

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1874

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday January 27th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor
S W Sener, Recorder

H S Doggett, W P Conway, J G Wallace, W A Little, P McCracken, C E Hunter, J H Meyers, L O Magrath, Benj'n Bowering

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of the Fred'g Cemetery Co., stated that the Committee had examined into the matter and were of opinion that the account was correct and recommended its payment

On Motion, the account of the Fred'g Cemetery Co. for tax of Lot Belonging to the Corporation in the Fredericksburg Cemetery for twenty years amounting to Twenty dollars was ordered to be paid

Present J G Mason

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the following accounts which were passed and ordered to be paid, Viz:

W J Moon for carrying returns of Election to Spotsylvania CH in 1871	\$4.00
R B Merchant for advertising amt'g	\$18.50
J W Adams for Stationary amt'g to	\$35.23

Mr Mason one of the proxies appointed by the Council to represent the Stock of the Corporation in the Stockholders Meeting of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Co stated that [Page 259] the Meeting was held on 5th January and the organization completed and as was known to the Council one Member of this body was elected President and three others Directors of the Company; no other business was transacted and the meeting adjourned to Jan'ry this day; the adjourned Meeting was held and again adjourned to meet on 13th Feb'y proxima. It was stated in the Meeting today that a communication had been received from Judge Hughes, representing the stakeholders of the late organization that it was impossible for him to be present, and the Meeting was adjourned in order that these parties might confer with the present Co in reference to the Completion of the Road.

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Street Committee to whom was referred the complaint of Mr Thomas Manuel of the enclosing of "Mint Spring" by Mr A K Phillips, submitted the following reports:

To the Hon Mayor & Council of Fredericksburg, your committee to whom was referred the complaint of Thos Manuel Esq'r of the enclosing of "Mint Spring" by A K Phillips Esq'r respectfully reports that they find that in June 1854 a number of the Citizens of the Town to wit: John S Caldwell, Peter Goolrick, Jas W Ford, C M Brown, Thos Manuel, E McDowell, Jno E Foster & Geo F Chew, purchased of John Howison a tract of land containing over one hundred acres embraced with the limits of the plat afterwards made by Wm Sneed, Civil Engineer a copy of which is herewith returned, on which is situated said Mint Spring, afterwards to wit: in 1856 said parties Caldwell &c had a part of their said purchase laid off in lots and streets by said Sneed and sold said lots to various parties, [Page 260] Lot 43 which adjoins "Spring Street" out of about the center of the centre of the south eastern part of which said Spring issues, being sold to A P Rowe and conveyed by deed dated July 1856, and lot 44, which lies on the other side of said Spring Street being sold and conveyed to A K Phillips by deed dated July 1856, In July 1857, the same parties conveyed to said A P Rowe & A K Phillips two other lots laid out on the same plat made by Sneed, and in the same deed is the conveyance of "also all the right, title, and interest of the parties of

the first part (said Caldwell & others) to surplus & waste water of the Mint Spring that issues from the land that was purchased by the said parties of the first part from John Howison”

All the deeds describing the boundaries of the lots conveyed by these parties describe them by referring to the Map made by said Sneed

Said map is of record in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg

Buildings have been erected upon several of the lots so sold by said Caldwell & others, but none so far as your committee know have ever been erected upon either lot 43 or 44;

Your Committee are informed that when these lots were sold it was with the understanding that the said Streets as laid off by said Sneed were to be for common benefit as was also the said Spring,

By Act of Assembly passed 28th March 1851 the Corporate Limits of the Town were extended so as to embrace the land of nearly all the lots and all of the Streets so laid off by Sneed and there is contained in said Act this clause or proviso: “Provided however that nothing herein contained shall be [Page 261] construed to prevent the owners of land within the Corporate limits of said Town from opening such streets as they may deem proper upon their own lands.”

Your Committee further find that under the direction of the this Council on the Town Colo C M Braxton, then Corporation Surveyor in April 1867 made a Map of the Town laying off the lots and Streets of that part of it, laid off by said Sneed, as per Sneed’s Map, and returned his said Map to said Council, which accepted the same and that names of the Streets so set off in said plat of Sneed have been used as streets and some of them worked by the Corporation. But as yet there has been no distinct use of said Spring Street, as the whole ground round above it was all unenclosed

Your Committee further state that they find upon inspection of said Spring and the ground about that it is now enclosed by a fence running entirely across said Spring St, where it comes into Frederick Street and on the side next the F & G R Rd, and is as it were thrown into the lots on either side of it which once enclosed by a fence some five feet high on all sides

Your Committee have concluded from their investigation that said Spring Street as well as the other Streets laid out in Said Sneed Map and transferred to Colo Braxton’s Map are Streets belonging to the Corporation and that the said laid Mint Spring was also intended for the public use and devised to the Town and they respectfully recommend that for the purpose of preventing further misunderstanding and difficulty said street be expressly declared to be the streets of the Town, and that proper proceedings [Page 262] be taken for procuring the removal of the fence which has been placed across said Spring Street

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed Benj’n Bowering

L O Magrath

J G Mason

On Motion Mr McCracken, the report of the Committee was adopted

Mr Mason submitted the following which was adopted

Resolved that for the purpose of removing all doubts and misunderstanding as to the Streets laid off in the plot or Map made by Wm Sneed, Civil Engineer in June 1856, of record in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, the Council doth declare that the Streets laid off as per said plat on Map have been and are regarded and held as Streets of the Town.

Resolved 2nd That the Mayor be instructed to notify A K Phillips Esq’r that he must forthwith remove the fence placed by him across both ends of “Spring Street”

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Jas W Sener, Esq’r, Recorder and member of the Council

On Motion, Mr Little, the resignation of Mr Sener was accepted

On Motion, Mr Magrath; Resolved that the Council now proceed to the election of a Recorder to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Sener.

