and approved

Present: J G Wallace

Mr Conway presented a paper prepared by M Slaughter in reference to the interest of the Corporation in the Fred'bg & Gordonsville Rail Road Co which paper was read and is in the following words

Whereas the right and privileges granted November 14<sup>th</sup> 1866 by the undersigned private Stockholders in the Fredericksburg Gordonsville Rail Road Company on the terms and conditions authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed January 10<sup>th</sup> 1866 have been forfeit by the failure to complete the said Rail Road within the time provided by said act and agreement, and Whereas the General Assembly of Virginia passed an Act March 21<sup>st</sup> 1871, To amend and re-enact the Act passed January 10<sup>th</sup> 1866, entitled an Act releasing the State's interest on the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road on certain conditions authorized the President and Directors of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Company to sell the States interest in said Road provided the said Road is completed within three years from the first day January 1871 and the State is released from the deferred part of her subscription thereon

Now therefore we the undersigned private Stockholders in the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road in order to induce parties able to complete said Rail Road, believing that its completion will result greatly to their benefit and the interest of the State, do hereby pledge ourselves and covenant to convey the number of shares written opposite our respective names at one cent per share to Montgomery Slaughter or his assigns, who shall agree and bind themselves in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors of the

Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company to complete the same upon conditions named in said act of Assembly passed March 21<sup>st</sup> 1871, whenever a majority of the private Stockholders shall agree [Page 593]

And bind themselves in writing to convey their stock in said Rail Road to said party or parties undertaking to complete the same, such transfer of the said stock held by us respectively to be made to the parties so contracting to build said Road, when the latter shall have performed their said contract and fully completed the building of said Road to Orange Court House.

On Motion Mr Conway, Action in reference to the paper was postponed to a Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday evening next.

Mr Eve moved a reconsideration of the vote to postpone which was carried

A motion to adjourn was lost

Dr Wallace moved that action in reference to the paper of Mr Slaughter be postponed until Friday evening next 7½ o'clock—carried

The Following bills passed and ordered to be paid, Viz

Wm S Scott amt'g to           \$4.50

C W Edrington amt'g to       \$3.00

A plot and Survey of a lot sold for Taxes and purchased by Peter Goolrick was presented by the Mayor and examined by the Council and it appearing to the Council that said plot and Survey is made by the Surveyor of the Corporation in accordance with Chap 40, Section 7 of the Ordinances of the Corporation, On Motion, It is ordered that the said plot and Survey be recorded

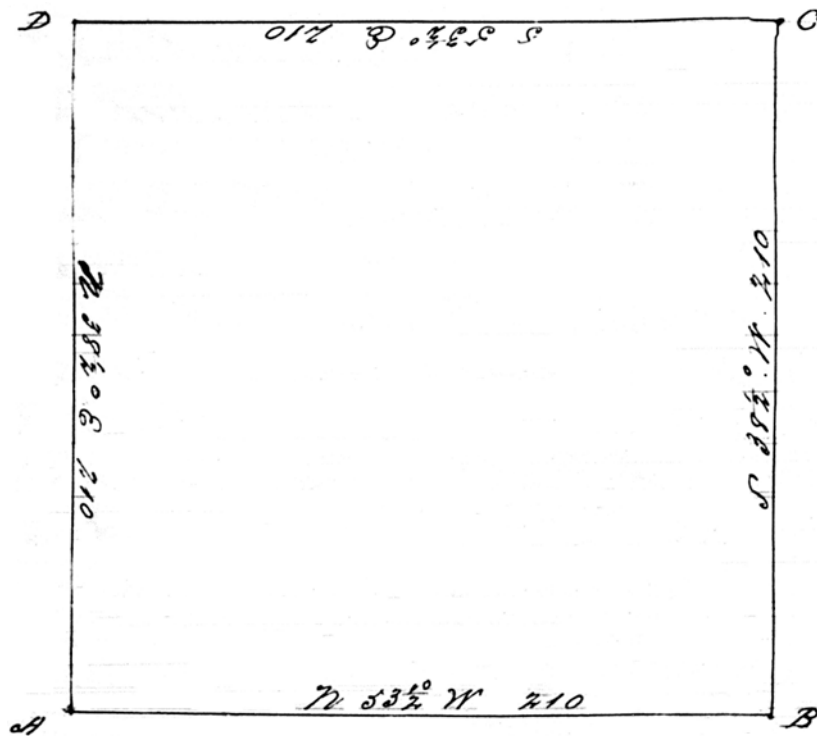
The Mayor having reported that the Police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the present quarter, It is ordered that the Treasurer pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> Inst upon the order of the Mayor

The Mayor stated that suit have been brought by the owners of the Hazel River Bonds interest due on said Bonds and Mr J B Sener, counsel of the Corporation being present was heard in reference to the matter Mr Sener asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent J W Sener  
The Council then adjourned until Friday evening March 31<sup>st</sup> 7½ O'clock  
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Survey of One acre of land occupied by Wm H Norton for John T Goolrick

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1871

Beginning at a stake which stands N 6¾°E 374 feet 8 inches from a Corporation Corner Stone on the North side of Frederick Street thence N 53½°W 210 to "B" Thence S 38½°W 210 feet to "C" thence S 53½°E 210 feet to "D" thence N 38½° E 210 feet to the beginning "A"



W L Slaughter, Corpo Surveyor

The above plot and survey was examined by the Council at a meeting held on 28<sup>d</sup> March 1871 and ordered to be recorded

Teste

R W Adams

Clerk of Council

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday evening the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1871

Present, L B Rose, Mayor

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that this was an adjourned meeting of the Council to take into consideration the papers presented at the last Meeting, Signed by M Slaughter & others respecting the intent of the Corporation in the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company

Mr H S Doggett moved the following resolution

Resolved that the mayor of the Corporation be directed to affix his name to the paper presented to the Council and signed by M Slaughter & others private Stockholders in the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company, provided that the said paper has inserted in it the names of William T Hart, John E Tackett & John L Stansbury, Directors of the said road in addition to that of Montgomery Slaughter to whom the said Stock of the Corporation is to be assigned and with the understanding that in any contract

to be made by them for the building [Page 2] and equipment of the road as proposed, provision be made for the payment of what is due to the late contractor & sub Contractors on the rail road residing in Spotsylvania County, the amounts respectively due them for work & materials done upon the road and it is further to be provided that until the completion of the road as aforesaid, the Stock of the Corporation is to be represented by the following persons as proxies to represent the Stock of the Corporation in all meetings of the Stockholders to wit: W P Conway, Jos W Sener, Geo W Eve;

Which being seconded, Dr Wallace moved, That the further consideration of the subject be postponed until Friday evening next and the Motion by being seconded and the vote taken it was decided in the Negative, and the question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Doggett, Dr Wallace moved the following as substitute;

Whereas the rights and privileges granted by the undersigned private Stockholders in the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Company on the terms and condition authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed January 10<sup>th</sup> 1866 have been forfeited by the failure to complete the said rail road within the time prescribed by the said Act and agreement, and

Whereas, the General Assembly passed an Act March 21<sup>st</sup> 1871 to amend and re-enact the Act passed January 10 1866, entitled "an act releasing the States interest in the [Page 3] Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road" on certain conditions, authorizing the President and Directors of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville rail road to sell the State's interest in said road provided the said road is completed within three years from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1871 and the State is released from the deferred part of her subscription unpaid,

Now, therefore we, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, in order to induce parties able to complete said Rail Road (believing that its completion will result greatly to our benefit and the benefit of the State) do hereby pledge the Corporation of Fredericksburg and covenant to convey the number of Shared of Stock held in the said road to the person or persons who shall bind himself or themselves to complete the same upon the conditions named in the Act of Assembly passed March 21<sup>st</sup> 1871, and shall pay to the Corporation at it completion the Market value of said stock at that time.

This contract to be binding on the Corporation when said Road is completed to Orange Court House. The Corporation of Fredericksburg to have the power to appoint proxies to represent it in any meetings of the Stockholders in the mean time.

Which being seconded and a vote by Ayes & Nayes called for it was decided in the Negative as follows  
Ayes Wallace 1

Nayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Knight, Gravatt, Doggett, Harrison, Morrison, Myer, McCracken 10

The question again recurred upon the resolution [Page 4] of Mr Doggett and the vote taken by Ayes and Nayes it was decided in the affirmative as follows

Ayes Conway, Sener, Gravatt, Doggett, Harrison, Morrison, Myer, McCracken 8

Nayes Eve, Wallace, Knight 3

An account of Roy Jones amt'g to \$2.50 was passed and ordered to the be paid

The council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1871

Present J J Young, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A bill of J H Kelly, Herald Office for advertising amounting to \$43.25 was passed and ordered to be paid

The Committee on Pumps, on Motion, was granted further time to report upon the petition of sundry citizens of lower end of town in reference to a pump in that locality

On Motion, Mr Conway, ordered that the tax on Drays & Carts & Wagons for the Year 1871 be fixed at the same as 1870 Viz \$5.50 for drays & Carts and on Wagons \$11.00

An Account of Coakley & Southworth for a desk for the Mayors officer amt'g to \$6.50 was read and ordered to be paid

An application from the "Knights of Pythias" proposing to rent the upper rooms of the Town Hall on certain conditions was read and on Motion [Page 6] made and seconded the application was referred to the Public Property Committee with instructions that said Committee make such arrangements as with the parties as they may deem best for the interest of the Corporation

Mr J B Sener, from the Committee appointed by the Council to look to the interest of the Corporation in the improvements of the Navigation of the Rappahannock by Appropriation from Congress of the US, submitted a report, which was read, received and approved

Mr Conway offered the following resolution which was seconded.

