

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1876

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday January 15th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, J W Sener, J H Myer, Charles Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, J B Ficklen, W P Conway, Jos Hazard, J G Hurkamp, J S Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of Several members to take into consideration matters of interest to the Town; He also laid before the Council a Communication from Thomas Potts, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, asking the Co-operation of the Council in obtaining a Charter for a Rail Road from Richmond to Washington, and suggested that such action be taken as the Council deemed Judicious in reference thereto

On Motion, The rule restricting the Council to the transaction of the business for what [Page 370] was convened was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Ficklen presented the following which was seconded:

Resolved 1st that the Common Council representing the Manufacturing Mechanical and Commercial interests of Fredericksburg do cordially endorse the action of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce in reference to an application to the Legislature of Virginia for the Charter of a Rail Road from Richmond through Fredericksburg to Washington and will cheerfully co-operate in its resolution to that effect or in any lawful measure to emancipate our Community from the injurious restrictive and obstructive policy of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, & Potomac Rail Road Company whereby our Manufacturing industries are crippled and the Natural advantages of our position are seriously impaired.

2nd That our Senator Hon' Charles Herndon and our Delegate Hon A W Wallace be requested to vote in favor of an act for the Construction of a Rail Road from Richmond to Washington via Fredericksburg that shall be built and worked separate and distinct from the present road Viz, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac which now extends to Quantico

Provided that said Rail Road shall have inserted in its Charter that the Charges for both passenger and Freight from all points North and from Fredericksburg to all points North shall not be greater per mile than to Richmond Va, also that said Rail Road shall establish [Page 371] at Fredericksburg a Depot and Freight house for the accommodation of passengers and freight, and provided further that the local rates for passengers and freight to and from Fredericksburg to points on the line of said Road shall not be more than twenty per cent in excess of the through rates from Fredericksburg to Richmond or Alexandria & Washington

Mr Conway; moved to amend by striking out in same "Resolved . . . all that refers to our Senator Herndon & Delegate Wallace voting in favor of an act for this Construction of a Road from Richmond to Washington" which was seconded and this vote upon same by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes: Mr Conway 1

Noes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Hunter, Ficklen, Myer, Wallace 11

The question recurring upon the resolutions offered by Mr Ficklen and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes the resolutions were adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Hunter, Ficklen, Myer, Wallace 11

Noes: Mr Conway 1

On Motion Mr Wallace; the Clerk of the Council was directed to forward our Senator & Delegate at Richmond a copy of the Resolutions without delay

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On Motion the Council adjourned until Monday 17th Inst 7½ O'clock P M
L B Rose, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday January 17th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, W A Little, Chs Wallace, J W Sener, J B Ficklen Jr, Josiah Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, Chs E Hunter

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted; Resolved by the Common Council that a Committee of three of its members be appointed to visit Richmond when the Rail Road bill comes up before the Committee on Roads &c and make there to them a statement of facts in reference to the Richmond, Fredericksburg, & Potomac Rail Road and the discriminatory rates charged by them against us in Comparison with other Rail Roads, and urge them to grant us a Charter for a new Road from Richmond to Washington via Fredericksburg

The Mayor appointed the following members as the Committee; Mess'rs J B Ficklen Jr, H S Doggett & Benj'n Bowering, Mr J B Ficklen Chmn of the Special Comm'e appointed by the Council to take into consideration [Page 373] the subject of funding the debt of the Town submitted the following report:

To the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg

The Special Committee on the subject of the Ante War debt of the respectfully report that an Act has been passed by the Legislature of Virginia authorizing the Mayor and Common Council to issue Bonds to fund and retire the Ante War debt of the Town, a copy of which is returned with the report

Your Committee in Common they believe with all the members of the Council and the whole community being anxious to fund the old debt of the Town, if it can be effected upon reasonable terms obtained from R W Adams Treasurer a detailed Statement of the financial condition of the Town so far as the said Ante-War debt is concerned and what has been done since the War in the extinguishment of the accumulating and accruing interest in said Debt and the lessening of the principal thereof which Statement is also returned with this report

Your Committee also requested two of its members (W A Little & W P Conway) to go to the City of Richmond to confer with some of the Holders of the Bonds of the Town and financial men experienced in such operations to ascertain upon what terms the debt of the Town could be probably funded; The said sub-committee (Little & Conway) have discharged the service imposed upon them and reported to us and through us to you, that they were gratified to be met in a spirit of frankness and liberality on the part of the creditors of the Town and representatives of other of such creditors and from full and free interchange of views the said sub-committee are of opinion that the [374] outstanding Bonds of the Town can be funded in New Bonds payable thirty years after date at the rate of 66 2/3 cents in the dollars; the new Bonds to bear interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum and payable semi annually; the said interest to be receivable for all taxes and other dues to the Town. If this arrangement is effected the principal of the debt will be extinguished to the amount of between \$55 and \$60,000 and the debt due by this Town will be about \$112000; the am't interest on which will be less than \$8000.

Your special committee in approving (as they do) the plan and terms of funding the said debt suggest that the finance Committee be authorized to take such steps as they may deem judicious to carry out this plan for the funding of the said debt on the terms hereby indicated, that said Committee be authorized to have

Registered and Coupon Bonds prepared for such purposes and your Committee further recommend the adoption of all proper ordinances for the prompt payment of the semi-annual interest on the New Bonds to be issued as aforesaid and the inauguration of a sinking fund of one per cent for the extinguishment of the principal of the said Bonds at or before the date of their Maturity

As it is not probable that the entire debt will be funded at once your Committee suggest that the policy hereunto pursued in regard to the Bonds which may not be immediately funded and which has worked such favorable results in the past be continued in the future, your Committee being of the opinion that the time and not be distant when all the Bond Holders will find it to be to their interest to [Page 375] accept the terms which we offer and which we consider liberal

Your Committee are of opinion that the new debt (if this plan is carried out) will be manageable that no material increase of taxation will be necessary to carry it out to the extinguishment of the entire debt and we are satisfied that it will inaugurate an auspicious era in the fortunes of our old Town

Respectfully submitted

Signed J B Ficklen Jr, Chrmn

Jan'y 1876

Mr Sener asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent Mr J W Sener

On motion Mr Hurkamp: the report of the Special Comm'e with the recommendations was adopted

On motion the rules passed August 25 1875 was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Little presented the following ordinance which was unanimously adopted;

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

1st That in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia conferring said authority this Corporation shall issue new Bonds bearing seven per cent interest payable semi-annually, either coupon or Registered, non-taxable by this Corporation said coupons to be receivable at Maturity for all taxes and other dues to said Corporation, said Bonds to be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1000 [Page 376] to be payable thirty years after date;

2nd That said Bonds shall be used for bonding the existing principal of the debt of this Corporation by exchanging such new Bonds for said old existing debt in the proportion of two new Bond of \$100 for three old Bonds of like amount; said Bonds to be dated in 1st of May and 1st of November;

3rd That this Corporation pledges its credits to the payment of this semi-annual interest and coupons to become due on said new Bonds promptly at Maturity either in current funds or by retiring the same in payment of taxes;

4th And also that a Sinking fund of one per cent per annum on said New Bonds issued shall be created to retire said new debt at Maturity and that said Mayor and Council shall cause to be levied annually a tax sufficient to pay said Coupons and Interest of the New Bonds and to provide said one per cent for said Sinking Fund;

5th That the Finance Committee of this Corporation in conjunction with the Treasurer be authorized to carry out the provisions of this ordinance;

6th That the Collector of taxes of this Corporation for each year in the Months of September and October shall receive said Coupons and Interest on the new Bonds which may fall due on 1st November for said taxes and dues to this Corporation;

The Mayor presents a communication from the Mayor of the City of Boston transmitting the action of the city Council of said City with reference to the erection of a [Page 377] monument at Yorktown, Va and

asking co-operation of this Council in a Memorial to the Congress of the United States for this purpose;
Whereupon

Mr Little presented the following preamble & resolutions which were unanimously adopted;
The Mayor having submitted to the Council a communication from the Mayor of Boston, Mass with the action of its City Council and a petition to Congress to execute the resolution of the 29th October 1781 for the erection of a Marble column at Yorktown, Va commemorative of the closing Victory of the Revolution;

Resolved that we cordially concur in the action taken by the City Council of Boston and unite in this petition presented by them to Congress for the creation of said monument; that we grasp with pleasure the hand of reconciliation thus extended and will cordially co-operate in thus inaugurating our Centennial Year with this effort towards peace, good will and Union throughout the Country;

That our Senator and Representative in the Congress of the United States be requested to unite in the effort to secure this legislation necessary to effect this object;

That the Mayor be requested to forward a copy of these proceedings to our members of Congress and to the Mayor and City Council of Boston.