Mr Hugh S Doggett was nominated, balloted and unanimously elected Recorder in place of Mr Sener resigned. [Page 263]

The Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr Doggett and he took his seat as Recorder at the Board On Motion Mr Conway; Resolved that the Council do now adjourn subject to the call of the Mayor

Rob't B Berrey, 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 Feb'y 5th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Wallace, P McCracken, J H Meyer, B Bowering, W A Little, W P Conway, J G Mason, C E Hunter, L O Magrath

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of electing a councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Sener

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Councilman in place of Mr Sener resigned, when Mr John G Hurkamp was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected a member of the Council for the unexpired term of Mr Jos W Sener resigned

The Mayor requested Mess'rs McCracken & Magrath to wait on Mr Hurkamp and inform him of his election and to request his presence at the Council Chambers

The Committee returned with Mr Hurkamp, the Mayor administered the oath of office to Mr John G Hurkamp, Councilman elect and he took his seat at the table

Present: John G Hurkamp

On Motion: The rule passed restricting the action of the Council to the business for which it was called was suspended for the present meeting

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The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr S J Quinn, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools

Mr Quinn being present, on Motion was heard stating his reasons for his resignation

On Motion Mr Hurkamp,

Resolved that the matter of the resignation of S J Quinn as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools be referred to a Committee of three of the Council to examine into the same and report at the next regular meeting and that Mr Quinn be requested to continue in office for the present.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Hurkamp, Little & Doggett as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

Rob't B Berrey, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday February 24th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor
W P Conway, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, P McCracken, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, L O Magrath
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
Present: H S Doggett, Recorder, J G Mason

Mr Hurkamp from the Committee to whom was referred the matter of the resignation of S J Quinn as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools reported verbally that in the opinion of the Committee Mr Quinn could not act as a Trustee while holding an Office under the United States Government.

The Mayor read a Communication signed by the teachers of the Public Schools expressing regret at the resignation of Mr Quinn and requesting that no action be taken upon the same for the present

On Motion of Mr Conway, the report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged
Present: C E Hunter

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Trustee of Public Schools to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Quinn, When Rev'd J P Smith and Mr A B Bowering were nominated and the vote taken by Ballot and the ballots counted resulted as follows:

For Rev'd J P Smith 3

For Mr A B Bowering 7

So, Mr Bowering having received [Page 267] the majority of the votes cast was declared elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the unexpired term of S J Quinn resigned

Mr Conway presented for the examination of the Council, a plot and certificate of Survey of a parcel of land, sold for taxes by the late L J Huffman, Collector of Taxes, belonging to the late George Aler and purchased by John T Knight who now desired that the usual order be entered upon the minutes of the Council in accordance with the Ordinance of the Corporation

Mr W H Fitzhugh, being present, was on Motion heard in behalf of Mr Knight in reference to the matter presented by Mr Conway

On Motion of Mr Doggett

Resolved: that action upon the application of Mr Knight be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council.

On account of J A Taylor, amt'g to \$6.00 was presented and on Motion referred to the Finance Committee Mr McCracken submitted the following preamble and Resolution which were unanimously adopted
Whereas a committee from Congress will visit our City about the 7th of March next to report upon the unfinished monument to Mary the Mother of Washington

Be it resolved that the Mayor appoint a Committee of three on the part of the Council with the Mayor added and three of our citizens to make all the necessary arrangements to entertaining the Congressional Committee with any friends or reporters of the press that may accompany said Committee

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Resolved that the Treasurer of the Corporation be directed to pay on the order of the said Committee so appointed by the Mayor the amount expended in entertaining the said Committee and friends while the guests of this City

Mr Hurkamp presented the following which was adopted

Whereas we are informed that the Fred'g Gas Company, which it is very important to the well being of the Community and the proper lighting of our Churches and Public Buildings should be sustained, will

probably be compelled to suspend its operations because of the insufficient support afforded it by the citizens and Whereas the use of Gas in lighting the Streets of the Town even to a limited extent, if contracted for by the Council may enable the said Gas Co to maintain itself and continue its operations; Therefore Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the Gas Co and ascertain on what terms and to what extent it will contract with the Council for lighting the Streets of the Town with gas

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W A Little, C E Hunter, J H Myer as the Committee

An account of L B Rose & B S Herndon amt'g to \$10.00 was read and ordered to be paid

The Council then adjourned

Robert B Berrey, 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 March 24th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, J H Myer, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Present: J G Mason

Mr Doggett Chairman of the Pump Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens on the upper end of Town for the location of a pump in the vicinity of Princess Ann and Canal Streets, reported that the Committee deemed it essential for the convenience of the citizens of that part of the town that a pump should be located as desired and recommended that the prayer of the petitioners be granted

On Motion Mr Conway,

Resolved that the Pump Committee be authorized to erect a pump at the upper end of Princess Anne St in such location as they may deem advisable.

Mr Little from this Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Gas Co upon the subject of Lighting the Streets was gas, stated that the Committee were not yet prepared to report as the Committee were informed that the Gas Co would probably soon have a new organization and they deemed it best to confer with the parties who would then have charge.

A Communication from S J Quinn late Comm'r of Revenue was read stating that Mr McDonnell was charged with the tax on a Dog, which he thought should be refunded as the Dog died on January last.

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On Motion Mr Conway, Ordered that Mr McDonnell be relieved of the tax on his dog and if the tax has been paid, the Collector of taxes is directed to refund to Mr McDonnell the amount paid

On Motion Mr Conway

Ordered that the license tax on Drays, Carts and Wagons for the Year ending 1st day of April 1875 be fixed as follows:

On Drays and Carts Five 50/100 dollars

On Wagons Eleven dollars

The Application of J T Knight for examination and record of plot and Certificate of Survey of a Lot purchased for taxes was called up.

Present: L O Magrath

On Motion Mr W H Fitzhugh was permitted to be heard on behalf of Mr Knight

On Motion Mr Conway

Resolved: that the application of J T Knight for the examination and record of Plot and Certificate of Survey of Lot purchased at tax Sales on 8th February 1872 be, for reasons appearing to the Council refused.