Resolved that the offer of J B Sener on the part of Jacob Toome for the purchase of the interest of the Corporation in the House & Lot on Commerce St occupied by J L Green Viz, Three thousand two hundred and fifty dollars in bonds of this Corporation is accepted.

By consent of the Council Mr J B Sener was heard in reference to the Bonds held by Mr Tome.

Dr Wallace, moved the following as a substitute for Mr Conway's resolution,

Ordered that the Committee appointed to sell the house at present occupied by J L Green be instructed to sell the said House at public auction on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1871 provided the amount offered for the same shall exceed Thirty two hundred and fifty dollars and interest on the bonds payable in the bonds of the [Page 7] Corporation of Fredericksburg;

Which being seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Nays was decided in the Affirmative as follows

Ayes Eve, Sener, Wallace, Doggett, Harrison, Young 6

Nays Conway, Knight, Myer 3

On Motion, Mr Conway,

Resolved that if the sales of the House occupied by J L Green be not effected on the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst the Mayor be instructed to execute a Deed of Trust read before the Council of said Property and all other property owned by the Corporation not needed for public uses and have the same duly recorded

The Recorder read a communication from J B Sener desiring to know of he shall defend the said bought to recover interest in the Hazel River Bonds and stating that his employment as counsel above resolution does not cover the case of A P Rowe vs the Corporation

Mr Eve moved the following,

Resolved that counsel to be employed to resist the payment of principal and Interest of the bonds of the Corporation known as the Hazel River Navigation Bonds, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Nays and decided in the affirmative as follows  
Ayes Eve, Doggett, Knight, Harrison, Myer, Young  
Nays Conway, Sener, Wallace

On motion, Mr Eve, the following resolution was adopted,  
Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to employ counsel on contingent fees in the resistance of the payment of the bonds of the [Page 8] Corporation to the Hazel River Navigation Company should said Committee in their judgment deem resistance advisable.

On Motion, Mr Conway, Mr J B Sener is employed as counsel in the case of A P Rowe vs The Corporation  
The Council then adjourned  
John J Young, Recorder  
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 1871  
Present L B Rose, Mayor  
J G Wallace, W P Conway, J H Myer, H S Doggett, J W Sener, Geo Gravatt  
No quorum being present the Council stood adjourned

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday morning the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1871  
Present L B Rose, Mayor  
J J Young, Recorder  
W P Conway, J G Wallace, J W Sener, H S Doggett, Geo Gravatt, Geo W Eve  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved  
Present: J H Myer

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Committee appointed to sell the House & lot occupied by J L Green reported that pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Council at its last meeting the interest of the Corpo in the house & lot occupied by J L Green was offered at Public Auction on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> inst and sold to Mrs Maria A McDowell, Trustee, for the sum of Four thousand and twenty five dollars in bonds of the Corporation  
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On Motion, made and seconded  
Ordered that L B Rose, Mayor of the Corporation do execute to Mrs Maria A McDowell Trustee for Edward M McDowell and his children all the right, title, and interest of the Corporation of Fredericksburg (upon her paying unto the Treasurer of the Corporation and exhibiting his receipt therefore bonds of this Corporation of the face value of Four Thousand and twenty five dollars) in the House & Lot on Commerce or William St, occupied by James L Green and sold by order of the Council passed April 25<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Committee appointed at the last Council before the resolution of Mr Eve with reference to the employment of counsel in resistance to the payment of the Hazel River Navigation bonds submitted a written report adversely to the employment of counsel and on motion, Mr Sener, the report of

the Committee was adopted and the resolution adopted at the last Council directing the employment of counsel was rescinded.

On Motion the Committee was discharged.

Mr Eve, Chrmn of the Pub Prop Com, reported that a contract has been entered into with the Knights of Pythias for the rent of the upper rooms of the Town Hall at the rate of fifty dollars per annum for the term of four years, On motion further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next meeting of the Council

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On Motion, made and seconded

Ordered that the Mayor be instructed to sign the Answer of the Corporation to the bill of complaint of A P Rowe vs the Corporation

Mr Doggett offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that R S Chew, Clerk of the Corporation Court be employed to investigate the title to the Town Hall & Market house building and report at once to the Mayor

Mr W R Mason, by consent of the Council was heard on the subject of imposing a license tax upon persons not residents selling by sample within the Corporation

Mr Eve, asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent, Mr G W Eve

On motion made and seconded

The subject of taxing sample merchants was referred to the Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening May 23<sup>d</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Eve, Chrmn of the Pub Property Committee reported verbally that a contract had been entered into with the Knights of Pythias for the rent of the upper rooms of the Town Hall for the term of four years with the privilege of renewing the lease for six years longer, at the rate of fifty dollars per annum The Committee agreeing that the sum of \$200 shall be expended upon the room to render them fit for occupation

On Motion, Dr Wallace, The report of the committee was received and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject



Mr Conway from the Finance Comm to whom was referred the subject of imposing a tax upon Merchants or others selling by sample, stated that the Committee was prepared to report and they recommend a tax upon Sample Merchants and to be fixed by the Council at its present session

On Motion, Mr Sener

Ordered that a License tax of one hundred dollars be imposed upon all merchants selling liquor by [Page 13] sample

The Ayes & Notes being for for, the motion of Mr Sener was carried as follows

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Wallace, Gravatt, Morrison, Myer, McCracken

Noes Young

Mr Sener moved the following which was seconded.

That a License tax of seventy five dollars be imposed upon all Merchants (other than Liquor selling by sample)

Mr Conway moved to amend by inserting thirty dollars in place of seventy five dollars, which being and vote taken by Ayes & Noes as called for, it was decided in the negative as follows

Ayes Conway, Young, Gravatt, Morrison

Noes Sener, Eve, Wallace, Myer, McCracken

The question recurring upon Mr Sener's motion and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was decided in the affirmative as follows

Ayes Conway, Sener, Wallace, Myer, McCracken

Notes Eve, Young, Gravatt, Morrison

The Finance Committee with the Mayor were requested to prepare an ordinance fixing the penalties for violation

Mr Sener offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any horse, mule, cow, hog or other animal to trespass on the Corporation burying ground or the Court House lot, and any animal so found trespassing shall be seized and held, and [Page 14] and the owner or owners shall forfeit and pay two dollars in every case for every animal so offending, and one dollar for every two hours such animal shall remain seized and in the possession of the officer, or officers so seizing and hold said animal or animals, after due notice to be owner of said seizure, and it is made the duty of the police officers specially to see to the execution of this ordinance and they shall be allow one half of all fines recovered under and in virtue hereof.

2. And it is further ordained that if the fines and costs imposed under Section 1<sup>st</sup> of this ordinance &c not paid within five days, the animal or animals seized and held in violation thereof shall be sold to satisfy the same.

3. This ordinance shall be in force on and after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1871

The Ordinance was directed to be published

Mr McCracken moved the following resolution:

Resolved that the Clerk of the Council furnish at the next regular meeting of a statement of all money all money received by him as Treasurer since the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1870, also a statement of all money giving the items, the amount expended by the overseers of the poor and by each committee of the Council and that the town papers be requested to publish the same

Mr Conway, move that the resolution be laid on the table, which was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Conway, Young, Gravatt, Morrison 4

Noes Eve, Sener, Wallace, McCracken, Myer 5

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A Motion (made by Mr Eve & seconded) to adjourn was put to the vote and lost

The question recurring upon the resolution of Mr McCracken, Mr Conway moved the following as a substitute:

Resolved that after the accounts of the Treasurer shall have been examined by the Finance Committee and reported upon to the Council, that a statement be furnished for publication, shewing the receipts and also the expenditures (and for what purpose) of the Corporation for the fiscal year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 1871

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Which being seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, it was decided in the negative as follows

Ayes Conway, Eve, Gravatt, Morrison 4

Noes Sener, Wallace, Young, Myer, McCracken 5

The question again recurring upon the solution of Mr McCracken and the vote upon same being taken by Ayes and Noes, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Eve, Sener, Wallace, Myer, McCracken 5

Noes Conway, Young, Gravatt, Morrison 4

A Motion to adjourn (made by Dr Wallace & seconded) was lost

Mr Roy Jones, Clerk of the Market appears before the Council and stated that notwithstanding the stalls in the Market House were not rented, they were still used and the parties refuse to pay the fees required by law. No action was taken as it appears to the Council that the ordinances of the Corporation now in force fully covered the case.