Mr Edwin Carter, overseer of the Poor (on motion of Mr Ficklen) explained to the Council this manner in which he has provided his supplies for the poor and read from his account the names of the persons supplied by him.

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Mr Ficklen submitted the following which was seconded;

Resolved that the overseer of the poor directed to advertise every three months for proposals to furnish the amounts necessary for the poor of this town in meat, fish, meal & wood and security to be required of the party contracting; The wood contracted for to be measured by the Corporation inspector;

Mr Wallace moved that the resolution of Mr Ficklen be laid upon the Table which was also seconded and the vote taken upon the same and it was adopted

The Mayor stated that application had been made to him by the Ladies of the Episcopal Church for the use of the Court House for the purpose of holding a "Martha Washington Tea Party" and suggested that the Council take the necessary action in this premise

On Motion, the Mayor was requested to grant the use of the Court House to the Ladies of the Episcopal Church for the purpose named in the application they paying the expense of lighting and cleaning the Court Room

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 Chambers on Tuesday Jan'y 25th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Chs Wallace, J W Sener, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, W A Little, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor present and read a communication from Logan & Bramford, attorneys of Richmond, Va in reference to the suit of Scott vs the Corporation and stating the terms upon which their clients are disposed to settle the argument[?]

On Motion, Mr Wallace; The Mayor was requested to employ Mr W A Little to represent the Corporation in the suit of Scott vs the Corporation

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr W P Conway as a member of this Council
On motion Mr Hurkamp; the resignation of Mr Conway was laid on the table;
Mr Little submitted the following which was unanimously adopted;
The Mayor having read a communication from W P Conway, Esqr resigning his place as a member of this Council, on Motion said resignation was laid on the table for the present and it was;
Resolved unanimously that this Council has heard said communication with sincere [Page 380] regret that in the present condition of our finances we feel that we cannot dispense with the valuable services of Mr Conway without serious injury to the interests of the Town
That his presence and Counsel we consider invaluable and that his place cannot be filled on our judgment and we respectfully and earnestly urge him to reconsider his action and recall at least for the present this resignation he has tendered to us;

On Motion, Mr Little; The ordinance (for the encouragement of manufacturers) in Fredericksburg) passed March 11th 1872 was amended by striking out after the words “sum of in the 1st section” the word “twenty” and inserting the word “ten” so as to read:
That from and after this date all Capital used and employed in manufacturing enterprises within our Corporation limits in excess of the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be exempt for the period of ten years for the date of its organization and use from all municipal taxation by this Corporation

Mr Wallace Chrmn of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of the revision of the Market Laws submitted a written report which was read.

Mess’rs H S Doggett, Recorder and J W Sener asked and obtained leave to retire
Absent Mess’rs Doggett and Sener
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On Motion, the subject of the Market Laws was postponed for the present

On Motion, the resolution offered by Mr Ficklen at the last Meeting and laid on the table was taken up;
Whereupon Mr Ficklen gave notice that at the next meeting he would offer an amendment to the ordinance concerning the overseer of the poor &c
The Council then on Motion 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 February 22^d 1876
Present W A Little, J H Myers, Chs Wallace, Benj’n Bowering, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr, J S Knox

On Motion Mr W P Conway was called to the Chair
Mr Conway: in the Chair
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway after some remarks withdrew his resignation as a member of this Council

Mr Wallace presented the application of Swift & Cole & Jno A Harris for remission of license tax as Canvassed for the years 1874 & 1875, erroneously assessed
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On Motion Mr Ficklen, the application of Swift & Cole & Jno A Harris were referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report

On Motion the Council adjourned until Tuesday Next 29th Inst, 7½ o'clock P M
W P Conway

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of this Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber for Tuesday Feb'y 29th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W A Little, Charles Wallace, J H Myers, J W Sener, Jos Hazard, W P Conway, P Bowering, J S Knox, J G Hurkamp

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Conway, Chrnm of Finance Com, to whom was referred the applications of Swift & Cole and Jno A Harris for remission of License tax as Canvassed for the years 1874 & 1875

Reported favourably thereon; and On Motion: The Treasurer was directed to refund to Swift & Cole and John A Harris the amounts paid by them for Licenses as Canvassers for the years 1874 & 1875 it appearing that they were taxed contrary to law

Mr Ficklen submitted the following as an amendment to the ordinance concerning [Page 383] the overseer of the Poor which was adopted;

The overseer or overseers of the poor shall advertise as they may deem best for proposals to furnish the Corporation with wood stating the kind and amounts at least twice a year, giving the contract for the same to the lowest responsible bidder.

All the wood to be measured by the Corporation Measurer that is bought for the poor by the overseers;

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

The Committee appointed to revise this Market Laws through their Chairman Mr Wallace submitted a written report, which was read and on Motion, the following section of Chapter 8 of the General Ordinances of the Corporation were so amended as to read Viz

Section 3 If any person shall during Market hours in the Market house or Market lot, buy any kind of meat, poultry, butter or eggs for the purpose of selling again he shall pay a fine of five dollars

Section 4 Any butcher or other person who shall sell or offer for sale in the Corporation any unsound Meat, Fish or Fowl, eggs or other unsound articles, or any Meat which is distempered, shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars and forfeit what is so sold or offered.

Section 16 If a person at Market use obscene, profane or threatening [Page 384] language or commit other nuisance or shall fight, he shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence, and one half of the fine shall go to the informer

The following was submitted by Mr Wallace, Chrnm of the Committee to revise the Market as an amendment to Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance

Section 19 If the owner, or agent of the owner of any meats, fish, butter, eggs, vegetables or other marketing brought into town shall offer the same for sale, or sell any of the said articles upon any of the Streets or elsewhere within the limits of the Corporation during the Market hours of the Town he shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding two dollars for each offence provided that nothing herein shall be construed as to prevent the sales of any Marketing brought into the Market house of this town, subject to existing ordinance regulating the same.

Mr Doggett moved that the Section be laid on the table which was seconded and past to the vote by Ayes & Noes and the motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes: Mess'rs Bowering, Sener, Doggett, Myer, Wallace 5

Noes: Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 6

The question recurring upon adoption or rejection of the amendment and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Messrs Conway , Knox, Little, Hazard, Hurkamp, Ficklen 6

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Noes Messrs Bowering, Sener, Doggett, Myer, Wallace 5

On Motion, Mr Ficklen the vote by Council, Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the the Gen'l Ordinance as amended was adopted was reconsidered

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance was re-enacted as it stands in the published ordinance

Mr Ficklen gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should offer a substitute for Chapter 10 and also amendments to Chapter 4 and 11 of the Gen'l Ordinance of the Corporation

On Motion Mr Ficklen; Resolved that the proxies appointed by the Council in January last to represent the Corporation Stock in the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Rail Road shall hold over to the next meeting of the Stockholders whenever held prior to July 1st 1876

On Motion, the Mayor was requested to confer with the officers of the Richmond, Fred'g & Potomac Rail Road Co as to the drainage of Princess Ann St below the Rail Road.