The Mayor having reported in writing that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the past quarter,

On Motion, The Treasurer is directed to pay the salaries of the police officers for the quarter ending 31st day of March

The Council then adjourned

Rob't B Berrey, 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 April 28th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Wallace, P McCracken, W A Little, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Doct Wallace submitted the following resolution which was seconded

Resolved that the Committee appointed under resolution of the Council, Feb'y 24, 1874 for the purpose of making preparation for the entertainment of the Committee of the Congress of the United States be respectfully requested to settle all expenses incurred by them for the purpose and that the Committee be discharged from further action in this matter

Mr McCracken moved, as a substitute that the Committee have until the next Meeting of the Council to make their reports which being seconded and the vote take by Ayes and Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Hunter, Myer 3

Noes Mess'rs Little Bowering, Wallace, Doggett 4

The vote was then taken by Ayes and Noes upon the resolution of Dr Wallace and it was adopted

Ayes: Mess'rs Little, Bowering, Wallace, Doggett 4

Noes: Mess'rs McCracken, Hunter, Myer 3

The Council then adjourned

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday May 20th 1874

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, J G Wallace, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, R H Coakley, L O Magrath

The Recorder stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Directors of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Company as they desired to submit for the consideration of the Council a matter of importance connected with the Road

Present: J E Mason

Mr Little presented and read a paper placed in his hands by the Board of Directors of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Company which is embodied in the following resolution offered by him and duly seconded

Resolved that we hereby agree to transfer the Stock of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Co to such parties as may contract with the Directors of said Company for its completion, and actually complete the same according to the terms and conditions of the proposition now submitted to the Council by the Board of Directors and which is in the following words to wit:

The undersigned Stockholders of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville Rail Road Company do hereby agree and bind themselves to assign transfer and surrender at the price of one cent per share the respective shares of the Capital Stock of said Company owned and held by us severally unto such person or persons as shall under and by virtue of a contract [Page 273] made with the Board of Directors of said Company actually construct and complete said Rail Road to Orange Court House and Gordonsville

This Agreement is to be held and kept by said Board of Directors, and not rights or privileges under it shall accrue or become effectual until said completion is actually performed, and we authorize constitute and appoint the said Board of Directors our attorneys in fact to transfer and assign our said shares of Stock unto the parties who shall so contract for and complete the construction of said Road when the completion of said Road actually occurs”

And we hereby authorize and instruct the Mayor to execute said paper on the part of the Corporation and deliver the same to said Board of Directors

Dr Wallace moved to amend the resolution of Mr Little by inserting after the word same (in the 6th line) the words “by the 1st day of October 1876” Which motion was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess’rs Wallace, Mason, Coakley 3

Noes Mess’rs Little, Bowering, Myer, Magrath, Doggett 5

The vote was then taken upon the Resolution of Mr Little and it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Little, Bowering, Mason, Coakley, Myer, Magrath 6

Noes Mess’r Dr Wallace

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 on Tuesday May 26th 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

R H Coakley, J G Wallace, Benj’n Bowering, P McCracken, J H Myer, L O Magrath, C E Hunter

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present J E Mason

Mr Bowering moved that the vote by which the resolution of Mr Little at the last meeting of the Council in reference to the Fred’g & Gordonsville Rail Road was adopted be reconsidered which motion was seconded and the vote taken by ayes and noes and it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess’rs McCracken, Myer, Hunter, Mason, Wallace, Bowering 6

Noes Mess’rs Magrath, Coakley 2

The Council then adjourned

Rob’t B Berrey, 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 June 22^d 1874

Present R B Berrey Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Benj’n Bowering, P McCracken, C E Hunter, W A Little, W P Conway, J H Myer

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at the instance of three members of the Body Viz
Mess'rs Magrath, Doggett and Little

Present: R H Coakley, L O Magrath, J E Mason

Mr Little stated that the object of the present meeting was to take into consideration the action of Council in reference to at its last meeting in reference to the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road, and urged that the paper presented to the Council on 20th Inst by the Board of Directors be adopted

Mr Conway submitted the following which was seconded

Resolved that we hereby agree to transfer the Stock of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road Co to such parties as may contract with the Directors of said Company for its completion and actually complete the same according to the terms and conditions of the proposition now submitted to the Council by the Board of Directors, and which is [Page 276] in the following words to wit:

“The undersigned Stockholders of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville Rail Road Company do hereby agree and bind themselves to assign, transfer, and surrender at the price of one cent per share the respective shares of the Capital Stock of said Company owned and held by us severally unto such person or persons as shall under and by virtue of a contract made with the Board of Directors of said Company actually construct and complete said Rail Road to Orange C H and Gordonsville
This agreement is to be held and kept by said Board of Directors, and no rights or privileges under it shall accrue or become effectual until said completion is actually performed, and we authorize, constitute and appoint the said Board of Directors our attorneys in fact to transfer and assign our said shares of stock unto the parties who shall so contract for and complete the construction of said road, when the completion of said Road actually occurs.”

Mr Mason moved as an amendment “Provided that the said Directors shall make no contract for the completion of said Road to Orange C H for a longer period than one year from this date, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Myer, Coakley, Hunter, Mason 5

Noes Mess'rs Magrath, Doggett, Bowering, Little, Conway and the Mayor, R B Berrey 6

The question recurring upon the resolution [Page 277] of Mr Conway and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Magrath, Myer, Doggett, Bowering, Little, Conway 6

Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Coakley, Hunter, Mason 4

On Motion Mr Conway

Resolved that the sum of six dollars each be allowed the Judges & Clerks of election for their services at the election held on 28th May last

Mr Mason presented the application of James Taylor for remission of taxes erroneously assessed for the years 1872 & 1873, which on Motion was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report

The Council then adjourned

Rob't B Berrey, 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 June 23rd 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, R H Coakley, P McCracken, L O Magrath, C E Hunter, W P Conway, J G Mason

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An account of J & G Timberlake for summoning Inquest upon the body of an infant child and burying the same amt'g to \$3.75 was presented and ordered to be paid.