The Council then on Motion 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 Tuesday evening May 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present

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

Mr Conway was called to the Chair

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present Geo Gravatt

Mr Sener, Moved a reconsideration of so much of the resolution adopted at the last meeting requesting the Town papers to publish a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation which was carried and on his motion, So much of the resolution of Mr McCracken passed at the last meeting requesting the Town papers to publish the statements of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation was rescinded Mr Sener moved reconsideration of the ordinance passed at the last meeting imposing a license tax on Liquor and other Merchants selling by sample, which was seconded and a vote by Ayes and Noes called for and decided in the affirmative as follows

Ayes Conway, Eve, Sener, Gravatt, Doggett, Knight 6

Noes Wallace, Myer, McCracken 3

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Mr Conway moved that a license tax of \$75 be imposed upon liquor merchants selling by sample, upon all other merchants selling by sample a license tax of \$30 and upon Pedlars a license tax of \$30; which being seconded

Dr Wallace moved as an amendment that \$100 be inserted in place of \$75 and that \$75 be inserted in place of \$30. The motion of Dr Wallace was seconded and the votes upon same taken by Ayes and Noes and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Wallace, Gravatt, Myer, McCracken 4

Noes Conway, Eve, Sener, Doggett, Knight 5

A motion made by Mr Conway and seconded, that the vote be taken separately upon each subject of taxation, now under consideration was carried

Dr Wallace moved that \$90 be inserted in place of \$75 as a license tax upon Liquor Merchants selling by samples, which was seconded, and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, it was decided in the affirmative as follows

Ayes Sener, Wallace, Gravatt, Myer, McCracken 5

Noes Conway, Eve, Doggett, Knight 4

On Motion made by Dr Wallace, and seconded, that \$60 be inserted in place of \$30 as a license tax upon all other merchants selling by sample, was put to the vote by Ayes and Noes, and decided in the negative as follows

Ayes Wallace, Gravatt, Myer, McCracken 4

Noes Conway, Eve, Sener, Doggett, Knight 5

Mr Wallace next moved that \$50 be inserted in place of \$30 as a license tax upon all other merchants selling by sample, which was put to the vote and lost (The vote of the Council being similar to that, upon the motion to fix at \$60)

Mr Sener then moved to insert \$40 in place [Page 18] of \$30 as a License tax upon all other Merchants selling by sample, which was seconded and the voted taken by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Sener, Wallace, Gravatt, Myer, McCracken 5

Noes Conway, Eve, Doggett, Knight 4

Mr Gravatt moved that \$75 be inserted in place of \$30 as a license tax upon all pedlars, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes and decided in the affirmative as follows

Ayes Sener, Wallace, Gravatt, Knight, Myer, McCracken 6

Noes Conway, Eve, Doggett [3]

On motion the Ordinance imposing a License tax upon Liquor Merchants and all other Merchants selling by sample, and upon pedlars, as amended, was adopted as a whole and the Mayor was instructed to prepare and publish the same

The penalty for violation of the ordinance was on Motion, Dr Wallace, fixed as not less than the License tax for each offense, to be recovered by law and it is made the duty of the police officers to see to the execution of the Ordinance, and they shall be allowed one-half of the fines received under and by virtue

of it. In case of failure to pay the fine or fines, the party convicted shall be imprisoned and held in custody thirty days

On Motion, Mr Eve, Resolved that the ordinance take effect from its passage

Mr Conway, in behalf of Conway, Gordon, & Garrett stated that the firm had been assessed and paid \$56.64 erroneously upon license for '70-'71 and asked that the amount be refunded.

On Motion, ordered that the sum of \$56.64 [Page 19] excessive tax for 1870-1871 paid by Conway, Gordon & Garrett be refunded and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the same

The Council then on Motion adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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An ordinance imposing a License tax upon sample merchants, passed May 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

Section I. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that there shall be levied and collected from every person selling or offering to sell by sample, representation, or otherwise any wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors or any mixtures of any of them a license tax of ninety dollars. From every person selling or offering to sell by Sample Card description or reproduction any goods, wares, or merchandise (other than liquor) a license tax of forty dollars.

Section II. and be it further ordained, that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer to sell anywhere within the limits of the Corporation by sample, representation, or otherwise any wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixture of any of them, or any goods, wares or merchandise without first obtaining a license therefore; and any person or persons so found selling or offering to sell shall forfeit and pay not less than the amount of the license tax for each offence, to be recovered by law and it is made the duty of the police officers to see to the execution of this ordinance and they shall be allowed one half of all fines recovered under and in virtue hereof.

Section III. And be it further ordained that if any person or persons offend against Section 2<sup>nd</sup> of this ordinance and fail to pay the fine imposed in violation thereof, he or they shall be imprisoned and held in Custody for thirty days.

Section IV. And be it further ordained that all [Page 21] persons obtaining a license under this ordinance shall first exhibit evidence of authority to sell under the Law of the State of Virginia, and pay over to the Treasurer the amount of license tax and exhibit his receipt therefore to the Mayor, who is authorized to issue the license.

Section V. And it is further ordained that this ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

An ordinance imposing a license tax for peddling

Section I. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that there shall be levied from every person for the privilege of peddling and bartering a license tax of Seventy five dollars.

Section II. And be it further ordained that hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to carry from place to place within the limits of the Corporation any goods, wares, or merchandise, and offer to sell or barter or sell or barter the same without first obtaining a license therefore, and any person or persons so found offering to sell or barter, or selling, or bartering, shall forfeit and pay not less than the license tax for each offense, to be recovered by law; and it is made the duty of the police officers to see to the execution of this ordinance and they shall be allowed one half of all fines recovered under and in virtue hereof

Section III. And be it further ordained, that if any person or persons offend against Section Second of this ordinance and fail to pay the fine [Page 22] imposed in violation thereof, he or they shall be imprisoned and held in custody for thirty days.

Section IV. And be it further ordained that all persons obtaining license under this ordinance shall first exhibit evidence of authority to sell or barter under the laws of the State of Virginia, and pay over to the Treasurer the amount of the license tax, and exhibit his receipt therefore to the Mayor who is authorized to issue the license.

Section V. And be it further ordained that this ordinance shall be in force from its passage.  
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening the 27<sup>th</sup> of June 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J J Young, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: H S Doggett

Mr Sener, Chrnm of the Street Committee submitted a written report of the operations of the Comm from the first of July 1870 to June 20<sup>th</sup> 1871 which was read, approved, and on Motion ordered to be filed

On motion, Mr Conway, ordered that the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed Dr L B Rose for services in revising the Ordinance of the Corporation and examining proof sheet of same for publication and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same.

(one half of said sum to be paid the Clerk of the Council in consideration of extra services performed by him)

On motion, Mr Conway: Resolved that the Treasurer be directed to pay the costs in the suit of A P Rowe against the Corporation deducting therefrom the [?] of said Rowe as shown by the decree of the court.

Present J G Wallace

The mayor brought to the attention of the Council the fact that Notice of an injunction granted by Judge Barton to stay the sale of property levied upon by Collector Huffman for Taxes had been served on him, and suggested that the Board [Page 24] take such action as deemed best in the premises

On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that the Mayor be directed to employ counsel for the purpose of obtaining a dissolution of the injunction granted in the case of the Corporation against Dr W S Scott

An application of J L Doggett for the renting of the South Wing of the Town Hall was read and on motion referred to the Public Property Committee for report

The following bills were presented, read and ordered paid, viz;

C W Edrington amt'g to \$5.00

R B Merchant for advertising \$9.75

J B Sener for defending Chancery Case of Rowe vs Mary & L J Huffman \$15.00

Complaint having been made to the Mayor and by him brought to the attention of the Council that owing to the too frequent use of the pumps on Main & Commerce Streets by parties for watering the Streets, they were kept constantly out of order, and the water often used by the parties engaged in this work to the exclusion of others.

The following Ordinance was submitted by Dr Wallace, and on Motion, unanimously adopted

Sect 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that hereafter it shall not be lawful for any of the pumps of the Town to be used for the purpose of watering the streets unless the person or persons so using shall keep the same [Page 25] in proper repair or order during such usage. Any person violating this ordinance shall forfeit and pay not less than one nor more than two dollars for each offence

Sect 2. And it is further ordained that if at any times the Mayor in his judgment shall deem it necessary, he may suspend the use of the pumps for the purpose named in the first section of this ordinance.

Sect 3. And it is further ordained that this ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On motion, the council adjourned until Friday evening, next 8 o'clock; the report of the Finance Committee to be the first subject of consideration

L B Rose, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Friday evening June 30<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Jno T Knight

Mr McCracken from the Public Property Comm to whom was referred the application of J L Doggett for renting the South Wing of the Town Hall, reported that upon examining into the matter they find the Room already occupied by the Literary Association who have expended a considerable sum in fitting up the room for their use and the Committee deem it expedient to make no change for the present as Mr Doggett has withdrawn his application. On Motion Dr Wallace, the report was received and the Committee discharged

Present: Geo Gravatt, J J Young, Recorder, J H Myer

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee submitted the following reports which were received and order to be spread upon the Journal of the Council

“To the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg”

The Finance Committee of your honorable body beg leave respectfully to report [Page 27] that they have carefully examined the account and vouchers of R W Adams Treasurer, for the financial year ending on this day and find a balance in his hands of Four hundred and seventy one dollars and eighty six cents; The Treasurer will present an account in detail of the receipts and disbursements in pursuance of the order of the Council and therefore your committee deem it to be unnecessary to say more than that this account appears to have been kept with perfect accuracy and the vouchers to have properly endorsed and numbered rendering the duties of your Committee comparatively easy

Respectfully submitted

Signed, W P Conway, Chrmn

June 30 1871

“To the Mayor and Commonality of the City of Fredericksburg”

The Finance Committee of your Honorable body respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of L J Huffman, collector of taxes.

There stands to the debit of the said Huffman

For uncollected taxes of 1865	\$307.32
For uncollected taxes of 1866	\$638.08
For uncollected taxes of 1867	\$1,485.37

These balances were the result of settlements before other Committees. It is not probable that much will be realized from them and it might be well to ascertain if any portion is good, collect it and let the balance be put down as insolvent or worthless, so that the balance may no longer appear.