A Petition signed by a number of Citizens asking that the Market House & lot be closed after Market Hours against all Stock and Wagons was presented and read.

Mr Sener moved that this petition be laid on the table which was seconded and put to a vote and lost

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Mr Sener moved to adjournment which was seconded and put to the vote and the motion was lost

A Petition signed by many Citizens asking the Council to locate or erect a pump at the lower end of town on Main St for the convenience of Citizens in that part of the town was read and on Motion Mr Conway, The petition was referred to the pump Committee for report

Mr Ficklen moved that the Public Prop Committee be requested to ascertain at what cost gates could be placed at the Market Alleys which was seconded and put to the vote and lost

Mr Ficklen moved that the Public Prop Committee be requested to ascertain at what cost scales for weighing coal could be procured and report which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Mr Sener gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should offer a resolution for the repeal of certain sections of the Market Laws

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 March 28th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, J W Sener, C E Hunter, W P Conway, J H Myer, Jos Hazard, Chas Wallace, J S Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Sener: Moved that Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance of the Corpo be repealed which was seconded; Whereupon Mr Wallace offered the following as a substitute:

If any person shall during Market hours in the Market House or lot buy any kind of meat, poultry, butter, or eggs for the purpose of selling again he shall pay a fine of five dollars; which was also seconded

On Motion of Mr Ficklen the substitute offered by Mr Wallace was laid on the table

The question recurring upon the Motion of Mr Sener to repeal Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, the motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Sener, Doggett, Wallace 3

Noes [Mess'rs] Conway, Little, Knox, Hazard, Hunter, Ficklen, Myer 7

Mr Sener moved that: Sections 6, 7 & 14 of Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinances of the Corpo be repealed which was seconded and the vote taken separately upon each Section it was lost

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Mr Sener moved that Section 19 of Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance be repealed, which was seconded;

Whereupon Mr Conway made as a substitute that Section 19 of Chap 8 of the Gen'l Ordinance be re-adopted with the following amendment;

The said 19 section is not intended to apply to sales by merchants of articles brought for sale and sold in their stores in the Town; purchased at any times previous to said day; which was also seconded

Mr Wallace moved that the substitute be laid upon the table which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes and Noes; the Motion was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Sener, Doggett, Hunter, Wallace 4

Noes [Mess'rs] Conway, Little, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen, Myer 6

The question recurring upon the substitute offered by Mr Conway and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Knox, Hazard, Hunter, Myer, Ficklen 7

Noes [Mess'rs] Sener, Doggett, Wallace 3

Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee were please to report that up to the present time a large majority of the bond holders of the Town had signified their intention to accept the proposition of the Council of funding the debt into New Bonds and he was satisfied that in a short time the whole debt would be funded

On Motion Mr Ficklen

Section 1 of Chapter 1 of the Gen'l Ordinances was so amended as to mature the [Page 389] overseer of the poor among the officers of the Corporation

On Motion of Mr Ficklen

Section 3 of Chapter 11 was so amended as that after the word "Fodder" in second, sixth, and lastly lines of said section the word "Shucks" shall be inserted.

The Public Property Com: on Motion of Mr Ficklen was requested to ascertain at what cost gates could be placed at the Market house and report

The Chrmn of the Pump Com” stated that the committee were unable to report upon the application of citizens presented at the last Council, for a pump in the lower end of the Town, at the present meeting

The Mayor presented a petition from the draymen of the Town asking the Council to reduce the License tax on Drays, Carts, & Wagons for the present years commencing 1st April

Mr Doggett moved that the license tax on Dray & Carts for the year commencing 1st April be fixed at Four dollars, payable in National Currency, which was seconded

Mr Sener moved to substitute \$3.50 and \$7.00 as the license tax on Drays & Cart and on Waggons which was also seconded and put to the vote and lost

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Doggett and also votes taken by Ayes [Page 390] & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Conway, Little, Knox, Doggett, Ficklen, Wallace 6

Noes Mess’rs Sener, Hazard, Hunter, Myer 4

The Mayor having reported favourably in writing on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their Salaries for the quarter ending 31st March

The Council then adjourned

L B Ross, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday April 25th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, W P Conway, Benj’n Bowering, J Hazard, C E Hunter, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, Charles Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present J S Knox

Mr Ficklen submitted the following ordinance as a substitute for Chapter 10 of the Gen’l Ordinance of the Corporation which was adopted

1st If the owner or consignee of any anthracite or Bituminous coal brought to this town for sale shall sell or deliver the same without having said coal weighed by the Corporation Weigher allowing 2240 pounds to the ton for same, [Page 391] the said owner or consignee shall forfeit and pay one dollar per ton for every tone of coal so sold or delivered

2nd It shall be the duty of the weigher and Measurer of the Corporation to Measure or have Measured all wheat, corn, oats, and rye, also salt & potatoes, brought to this town in bulk for sale

3rd When called upon the weigher shall weigh any wheat, corn, rye, oats, salt & potatoes according to the Standards fixed by the law of Virginia

4th For his services as weigher and Measurer he shall be entitled to have from the seller of the articles the following fees viz:

For weighing anthracite & Bituminous coal, eight cents per ton; for Measuring all wheat, corn, rye, oats, salt and potatoes twenty cents for every hundred bushels; for weighing (when called upon to do so) ten cents for every hundred bushels of grain salt & potatoes

Mr Sener from the Committee on Pumps reported verbally in favour of the application of citizens for a pump at the lower end of the Town

On Motion Mr Conway; the subject was recommended to the Committee and they are requested to examine further into the matter and report in writing to the next meeting setting forth as near as they can the probable cost of the pump asked for

On Motion, Mr Sener; the subject of this license tax 1876, being levied by the present Council was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report at the [Page 392] next meeting or earlier

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Street Com; reported verbally that the Rail Road Co (R F & P) were willing to aid in the expense of conducting the water from the Rail road down Prussia Street to the River

On Motion, Mr Sener, the subject was referred to the Street Committee for report as to costs of the proposed work

An application of T J Haydon for remission of license tax on Stallion paid by him was presented
On Motion, Mr Wallace, the Treasurer was directed to refund to Mr Haydon the license tax paid by him [f]or Stallion for the year 1876, said tax being erroneously assessed

Mr Hurkamp, from the Park Committee made a verbal report to the effect that work been suspended on the present and that the lot had been rented for the present year for the sum of Twenty 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 on Tuesday May 23d 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Josiah Hazard, Chs Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee to whom (was referred the subject of the power of the present Council to impose the license tax of 1876, reported verbally to the effect that this Council had not the Authority to impose the said Tax

On Motion the report was received and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject

Mr Sener from the Pump Committee submitted a written report in obedience to the resolution passed at the last Council, in referring to the location & cost of a pump at the lower end of Main Street; said report recommending the establishment of a pump in the vicinity named and estimating its cost at about one hundred and fifty dollars

On Motion, Mr Conway, the report was received and laid on the table

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the rule passed August 24, 1875 was suspended for the present meeting

On Motion Mr Wallace; Resolved that the resolution passed October 5, 1875 authorizing the overseer of the poor to provide food and lodgings for strangers unable to pay for same be and the same is hereby repealed