The following communication from S J Quinn, late Commissioner of the Revenue was presented and read by Mr Conway

To W P Conway, Esq'r, Chrmn of Finance Committee

The following parties make application to the Council for relief from the Dog Tax assessed against them Mr Richard Bozel assessed with two males & female. The Dogs belonged to Mr Bozel and were taken to Washington about the time of assessment and left. This last fact I know to be true.

Walker Howard and John Turner, colored assessed with one each, did not own a dog at the time they were assessed, This is concurred in by their families who I have seen.

W S Perrey was assessed with a female dog which he killed two days after the assessment, but failed to report the fact [Page 279] and paid the taxes, witness having seen her killed informing Me of the fact and he being embarrassed by death in his family I refunded him the money believing the council would relieve him of the tax.

I believe that this statement made by each party are correct and would have reported some of the cases to the Council before this, but have been waiting to make this last and final application.

Signed, S J Quinn

Late Com'r Revenue

On Motion, Mr Conway

Ordered that the parties named in the communication of Mr Quinn be relieved from the tax assessed against them on Dogs and that the amount paid by Mr Quinn be refunded to him.

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved, that when the Council adjourns it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next 30th Inst

The Council then adjourned until 30th inst

R B Berrey, Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday June 23^d 1874

Present R B Berrey, Mayor

H J Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, J G Wallace, C E Hunter, J H Myer, L O Magrath, P McCracken

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway presented the report of a Settlement of the account of James McGuire, collector of taxes, shew'g a balance of unsettled taxes of \$2513.51 also the report of a settlement of the account of R W Adams Treasurer shew'g a balance due to the Treasurer of \$240.50

Present: J G Mason

Mr Conway presented and read the Report of Commissioner R S Chew to whom was referred the settlement of the account of the Corporation against the late Collector of taxes L J Huffman, dec'd. The Commissioner setting forth the deficiencies of an actual settlement of the account and recommending as satisfactory to all the creditors of Mr Huffman's estate a compromise of the matter.

On Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved that the recommendation of the Com'r Colo R S Chew, contained in his Report be accepted.
The vote upon the resolution was taken by Ayes and Noes, every member voting the affirmative
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Mr Bowering Chrmn of the Street Committee shewing the amount expended by the Committee for repairs of Street for the year \$617.72

On Motion the Report of the Committee was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Doggett, Chrmn of the Committee on Pumps reported \$431 had been expended by the Committee upon Pumps during the Year

Mr McCracken Chrmn of the Committee on Public Property reported the amount expended by the Committee for the year to be \$[blank]

Dr Wallace requested that the Mayor vacate his seat and that the Recorder take the Chair

Mr H J Doggett Recorder in the Chair

The following resolution were offered by Dr Wallace and unanimously adopted

Resolved that the thanks of this Council are eminently due and are hereby presented to Hon R B Berrey, the retiring for the courtesy, ability, and impartiality with which he had presided over the deliberations of this body

2nd That the Clerk be requested to enter these resolutions on the minutes of the Council

Dr Wallace requested the Recorder to inform the Mayor of the passage of the resolutions which was done

The Mayor responded to the resolutions in some appropriate and resumed the Chair

Mayor Berrey in the Chair

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On Motion Ordered that the police officers be paid their salaries for the quarter ending this day

The Council then On Motion adjourned Sine Die

Rob't B Berrey, Mayor

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Report of Finance Committee of Settlement of account of James McGuire, Collector of taxes

	To Amt of Land Tax	17689.86	
	To Amt of Personal Tax	9404.19	
	To Amt of License Tax	2457.26	
	To Amt of Liquour License tax July 73 & July 74	241.74	
	To Amt of Dog Tax	265.00	
	To Amt of Hay Scales 1873	41.00	
	To Amt of Market Stalls 1873	75.00	
	Dray & Waggon Licenses 1874	99.00	
	5% addn on \$3155.57 after Novm'r 15 1873 & Int	209.40	
	1873	30482.34	
Sept 22	By Cash & Coupons paid Treasurer	20482.80	
	10% Dues on \$23342.22	2334.22	
	Commission on \$21.008 2½%	525.20	7140.52
Oct 15	By Cash & Coupons paid Treasurer	622.57	
	5% Dues on \$672.13	33.60	
	Comm'n on \$638.53 @ 2½%	15.96	672.25
			6467.97
Novem'r	By Cash & Coupons paid Treasurer	354.20	
	3% dues on \$374.51	11.23	

	Comm'n on \$363.28 @ 2½%	9.08	374.51
			6093.48
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June 25	By Cash & Coupons paid Treasurer	3196.72	
	Commission on \$3364.97 5%	168.25	3364.97
			2728.51
	By Cash paid Treasurer for Rent of Hay Scales and Market Scales including Com'n of 5%		215.00
	Balance to be accounted for		\$2513.51

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Report of Finance Committee of Settlement of account with R W Adams, Treasurer

1873	Balances June 30 1873		510.20
September 22	To Cash & Coupons from J McGuire Collector		20,482.80
Oct 15	To Cash & Coupons from J McGuire Collector		622.57
Novem'r 15	To Cash & Coupons from J McGuire Collector		354.20
1874 June 25	To Cash & Coupons from J McGuire Collector		3,196.72
	for Rent of Hay Scales &c less his Com'n		204.25
	To Cash & Coupons from R C Layton taxes 1870, 71, 72		67.06
	To Cash & Coupons fr Fred'g Water Power Co taxes 1870, 71, 72		185.28
	To Cash rec'd for Samples Mechants, Licenses, Exhibitions, Fines &c		462.80
			26,085.88
	To Balance due Treasurer		240.50
			\$26,326.38