For the Year 1868 the former Collector turned over to the present collector uncollected taxes to the [Page 28] amount of \$9,495.32

The collector paid the Treasurer at various times on a/c these taxes \$7,249.40

And his commissions were	\$362.49	\$7,611.89
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Uncollected taxes of 1868		\$1,883.43
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The former Collector turned over to the said Huffman uncollected taxes of the year 1869, the amount of \$6,323.08

The Collector paid the Treasurer on account of these taxes at various times \$1,283.20

And his Commissions were	\$64.16
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Paid by Mayor Rose to Treas'r \$12.50 for a tax of (the balance remitted)	\$15.00
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Collector Chaffee owes \$27.58 for taxes collected by him & not credited

but included in aggregate above	\$27.58	\$1,389.94
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Uncollected taxes for 1869		\$4,933.14
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The aggregate amount of taxes for 1870	\$29,304.42
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Commission on same	653.80
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Taxes twice charged and other errors corrected	186.20	23,061.91
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Uncollected for 1870		\$6,242.51
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Recapitulation

Taxes uncollected standing to the Debit of the Collector

For 1865	\$307.32
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For 1866	\$638.08
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For 1867	\$1,485.37
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For 1868	\$1,883.43
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For 1869	\$4,933.14
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For 1870	\$6,242.51
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	\$15,489.85
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Your Committee would recommend that strenuous efforts be made to collect that is collectable on these tax lists and that such as are insolvent be returned as such and the entire matter adjusted as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) W P Conway, Chrmn

June 30, 1871

Mr Conway from the Special Committee appointed by the Council upon the repairs of the Court House submitted a written report of the action of the Committee and setting forth in details the cost of repairing the building which in the aggregate is shown by the report to be \$3,366.46.

On Motion, the report was received, approved and ordered to be filed

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On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that the Mayor be directed to have published in hand bill form the 500 copies of the Treasurer's account on the best terms and have the same distributed for the information of the citizens and tax payers of the Town

The following accounts were presented by the Chrmn of the Finance Committee and ordered paid

Dr Wallace & Jones amt'g to \$10.00

Justices Rose, Ford & Berrey \$9.00

On Motion Mr Doggett, Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay Commissioner J S Quinn for services rendered in correcting omissions and errors of the late Comr the sum of seventy five dollars

The Mayor having reported favorably, ordered that the Treasurer pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending this day

On Motion Mr Conway, ordered that the account of Mr James Tongue, architect for drawing plans of Court House &c amt'g to Fifty dollars be allowed and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the same

An account of Geo Aler for services rendered as Street Comr amt'g to \$25 was read and ordered to be paid

The Council then adjourned sine die

L B Rose, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg at the election held in accordance with law on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1871 Met pursuant to call of L B Rose, Mayor at the Council Chamber on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

The following members-elect having qualified according to law appeared and took their seats at the board  
Viz

J G Wallace, H S Doggett, J W Sener, P McCracken, W H Russell, L O Magrath, W C Morrison, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, W A Little

The Mayor called the Council to order, who announced that the first business in order was the election of officers and on motion, Mr Conway all candidates for offices were requested to retire.

The salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at Seventy five dollars

R W Adams was nominated and elected Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year



On Motion, the election of the officer of Collection of Taxes was postponed until next meeting

Dr Wallace, nominated Mr J W Sener as Recorder who was unanimously elected  
Mr Wm L Slaughter was nominated and elected Surveyor of the Town for the ensuing year

The Salary of Clerk of Market was fixed [Page 32] at one hundred dollars  
Roy Jones was nominated and elected unanimously Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

M Montgomery, R W Hart & W Jennings were nominated for the office of weigher & measurer of coal, grain & salt, and on the second ballot Mr Montgomery was elected for the ensuing year, receiving an majority of the votes present

R W Hart was nominated and elected Measurer of Lumber, Wood &c for the ensuing year  
The Salary of the Treasurer was fixed at three hundred dollars

The number of police officers was fixed at four and their salaries fixed at three hundred dollars each per annum, and the following persons nominated and elected police officers for the ensuing year Viz

C W Edrington

J A Taylor

J S G Timberlake

Charles A Gore

The Mayor called Recorder to the Chair and retired: Absent L B Rose, Mayor

The Salary of the Mayor was fixed at Four Hundred dollars

Present: L B Rose, Mayor

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On Motion the salary of the Overseer of the Poor was fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars for the two  
Edwin Carter and E L Heinichen were nominated and unanimously elected overseers of the poor for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following standing committees

On Finance: W P Conway, J G Wallace, W A Little

On Public Property: W R Mason, J G Hurkamp, P McCracken

On Streets: J W Sener, W H Russell, B F Bowering

On Pumps: H S Doggett, W C Morrison, L O Magrath

On Motion the Council 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 on Saturday evening the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W C Morrison, W R Mason, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, P McCracken, L O Magrath, J G Wallace, H S Doggett

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Election of Collector of Taxes was postponed, on Motion, until the next regular meeting of the Council

Present: B F Bowering

Mr Mason was, on Motion, requested to give the Council the benefit of his views respecting the best plan for the arrangement of the Corporation debt. Mr M then gave his view at length

On Motion, Dr Wallace, Resolved that Mr Mason be requested to appear before the Finance Comm, at their first meeting and submit his views in reference to the best mode of arranging the Corporation Debt

Mr Sener offered the following resolution which was seconded

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to report to the next meeting of the Council the receipts and expenditures of the Market House & Lot for the past twelve months

Dr Wallace, moved the following as amendment which was adopted,

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Whereas great objections is entertained by a number of the Citizens of Freds'burg and the people of the Country bringing Marketing to town to the present Market Laws

Resolved, that a special Committee of three be appointed to examine the present Market law and report to this Council what change if any in their opinion is necessary in such laws

The vote was taken upon the resolution of Mr Sener as amended by Dr Wallace and carried unanimously

Mr Doggett moved that the Market hours be changed until further orders from 8 o'clock to 7 o'clock

Dr Wallace moved to substitute 6½ o'clock for Seven, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes and lost as follows

Ayes Hurkamp, Wallace, Russell, Magrath, McCracken 5

Noes Doggett, Mason, Bowering, Sener, Morrison 5

There being a tie, the Mayor gave the casting vote in the negative

The question then recurred upon Mr Doggett's Motion and it was carried

Mr Mason, Chrmn of the Pub Property Comm stated that in the opinion of the Committee it was considered judicious to introduce Gas fixtures & Gas into the Court House and presented to the Council a statement of the probable cost of same

On Motion of Mr Magrath, the subject of the report of the Committee of Pub Prop was postponed until [Page 36] the next meeting of the Council

On Motion, ordered, that the tax on Male dogs be fixed at one dollar and on female dogs two dollars

Dr Wallace asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Dr Wallace

The Mayor stated that he had contracted with the Ledger office for the publication of the Treasurer's account and that 300 copies of the paper were to be furnished for the sum of Ten dollars, he regarding this arrangement as in compliance with the resolution of the Council passed June 30, 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 on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W H Russell, P McCracken, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, L O Magrath, H S Doggett, W P Conway, B F Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The mayor stated that he had convened the Council for the purpose of taking such action as was deemed judicious in reference to Dogs, as the community had become somewhat interested in the matter, hearing or learning that a rabid Dog was at large in the Town, and had bitten a number of Dogs in this place. Lieut Gov Marye was present at the instance of the Mayor and gave his view in reference to the matter under consideration

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, the order taxing dogs passed on 15<sup>th</sup> Inst was reconsidered

On Motion, the subject was laid on the table for the present

Mr Conway offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas it is known that a rabid dog has been at large in the town and a number of dogs have been bitten by the same, and

Whereas the Community have become interested [Page 38] and concerned with respect to the same, Resolved that the Mayor be directed to have killed forthwith all dogs known to have been bitten by the rabid dog, and

It is further resolved that the Police Officers be directed under the instructions of the Mayor to shoot or otherwise put to death all dogs found running at large in the day times or night on and after Wednesday Next 19<sup>th</sup> Inst, 10 o'clock A M

On motion the license tax for selling Cakes, Bread, &c in the Streets was fixed at five dollars

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday Morning July 25<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, P McCracken, Benj Bowering, W R Mason, W P Conway, H S Doggett, W A Little, W C Morrison, J G Hurkamp, L O Magrath

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that the Council now proceed to the election of Collector Taxes for the ensuing year—carried

The Compensations of the Collector of Taxes was on Motion, fixed at 2½% upon all taxes paid on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November and 5% on all taxes collected after 15<sup>th</sup> November

Mr Huffman, L J, was nominated as collector of taxes and balloted for and the ballots being counted he was unanimously elected

Mr McCracken moved that Section 2<sup>d</sup> Chap 7 of the Gen'l Ordinance be amend in this: that in 6<sup>th</sup> line "the second Monday in July" be stricken out and "the 30<sup>th</sup> June inserted instead, so as to read "on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year" which was seconded, and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was carried as follows

Ayes Hurkamp, Bowering, Wallace, Sener, Magrath, McCracken 6

Noes Conway, Mason, Little, Doggett, Morrison 5

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On Motion, Dr Wallace, Section 2<sup>d</sup> Chap 7 is amended in this "That in first line, "the first Monday in December" be stricken out, and "15<sup>th</sup> November" inserted in place so as to read "on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November in every year"; also Section 3, Chap 7 in 4<sup>th</sup> line strike out "the first day of December" and insert "15<sup>th</sup> day of November"; and on 5<sup>th</sup> line strike out "December" and insert "November."

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1871 which was passed and is in the works and figures following to wit:

1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg, that the taxes on the persons, property, and subjects required to be listed for the Year 1871 in the said town shall be assessed, levied and paid as follows
2. On every male person above the age of twenty one years, not exempt by law fifty cents 50¢
3. On all real and personal property one dollar and fifty cents on every hundred dollars of assessed value thereof 1.50
4. On Bankers, Brokers and Real Estate Agents, fifty (50) percent of the license tax imposed by the State
5. On all other persons required to be licensed by the laws of the State (excepting Theatrical and other exhibitions, and sample merchants and pedlars, who are taxes by special ordinance) seventy five (75) percent of the license tax imposed by the State 75 pr ct

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6. On all monies, Capital, employed in any business, Incomes, Salaries and other subject of State taxation, other than the taxable property and subject herein before mentioned fifty cents on every hundred dollars of the assessed value thereof, This item shall be deemed to include the Stock of the Nation Bank of Fredericksburg, which shall be assessed and paid by the Cashier of the said Bank to the Collector of taxes in the same manner and under same provisions that the state tax is assessed and paid to the auditor of public accounts, under the provisions of the act of assembly passed March 28<sup>th</sup> 1871.
7. One third of the taxes so assessed by this bill shall be paid to the Collector of taxes in National Currency of the United States, and the remaining two-thirds in past due coupons or past due interest on the registered Bonds of the City of Fredericksburg; or the Tax payer may at his option pay the said two thirds of his taxes in National Currency of the United States at the rate of Sixty Cents in the dollar.
8. A deduction of five per cent shall be allowed to such persons as shall pay their taxes on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October next, and of three percent to such persons as shall pay their taxes on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next.
9. Upon all tax bills remaining unpaid after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next, there shall be added five per cent and interest thereon (that is on said tax bills and per centum) until the same is paid

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10. All taxes remaining unpaid shall be liable to be distrained for on and after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1871.

Mr Mason, Chrmn of the Public Property Comm. Stated to the council that he had consulted parties acquainted with such work and was able to report that the introduction of Gas & fixtures into the Court

House would cost about \$187, but that the Committee preferred to take no further action, unless instructed so to do by the Council;

Whereupon, Mr Conway, Moved, "That the Public Property Committee be directed to have Gas fixtures introduced into the Court House on the most favorable terms" which was seconded, Mr Magrath called for the Ayes & Noes on the Motion and the vote being taken it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes Conway, Hurkamp, Mason, Bowering, Wallace, Sener, Little, Doggett, McCracken, Morrison  
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Noes Magrath

Mr Mason moved the following that:

Resolved the ordinances of the City passed May 30<sup>th</sup> 1871 fixing the Tax on Sample Merchants be amended and the tax fixed as follows:

On Liquor Merchants Fifty dollars

On other samples Merchants twenty dollars

Which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, and decided in the affirmative

Ayes Conway, Hurkamp, Mason, Bowering, Little, Doggett, Morrison 7

Noes Wallace, Sener, Magrath, McCracken 4

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Mr Conway asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Conway

Dr Wallace submitted the following which was adopted

Resolved, that the Resolution passed on 17<sup>th</sup> July instant, ordering all dogs found running at large to be shot or otherwise put to death be, and the same is hereby repealed

The Council on motion, Mr Mason adjourned until 8 o'clock PM

L B Rose, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening July 25<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Benj Bowering, P McCracken, J G Wallace, L O Magrath, H S Doggett, W P Conway, W R Mason

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor read a communication from sundry citizens of the lower part of the Town asking that the Council take some action towards the improvement of Charles St as in the part [Page 44] of the Town to which they refer

On motion, Mr Conway, The communication was referred to the Street Committee with instructions that they examine into the condition of Charles Street and that they also extend their examination to the culvert over the run emptying into Hazel Run and report the result of their examination to the Council.

Mr Doggett, on the part of J W Rice & Co asks for these parties a remission of \$20 of the license tax imposed upon them

On Motion, the subject was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr McCracken from the Pub Prop Committee submitted a written report in reference to the receipts and expenditures of the Market House & Lot for the past year in compliance with the resolution passed by the Council on 17<sup>th</sup> Inst

Mr McCracken recommended the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council that Section 9 of Chapter 8 of the Market ordinance be so amended that butchers and others shall pay double the amount therein named

On Motion Dr Wallace, the resolution of Mr McCracken was referred to the Special Committee on the Market laws.

The Mayor read a communication from J B Sener, Attorney & Agent of Jacob Tome asking that arrangement be made for payment of the past due Interest on \$3,000 of the Bonds of this [Page 45] Corporation held by Mr Tomes.

On Motion, Mr Mason, the communication of Mr Sener was laid on the table

Mr Magrath moved that the Council now proceed to fix the tax on Dogs, which was seconded and carried

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, Ordered that the tax on Male dogs be fixed at one dollar and twenty five cents and on female dogs two dollars and twenty five cents

Mr Magrath offered the following

Resolved that all dogs found running at large with a collar or medal and which have not paid the tax, shall by order of the Mayor be shot.

Mr Conway, moved to amend by striking out the word "shot" and inserting the words "killed in such manner as his Mayor direct" which was seconded and put to the vote and carried.

The resolution as amended was adopted

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 on Thursday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, P McCracken, W R Mason, W H Russell, H S Doggett, W C Morrison

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of Mr John Howison, Superintendent of Public Schools, who desired to make a statement in reference to the Public Schools of the District and especially of the School located in Fredericksburg

Mr Howison being present was by consent of the Council heard in reference to the subject under consideration.

On Motion of Mr Sener

Resolved that the subject of providing houses for the Public Schools of the Town and the necessary funds for the support of the same on the part of the Town be referred to the Public Property Committee for report at the next meeting of the Council

The Mayor stated that under authority from the Committee of the City of Baltimore, he had appointed Mr W P Conway, Delegate W R Mason, alternate to the Commercial Convention to assemble in Baltimore on 25<sup>th</sup> September next

Present: L O Magrath

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Mr Conway asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr W P Conway

Mr Mason, Chrmn of the Special Committee of the Council on the Market Laws submitted a report suggesting certain changes in the Ordinance for the government of the Market House & Lot; On motion, the subject was postponed until the next meeting of the Council

On Motion, Mr Magrath, Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourn to meet on Monday night next August 7<sup>th</sup> 8 O'clock

The Council then adjourned until Monday evening next August 7<sup>th</sup> 8 o'clock

L B Rose, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Monday evening August 7<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, W R Mason, W H Russell, W C Morrison, L O Magrath, Benj'n Bowering,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J G Hurkamp

The report of the special committee of the Council on the Market Laws was brought up and [Page 48] and the report read by the chairman thereof Mr Mason, whereupon On Motion, Dr Wallace the following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the subject of the report of the Special Committee on the Market laws be postponed to an adjourned Meeting of the council to be held on Wednesday Morning next 9 O'clock and that the officer notifying the Council be requested to inform members of the object for which the Meeting is called

Present: P McCracken, W P Conway

Mr Mason chairman of the public property Comm made a verbal report as to the probable cost of fitting up certain rooms for the use of the public schools of the Town

On Motion, Mr Sener

Resolved that the report of the Committee be received, and that they be instructed to ascertain the cost of fitting up the Rooms referred to in their report and also the cost of furniture necessary for the use of the schools and report at the next meeting of the council

Mr Mason moved to take up the letter of J B Sener, laid on the table, at a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst which was seconded and the votes taken it was decided in the negative.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid, Viz

R B Merchant for advertising amt'g to \$6.75

A A Little advertising \$2.50

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The Council then on Motion adjourned to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Inst, 9 o'clock AM

L B Rose, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Morning August 9<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

P McCracken, W A Little, J G Wallace, Benj Bowering, W H Russell, W R Mason, J G Hurkamp, L O Magrath

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the first business in order was the consideration of the report of the Special Committee of the Council on the Market Laws.

The report of the Special Comm was read by Mr Mason

On Motion, Dr Wallace, Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and that the Council now proceed to vote upon the entire Chapter relating to the Market House & Lot, section by section including the report of the Committee – carried

Present: W P Conway, H S Doggett

On Motion ordered that Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapt VIII of the Gen'l Ordinance be amend in this, that after [Page 50]

The words “Country people, in second line there shall be inserted the words “other than butchers” so as to read “There shall be two stalls set apart by the Committee on Public Property for the use of the Country people, other than butcher who may bring things into the Market House for sale.”

Mr Mason moved that Section 3<sup>d</sup> Chapter 8 be so amended as that after the words “Market Hours” in firs line there shall be inserted the words “within the limits of the Corporation” so as to read “If any person shall, during Market hours, within the limits of the Corporation buy any kind of meat, Poultry, butter or eggs for the purpose of selling again, he shall pay a fine of five dollars” which being seconded Dr Wallace moved as a substitute, that after the words “Market hours” in the 1<sup>st</sup> line of Section 3<sup>d</sup>

Chapter 8 of the Ordinance of the Corporation there shall be inserted the words “within the Market House or lot” which being seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Nays, it was rejected as follows:

Ayes Wallace, Little, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken

Nays Conway, Hurkamp, Mason, Bowering, Russell, and L B Rose, the Mayor, giving the Casting vote

Present: Mr J W Sener, Recorder

The question recurring upon the Motion of Mr Mason it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes, Conway, Hurkamp, Mason, Bowering, Sener, Little, Russell 7

Noes Wallace, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 4

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Motion, Dr Wallace, ordered that Sect 4, Chap 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance be so amended as that the word “twenty” in 6<sup>th</sup> line shall be stricken out and the word “ten” inserted in place, so as to read “shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars and forfeit what is so sold or offered.”

The vote was then taken on the amendment proposed by the Committee to Sec 9, Chap 8 to wit: after “cents” in last line insert “and any person selling during Market house, the articles, or any one of them named in this section at any place with this Corporation, other than the Market House or Market lot, shall pay the double the rates above mentioned, and it was lost by the following vote.

Ayes Conway, Hurkamp, Mason, Bowering, Russell 5

Noes Wallace, Sener, Little, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 6



On motion Mr McCracken, Ordered that Section 9, Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance be so amended as that the rates thereon, mentioned shall be fixed at double the amount now charged, Viz, Fifty cents for each slaughters bullock, cow, or steer or any part thereof; Twenty five cents for each veal, mutton, lamb, hog, shoat or sturgeon, or any part thereof

On Motion, ordered that Section XI Chap VIII of the Gen'l Ordinance be stricken out and the following be inserted in place

All Moneys collected for rate under this Chapter shall enure entire to the Corporation, but all moneys collected for fines under this Chapter shall enure one half to the Corporation, and the other half to the Clerk of the Market, who shall keep a regular account there, and report the same weekly to the Mayor of the Corporation

Section 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 were of Chap 8 were read the vote taken upon each separately and they were adopted.

Dr. Wallace, moved, the following, which was seconded and upon which the Ayes & Notes were called and it was carried

Resolved that sec [blank] of the Gen'l Ordinance concerning the Market, passed June 2<sup>d</sup> be and the same is hereby repealed

Ayes Hurkamp, Wallace, Little, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 6

Noes Conway, Mason, Bowering, Sener, Russell 5

Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance as amended was on Motion, Dr Wallace, adopted

The official bond of L J Huffman, Collector of Taxes for this Corporation in the penalty of Ten Thousand dollars with Chris Armat and Edwin Carter 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

Mr Mason Chrmn of the public property Committee made a verbal report giving it as the opinion of those who examined the premises with them that the fitting up the armory room [Page 53] of the Court House & a room in the Town Hall for the use of the public schools of the Town would cost about Four hundred dollars and recommending that this Council make this appropriation for the purpose

On Motion, Mr Conway, the subject of the report of the Committee was postponed until the next meeting of the Council

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening August 22<sup>d</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, Benj Bowering, W H Russell, L O Magrath, W R Mason, W P Conway

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway proposed an amendment to Sec't 3 Chap 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance, Dr Wallace objected to its introduction and rose to a point of order under the 19<sup>th</sup> rule for the government of the Council. The Mayor decided Mr Conway to be in order, Dr Wallace appealed from the decision and called for the Ayes & Noes, and the appeal of Dr W was sustained by the following vote

Ayes Conway, Sener

Noes Mason, Bowering, Wallace, Russell, Magrath

Mr Conway read the following, which he desired to submit to the Council as an additional Section to Chapter 8 of the Ordinance concerning the Market or as a new Ordinance

No person shall be permitted to sell within the limited of this Corporation during Market hours any fresh meat, fowls, fish, fresh vegetables or other marketable commodity, except at the Market house or in the Market House lot, and any person so offending shall be [Page 55] fined two dollars for each offense

Dr Wallace objected to its introduction as out of order under the 19<sup>th</sup> rule. The Mayor decided against the point order raised by Dr Wallace; Dr Wallace appealed from the decision of the Mayor by a vote of the Council and called for the Ayes and Noes and the appeal of Dr W was sustained by the following vote

Ayes Conway, Bowering, Sener 3

Noes Mason, Wallace, Russell, Magrath 4

The report of the Public Property Committee as to the cost of fitting up rooms in the Court House building for the use of the Public Schools of the town was then taken up and on motion of Mr Mason,

The sum of four hundred dollars was appropriated for the purpose of fitting up the south wing of the Court house for the use of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg, this repair & to be done under the supervision of the Committee of Public Property

Mr Sener, Chrmn of the Street Committee submitted a written report as to the condition of the Culvert near Hazel Run and that part of Charles at the lower end of town and recommending certain plans for repairs &c

Whereon Mr Mason moved that the report be received and that the committee be instructed to have the culvert over the run emptying into Hazel Run repaired at once under their supervision and in accordance with their report—carried

On Motion Mr Conway, the Street Committee were instructed with the Corporation Surveyor to make the examination of Charles Street in accordance [Page 56] with their report and report at the next meeting of the Council

On Motion, Mr Mason ordered that in Chapter 28 of the Gen'l Ordinance where the word "bell" occurs in second line of said Chapter, it be stricken out.

On Motion, Dr Wallace ordered that Wherever in any ordinance of the Corporation, the penalty for violating of same is more than ten dollars, that not exceeding the sum of ten dollars be made the penalty instead.

Mr Magrath submitted the following ordinance which was adopted:

That hereafter, the Court House shall not be opened for public meetings by the keeper thereof until permission to use the same shall be obtained in writing from the mayor, by the person or persons desiring to use the same, and also a certificate from the Town Treasurer showing that the said person or persons

have paid into the Town Treasury the sum of five dollars to pay for gas and cleaning for each night the Court House may be so used and any person or persons obtaining such permission shall be responsible for all damages by such usage.

An account of J B Sener for publishing ordinances amounting to \$2.50 was passed and ordered to be paid.

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented to the Council the receipt of the Treasurer [Page 57] to the Commissioner of the Revenue for the Land and Property Book and list of Licenses for the year 1871.

On Motion, ordered that the salary of S J Quinn, Commissioner of the Revenue amounting to Two hundred and fifty dollars be allowed and the Treasurer be directed pay the same.

A Communication from Mr J Hall was read by Mr Conway in which he states that his property is erroneously taxed, a portion of his property being without the limits of the Corporation and asks the Council to have the error corrected. On motion the Communication of Mr Hall was referred to Mr W P Conway for report at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr J B Sener by consent of the Council appeared and addressed the board in behalf of the National Bank in reference to the tax assessed by the Corpo upon the bank

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 Friday evening, Septemb'r 15<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, Benj Bowering, L O Magrath, W C Morrison, W R Mason, W P Conway, W H Russell

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

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Mr Conway to whom was referred the communication of J Hall in reference to erroneous taxation of his property, stated that he was unable to report at the present meeting and on motion further time was granted.

An account of R B Merchant for publishing ordinances amounting to \$12.75 was passed and ordered to be paid

The report of the Committee on Streets on motion was taken up

Mr Mason offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved, that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed to investigate the whole subject of the overflow of the Canal and its consequent damage to streets and highways and report in writing at the next regular meeting as to what parties are responsible for said damage, That in the meantime the Committee on Streets do what is necessary to prevent any injury that may be immediately necessary to avoid and that the expense be borrowed by the proper parties, when such parties are discovered.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W A Little, W H Russell and Benj Bowering as the Committee.

The Mayor stated that complaint had been made to him by certain citizens living in the vicinity of the Court House respecting the location of certain buildings for the use of the public schools.

Mr Edwin Carter, one of the school Commissioners being present was on Motion heard in [Page 59] reference to the matter of complaint, and also respecting some changes which he deemed necessary in the fitting up of one of the rooms in the court house for the use of the schools.

Whereupon Mr Magrath moved the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to make such additional improvement in the repairs of the South wing of the Court House for the use of the public schools as will meet the view of the School Commissioners.

On Motion, Mr Conway, ordered that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated for the renting of rooms for the use of the public schools and that the said sum to subject to the order of the School Commissioners.

Mr Mason called the attention of the Council to the propriety of taxing Express Companies on motion the subject was referred to the Finance Committee.

An account of the Fred'g Gas Company amt'g to \$11.40 was passed and ordered to be paid.

An account of the College Infirmary of Richmond for Board and Nursing Lucy Coleman, sent to Richmond by the Overseers of the Poor amounting to \$52.00 was presented and Mr E Carter, one of the Overseers of the poor being present stated to this Council the cause of the account being created (and the action of the overseers being opposed) the bill [Page 60] was ordered to be paid.

The Mayor stated to the Council he had appointed Mr W H Russell Chairman of the Street Committee in place of M W Sener, who resigned the position

The Mayor presented a petition signed by E Carter and others asking the passage of an ordinance requiring Nurses rolling carriages on the pavement or side walks to "pass single file" on Motion, the petition was laid on the table.

The Mayor stated the Mr H C Thorburn requested him to ask of this Council the passage of an ordinance exempting him from the tax of or fees now required by the ordinance for weighing hay, straw, fodder &c (no action was taken) the hay scales being rented for the year this council deemed any change in this ordinance for the present inadvisable)

On Motion Mr Magrath,

Ordered that the ordinance (concerning the repairing of the Court House) passed August 22<sup>d</sup> 1871 be amended in this that after the word "each" in said ordinance the words "day or" shall be inserted, so as to read that require the person or persons had paid into the Town Treasury the sum of Five dollars to pay for Gas and cleaning for each day or night, the Court House may be used.

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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A called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg was held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Septemb'r 29<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Benj Bowering, W C Morrison, W H Russell, W R Mason, L O Magrath, J Gordon Wallace, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened to take such action as they deemed proper with respect to the memory of the late Hon J M Herndon, Judge of the Corporation, and County Court who died at his residence in this place yesterday (Tuesday) morning and whose Funeral would take place this afternoon at four o'clock

On Motion Mr Mason,

Resolved that the Mayor appoint a Committee of three of the Council to draft suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Judge John M Herndon, and also that the Council attend the funeral of the deceased as a body and that the Magistrates and other officers of the Corporation be requested to unit with them in paying this last tribute to his memory.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W P Conway, J G Wallace and W R Mason, as the committee who submitted the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted

The members of the Common Council, Magistrates and officers of the City Government convened by the Mayor to take action in view of the [Page 62] death of the Hon John M Herndon after consultation do unanimously Resolve,

1<sup>st</sup> That in the death of Judge Herndon this Community has sustained a great loss, in all the relations of life he was faithful and eminent. He was a devout Christian, an upright Judge, a patriotic Citizen, a sincere friend. His long and useful life was spent in our midst and he has died universally lamented.

2<sup>nd</sup> That in testimony of our high appreciation of Judge Herndon (who was formerly a Member of the City Council) we will attend his funeral as a body, and will individually wear crape for thirty days.

3<sup>rd</sup> Resolved That a copy of these proceedings be furnished the family of Judge Herndon, and the Fredericksburg and Richmond papers be requested to publish the same.

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 on Thursday Septemb'r 21<sup>st</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W R Mason, J G Wallace, W A Little, L O Magrath, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell

The Clerk of the Council being absent, Mr W R Mason was on Motion requested to act as Clerk

The Mayor stated that this council was called to consider an application for the use of the Court House for political purposes, observing that while this ordinance left it optional with him as to the building being used, yet he preferred to have the sense of the Council upon this subject

On Motion, Dr Wallace, the 19<sup>th</sup> rule was suspended

Present: Mr Conway

On Motion of Mr Sener, ordered that whereas the word "five" occurs in the ordinance concerning the use of the Court House passed August 22<sup>d</sup> 1871, it be stricken out and the word ten inserted instead.

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening Septemb'r 25<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, L O Magrath, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, H S Doggett

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 on Tuesday October 3<sup>d</sup> 1871

Present

W H Russell, Benj Bowering, J G Hurkamp

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday evening 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1871 said Meeting by three members of the Council

Present

J G Wallace, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, L O Magrath, W R Mason, H S Doggett

In the absence of the Mayor and Recorder, On Motion, Dr Wallace, Mr W P Conway was called to the Chair

Mr Russell from the Special Committee appointed at a previous meeting submitted a written report which was read and on motion of Mr Mason, the report was adopted

Mr Russell, Chrmn of the Street Committee submitted a written report with reference to damage caused by the Canal to certain streets through which the said Canal passes, which was read and on motion the report was adopted.

Mr Russell, Chrmn of the Street, submitted a written report of the action of the Committee in repair of the culvert over Hazel Run which was read and on Motion the report of the Committee adopted

Mr Conway, to whom was referred the communication of Mr J Hall, presented at a [Page 66] previous meeting submitted a written report which was read and on motion the report was adopted and the Commissioner of the Revenue is direct to Carry out the recommendation of the report.

Mr Mason Chrmn of the Pub Prop'y Committee made a verbal report to the effect that the repairs of the C House for School purposes were not yet completed, On Motion Dr Wallace The committee was granted further time for the completion of the repairs

The Mayor having reported favourably on the duties of the police officers for the past quarter On Motion ordered that the Treasurer pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 1871.

A Memorial signed by many citizens & property owners of the Town requesting the Council to provide means for organizing a Hook, ladder, and Bucket Company for the protection of property against fire, was read by the Chairman and on Motion Mr Mason, the Memorial was laid on the table until the next meeting of the Council

A Memorial of a Committee of the Young Men's Library Association have the privilege of using the room of the South wing of the Town Hall at least one night [Page 66] in every week or at any time at night for called meetings and also for the exclusive right of the use of the back room adjacent Dr Thompson and Mr J L Doggett being present were by consent heard on reference to this Memorial On Motion the petition of the Literary Association was granted.  
The Council then on Motion adjourned  
W P Conway, Chairman

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber, Tuesday evening Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, B Bowering, W A Little, J G Wallace, W H Russell, L O Magrath, P McCracken.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present W R Mason, H S Doggett

Mr Edwin Carter in the Part of the Trustee of the Public Schools appeared before the Council and was by consent heard in reference to the appropriation by the Council for the payment of the incidental expense of the School.

On motion Mr Conway, ordered that the sum of two hundred be appropriated for the [Page 68] use of the public schools subject to the order of the Board of Trustees of the Schools, and that the Clerk of the Council furnish this board with a monthly statement of the amount expended

Mr Mason suggested, that as some purchases for the Schools had already been made, the amount appropriated he thought was too small, on motion, Mr Conway, the vote appropriating \$200 was reconsidered, and on his motion the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated for the use of the Public Schools, subject to order of the Board of Trustees

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee made a verbal report upon the application of J W Rice, made at a previous meeting, recommending the deduction asked for viz twenty dollars, Dr Wallace, a member of the Committee made a minority report.

On Motion, made and seconded, the report of the committee was adopted

On Motion Mr Conway, Resolved that the sum of Twenty dollars be refunded to Mess'r J W Rice & Co and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same, which being seconded and the Ayes and Nays called, it was carried, as follows

Ayes Messrs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Little, Sener, Mason, Russell, Doggett 8

Noes Wallace, Magrath, McCracken 3

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Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee made a report recommending that a specific tax be imposed upon Express Companies of one hundred dollars and upon Telegraph Companies of fifty dollars, subject to a deduction of 5% if paid by 15<sup>th</sup> November, on Motion, the report was adopted

On Motion, Mr Conway, ordered that a specific tax be imposed upon Express Corporations for the year 1871 of one hundred dollars and that a specific tax of fifty dollars be imposed upon telegraph Companies for the year 1871, subject to a deduction of five per cent if paid by or before the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of

said tax payable in currency and 2/3<sup>rds</sup> in Interest of the Corporation past due or said 2/3<sup>rds</sup> at the rate of sixty center on the dollar.

Mr Mason, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee made a verbal report to the effect that the repairs of the south wing of the Court House for the use of the Public Schools were completed and the rooms now in the use of the several schools (public) of the Town

The memorial of Citizens & property holders laid on the table at the last meeting of the Council was called up by Mr Mason,

Mr Magrath moved that the petition be laid on the table indefinitely, which being seconded and the vote taken it was lost

Mr Mason moved the following which was adopted

Resolved that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed [Page 70] by the Mayor to take into consideration the memorial of the Citizens of the Town with regard to a Hook & Ladder company and that said Committee be requested to ascertain what amount the insurance agencies of the Town will appropriate annually for the maintenance of said Company, and what by the Council for the purpose of equipping and organizing the said Company, and report at the next meeting of the Council.

The Mayor appointed Messrs Mason, Sener and Bowering as the Committee

The following accounts passed by the Finance Committee were presented and ordered to be paid Viz,

Dr Wm S Scott & D Herndon amt'g to	\$10.00
Justices L B Rose & J W Ford, R B Berrey	9.00
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Mr Conway presented a petition signed by many merchants of the Town asking the repeal of the ordinance imposing a tax upon sample merchants.

On Motion, Mr Mason, the 19<sup>th</sup> rule was suspended

Mr Mason submitted the following which was seconded

Be it ordained that all acts passed by this body, by which sample Merchants and drummers are taxed by this Corporation shall be repealed and that they shall hereafter be allowed to sell goods, ware, and merchandise in this market free of all tax.

Dr Wallace, moved the following as an [Page 71] additional section, which was seconded

And be it further ordained that to prevent any unjust and hurtful discrimination against the mercantile community of Fredericksburg all tax payers, that it shall not be lawful to impose any tax, direct or indirect on the Merchants of the town during the existence of the law, allowing sample merchants to sell without taxation.

Whereupon Mr Conway moved the following as a substitute,

Resolved that a committee of three of the Council be appointed by the Mayor to prepare an ordinance in accordance with the views of the Memorialists and submit the same for consideration at the next meeting, which being seconded;

Mr McCracken moved the subject be laid on the table, and lost by the following vote

Ayes	Messrs Wallace, Sener, Mason, Magrath, McCracken	5
Noes	Messrs Conway, Hurkamp, Little, Russell, Doggett, Bowering	6



The question recurring upon the substitute of Mr Conway, and a vote by ayes & noes taken it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Little, Russell, Doggett 6  
Noes Wallace, Sener, Mason, Magrath, McCracken 5

The mayor appointed Messrs W A Little, W P Conway, and W R Mason as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber

Tuesday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Wallace, P McCracken, Benj Bowering, W P Conway, W H Russell, H S Doggett, L O Magrath, W A Little

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Little Chrnm of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare an ordinance on conformity to the views of sundry Citizens, Merchants and others asking a repeal of the license tax upon sample merchants stated that the committee were prepared to report.

Whereupon Dr Wallace rose to a point of order under the 19<sup>th</sup> rule.

The Mayor decided that it was in order for the Committee to make their report

Dr Wallace appealed from the decision of the Mayor, to a vote of the Council and called for the Ayes and Nayes, and the vote being taken the decision of the Mayor was sustained as follows

Ayes Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell

Noes Wallace, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken

Mr Little,

Chrnm of the Committee then submitted the following report.

The committee appointed by this Board to report an ordinance repealing the tax on Sample Merchants (other than the sale of Liquor) respectfully report, that the object of the [Page 73] memorialists will be accomplished by the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved that the tax of twenty dollars on sample merchants (other than liquor Merchants) be and the same is hereby repealed

Signed Wm A Little

W P Conway

Dr Wallace moved that the report of the Committee be received and that they be discharged from further consideration of the subject and that the matter be indefinitely postponed which being seconded the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes and it result as follows

Ayes Messrs Wallace, Doggett, Magrath and McCracken 4

Noes Messrs Conway, Little Bowering Russell and the Mayor 5

So the last motion was lost

Mr Conway moved that the report of the Committee be adopted which was seconded, whereupon, Dr Wallace submitted the following as an amendment

Be it ordained that to prevent any unjust and hurtful discrimination against the Mercantile Community, all tax payers that it shall not be lawful to impose any tax, direct or indirect, on the Merchants of the town during the existence of the law allowing sample merchants to sell without license, which was seconded

and the vote taken upon the amendment taken by Ayes and Noes, it was [Page 74] lost by the following vote,

Ayes Messrs Wallace, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 4  
Noes Messrs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell and the Mayor 5

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Conway, for the adoption of the report and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was carried as follows,

Ayes Messrs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell and the Mayor 5  
Noes Messrs Wallace, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 4

The Committee appointed at the last meeting upon the petition of the Citizens, asking for the organization of a Hook and Ladder and Bucket Company was on Motion allowed further time to make their report

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

A A Little, amt'g to \$10.00  
C W Edrington amt'g to 6.00

The Mayor stated that in conversation with Mr John Howison, District Superintendent of Public Schools and in examination of the law, it was found necessary for the Council to adopt such measures as would conform to the requirement of the Act of the Gen'l Assembly of Virginia

Mr Conway submitted the following which was unanimously adopted,

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg [Page 75]

1. That in compliance with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, the Town of Fredericksburg be consolidated into one public school district; and that the schools of said District be under the authority and management of the present Board of School Trustees, consisting of Edwin Carter, Landon J Huffman, and John J Young
2. That the Treasurer of the Town be directed to take charge of all the funds appropriated to said schools, and disburse the same by order of said board according to law, and the regulations of the State Board of Education
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That John J Young, whose term of office (as a member of said board) expires on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, be and he is hereby recommended to the State Board of Education for re-appointment.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That copies of this order be furnished to John Howison, Superintendent of Public Schools for this Town, that he may transmit ones to the State Board of Education in Richmond and another to the Clerk of the Hustings Court for Record.

The Mayor stated that Mr E Carter of the Board of Trustees had called his attention to the uncomfortable state of one of the rooms in the South Wing of the Court House used as a public school and asked that some action be taken make it more comfortable, on Motion,

The subject was referred to the Public Property Committee

Mr McCracken, called the attention of the Council to the necessity of having a magazine erected to the storage of gun powder, on Motion [Page 76] the subject was referred to the Public Property Committee with direction that probable costs of building a Magazine be ascertained and report a next meeting of this Council

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  
Thursday evening December 14<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Wallace, W P Conway, P McCracken, H S Doggett, W A Little, Benj Bowering

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present W H Russell

J G Hurkamp

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee appointed by the Council to ascertain the cost of equipping as Hook, Ladder, & Bucket Co,

An Account of W A Little, counsel employed by the Finance Committee in the case of W S Scott vs the Corporation amounting to \$50 was presented by Mr Conway and on Motion the account was ordered to be paid

An application of W J Moon, for the refunding of excessive taxes paid by him because of erroneous assessment was on Motion referred to the Finance Comm for report at the next meeting

Present W R Mason

Mr Mason, from the Committee appointed by the Council to take into consideration the petition for the organization of a Hook & Ladder and Bucket Company made a verbal report and submitted letters from certain parties as to the cost of equipment, on Motion, Mr Little, the following resolution was adopted unanimously

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Resolved that the report of the Committee be read and that the subject be referred to a committee composed of the Mayor, J W Sener, W H Russell, and Benj Bowering with instructions to consider and report upon the best apparatus and the cost and with whom it will be best to contract for the same and all other matters connected therewith.

The Mayor being compelled to retire, called the Recorder to the Chair: Absent L B Rose, Mayor

My Mason, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee made a verbal report to the effect that the cost of building had not been ascertained but he supposed that the cost would be about \$300 and suggested that as the Corporation was without a magazine for the deposit of Gun Powered, Chap 36 of the Gen'l Ordinance of the Corpo be repealed

Whereupon Dr Wallace submitted the following which was seconded,

1. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that it shall not be lawful for any Merchant or other person to have within their Stores, dwellings, or lots at any one time more than one hundred pounds of gun powder.

On Conviction of a violation of this ordinance before any Justice of the Peace, the person violating the same shall be fined five dollars and the one dollar for each day that the offense be continued

2. Be it ordained that Chap 36 of the Gen'l Ordinances be and the same is hereby repealed

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Mr Hurkamp moved that the ordinance be laid on the table which being seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Naves, the motion was carried by the following vote

Ayes Conway, Little, Bowering, Hurkamp, Doggett, McCracken, & Sener 7

On Motion of Mr Hurkamp

Resolved, that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed to ascertain if any party can be found to build a Magazine for the reception of Powder brought into town, on his own account, and if not that the same committee be instructed to ascertain the cost of building same at the expense of the town and report at the next meeting

The Recorder appointed Mess'rs Bowering, Russell, McCracken as the Committee

Mr Little called the attention of the Council to the advertisement by the Farmers Land Trust Co of New York for the Sale of the Fred'g & Gordonsville R Road under a certain Mortgage and also stated what action the Directors of said company here had taken, and suggested that the Council take such steps as in their judgment was best to protect the interest of the Corporation in said Company

When Mr Conway submitted the following resolution, which was adopted

Resolved, that this Council approve [page 80] and endorse the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Co passed at their meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1871, and desire thus to express our conviction that the interest of this Corporation in the Stock of said Company will not be transferred to anyone except upon the terms of the Completion of said Road to Orange Ct House in accordance with the resolution of the Council to transfer said stock on said terms passed on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1871.

The board then adjourned

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At a called meeting of the Common Council held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1871

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W A Little, P McCracken, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, Benj Bowering, H S Doggett, W R Mason, L O Magrath

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of three members of the Council for the purpose of considering the interest of the Corporation in the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Co  
Present: J W Sener, Recorder

Mr Little submitted the following which was seconded and the vote taken upon same by Ayes & Noes and adopted unanimously

Whereas the Farmers Loan & Trust Co of New York as Trustee under a certain pretended deed of Mortgage bearing date November 1869 has advertised for sale all and singular the property interests and franchises of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company of Virginia said sale to take place at 12 O'clock noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1871 at the Exchange Sales Rooms No 111, Broadway in the City of New York and

Whereas said pretended deed of Mortgage was executed without any legal authority and

Whereas the same is fraudulent, null and void as against the rights and interests of the City of Fredericksburg as a Stockholder in said Rail Road Company;

Therefore be it Resolved,

That We, the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg do hereby enter our most solemn protest against such proposed sale as illegal, null and void

Resolved further that the said Farmers Land and Trust Co of New York will be held liable to this Corporation for any injury or damage to its interests as a Stockholder by reason of such sale,

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be served upon said Farmers Loan and Trust Company

The following is the vote upon the resolution

Ayes Hurkamp, Little, Bowering, Mason, Sener, Russell, Doggett, Magrath, McCracken 9

Nayes None

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On motion Mr Little

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the Council to solicit appropriations from the Congress of the United States for the improvement of the navigation of the Rappahannock River be and they are hereby instructed to continue their efforts in this direction and also to solicit the cooperation of Col Craighill in the prosecution of the work

Resolved further that the Mayor be added to the Committee

On Motion, Mr Sener

Ordered that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of the Committee in their efforts to procure an additional appropriation from the Congress of the United States for the improvement of navigation of the Rappahannock River, and the Treasurer is ordered to pay the amount upon the order of the Chairman of the Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Tuesday evening December 26<sup>th</sup> 1871

Present J W Sener, Recorder

W A Little, L O Magrath, W R Mason, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, J G Wallace, W P Conway, P McCracken, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Russell from the Committee appointed at a meeting of the Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst to ascertain whether anyone could be found who was willing to erect a Magazine submitted the following report which on Motion was unanimously adopted

To the Mayor and Council of Fredericksburg

Your Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council to ascertain if any Citizen could be found willing to erect at his own expense a Magazine suitable for the storage of Gun Powder beg leave to report, That after several interviews with Mr John T Knight he has agreed to erect a fire proof building of a size not less than 12x13 feet suitable for the purpose named upon the Condition that all the Gun Powder above the quantity of 30<sup>lb</sup> allowed to be kept by each Merchant [Page 83] shall be stored with him and that he shall receive for said storage twenty-five cents pr Keg as mentioned in our present ordinance.

Respectfully Submitted

W H Russell, Comm

P McCracken, Comm

Mr Sener from the Committee appointed at a meeting of the Council held on the 14<sup>th</sup> Inst in reference to the petition of the Citizens for the organization of a Hook & Ladder Company made a verbal report to the effect that so far the Committee had not been able to ascertain the cost &c of equipment and asked for further time

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Committee were allowed further time and they are requested to have the Council convened when they are ready to report

Present: H S Doggett

The resignation of Edwin Carter as a member of the Board of Trustees of District Schools of Fredericksburg was presented and on motion the resignation of Mr Carter was received

Present: L B Rose, Mayor

Mess'rs S J Quinn & W C Carter were severally nominated to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr E Carter as a member of the Board of Trustees of the District Schools of Fredericksburg and the vote being taken by ballot resulted as follows

For Mr Quinn           7 votes

For Mr Carter           4 votes

So Mr S J Quinn was declared elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the District Schools of Fredericksburg in place of Mr E Carter, resigned.

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The resignation in writing of Mr W C Morrison as a member of this Council was presented by the Mayor and on Motion the resignation of Mr Morrison was accepted.

On motion Mr Mason, Resolved that the Council now proceed to the election of a suitable person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Morrison

Messrs L C Frost & Geo W Shepherd were put in nomination and the Council proceeded to the election by ballot, and the vote being counted

Mr Shepherd received       6 votes

Mr Frost received           5 votes

So Mr G W Shepherd having received a majority of the votes of the members present was declared elected a member of this body in place of Mr W C Morrison, resigned

An account of the Ledger office amounting to \$3.00 was read and ordered paid

The Mayor having reported that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the past quarter, on motion, it is ordered that the salaries of the Police Officers for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> inst be paid

Mr G W Shepherd, Councilman elect appeared and qualified before Mayor Rose and took his seat at the Board

Present: Mr G W Shepherd

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Mr Russell moved the following, Resolved that the Committee on Pumps be authorized to have a pump erected at the upper end of William Street for the use of the Citizens in that vicinity which being

seconded, Mr Conway moved as a substitute That the erection of a Pump at the upper end of William St be referred to the Committee on Pumps, with instruction that they examine into the matter and report in writing at the next meeting, which was seconded and the vote taken, The substitute of Mr Conway was adopted.

The Mayor appointed Mr G W Shepherd a member of the Committee on Pumps in place of Mr W C Morrison, resigned.

The Council then adjourned.