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On Motion of Mr Little,

Section 2nd of the ordinance in regard to funding of the City debt, passed Jan'y 17 1876 was amended by striking out the words "principal of the" in said section so as to read as follows;
That the said Bonds shall be used for funding the existing debt of this Corporation by exchanging said New Bonds for said old existing debt, is the proposition of two New Bond of \$100 for three old Bonds of like amount; said Bonds to be dated on 1st May of May and 1st of November

Mr Ficklen presented a Communication from the Citizens Gas Co proposing to furnish Gas at \$3.00 pr 1000 feet on 1st September next to the Citizens provided 50 additional subscribers can be obtained and the Council will authorize the lighting of 14 additional Street lamps at \$17.50 each
On Motion, Mr Conway, the Communication was referred to the Gas Committee
The Council 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 June 27th 1876
Present L B Rose, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, J Hazard, Chas Wallace, J B Ficklen
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented to the Council a Station[?] of Fines recovered by him during the year and suggested that an examination of the account be made; no action was taken

Present: J S Knox

On Motion Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Commissioners & Clerks of election Six dollars each for their Services in the late Municipal election

On Motion Mr Conway; the rule passed August 24 1875 was suspended for the present meeting
The Finance Committee through their Chairman submitted the following ordinance which was unanimously adopted

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that from and after this date no past due Coupons or Interest Certificates of the unfunded debt of the City shall be received by the Treasurer or any collector for any delinquent taxes or other dues to the City, All ordinances or resolutions [Page 396] of the Council in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed
2nd In the collection of delinquent taxes which were made payable one third in cash and two thirds in coupons or interest certificates in which the tax payer was authorized to commute the said two thirds of said taxes at the rate of sixty cents on the dollar, the Treasurer or collector may receive the said delinquent taxes according to the ordinances assessing the same at the commuter rate of the coupons and interest certificates adding interest &c to the several delinquent tax payers as fined by the said ordinances.

Mr Ficklen presented the account of J M Redman for providing the collation given Mess'r Karn & others of the Royal Land Co; and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report which was seconded; whereupon Mr Sener moved that the Council now adjourn until Friday evening next 30th Inst which was also seconded and put to the vote and carried so the Council stood adjourned until Friday evening next 30th Inst 8 O'clock
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 evening June 30th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, W P Conway, Chs Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, J Hazard

The minutes of the adjourned Meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chairman of the Finance Com'e submitted the following showing the disposition made of the legacy of the late Wm Shakespeare Caldwell to the City

R W Adams Treasurer Dr for Caldwell legacy

1875	June	18	To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	200.00
		19	To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	280.00
		21	To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	320.00
	July	14	To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	850.00
			To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	2040.00
		19	To Cash pd for Fred'g Bonds	42.50
			To Cash pd for Fred'g Coupons	417.10
1875				5000.00
	June	17	By Cash rec'd from the Executors of Wm S Caldwell dec'd	\$5000.00

R W Adams Treasurer presented to us Fredericksburg Bonds \$10900 and Coupons \$720 corresponding with the above account purchased by order of the Council with the money devised by Wm Shakespeare deceased, which said Bonds and Coupons we have destroyed

Signed W P Conway, Chrnm

W A Little

Chs Wallace

June 29, 1876

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Mr Conway also reported that the Committee had examined the account of R W Adams Treasurer and found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers and find a balance due by the Corporation to the Treasurer of Eleven hundred and fifty one dollars 02/100, He also reported that the Coupons charged in this account of the Fred'g amt'g to \$5209.60 the scrip amt'g to [unreadable] and the Bonds amt'g to \$90 had also been counted and destroyed by the Committee

Mr Conway also reported that the Committee had not had a final settlement with R W McGuire collector of tax but reported the amount of uncollected taxes in the hands of the Collector for the year 1874 to be \$1071.19 and also for the year 1875 to be \$4527.79

Mr Ficklen from the Street Committee submitted a written report shewing the amount expended for repairs of Streets for the year ending 30th inst to be \$567.64

Mr Bowering Chrnm of Public Property Comm shew'g am't expended by the Committee for repairs & upon property to be \$379.28, He also reported that the Committee had expended of the appropriation for the Parks the sum of 260.00

Mr Bowering Chrnm of Gas Committee reported that the Committee had expended during the years ending 30th Inst for repairs of lamps & for Gas \$1313.67

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Mr Hazard Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted a written report stating that one new pump had been built during the year and the repairs upon old pumps had be kept up costing \$274.28

The amount expended by the "Chain Gang" Committee was reported by the Mayor to be \$80.18

An account of J W Adams amt'g to \$6.63 was presented and ordered to be paid

The Mayor reported that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully for the past quarter, and on Motion Mr Wallace

The Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending this day

The council then on Motion adjourned Sine die

L B Rose, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg, at the Election held on Thursday May 25th 1876 in accordance with Law (met pursuant to call of Mayor L B Rose in the Council Chamber on Saturday July 1st 1876

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, W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, Jos Hazard, J G Hurkamp, H S Doggett, Charles Wallace, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that the first business was the election of Recorder Mr Myer nominated Mr Hugh S Doggett who was unanimously elected

On Motion Mr Conway

The Salaries & Commission of the various officers of the Corporation were fixed at the same as the Year 1875

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

The following persons were nominated for the officer of Collector of taxes, Rent &c Viz

Jno J Young, F F Forbes, Albert Hooten, P G Swift, S C Kearsley

On the 1st ballot the vote stood as follows

For	J S Young	4
	R G Swift	3
	S C Kearsley	2
	A Hooten	1

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On the 2^d ballot

J J Young received	5 votes
R G Swift received	3 votes
S C Kearsley received	2 votes

On the 3^d ballot the vote stood as follows

For	J J Young	8
	R G Swift	2

Mr J J Young having received a majority of the votes he was declared elected collector of taxes, Rents &c for the year 1876

Mr Roy Jones nominated and unanimously elected of the Market for the ensuing year

Mr J G Read was nominated and elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year

Mess'rs R W Hart and E E Rollins were nominated for the office weigher and Measurer of Coal, Grain &c and the vote taken and ballots counted results as follows

For R W Hart 6
E E Rollins 4

Mr Hart having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected weigher & Measurer of Coal, Grains &c for the ensuing year

Mr R W Hart was nominated and elected measurer of wood & lumber for the ensuing year

Mess'rs C W Edrington, J E Stone and Chs A Gore were nominated and unanimously elected police officers [Page 404] of the Corporation for the ensuing year

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

The mayor announced the following standing Committees

On Finance	W P Conway W A Little Charles Wallace
Pumps	Josiah Hazard H S Doggett J W Sener
Streets	Jas S Knox J B Ficklen Jr C E Hunter
Public Property	Benj'n Bowering J H Myer J G Hurkamp
Gas	Benj'n Bowering J W Sener Jos Hazard

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday July 25th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Jno Sener, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway Charles Wallace, J H Myer, Jos Hazard, J S Knox

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Present Mr J B Ficklen Jr

The submitted to the Council the Official Bond of Jno J Young Collector of taxes in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars with Robt S Chew, Wm H Russell and Wm S Barton as Securities and was approved and the Mayor requested to deposit the same in National Bank for safe keeping

The Mayor suggested to the Council the importance of the employment of a Garbage Cart for the removal of the trash &c that may be thrown into the Street by the Citizens in cleaning their lotts

Mr Sener moved that the Street Committee be directed to employ a garbage cart for the 30 days for the purpose named by the Mayor and report the cost of same to this Council whereupon Mr Conway moved to lay the subject on the table which was also seconded and put to the vote and lost