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	To Balance due Treasurer		240.50
			\$26,326.38
	By Corpo Bonds \$3500 bought & destroyed by Committee		1505.00
	Interest paid in Coupons & Certificates		12335.31
	To Discount on \$4748.46 Interest Coupons commted		1899.38
	To amt pd School Trustees		3200.00
	To Cash pd Salaries & other expenses as pr vouchers	7386.69	\$26,326.38
June 30	By balance due R W Adams Treas'r		\$240.50

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg at the election held in accordance with law on Thrusday May 28th 1874. Met pursuant to call of L B Rose Esq'r Mayor elect, at the Council Chamber on Wednesday July 1st 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

The following Councilmen elect having qualified according to law appeared and took their seats at the board viz

W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, J G Wallace, J H Myer, L O Magrath, H C Thorburn, Josiah Hazard, James S Knox, P McCracken

The Council was called to order by the Mayor

The first business in order was the election of Clerk of the Council

The Salary of Clerk of Council was on Motion fixed at Seventy five dollars per annum

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

Present R H Coakley, Councilman elect

The next business in order being the election of Recorder, Mr J H Myer was nominated by Mr McCracken, Mr M respectfully declined the nomination and nominated Mr P McCracken, Mess'rs W P Conway & J S Knox were also put in nomination

The Council then proceeded to the election by ballot, and on the 1st ballot the vote stood as follows

For	P McCracken	5
	W P Conway	3
	J S Knox	1
	J H Myer	1

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On the 2nd ballot,

Mr McCracken	5 votes
Mr Knox	4
Mr Myer	1

On the 3^d ballot the vote stood as follows

Mr McCracken	3
Mr Knox	6
Mr Myer	1

So Mr J S Knox having received a Majority of the votes cast he was declared elected Recorder for the ensuing year

Mr J S Knox, Recorder in the Chair the Mayor Retiring

On Motion the Salary of Mayor was fixed at Four Hundred dollars per annum

L B Rose, Mayor in the Chair

The Recorder vacating

Mr Conway moved that the election of the Collector of taxes be postponed until the next regular Meeting of the Council which Motion being seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was carried by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Wallace, Knox, Hazard, Magrath, Thorburn, McCracken, Myer	9
Noes	Mess'r Mr Coakley	1

The Salary of Treasurer was fixed at Three hundred dollars per annum

The Salary of Commissioner of the Revenue was fixed at Two Hundred and fifty dollars per annum

The Compensation to Collector of taxes &s was fixed as follows

On all taxes received up to 15th November 1874 2½% and upon all taxes received after 15th November 5% [Page 288]

James G Read was nominated, balloted for and elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year

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

Mess'rs Roy Jones and John Toombs were placed in nomination for the office of Clerk of the Market, and balloted for and the ballots being counted the vote stood as follows

For	Roy Jones	6
	John Toombs	4

So Mr Roy Jones having received a Majority of the votes cast he was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

Mess'rs E E Rollins, Morris Montgomery and A W Jennings were nominated for the office of weigher and measurer of coal, grains &c and balloted for and on the second ballot the vote stood thereof

For E E Rollins 7
M Montgomery 3

So Mr Rollins having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected "weigher and Measurer of coal, Grains &c" for the ensuing year

Mr R W Hart was nominated, balloted for and elected Measurer and inspector of Wood & Lumber for the ensuing year

Dr Wallace moved that the number of Police Officers be fixed at two which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace, Myer, Magrath, McCracken 4
Noes Conway, Coakley, Bowering, Knox, Hazard, Thorburn 6

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Mr Conway moved that the number of Police officers be fixed at three which Motion was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Coakley, Bowering, Knox, Hazard, Thorburn 6
Noes Mess'rs Wallace, Myer, Magrath, McCracken 4

Mr Conway moved that the Salaries of the Police officers be fixed at \$300 pr annum each which was seconded

Dr Wallace moved to amend by Striking out \$300 and inserting \$250, which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, this amendment of Dr Wallace fixing the salaries of police officers at \$250 pr each was adopted as follows,

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace, Knox, Hazard, Thorburn, Myer, Magrath, McCracken 7
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Coakley, Bowering 3

Mess'rs E Rowlett, James E Stone, J S G Timberlake, James A Taylor, C W Edrington, J L Sibley & C A Gore were nominated and balloted for and on the first Ballot Mess'rs James E Stone and C A Gore having received a majority of the votes cast were declared elected Police Officers for the ensuing year and on the fourth ballot Mr C W Edrington having received a Majority of the Votes cast, he was also declared elected a police officers for the ensuing year

Mr Coakley asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent R H Coakley

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The salary of overseer of the Poor was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum

Mr Edwin Carter was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected overseer of the poor for the ensuing year.

Mr Conway gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting of the Council offer the following amendment to Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the General Ordinance of the Corporation

After the word "Year in the fourth line insert "or at such other time as the Council may determine" and at the close of the section add the words "or according to law"

On Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved that the Mayor with the Clerk of the Council be requested to take into consideration the General Ordinance of the Town and arrange in form the amendments made thereto from time to time to this date and also to suggest to the Council such other amendments as in their judgment they may deem proper to be made to said ordinance that

The Mayor state owing to the absence of Mr J G Hurkamp a councilman elect and of his failure in consequence to qualify according to law, a vacancy existed in the board of Councilmen, and suggested that the Council proceed to fill the vacancy

Dr Wallace submitted the following which was adopted

Whereas a vacancy exists at this board by the failure of Mr John G Hurkamp to qualify within the [Page 291] time prescribed by Law

Resolved that the Council now proceed to fill the vacancy in this body, caused by the failure of Mr Hurkamp to qualify according to law

The Council the proceeded to fill the vacancy and Mr John G Hurkamp was nominated and unanimously elected a member of the Council for the remainder of the present term