Mr Conway moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed which was seconded and put to the vote, the Ayes & Noes [Page 406] being called for and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Knox, Myer, Wallace

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Sener, Hazard, Ficklen and the Mayor

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Sener Mr Wallace moved that the subject be postponed until the next meeting which was seconded put to the vote and carried

Mr Knox from the Street Committee reported verbally as to the cost of conducting the water from the Rail Road down Prussia Street to the River and stated that the Rail Road Co were anxious to commence operations

On Motion Mr Sener; Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to confer with the owner of the Excelsior Mills and ascertain upon what terms they will allow this water from the Rail Road corner on Princess Anne Street to be conducted through their trunk to the River, and report

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 Wednesday August 9th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, Jos W Sener, C E Hunter, Jas S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, Charles Wallace, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, Jos Hazard

The Mayor stated that the council had been convened for the purpose of considering a Communication from L D Karns Pres't of the Royal Land Co of Va asking the Council to grant right-of-way free of cost for the construction of a track for the P F & P R R Co from their Depot to the Lower Wharf in

Fredericksburg and also asking the free use of the lower portion of Main Street South of the Gas Work; The communication was presented and read

Mr Little presented the following which was seconded

Resolved that this Council prefer the Prince Edward Street route for this extension of the P R & P R R to the wharf and that they are willing to grant a free right of way along said route and to cross Main Street below the Gas Works, provided the passage for travel &c on said streets is not injured or impaired, and also to give the use of the lower end of Main Street from the Gas Works or the crossing near them to its southern end; The speed of transit of the cars of said Road through said streets and within the Corporation limits to be regulated by the Common Council of the Town; and this Council will further [Page 408] endeavor to obtain from the owners of the property through which the balance of said route will pass a release of damages therefore upon condition that the said Rail Road Co will locate its Machine Shops and Car Works in this Corporation

Mr Conway offers the following as a substitute for the resolution of Mr Little which was seconded put to the vote and adopted

The Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg having been called to consider a proposition of the Royal Land Co of Va for a right of way from the premises of the P F & P R Road Co to the lower wharf on the Rappahannock River within the limits of the Town, and the Council having considered and discussed the subject, It is resolved that a Committee be appointed to ascertain the cost of the proposed routes and all other matters connected with the application of the Royal Land Co and report at an early day

Colo C M Braxton was present and on motion was heard in reference to the proposed route for the extension of the Rail Road

On Motion Mr Wallace the resolution of Mr Little was referred to the Committee authorized by the resolution of Mr Conway

The Mayor appointed Mr J W Sener, Mr W A Little and Mr J B Ficklen as 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 on Tuesday August 23^d 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, Chas Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, J W Sener, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, J Hazard

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen from the Street Com; started that the Committee were unable to report at the present Meeting in reference to the subject of the resolution of the Council at its Meeting on 25th July

Present: Mr J S Knox

On Motion of Mr Wallace this resolution offered by Mr Sener on 25th Ulto in reference to the employment of a garbage cart was indefinitely postponed

On Motion of Mr Wallace the rules pass August 1875 was suspended for the present Meeting

On Motion Mr Conway

Section 1 of Chapter XII of the Gen'l Ordinance was amended by striking out the words "Twelve hours" in the fourth, fifth and eighth lines of said section and inserting the words "a reasonable time"

Mr Doggett gave notice that he should at the next Regular Meeting move to repeal any ordinance allowing the scattering of coal ashes in the Streets

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Mr Conway moved to amend Section 2 of Chapter XII of the Gen'l Ordinance by Striking out the words "five hours" in said section and inserting the words "a reasonable time" which was seconded whereupon

Mr Doggett moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed which was also seconded and put to the vote and carried

Mr Sener, Chrmn of the Committee appointed by the Council on 9th Inst to take into consideration the application of the P F & P R R Co through their President T D Karns Esq'r for the right of way free of cost for the continuation of their road from their Depot to the Lower Wharf in Fredericksburg; submitted a written report setting forth the probable cost of law damages through private property along the Prince Edward Street route and recommending that the right of way through the Street on said Prince Edward St route be granted to said Company

Mr Bowering moved that the report of the Committee be received and the Committee discharged which was seconded put to the vote and adopted

Mr Conway submitted the following which was adopted

Resolved that the P F & P R R Co shall have the right of way for a single track through Prince Edward Street for the extension of their road to their wharves on the Rappahannock River provided that they so construct said road as to not interfere with the public use of said street and that the [Page 411] said Road Company be responsible for any damage to result from the Construction of their said road and that the Street Committee shall take under their special care supervision the entire subject the said Road to be subject to Chapter 19 of the Ordinance of the City

The Mayor stated that he had since the last meeting he had imposed a fine of \$125 & costs upon Mess'rs A K Phillips in violation of Ordinance Chapter X and believing that no such violation by Mess'rs P & Co he recommended that the Council take such action in the matter as they may deem proper
On Motion; Resolved that this fine of \$125 imposed upon Mess'rs A K Phillips & Co be and the same is hereby remitted

Mr Ficklen gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should introduce an ordinance for the better regulation and conduct of porters for hotels at the Rail Road Depot &c

Mr A B Bowering a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools submitted a written communication from the Board in which they state that the estimated expenses of the schools for the next term will be \$5312.39 and of this sum they expect to receive from the State \$1256, leaving the sum of \$4056.39 to be provided for

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On Motion of Mr Ficklen the Finance Committee was requested that when they report the tax bill of 1876 to have twenty copies of the same printed for the use of the Council

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 29th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H J Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, J W Sener, Chas Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, Jos Hazard, J H Myer, Jas S Knox

Mr Conway state that the Meeting was called for the purpose of hearing the report from the School Trustees, and as Mr Jno Howison, Supt of Schools was [present] he moved that Mr H be requested to address the Council on the subject of the Schools which was seconded put to the vote & carried

Present Mr J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Howison addressed the Council at length upon the progress of the public Schools representing then as fine condition and asking for liberal an appropriation as possible for their support the next scholastic year
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Mr Conway submitted the following which was seconded; Resolved that the Trustees of the public schools be requested to divide the City into two Schools Districts in order that three additional trustees be elected and that the itemized account of expenditures for the ensuing school year be submitted to the New Board for their action, and to report to this council as to the amount that will be required from the town for carrying our schools for this year

Mr Wallace moved to amend by striking out from the resolution all after the word Districts, so as to read:

Resolved that the Trustees of the Public School be requested to divide the City into two school Districts which was also seconded and put to the vote and adopted

The vote was then taken upon the resolution as amended by Mr Wallace and it was adopted

Mr A B Bowering, a member of the Board of Trustee being present was heard by consent upon the subject of the Public Schools

Mr Ficklen submitted the followed which was seconded: Resolved that this Council appropriate three thousand dollars for this public schools of Fredericksburg provided that they are taught for ten months and [Page 414] if not for that length of time, at the rate of three hundred dollars per month, The trustees to have this privilege of drawing for \$1500 of the amount hereby appropriated after the Commencement of the next Session of the schools

Mr Conway offered as a substitute that the sum of \$3000 be appropriated for the support of the public schools of Fredericksburg to be paid from time to time as the necessities of the school require which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering Sener 3

Mess'rs Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen, Myer, Wallace 6

The question recurring upon the resolution offered by Mr Ficklen and the vote upon same take by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen, Myer, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener 3

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 1st September 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, J S Knox, Jos Hazard, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, Chas Wallace, W P Conway

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened for the purpose of electing three Trustees (additional) of Public Schools in accordance with the action of the Council at its last meeting dividing the Town into two School Districts

Mr Conway moved that the rules restricting the council to the transaction of the business for which it was called which seconded, put to the vote and carried

Mr Conway from the Finance Committee presented an account of J M Reamer for the entertainment of the Royal Land Co of Va amt'g to \$170.50 and Moved that it be paid, which was seconded and the vote upon same being taken by Ayes & Noes, it was passed by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Doggett, Knox Howard, Ficklen, Myer 9

Noes Mess'r Wallace 1

The followed persons were nominated balloted for and elected to serve as Trustees of Public Schools of [Page 416] Fredericksburg, Viz

Mr W P Conway for the term of one year

Mr W T Lowery for the term of two years
Mr W H Cunningham for the term of three years

Present Mr Chas E Hunter
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 on Tuesday September 19th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, Charles Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr, W A Little, Jos Hazard, J S Knox, C E Hunter

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the instance of the Finance Committee who were prepared to report the tax bill for the present years

Mr Conway from the Finance Committee submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes for the support of the municipal government and for payment of Interest &c upon the public debt for 1876-77 which was read and is [Page 417] in the following words to wit:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the following taxes on person property, licenses and all other subjects of taxation shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1876-77 for the support of the Municipal Government for the Public Free Schools; for the Poor; and to pay the Interest and provide a Sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt Viz

1st	On every Male person over the age of twenty one (not legally except)	[cut off]
	On all real and personal property, Incomes, Toll Bridges, & Ferries, Monies, Capital employed in any business, investments and Bonds, in or out of the State, and Stock in Incorporated	
2d	Companies on Every \$100 asessed value thereof	1.[cut]
3	On all male Dogs \$1; Female Dogs \$2.	
4	On all licenses as follows:	
	Private Bankers or Brokers (to include either or both	\$160
	Wholesale Liquor Dealers	160.
	Retail Liquor Dealers (with privilege)	80.
	Retail Liquor Dealers (without privilege)	60.
	Commission Merchants	45.00
	Sale of Manufactured Tobacco	5.00
	Junk Dealers	35.00
	Attorneys at Law	14.00
	Physicians and Dentists	12.00
	Livery Stables	15.00
	Sale of Horses, Cattle &c	15.00
	Wagon Yards	10.00
	Eating Houses	18.00
	Private Entertainment	5.00
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	Public Halls	16.00
	Billiard Tables	25.00
	Bagatelles Saloons	8.00
	Photograph Artists	20.00

Agents of Sewing Machines	16.00
Every Life or Fire Insurance Comp'ny doing business in the Town	18.00
Land Agents	25.00
Pedlers	25.00
Book Agents	10.00
Sale of Patent Rights	10.00
Auctioneers	45.00

On all Merchants including Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Drugs, Confectionary, Millinery, Tin ware, Stoves, Coat, Wood, Lumber, Butchers, Green Grocers, Saddlers, Jewelry as follows	
5 Where the State tax does not exceed \$5	9.00
over \$5 and not exceeding \$15	18.00
over \$15 and not exceeding \$45	30.00
over 45 and not exceeding 105	60.00

6. On any property or business taxed by the state and not included in the foregoing clause of this ordinance the tax shall be the same as that fixed by the State (except Theatricals and other exhibitions which are taxed by special ordinance)

7. A deduction of 10 pr cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 10th day of October Next; of 5 pr cent on all sums paid after that date and before the 10th day of November next and of 3 per cent on all taxes paid the 10th day of December next

8. On all taxes remaining due on and [Page 419] after the 10th day of December next there shall be added five per cent and Interest from that date until paid and the Tax Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law and the ordinances of the Town

9. The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in the National currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 percent Bonds of the Town to mature on the 1st day of November Next at their par or face value in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject

10. The owners of Dogs upon the payment of the tax shall be entitled to receive from the Mayor a collar and Medal to be worn by such Dog; and it is ordered that all doges in the Town on or after the 10th day of December next without such collars and Medals shall be killed by the Police Officers.

Mr Ficklen moved that the Clerk be directed to have twenty copies of the ordinance submitted by the Finance Committee for the use of the Council, and that a meeting be called at an early day for the consideration of the subject; which motion was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Bowering, Sener, Ficklen

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Doggett, Knox, Hunter, Hazard, Wallace

Mess'rs J W Sener and J B Ficklen Jr asked and obtained leave to retire

Absent: J W Sener, J B Ficklen Jr

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On Motion, Mr Doggett, the ordinance imposing taxes for 1876-77 submitted by the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the clerk was directed to have the ordinance imposing taxes for 1876-77 inserted in the papers of the Town

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 26th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder
Chas Wallace, W P Conway, C E Hunter, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, Josiah Hazard
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
Present Benj'n Bowering

On Motion Mr Wallace, the Rule passed Aug 24 1875 was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Conway submitted the following ordinance which was seconded

Be it ordained by the Mayor & Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg:

1st That the Mayor shall provide a suitable number of collards & medals for dogs at the cost of the Corporation, and shall deliver them to persons on presentation of receipt for the taxes assessed; twenty five cents shall be allowed (for each one) as [Page 421] fee for the Mayor for his service in this behalf
2nd The Police Officers shall be entitled to a fee of one dollar for each dog killed after the 10th day of December according to the ordinance passed the 19th Inst (that is fifty cents for killing and fifty cents for burying) the killing and burying to be done under the supervision of the Mayor, The said fee of one dollar to be payable by the Treasurer of the Corporation, but to be recoverable as a fine, fixed by this ordinance with costs for the benefit of the Corporation by warrant or otherwise on the owners of the Dogs respectively.

3rd All ordinances on the subject of Dogs are hereby repealed, except Section 3C Chapter 31 of the Gen'l Ordinance which is hereby continued in force

Mr Wallace to amend Section 1st by requesting the Tax collector to issue the Collars & Medals
The Mayor stated that as he was interested in the Motion offered by Mr Wallace he desired the Recorder to take the Chair

Mr H S Doggett, Recorder in the Chair, Mr Doggett decided the motion of Mr Wallace out of order

Mr Wallace appealed from the decision of the Recorder and called for the Yeas & Noes, upon the Motion; shall the Chair be sustained and the Motion to sustained was carried as follows
Ayes, Conway, Bowering, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen, Hunter, Wallace,

The Mayor or the Chair
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Mr Wallace stated that as his amendment was out of order because of its conflict with the tax bill already passed, so also was Mr Conway's motion and he raised that point

The Mayor called on the Recorder to decide the point who decided it "not well taken"

Mr Wallace moved to adjourn which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hunter & Wallace 2
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Ficklen, Hazard, Knox 6

Mr Conway called the previous question but before the call was sustained, Mr Wallace moved to adjourn, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, the Motion to adjourn was lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Hunter & Wallace 2
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Ficklen, Hazard, Knox 6

Mr Wallace, moved to amend Section 1st by striking out twenty five and inserting instead twelve and a half cents which was seconded and put to the vote and lost

Mr Conway called the previous question which was sustained by the following vote:
Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 6

Noes Hunter & Wallace 2

Mr Wallace moved to amend Section 2nd so as to allow the police officers fifty cents only for killing & burying dogs which was seconded, put to the vote and lost

The vote was taken upon the [Page 423] adoption of the second section and it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 6

Noes Mess'rs Wallace & Hunter 2

The vote was next taken upon the 3rd Section and it was adopted

Mr Conway moved that the ordinance be adopted as a whole which was seconded and put to the vote and carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 6

Noes Mess'rs Hunter & Wallace 2

So the ordinance as offered by Mr Conway was adopted

The following ordinance was presented by the Mayor and unanimously adopted:

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

1st That it shall be unlawful for any agent or porter of any Hotel or Boarding House, or for any owner, agent or driver of any hack or other vehicle or for any other person at any terminal Station of any Rail Road in this town to through or obstruct the way to such station so as to hinder or prevent the free and unimpeded access to or departure from such station by passengers carried or to be carried on the cars of said Rail Road or of those attending or receiving them at said stations

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2nd It shall be unlawful [for] person at any such said stations to make any unnecessary outcry or clamor, or to solicit customer or employment in a tone louder than a conversational one or to take hold of any passengers, person, clothing baggage, or property unless previously requested by such passenger to do so

3rd No such porter, agent or owner or driver of any Hack or other vehicle or other person shall go into or upon any such car for the purpose of soliciting custom or employment unless previously authorized to do so by the proper person having charge of the same

4th It shall be the duty of the Mayor to designate the limits not less than ten feet from every such rail road station within which it shall not be lawful for any such Hotel or other porter or any agent or owner or driver of any Hack or other vehicle to come for the purpose of soliciting custom or employment, for half an hour after the arrival or any such Rail Road train of cars; and the policemen are specifically charged to enforce this ordinance.