The Mayor announced the following standing Committees

On Finance Mess'rs W P Conway, W A Little, J G Wallace

On Streets Mess'rs J S Knox, H C Thorburn, L O Magrath

On Public Property Mess'rs Benj'n Bowering, P McCracken, J H Myer

On Pumps Mess'rs J G Hurkamp, R H Coakley, Jos Hazard

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 July 28th 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J G Wallace, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, W P Conway, P McCracken, L O Magrath, H C Thorburn, Josiah Hazard

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

It appearing to the Council that in the election of Clerk of Market at the last meeting a mistake occurred in the count of the ballots cast for the two candidates, on Motion of Dr Wallace

It was Resolved that all the proceedings at the last Meeting of the Council relating to the Clerk of the Market, except so much as refers to the fixing the salary thereof be stricken from the Minutes

On Motion of Mr Conway

Section 2 of Chapter 1 of the Gen'l Ordinances was amended, by inserting after the word Council, at the close of the section, this words "except that the Collector of Taxes may be elected in the Month of July or August"

On Motion of Mr Conway, the election of Taxes was postponed for the present

The Council then proceeded to the election of Clerk of the Market Roy Jones [Page 293]

And John Toombs having been nominated and balloted for and the ballots counted the result was as follows

For Roy Jones 5

For John Toombs 4

Mr Roy Jones having received a Majority of the votes cast was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

The following accounts presented by Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finance Committee were passed and ordered to be paid

J J Berrey & Co amt'g to \$8.19

Wm C Carter amt'g to 1.25
J W Adams amt'g to 2.11

Mr Conway submitted a verbal report of the settlement of the account of the collector of taxes, setting forth that out of the whole levy for the year of 1873 there remained only about \$1070 of uncollected taxes and of that more than half of the amount was upon Real Estate and could be collected
The Council then proceeded to the election of collectors of taxes, when Mr James McGuire was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected collector of taxes for the ensuing year

The Mayor presented the petition of F W Leacock praying to be relieved of the fines of \$6.00 imposed upon him for running his Dray without license

The Mayor made a statement in reference to this matter and said that a similar fines had been imposed upon Jourdan Minor

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On Motion Mr McCracken, the fines imposed upon F W Leacock and Jourdan Minor for Hauling on the streets without licenses were remitted

Mr John Howison Supt of Public Schools being present was on Motion of Mr Conway requested to address the Council upon the subject of the public Schools of the Town

Mr Howison reported the schools of the town in good condition and that the Trustees were labouring to place them in a much more improved states the present year and hoped that the Council would encourage them in their efforts by providing the necessary monies for the purpose He stated that the Trustees would require an appropriation of three thousand dollars for the Scholastic year

On Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved that the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg appropriate such sums of money monthly for the support of the Public Schools of the Town as may be needed provided this whole amount does not exceed \$3000 for the year commencing September 1st 1874 and ending August 31st 1875

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 August 25th 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, L O Magrath, H C Thorburn, Jos Hazard, W P Conway

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented a petition signed by the Barbers of the Town asking for the passage of an ordinance requiring the Barbers to close their shops on the Sabbath day

Mr Conway submitted the following ordinance which was adopted by a vote of 4 to 3

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg that hereafter it shall not be lawful for any Barber to open his shop or ply his business on the Sabbath day, Anyone violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of ten dollars to be collected as other fines are now made by law; all ordinances in conflict with this are hereby repealed

A Communication signed by W R Mason & R S Chew, asking the Council to have their names erased from a Bond of E H Taliaferro for Rent of Hay Scales was presented by the mayor; the council decided that they had no authority to act in the matter

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On Motion of Mr Conway

The Public Property Committee was requested to provide suitable accommodations in the Council Chamber for the Reporters of the Press

On Motion Mr Conway

Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourns until Friday evening next at 8 O'clock

The Council then adjourned until Friday evening next 28th inst

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 on Friday, August 28th 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J G Wallace, L O Magrath, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, H C Thorburn

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented to the Council the official Bond of James McGuire in Collector of Tax in the Penalty of \$10,000 with John G Hurkamp and Chs A Jones as sureties which was accepted and approved, and the Mayor was required to deposit the same in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1874, which on motion Mr Knox was adopted

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that there shall be assessed, levied, and collected as taxes for the year 1874 upon all persons, property, and other subjects of taxation as follows, Viz:

1. On every Male person over 21 years of Age .50
2. On all Real and Personal Property including solvent Bonds, Capital Investments in business
Out of, or in [Page 298] the State, the Stocks of the National Bank of Fredericksburg,
Income over \$600 and the Annual value of Toll Bridges \$1.50
3. On all Male Dogs \$1.00
4. On all Female Dogs \$2.00
5. On the Capital Stock of the Fredericksburg Aqueduct Company on every \$100 thereof .50
6. On all Bankers and Brokers \$200.00
7. On all Private Bankers \$100.00
8. On all Stock Brokers \$100.00
9. On all Wholesale Liquor Dealers \$200.00
10. On all Ordinary Keepers \$50.00
11. On all Commission Merchants \$60.00
12. On all Junk Dealers \$40.00
13. On all Merchants, including Merchant tailors, Dealers in Ice, Coal, Lumber & Wood \$18.00
14. On all Retail Liquor Merchants \$80.00
15. On all Auctioneers \$50.00
16. On all Physicians \$15.00

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| 17. On all Lawyers | \$15.00 |
| 18. On all Daguerrean Artists | \$15.00 |
| 19. On all Wagon yards | \$10.00 |
| 20. On all Livery Stables | \$20.00 |
| 21. On all persons selling Horses, Mules &c | \$20.00 |
| 22. On all Commissioners for subsistence or for Junk Dealers | \$15.00 |
| 23. On all Boarding Houses | \$10.00 |
| 24. On all Eating Houses | \$20.00 |
| 25. On all Agents for the sale of Singer and other Sewing Merchants | \$20.00 |
| 26. On all Retailers of Tobacco | \$5.00 |
| 27. All Theatricals and other Exhibitions, Circuses & Shows shall pay the Taxes as fixed by Existing ordinances [Page 299] | |
| 28. One third of the foregoing taxes shall be paid in National Currency and two thirds in the past Due Coupons, or Interest or the Bonds of the City of Fredericksburg, or the Tax Payer may At his option commit the said two thirds at the rate of sixty cents to the dollar | |
| 29. A deduction of ten per cent upon all payments made on or before the 15 th of September, of five per Cent on all payments made on or before the 15 th October, and of three per cent on all payments On or before the 15 th of November 1874 | |
| 30. On all taxes remaining unpaid on the 15 th November 1874, five per cent and Interest shall be added to The amount of the bill | |

A Communication from A K Phillips Esq'r was presented and read by the Mayor stating his reasons for not complying with the order of the Council requiring him to remove the fence across the Spring Street. The subject was laid over for the present

The Mayor stated that a contention had arisen as to the making out the land and property books of the Corporation for the present year, whether the duty devolved upon the late or the Commissioner of the Revenue-elect, and he deemed it proper that the matter should be settled by the Council

Mr Magrath offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that Mr A B Bowering [Page 300] the Commissioner of the Revenue be directed to make out the Land and Property books of the Corporation for the present year at once and that the Treasurer furnish him with the necessary books for the purpose

Mr Conway moved the following as a substitute which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes and it was adopted

Resolved; that the subject of the duty of late Commissioner of the Revenue as it relates to preparing the land and property books of the Corporation for the present year, be referred to C W Wallace,

Commonwealth Attorney

Ayes	Mess'rs Conway, Wallace, Knox, & Thorburn	4
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Noes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering & Magrath	3
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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 Saturday August 29th 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, J G Wallace, J G Hurkamp, Jos Hazard, W P Conway, L O Magrath, J H Myer, H C Thorburn

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented and read the decision of C W Wallace Esq'r Attorney for the Commonwealth in reference to the duty of the Commissioners of the Revenue in preparing the Books of the Corporation for the present year

Mr Magrath offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Commissioner of the Revenue, Mr A B Bowering, be directed to make out the Land and property books of the Corporation for the present year at once, and that Mr James Taylor, late Commissioner be requested to turn over to Mr Bowering the books placed in his hands by the Treasurer for the purpose

Mr Conway moved the following as a substitute which was also seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and it was lost

"That the Council adopt the advice of the Commonwealth Attorney [Page 302] and that Mr Taylor be required to turn over to Mr Bowering the books in his hands and that Mr Bowering proceed without delay to complete the same in accordance with the tax bill passed by the Council at its last meeting and that hereafter the Council will apportion the salary between them as may seem equitable and just

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Wallace, Knox 3

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Hazard, Thorburn, Myer, Magrath 6

The question recurring upon Mr Magrath's resolution and the votes taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted unanimously

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 Tuesday September 1st 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, Jos Hazard, W P Conway, H G Thorburn, L O Magrath

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called at the instance of members of the board for the purpose of reconsidering the tax bill passed on 28th August

On Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved that the Council reconsider that portion of the tax bill passed on 28th August 74 relating to the License Tax on Merchants and embraced in Section 13 of said bill

After a full discussion of the subject

Mr Knox moved to re-adopt Section 13 of the tax bill passed on 28th August fixing the License tax upon Merchants at \$18 which was seconded and put to the vote and it was lost by a vote of 4 to 5, the Mayor voting in the Negative

On Motion of Mr Hurkamp, the vote by which Mr Knox's motion was lost was reconsidered

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On Motion of Mr J S Knox

Section 13 of the tax bill passed on 28th August 1874 fixing the License tax on Merchants at Eighteen dollars was readopted

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Dr J G Wallace as a member of the Council, which on Motion of Mr Knox was laid on the table

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 Friday September 11, 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

P McCracken, J G Hurkamp, Benj Bowering, W P Conway, J H Myer, 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 board for the purpose of considering the tax bill and other matters of importance

Mr Hurkamp submitted in writing a proposition from Isaac Pollard agreeing to keep the pumps of the Corporation in repair for the sum of Two hundred dollars

On Motion Mr Bowering, the subject was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council

The Mayor present and read a Communication and signed by a number of citizens engaged in the retail Liquor business asking a modification in the recent License tax bill passed by the Council

Mr Conway submitted the following which was adopted

Resolved that the tax bill fixing on the 15th of September, 15th October and [Page 306] 15th of November 1874 as the days for the payment of Corporation taxes be so changed as to fix on the 1st of October, 1st day of November and 1st day of December 1874

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday September 22^d 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

W P Conway, P McCracken, H C Thorburn, L O Magrath, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, Josiah Hazard, J H Myer

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion, Mr Conway; Resolved that the resignation of Dr J G Wallace as a member of this body be accepted and that the Council now proceed to fill the vacancy

Mess'rs George B Scott, H S Doggett and J A English were put in nomination, and balloted for and the ballots being counted, resulted as follows,

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For Geo B Scott 6

J A English 2

H S Doggett 1

Mr George B Scott having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected a member of the Common Council in place of Dr J G Wallace, resigned

A Petition signed by a number of Citizen asking that a pump be erected at the Corner of Princess Ann and Wolf Streets was presented and read and on Motion this same was referred to the Pump Committee

A Petition signed by a number of Citizens praying the Council to open Prince Edward Street commencing at the intersection of Prince Edward and Charlotte &c; through what is known as Huffman's Meadow to Frederick Street was presented and on Motion was referred to the Street Committee with the request that they report at a subsequent meeting

An account of James Taylor, late Com'r of the Revenue for services rendered as Commissioner amounting to \$200 was presented and on Motion of Mr Magrath was laid on the table

A petition signed a number of Merchants asking a modification of the Ordinance in relation to the placing of Boxes &c on the sidewalks during business hours was presented and read whereupon Mr Hurkamp gave notice that at the next Meeting he would offer an amendment to the ordinance referred to by the Merchants in their petition

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An application of Mrs Connelly to be relieved of the tax on a dog assessed against her, as she states erroneously was On Motion referred to the Finance Committee

On application of Mrs E A Fitzgerald for the remission of the Tax of \$5200 U S Bonds erroneously assessed was on Motion referred to the Finance Committee

The Mayor reported in writing that the Police officers had discharged their duties faithfully for the present quarter, On Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

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, October 27th 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, P McCracken, Jos Hazard, H G Thorburn, George B Scott
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Hurkamp, Chairman of the Pump Committee reported verbally that a contract had been made with Mr Pollard for keeping the pumps of the Corporation in good order for the sum of one hundred and fifty pr annum, all new work done by the contractor to be an additional charge

Present: J S Knox, Recorder, L O Magrath

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of Mrs Connelly and Mrs Fitzgerald, stated that upon the application of Mrs Fitzgerald the Committee were not prepared to report at the present meeting; upon the application of Mrs C he reported that upon examination he found that Mrs C had been erroneously assessed with the tax on a Dog and that he directed the same to be erased from her tax bill

Present: W A Little

The Mayor stated that Colo Abert, U S Engineer who had charge of the work improving the Navigation of the Rappahannock at Fredericksburg contemplated the building [Page 310] of a Dyke [Dyke] on the South Side of the River between the Rail Road bridge and Wellford Wharf and having obtained in writing the Consent of the owners of the property along the line of the proposed work he desired the consideration or approval of the Council in the premises

Whereupon Mr Conway submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted
Resolved that the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg approve and consent to the Building of a Dyke by the United States Government along the River front on the South side of the Rappahannock River between the points proposed by the Engineer, the owners of the property along said front having consented in writing to this building of the same

Mr J S Knox, Chrmn of the Street Committee to whom was referred the petition of Citizens for the opening of Prince Edward Street to Frederick Street, reported verbally that the Committee had given the subject proper consideration and as the work in their judgment would cost over one thousand dollars exclusive of land damages, they could not favour the prayer of the Petitioners

On Motion, Mr Conway, the verbal report of the Committee (through the Chairman) was received and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject

The Mayor having stated to the council the fact of the shooting and wounding of Serg't C W Edrington by a Negro horse thief while in the discharge of his duty, he suggested that the Council authorize the offering of a suitable reward for the apprehension and delivery of the Negro to [Page 311] proper authorities

Mr Conway submitted the following which was unanimously adopted
Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of one hundred dollars for the apprehension and delivery to the proper authorities the Negro who shot and wounded Sergeant C W Edrington while in the discharge of his duty

An Account of Jos Hazard amt'g to \$52.50 was presented and ordered to be paid

Mr Conway presented and read the receipts of the Treasurer of the delivery to him by A B Bowering, Commissioner of the Revenue the Land and Property Books of the Corpo and also lists of License and dog tax for 1874 which was directed to be filed

Mr Magrath moved that the Treasurer be directed to pay Mr Bowering his salary as Commissioner of the Revenue amt'g to two hundred and fifty dollars, which was seconded and the Yeas and Noes called for Mr Conway asked to be excused from voting and on Motion Mr Conway was excused

The vote then being taken upon Mr Magrath's motion it was adopted by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Scott, Hurkamp, Bowering, Little, Knox, Hazard, Magrath, Thorburn 8
Noes Mess'r McCracken 1

Mr Conway gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would an amendment to Chapter 19 of the General Ordinance of the Corporation

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 Novemb'r 24th 1874

Present L B Rose Mayor

J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, W A Little, W P Conway, Jos Hazard, P McCracken, Benj'n Bowering, H C Thorburn

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion Mr Conway

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to refund to Mrs E A Fitzgerald the tax erroneously assessed and paid by her on \$5200 U S Bonds for the years 1873 & 1874 amounting to \$156 in currency and Coupon of Interest of the Corporation

Mr Conway submitted the following as an amendment to Section 5, Chapter XIX of the General Ordinance of the Corporation

Not Porters, Hackmen, or solicitors baggage or guests shall at the arrival of passenger trains stand upon the pavement in front of the passengers Station; nor shall minors or other persons not having business at the Depot crowd upon said pavement or obstruct in any way the free exit and entrance of passengers from and to the cars,

Any person convicted of violation of this clause shall be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the subject was laid on the table

An account of J E Stone amt'g to \$2.85 was ordered to be paid

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An account of the Ledger's office amt'g to \$2.60 was ordered to be paid

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges and Clerks of at the election held on 3^d Inst for their services, Viz six dollars each and also for carrying the returns to Spotsylvania CH

Mr Hazard called the attention of the Council to the condition of Sophia Street from Rollins Corner towards the wharves and suggested certain improvements for the convenient passage of wagons, carts, carriages &c said street being now more used than any other in the place.

The Matter was on Motion of Mr Conway, referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report at the next Meeting.

The Term of office of Mr J J Young as a Trustee of Public Schools having expired on the 15th inst he was nominated by Mr Conway and unanimously elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg

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, Decemb'r 22^d 1874

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Geo B Scott, W A Little, P McCracken, W P Conway, H C Thorburn, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor reported in writing that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the present quarter on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 31st Inst

Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finance Comm to who was referred the application of James Taylor for refunding the taxes for the years 1872 & 1873 alleged to have been erroneously assessed submitted the following report

The Finance Committee have enquired into the facts of this application and are of the opinion that there was no error in the assessment of the Bond referred to in the within Memorials and that the application to have the tax refunded ought not to be granted.

Signed W P Conway, Chrmn

The report of the Committee on Motion of Mr Conway was laid on the table for the present

On Account of J H Kelley for advertising amounting to \$19.00 was presented and ordered to be paid.

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On application from Magrath & Chesley and also from Pittman & Brown, both asking the Council that they be relived from the payment of the License tax as Ice Merchants was presented and on Motion, referred to the Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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