5th Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, and the employer of any such person so violating the same if the Keeper of a Hotel or Boarding House, or owner of a Hack or other vehicle shall on conviction before the Mayor be fined not less than one, nor more than five dollars

6th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage

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On Motion, The Mayor was requested to correspond with Hon B B Douglas MC, for the purpose of ascertaining what if any appropriation was made at the late session of Congress of the U S for the improvement of the Rappahannock River at Fredericksburg, and what course to adopt to obtain said appropriation if any

The following ordinance was presented by the Mayor and on Motion unanimously adopted:

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

1. That no intoxicating drink shall be sold in any Bar Room, Restaurant, Saloon, Store or other place with the limits of this Town from Twelve O'clock in each and every Saturday night of the week until Sunrise of the succeeding Monday Morning; and any person violating this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and if convicted shall be punished by fine, not less than ten nor

more than five hundred dollars; and shall moreover be liable to forfeit his license in accordance with the act of Gen'l Assembly of Virginia, approved March 6th 1874.

2. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved: that the Mayor and Recorder be requested to prepare an ordinance concerning sinks, cesspools and privies and present the same for the consideration of the Council at its next meeting

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The mayor having reported favourably 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

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 24th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J H Myer, C E Hunter, Chs Wallace, W P Conway, J W Sener, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present J B Ficklen Jr, J S Knox

On Motion Mr Conway; The Treasurer was directed to refund to H B Hall the sum of \$10.80 taxes paid by him for 1876 and erroneously assessed

Mr Conway, Moved that the rules passed Aug 24, 1875 be suspended for the present meeting which was seconded, put to the vote and lost

On Motion Mr Doggett the rule passed Aug 24 1875 was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Doggett moved to amend Section 1 of Chapter 9 of the Gen'l Ordinance of this Town by striking out in the 5th line of said [Page 427] Section the words "when called upon so to do" which was seconded

Whereupon

Mr Conway moved to lay the subject on the Table which was also seconded put to the vote and carried

Mr Wallace moved that Section 3 of the ordinance passed April 25 1876 be repealed which was seconded; Whereupon Mr Doggett moved that the subject be laid on the table which was also seconded put to the vote and lost

Mr Sener moved to adjourn which seconded put to the vote and lots

The recurring upon Mr Wallace's Motion to repeal the Section and the vote taken upon same it was adopted

On Motion Mr Doggett

Section 5 of Chapter 43 of the Gen'l Ordinance was amended by Striking out the words "September, December, March and June" on 1st & lines and insert the words "every month" also striking out in the third line the words "preceding three months" and inserting the words "the month" also in 5th line striking out the words "three months" and insert the word "month" and after the word Treasurer in 6th line insert the words "who shall submit said Statements to the Council at each regular meeting."

So as to read:

On the fourth Tuesday of every month the Mayor shall return to the Treasurer an account of fines imposed by him within the Month, On the same day each [Page 428] constable and police officer shall render to

the Treasurer an account of the fines collected by him within the said month and pay the same over to the Treasurer who shall submit said statement to the Council at each regular meeting

Mr Myer, on the part of Mess'rs Myer & Brulle ask the Council to remit a portion of the tax on their Mill property, say for the time dating from its destruction by fire in the month September last

On motion the application was referred to the Finance Committee for report

Mr Ficklen moved that the Clerk have twenty five copies of the ordinance published for the use of the Council which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Sener, Doggett, Knox, Hunter, Ficklen & Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Wallace 4

On Motion, Mr Myer, the vote by which Mr Ficklen Motion was adopted was reconsidered

Mr Conway moved that the subject of Mr Ficklen's motion be postponed until the next meeting which was seconded put to the vote and carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Doggett, Wallace & the Mayor 6

Noes Mess'rs Sener, Knox, Hunter, Ficklen, Myer 5

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Mr Conway moved to adjourn, the chair deemed the motion of Mr C out of order

Mr Conway appealed from this decision of the Chair and the Council sustained the Mayor in his decision

Mr Myer moved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise the ordinance preparatory to having the law printed which was seconded put to the vote and adopted

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Myer, Ficklen & Hunter on the Committee

On Motion Mr Doggett; the Mayor and Clerk of Council were added to the Committee

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 October 31st 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, M W Sener, Jos Hazard, Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, C E

Hunter, W A Little, J S Knox, Jos B Ficklen Jr

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering an application from L D Karns, President of the Royal Land Co of Va, for the right of way for a track of their Rail Road from their Depot down Prussia Street to Sophia Street and down Sophia Street to the Wharf and that Colo C M Braxton was present and would make the application

Colo Braxton stated that he was requested by Mr Karns to make application for the right of way through the Streets named by the Mayor and exhibited to the Council a Map of the route of the Road through the Streets indicated

Mr Conway presented the following which was seconded;

Resolved that the P F & P R R Co shall have the right of way for a single track from a point at or near their Depot down Prussia street and down Water street for the extension of their said Road to the Wharves on the Rappahannock River Provided that they so construct said [Page 431] Road and grade said Streets

through which said right of way is granted as not to interfere with the Public uses of said Streets, and shall be satisfactory to an approved by the Committee on Streets of this Corporation, and maintain the same under said Supervision; This grant of way is subject to Chapter 19 of the ordinances of this Town and to the general control of the Council of this Town even the whole subject of transportation by Steam through the streets of the Town and provided that the said Company shall be responsible for any damages to the public and to individuals to result from the construction and use of their said road which might be maintained against the Corporation of the Town of Fredericksburg

Mr Bowering moved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee for examination and report to a called meeting of the Council which being seconded Mr Conway moved that M Bowering's motion be laid on the table which was also seconded and put to the vote and it was lost

The vote was taken upon Mr Bowering's motion and it 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 Tuesday November 21st 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Chas Wallace, J W Sener, W A Little, W P Conway, Jos Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, J S Knox, J G Hurkamp

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of receiving the report of the Street Committee upon the application of the Royal Land Co of Va for the right of way through certain Streets to the Wharves and also to elect a School trustee in place of Mr J W Sener whose term of Service had expired

On Motion of Mr Wallace Mr J W Sener was unanimously elected a member of the board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg for the Term of three years

Present Mr J H Myer

Mr J S Knox Chrmn of the Street Committee to whom was referred the application of the Royal Land Co of Va for the right of way from their depot through Prussia and Sophia Streets to the Wharves submitted a verbal report to the effect that the Committee had given the subject due consideration and they were unanimously in favor of the application being granted with proper restrictions

Mr C M Braxton, Engineer of the Royal [Page 433] Land Co by request of the Council made a statement on reference to the alteration of the grade of the streets through which the road was expected to pass.

Present: Mr J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Conway moved that the Resolution offered by him at the last meeting granting the right of way to the P F & P R R Co through Prussia and Sophia Streets to the Wharves be adopted with the following addition

This grant shall not be construed to interfere with the power of the Council to impose proper taxes upon the property and Tonnage of the Company

Which was seconded put to the vote and unanimously adopted

On Motion Rule 23 was suspended for the present meeting

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid Viz

T J Haydon amt'g to \$17.00
L D Brickerhoff amt'g to \$17.00
The Council the 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 November 28th 1876

Present

J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, Chs Wallace, J W Sener, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp

On Motion Mr Ficklen, Mr W P Conway was called to the Chair

Mr W P Conway in the Chair

Present Mr H S Doggett

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the Council adjourned until Wednesday November 29th 1876 7½ o'clock PM
W P Conway, Chair pro tem

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday November 29th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

Chas Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, J W Sener, J G Hurkamp, W A Little, J S Knox, W P Conway

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finance Com presented three orders drawn by the [Page 435] Mayor on the Treasurer for the Sum of \$7.50 inclusive for passage of sick & disabled troops sent out of Town and states that whilst the Committee would recommend the payment of the orders, Yet they considered that there was no authority in the Mayor to give orders for the purpose and that the whole matter belonged to the overseer of the poor

The Mayor called the Recorder to the Chair

Mr H S Doggett, Recorder in the Chair

The Mayor state to the Council at length the reasons for the orders having been drawn by him, and reminded the Council that the subject of ridding the Town of non-resident paupers had been brought to their notice by him at a former meeting and he deemed the mode adopted by him the best and speediest one of getting rid of them and in which he understood the Council to have considered it

On Motion Mr Conway the orders amounting to \$7.50 were directed to be paid

The Mayor in the Chair

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Com; reported that the Committee had considered the app'n of Myer & Brulle for remission of portion of the tax 1876 upon their report destroyed by Fire and the recommended that the sum of \$45 be returned to them by the Treasurer, but they wished in understood that it is not to be considered as a precedent; that they regarded the principle as wrong.

On Motion the report of the Committee was adopted

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On Motion Mr Wallace, the 24th Rule was suspended for the present meeting

The following ordinance was presented by Mr Sener and unanimously adopted

If any person or persons shall willfully or negligently destroy any lamp post, pillar or lamp in the Streets of Fredericksburg, he or they shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten nor less than five dollars and in any event pay the expense of renewing or repairing the same and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to collect the said repairs by warrant or otherwise.

An application from the Young Men's Literary Ass'n for the privilege of introducing Gas into the Room used by them was presented and on motion the same was referred to the Public Property Comm to act as they deemed proper in the premises

The Committee appointed by the Council to report an ordinance on Sinks &c through the Mayor submitted an ordinance which was read;

Mr Sener moved to adjourn, which was put to the vote and lost
On motion [of] Mr Wallace the thanks of the Council were tendered to the Committee for their report and the report was laid on the table and the Committee discharged

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The Mayor reported that the sum of \$31.50 had been received by him for fines from Oct 31st to the present time

Mr Sener moved to adjourn, which motion was lost

On Motion Mr Conway 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 Monday December 11th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J G Hurkamp, Chas Wallace, J H Myer, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, W A Little, J B Ficklen Jr, J W Sener, J S Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened at the instance of two members of their body and also to consider an application from the Library Assn of Fredericksburg for the use of the District Court Room for the purpose of their Library and to be allowed the privilege of cutting a Door for an entrance to the Room on Princess Ann St

Mr Hurkamp from the Comm'y on Public Property stated that the Committee had no objection to granting the use of the room to the Library Assn but they were opposed to giving the privilege of cutting a door in the Court House building as desired by the Society.

Mr J Gollason was present and on Motion was heard on behalf of the Library Assn

Mr Little offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be and they are hereby authorized to grant the use of such one of the public rooms belonging to the Corporation as may be agreed upon by the Committee of the Library Assn [Page 439] for their permanent use and if said Library Assn shall prefer the District Court Room the said Public Property Comm may permit said Library Assn at their own expense to take out the passage window on Princess Ann St and substitute for it a door to be erected under the Supervision of the Public Property Committee

On Motion the Council 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 December 26th 1876

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, W P Conway, Jos Hazard, J H Myer, W A Little, Charles Wallace, J B Ficklen, Jr, C E Hunter

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that he had been in correspondence with Colo Craghall and Colo Albert in reference to the appropriation made by the last Congress for the improvement of the Rappahannock and that he has received a letter from Mr J B Duncklee, which he read suggesting that application be made to the Sec'y of War requesting him to authorize the expenditure of the appropriation; Whereupon Mr Ficklen [Page 440] presented the following which was adopted; Resolved that a Committee be appointed to prepare a petition to be signed by the Mayor and Council & Citizens of the Town requesting the Secretary of War to order the expenditure of the appropriation made by Congress for the improvement of the Rappahannock River and to forward said petition to the Secretary of War.

The Mayor appointed Mr W A Little as the Committee

On Motion Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Commissioners & Clerks of election Six dollars each for their services at the Election held on the 7th November 1876

Account of A A Little for advertising &c in *Fred's News* amt'g to \$22.62 were presented and ordered to be paid

The Finance Committee through their Chairman Mr Conway reported that up to the 18th Inst \$165,992.62 of the old debt of the [Corp] had been funded into New 7% Bonds of the Corporation also that it became necessary in the settlements of some of said old Bonds held by non-residents of the State, some of them Judgments in the Federal Courts to vary the terms of the ordinance under which said funding is authorized paying in said cases at a discount of 25 and 10 per cent and that it may become necessary to make such terms with the remaining creditors

On Motion Mr Doggett

Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and the action of the Finance [Page 441] Committee be approved and Confirmed, and said Committee is directed to proceed to fund the remaining bonds and interest upon the best terms they can obtain

The Mayor reported that since the last regular meeting the sum of \$1.00 had been received for fines

On Motion Mr Ficklen

Resolved that the attorney for the Council be and he is hereby requested to present an application to the Legislature to authorized this Council to levy the tax bill for the Year 1877

The Mayor having reported favorably, On Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst

The Mayor presented and read a Communication from Mr Edwin Carter, tendering his resignation as overseer of the Poor

Mr Doggett presented the following which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas Mr Edwin Carter, overseer of the poor for this Corporation has tendered his resignation of said office feeling aggrieved at some recent action of this body in regard to his office; and whereas it is the well considered judgment of this body that Mr Carter is a most faithful and efficient officer and that no reflection upon his official conduct was ever intended by any action of this Council; and it is hereby: Resolved that we request Mr Carter to withdraw his said resignation and to continue to discharge the duties of said office, and [Page 442] it is further Resolved that the salary of said office from the first of January 1877 be \$150 per annum.

Present: Mr J S Knox

Mr Doggett presented an application from F McCracken Esq asking the Council asking the Council to remit a portion of the tax paid by him on his Spoke Mill Property which was destroyed by fire in June last.

Mr Sener moved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee which was seconded; Mr Conway moved the following as a substituted which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted

The Petition of Terence McCracken to refund a portion of the taxes on his Spoke Factory and planning Mill which was burnt in June last was duly considered Whereupon it is Resolved that the application of the said Terrance McCracken be and the same is hereby refunded, the Council having recently declared by unanimous vote that it would not in future grant relief in any such case

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to report at the next Meeting upon what terms they can have collect the tax bills remaining unpaid up to and including the year 1872

On Motion Mr Little

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to examine with some experienced mechanics the vault of our Court House and ascertain [Page 443] what is necessary to render the entirety fire-proof and the probable cost of such work and report

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor