

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1878

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday January 22^d 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W H Russell, J Hazard, W P Conway, W A Little, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Comm to whom was referred the application of E M McDowell for amount paid by him for Ins in the property purchased of the Corporation, Reported verbally that the Committee had examined into the matter and reported that Mr McD had no claim that the Insurance on the property was paid by the Est of D Green, dec'd up to the time of the sale of the property, Mr Conway also reported upon the Appn of the Royal Land Co for erroneous taxes and recommended that the application not be granted

The following accounts were presented by Mr Conway and ordered to be paid Viz

J W Adams amt'g to \$8.37

R B Merchant amt'g to \$5.25

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Street Committee reported verbally in response to the resolution of the Council in reference to the fence across Charles Street below the Rail Road that he called upon Mr Scott the agent of the Rail Road Co and was informed by him that the fence was the property of the Company, as was also the lot upon which it stood

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Mr Little, Chrmn of the Committee appointed by the Council to prepare a new Charter for the Town, reported that the Committee had made no progress in the matter, and suggested that the present Charter was all that was necessary for the present

Mr Ficklen, a member of the Committee stated that he did not concur with the Chairman in his views, that there were many improvements that might be made in the present Charter, which would prove beneficial.

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Committee was discharged from the further consideration of the subject

Mr Sener presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to act in co-operation with the Citizens of the Town to memorialized the Legislature on the subject of taxing all pedlars and sample merchants

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Sener, Russell and Knox as the Committee

An account of Dr Herndon & Doggett amt'g to \$10 was ordered to be paid

On motion of Mr Sener, Mr Chase [Chace] of Philadelphia was heard on the subject of furnishing copies of his map of the Town, no action was taken

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

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday evening Jan'y 26th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, W P Conway, J S Knox, J Hazard, J H Myer, W A Little

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at the instance of the Committee appointed at the last council under the resolution of Mr Sener in order that they might submit their report

Mr Sener, Chrmn of the Special Committee appointed at the last Council submitted as the report of the Committee, the proceedings of a meeting of the Merchants of Fredericksburg held Jan'y 25th which after being read:

Mr Conway presented the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg having heard of the action of the Merchants of Fredericksburg at a Meeting held on 25th January 1878 cordially endorse the action of said Meeting and request that our Senator & Delegate in the Legislature use every effort to secure the passage of the Law asked for

On Motion, Mr Sener

The Mayor was requested to appoint a Committee of three to visit Richmond to co-operate with the Committee of the Merchants Meeting in securing the passage of a law taxing sample merchants

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 February 26th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway presented an account of Williams & Wheeler amt'g to \$7.50 for balance due for burial of John Morrissey who was killed in digging a well for the Corporation which was passed and ordered paid.

A petition from the Library and Lyceum Association asking that the Council furnish gas for a lamp to be placed in front of the Court House, or the Door of the Library.

Mr Little moved the following which was seconded

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be requested to furnish Gas for a lamp to be placed in front of the Court House

Mr Conway moved as an amendment that the Lamp post at the South Corner of George Street be removed to such point in the front of the Court House as the Gas Committee may select, which was also seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes and Noes—it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway and Wallace 2

Noes Mess'rs Little, Bowering, Russell, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter, Hazard, Myer 8

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The vote was then taken upon the resolution of Mr Little and it was adopted

Mr Wallace stated that Mr E D Cole was present and desired to be heard in reference to the ordinance concerning weighing hay &c and on his motion was permitted to be heard

Mr Cole stated that as renter of the Hay Scales he gave information to Mr Gore one of the Police Officers of a violation of the Ordinance in reference to weighing hay &c (as he thought) by Mr Beck in selling shucks without having them weighed on the Corpo Scale; that a warrant was brought in his name, without his authority against Mr Beck, and the same was tried before his honor the Mayor and decided in favor of Mr B, and that he had to pay the costs of the warrant amounting to \$1.60 and he now came before the Council for information as to his future course of action in like cases.

Mr Little offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that in the opinion of this Council any one informing the Mayor that an ordinance or bye law of this Corporation has been violated may require said Mayor to issue a warrant in the name of the Corporation vs said party thus charged, and the Mayor shall put the name of the informer as presenter in said warrant, and in case of the said warrant shall be decided in favor of the defendant, the presenter shall pay the costs of the warrant.

Mr Wallace presented the following for the consideration of the Council

Whereas there is a general depression of business throughout the Country and
Whereas the Legislature appreciating such depression and with a view to sustaining the credit of [Page 61] the State has set as the commendable example of a reduction of all salaries of officers of the State
Now therefore in order to reduce taxation and in order to increase the ability of our tax payers in maintaining both the State and Municipal credit and the free school system,
Be it resolved that in the judgment of this Council a reduction of twenty five percent should be made in all the salaries of officers of this Corporation

Whereupon

Mr Sener, moved the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the whole matter of the reduction of salaries be referred to the Committee on Finance with the instruction to report at the next regular meeting.

Mr Conway moved, as an amendment that the subject be referred to a special Committee which was also seconded and the vote upon the same taken by Ayes and Noes, it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Ficklen, Hunter, Hazard, Myer, Wallace 9
Noes Mess'rs Sener 1

The resolution of Mr Sener as amended by Mr Conway was then adopted

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bowering, Hunter and Hazard as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 26th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W A Little, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, Chs Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr, J S Knox, W P Conway, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: C E Hunter

Mr Hunter from the Special Committee appointed by the Council at the last meeting under the resolution of Mr Sener, stated that the Committee had not considered the subject and the Chairman of the Committee being absent, he was not prepared to report

Mr Wallace moved that the Committee be relieved, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Russell, Knox, Myer, Wallace 5

Noes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Sener, Ficklen 4

Mr Conway presented the following which was seconded

Resolved as the sense of this body that the interest of the tax payers and all other citizens of Fredericksburg demand that a rigid system of economy shall be established in the conduct of the City Government; That to this end the Common Council soon to be elected ought to fix the salaries of the Mayor and all the other officers of the Corporation to such amounts as will secured efficient officers and faithful services; that in our judgment an average reduction of [Page 63] twenty five percent should be made in all the salaries of the officers of the Corporation;

That the Committees to be appointed on Finance, Public Property, Streets and Pumps ought to have constant reference to economy in all their proceedings and that all unnecessary expenditures of money be sternly and constantly resisted

2nd That if the Council shall faithfully carry out the principles of the above resolution the burdens of taxation will be greatly lessened, the credit of the City be not only maintained but improved; and capital be encouraged to engage in new enterprises tending to the growth and prosperity of our City. True economy is the only foundation on which we can safely build and of is a safe and true one,

The vote upon the resolution by Ayes and Noes asked and as being taken were adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Russell, Knox, Little, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter, Myer, Wallace 9

Noes Mess'r Hurkamp 1

Mr Ficklen, presented a memorial signed by many citizens of the Town praying the Council to take immediate steps to open Prince Edward Street from [blank] St to the Caroline road, which was read Whereupon Mr Sener presented the following which was adopted,

Resolved that the petition of Citizens requesting the opening of Prince Edward Street be referred to the Committee on Streets with the directions to ascertain what will be the probable expense of the land damaged and work necessary to open and grade said street and report to a called Meeting of [Page 64] this Council

The Mayor having reported favorably on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31 inst.

The Mayor reported the sum of three dollars collect or revenue for fines since last report to date.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday April 18th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, W A Little, C E Hunter, J B Ficklen Jr, Chs Wallace, W H Russell, W P Conway, J H Myer, J S Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Street Committee who desired to make their report in response to the resolution desiring information as to the probable cost of opening Prince Edward Street to the Caroline Road

Mr J S Knox, Chrmn stated that he had no written report but submitted as the report of the Committee the profile of a survey of the street made by the Corporation Surveyor, Mr W L Slaughter also estimate of the probable cost exclusive of land damage, Mr Knox was unable to ascertain the whole cost of land damage, but presumed it would not be less than \$750 from the estimate put upon it by the owners, and the cost of grading, bridges &c \$705 more, making the whole cost about \$1500.

Mr Conway moved that the report of the Committee be received and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject which was seconded, whereupon

Mr Ficklen moved that the Judge of the Corporation Court be requested to appoint Commissioners to assess the damages upon the land through which the street will pass which was also seconded

Mr Wallace moved that the motion of Mr Ficklen be laid on the table which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Myer, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter 4

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Conway it was carried by the following vote, the Ayes & Noes being called for

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Myer, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter 4

Mr Ficklen moved that the sum of \$750 be appropriated for the opening of Prince Edward Street to the Royal Land R Rd which was seconded

Mr Wallace raised the point that Mr Ficklen's motion was out of order [Page 66] the Mayor decided Mr Ficklen's motion to be in order

Mr Wallace appealed from the decision of the Mayor and called for the Ayes & Noes and the decision of the Mayor was not sustained

Ayes Mess'rs Sener, Hunter, Ficklen 3

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Knox, Myer, Wallace 7

Mr Ficklen moved that the Rules be suspended for the present meeting which was seconded put to the vote and carried

Ayes Mess'rs Little, Bowering, Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Myer 7

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Russell, Wallace 3

Mr Ficklen renewed his motion to appropriate \$750 for the opening of P Edward Street to the Royal Land Co Depot

Mr Wallace moved that the Council do now adjourn, which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Mr Little offered the following as a substitute for Mr Ficklen's motion which was unanimously adopted Resolved that the Street Committee be authorized to ascertain and report to the Council upon what terms Prince Edward Street from Charlotte to Prussia St can be opened by presenting bids for the work, and an

ascertainment of the land damages and report the exact sum which will be required for said purpose to the Council

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 23^d 1878

Present J W Sener, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, J H Myer

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, C C

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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 28th 1878

Present J W Sener, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Street Committee submitted a written report of the cost of opening and extending Prince Edward Street from Charlotte St to the Depot of the Royal Land Rail Road Co which was read shewing the whole expense for land damages, Bridge, grading &c to be not over seven hundred and fifty dollars and recommending that the work be done at once.

Mr Hurkamp moved that the report of the Committee be received which motion was seconded.

Present H S Doggett, Mayor, who took the chair, the Recorder vacating

Mr Conway moved that the Committee's Report be laid on the table which was also seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes and Noes and it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Sener, Hazard, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter 5

Mr Ficklen moved that a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated for opening Prince Edward Street from Charlotte St to Royal Land Rail Road's Depot, which was seconded

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Mr Wallace raised the point that Mr Ficklen's motion was out of order, which was sustained

A Memorial signed by S S Brooke & others was presented by the Mayor, asking that the Council allow them ten dollars each for their services in the late Municipal election whereupon Mr Conway offered the following which was adopted

Resolved, that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Judges and Clerks the sum of six dollars each for their services in the lat Municipal election.

Mr Ficklen asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr J B Ficklen

An account of the News office for printing hand bills amt'g to \$1.75 was presented and ordered to be paid
The Council then adjourned
H S Doggett, 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 25th 1878
Present J W Sener, Recorder
Benj'n Bowering, W H Russell, Chs Wallace, W P Conway, J E Hurkamp, J H Myer, J Hazard, C E
Hunter, J S Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An Account of W H Russell amt'g to \$3.25 was presented and ordered to be paid
Present: J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report which was ordered to be
filed

The undersigned Finance Committee respectfully report that they have settled the account of Jno J Young,
Collector to this date and find that of the uncollected taxes in the year 1876-77, on per our last \$3189.45
And the addition of 5% & interest on Coll'n \$146.22 making \$3,335.67

He has collected an paid the Treasurer \$2,036.68

Leaving an uncollected \$1,298.99

Of the taxes of 1877—78. We find an uncollected balance to be accounted for by the collector of
\$3,677.87 of this latter balance (which is about \$500 larger than the balance remaining unpaid 12 months
ago of the taxes of 1876-77), there will doubtless be collected about \$2,500 or most, leaving about the
same amount due on this last a/c as upon the former.

Your Committee has also settled the account of R W Adams, Treasurer and [Page 71] find that the City is
indebted to him as of this date on the sum of \$745.60 Viz

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| To balance due per last report | 460.58 |
| paid by him pr vouchers | \$22,870.13 |
| | \$23,330.73 |
| By cash received by him from all sources | \$22,585.73 |
| | \$ 745.60 |

It is but just to these officers to state that their accounts were clear and accurate on the vouchers of the
Treasurer embracing a large number of items were all folded, endorsed and numbered, thus saving your
Committee much trouble; the credits allowed the collector were for monies paid him from time to time
(according to our ordinances) to the Treasurer and agree exactly with the amounts credited in the
Treasurers account

The Funded Debt of the City amounted at the date of last report \$125,849.16

There has been funded since \$127.04
\$125,976.20

The Treasurer purchased of Bonds and Certificates for the Sinking Fund

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| for the Year 1876-77 | \$1266.88 | |
| for the Year 1877-78 | \$1165.58 | \$2432.46 |
| The entire debt is | | \$123,543.74 |

And is the only debt except about \$2500 of the old Bonds (referred to in our last report) held by Miss Alexander, and which your Committee are informed will be funded as soon as an order of Court can be obtained for that purpose

The funded debt is composed of Bond \$122,900
Certificates \$643.74 \$123,543.74

The Bonds & certificates purchased for the Sinking Fund \$2432.46, were destroyed by burned Your Committee herewith an ordinance [Page 72] for the imposition of taxes for 1878-79, materially reducing the burdens upon our people and which will in our judgment yield sufficient revenue to pay the interest in our debt (including the sinking fund) and provide for an economical administration of our city government.

Your Committee will not close this report without expressing the opinion that the successful scheme for the funding our debt, whilst just and liberal to our creditors has placed our city in a good financial condition and if our successors faithfully adhere to our policy, the debt and the burden of taxation will be lessened annually

Signed, W P Conway, Chrmn

W A Little
Chs Wallace

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee submitted a written report shew'g the expenditures of the Committee upon public property for the year to be \$1957.27, about \$1,500 of said amount having been expended in fitting upon the present Council Chamber and repairing, sealing the Court House

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Street Committee presented a written report of the expenditures for repairs of Streets, Bridges &c for the year to be \$626.41

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted a written report of the expenditures [Page 73] by the Committee for the Year to be \$331.97, which included the cost of one new pump located at the lower end of Caroline Street and a new pump Stock at the Corner of Caroline & George Streets

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Ficklen, from the Committee of Trustees of Public Schools submitted a written report of the action of the Trustees for the past year and of the progress of the Scholars &c which was read and on Motion of Mr Conway the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Conway submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes for the support of the Municipal Government and for paying the interest and to provide the Sinking Fund upon the public debt for the year 1878-79.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that the following taxes on persons, property, Licenses and all other subjects of taxation shall be assessed levied and paid for the year 1878-79, 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 21 years (not legally exempt) 50¢

2^d On all Real and Personal property, income, Toll Bridges and Ferries monied capital in any business, investments on Bonds in or out of the City and Stock in incorporated Companies on every \$100 assessed value \$1.10

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3rd On all licenses as follows

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| Private Bankers & Brokers (to included either or both) | \$140.00 |
| Wholesale Liquor Dealers | \$140.00 |
| Retail Liquor Dealers (with privileges) | \$70.00 |
| Retail Liquor Dealers (without privileges) | \$55.00 |
| Commission Merchants | \$40.00 |
| Sale of manufactured tobacco | \$4.00 |
| Junk Dealers | \$30.00 |
| Attorneys at law | \$12.00 |
| Physicians and Dentists | \$10.00 |
| Livery Stables | \$13.00 |
| Sale of Horses & Cattle | \$13.00 |
| Wagon Yard | \$13.00 |
| Eating Houses | \$16.00 |
| Houses of private entertainment | \$4.00 |
| Public Halls | \$15.00 |
| Billiard Tables | \$20.00 |
| Bagatelle Saloons | \$8.00 |
| Photographic Artists | \$18.00 |
| Agents for sewing machines | \$16.00 |
| Each Life or Fire Insurance Company doing business in Town | \$18.00 |
| Land Agents | \$25.00 |
| Pedlars | \$25.00 |
| Book Agents | \$10.00 |
| Agents for sale of Patent Rights | \$10.00 |
| Auctioneers | \$40.00 |

4th On all merchants (including dry goods, groceries, hardware, drugs, confectionary, millinery, tin ware, stoves, coal, wood, lumber, butchers, green grocers, saddlers, jewelry) as follows

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| Where State license does not exceed \$5 | \$ 7.00 |
| Where State license is over \$5 & under \$15 | \$15.00 |
| Where State license is over \$15 & under \$45 | \$25.00 |
| Where State license is over \$45 | \$50.00 |

5th On any property or business taxed by the state and not included in the foregoing; this tax shall be the same [Page 75] as that fixed by the State (except Theatrical & other Exhibitions which are taxes by special ordinance

6th A deduction of 15 percent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before 15th October next; of 10 percent on all sums paid after that date and before the 15th November next and of 5 percent on all sums paid after that date and before the 15 December next.

7th On all taxes remaining due on and after the 15th of December next, three shall be added 5 percent and interest from that date until paid and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law and the Ordinances of the City

8th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National Currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7[%] Bonds of the City to mature on the 1st day of November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject

Mr Ficklen moved that the ordinance be printed and action upon the same postponed until Friday next, which was seconded

Whereupon moved, that the ordinance be adopted and that the same be printed for the use of the Citizens, which was also seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Mess'rs Conway, Wallace, Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Knox, Hazard, Myer 8

Noes: Mess'rs Ficklen & Hunter 2

So the ordinance was adopted

Mr Wallace moved that the Salary of the Mayor for the ensuing year be fixed at three hundred dollars, which was seconded

Mr Myer moved as an amendment that the [Page 76] salary be fixed at two hundred dollars, which was also seconded put to the vote (by Ayes & Noes) and lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Russell, Hazard, Myer, Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter 6

The question recurring on the motion of Mr Wallace to fix the salary at \$300 the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted unanimously

The Recorder reported that the sum of \$3.25 had been received for fines since the last report

The Recorder having reported favorably on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

Mr Ficklen moved that the Treasurer be directed to make out an itemized account of the expenditures and receipts of the City for the past year and post the same at the front door of the Court House which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Wallace moved to lay the subject on the table which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Myer, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Ficklen, Hunter, Hazard 4

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Recorder

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg (at the election held on Thursday May 23^d 1878) met pursuant to call of H S Doggett, Mayor, at the Council Chamber on Monday July 1st 1878
Present H S Doggett, Mayor

The following councilmen have qualified according to law, appeared and took their seats at the board. Viz W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, W A Little, W H Russell, Charles Wallace, J W Sener, J S Knox, C E Hunter, J B Ficklen Jr, J G Mason, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp

The Mayor called the Council to order

On Motion, Mr Conway, R W Adams, clerk of last Council was requested to act as Clerk until the regular election for officers of the Council

Mr Conway stated that it was important that there should be a Conference with Judge Goolrick in regard to some of the officers to be elected by this Council and as he was absent to day, he therefore moved, That the election of officers be postponed for the present, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Judge of the Corporation Court in relation to fixing the salaries of police men and others and report to a meeting to be held on Wednesday next, which was seconded

Mr Ficklen, made an amendment that the Council proceed at once to the election of officers for the ensuing year [Page 79] which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes, and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Sener, Knox, Ficklen 3

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Hunter, Myer, Mason & Wallace 9

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Conway and the vote taken it was carried

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Wallace and Ficklen as the Committee

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees

On Finance W P Conway, W A Little, Charles Wallace

On Streets J S Knox, J W Sener, J G Mason

On Pumps J B Ficklen Jr, W H Russell, C E Hunter

On Gas J W Sener, W A Little, J G Mason

On Parks J G Hurkamp, Benj Bowering, C E Hunter

On Schools W A Little, Chs Wallace, J H Myer

On Public Property Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer

On motion (Mr Ficklen)

Resolved that when the Council adjourns, it adjourn until Wednesday 3^d inst 12 o'clock M

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday, July 3^d 1878

Present, HS Doggett, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Committee appointed on 1st inst submitted the following report

The undersigned special committee appointed on the 1st Inst to confer with Judge Goolrick on the subject of the salaries to be paid out of the City Treasury not only to those officers whose salaries are to be fixed by him, but to report on the general subject of the salaries proper in our judgment to all the officers to be elected or appointed for the current year, respectfully report that we have had a protracted and agreeable conference with the Judge, and found him to be in full accord with the Committee the Council and our Citizens generally, that the times justify and require retrenchment and economy in the management of our Municipal government by an enlightened system of reduction of salaries, not however to a point jeopardizing an efficient administration.

The Judge assured the committee of his hearty cooperation in all proper measures to the proposed end, and stated that as an earnest of his sincerity and interest in the affairs of the City he would voluntarily [Page 81] relinquish one hundred dollars of his own salary, though the amount was fixed by the

Legislature and in his opinion, no more than his services were worth. The salary of the Commonwealth Attorney he will fix at \$300; and for the Clerk of the Court \$[blank] for the current year. The Judge has also agreed that if the Council elects one or two eligible police officers competent in his judgment for the office he will appoint or them (as the case may be) constables with salaries or perquisites amt'g to \$125 or \$150 so as to supplement the salaries fixed by the Council to these officers. Your committee therefore in view of the whole subject respectfully report that the Salary of the Mayor be \$300 pr annum as fixed by the preceding Council, that the salary of the Clerk of the Market be \$75, That three police officers be elected at a salary of \$150 each, overseer of the Poor at a salary of \$100, Commissioner of the Revenue at a salary of \$187.50; Your Committee recommend no change in the Commissions allowed the Collector of Taxes, believing that they are properly fixed now. The other officers receive fees as fixed by ordinances and require no change except the Salary and Commissions of the Clerk of the Council and the Treasurer (R W Adams) about which your Committee have come to no conclusion and which we refer to the Council unless your Committee shall agree upon a report or recommendation before your Meeting, in which event we will a supplementary report

Respectfully Submitted

Signed W P Conway, Chrmm

July 2^d 1878

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Mr Conway also read a communication received from Judge Goolrick since the Committee's report was moved in which the Judge states that he will make no change in the Salary of R S Chew, Clerk of the Corpo Court for the Present, and that he will be allowed as heretofore \$400 pr annum

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

The salary of the Clerk of Council was on Motion fixed at \$75 pr annum

Mr Wallace moved that the salary of the Treasurer be fixed at \$225 pr annum, which was seconded Whereupon Mr Conway moved as an amendment that the Salary of Treasurer be fixed at \$300, which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Notes it was lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Sener, Mason 4

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Myer, & Wallace 8

The volt was then taken upon the motion of Mr Wallace to fix the salary at \$225, and it was adopted

Mr Sener moved that so much of the report of the Special Committee as referred to the Commissioner of the Revenue be reconsidered which was seconded, put to the vote and lost.

Mr J W Sener was nominated and unanimously elected Recorder of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

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An account of the *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$5.50 was presented and ordered to be paid

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

Mr John J Young was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected collector of taxes for the Corporation for the ensuing year

Mr W L Slaughter was nominated, balloted for an unanimously elected surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year

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

Mess'rs R W Hart, A W Jennings & J E Woody were nominated as weigher and measurer of Coal, Salt &c, and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

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| For | R W Hart | 11 votes |
| | A W Jennings | 1 |
| | J E Woody | 0 |

Mr Hart having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected weigher and measurer of Coal, Salt &c for the ensuing year.

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

Mr Charles A Gore was nominated and elected police officer for the Corporation for the ensuing year
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On Motion of Mr Conway, the election of the remaining two police officers was postponed until the next meeting or some called meeting of the Council

Mess'rs Edwin Carter & O D Foster were nominated and balloted for as overseer of the poor for the Corporation, and the ballots being counted, resulted as follows

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|---------------|----------|
| For Mr Carter | 11 votes |
| For Mr Foster | 1 vote |

Mr Edwin Carter having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected overseer of the poor for the ensuing year

Mr Sener gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would introduce an ordinance concerning sinks &c

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 23^d 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J S Knox, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, Chs Wallace, C E Hunter, J G Mason, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Benj'n Bowering

The Council, on Motion Mr Conway proceeded to the election of the remaining two police officers
Mess'rs C W Edrington, J E Stone, S J Payne and C D King were nominated, balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

| | | |
|-----|---------------|----------|
| For | C W Edrington | 10 votes |
| For | J E Stone | 10 votes |
| For | S J Payne | 2 votes |

So C W Edrington and J E Stone having received a majority of the votes cast, they were declared elected Police officers for the ensuing year.

Mr Sener submitted an ordinance concerning sinks, privies &c which was read and on Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to take charge of and consider the ordinances and report to a future meeting of the Council

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Sener, and Mason as the Committee

On Motion, Mr Wallace, Rule 23^d was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Wallace moved the following which was seconded "That section 19 & Chapter 8 of [Page 86] the Gen'l Ordinance as amended is not to apply to parties who take out a license to do business in this Corporation in their place of business"

Mr Conway moved that the subject be laid on the table which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes, and carried by the following vote

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| Ayes | Mess'rs Conway, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Marson, Hunter, Myer | 9 |
| Noes | Mess'rs Russell, Wallace | 2 |

Mr Mason offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that a committee of four be appointed to take into consideration the subject of acts of incorporation heretofore passed in relation to this Corporation and the ordinances now existing and report to the Council such draft of act or acts for the incorporation of this Town as may be deemed best for said Corporation with a view to having the same passed into a complete and distinct Charter of incorporation by the Legislature; and such ordinances or revision of ordinances as may be deemed judicious, and that said Committee be authorized to call to their aid three citizens should they deem it necessary in considering the subject before them.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs J G Mason, J B Ficklen, Chs Wallace, and W H Russell as the Committee

Mr Ficklen presented the Resolution of the Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg at a meeting held July 16th 1878 asking that the Council appropriate the sum of \$2,700 for the support of the scholars for the year 1878-79 as the smallest amount with which the schools can be conducted.

Mr Conway moved that the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the public schools of Fredericksburg for the [Page 87] Year 1878-79, that the Council desire the Schools to be kept open for ten months if practicable, which was seconded

Whereupon, Mr Wallace moved that the sum of \$2700 be appropriate provided that the schools are kept open for ten months, which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote (Mess'rs Ficklen & Sener being excused from voting)

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| Ayes | Mess'rs Hurkamp, Russell, Knox, Mason, Wallace | 5 |
| Noes | Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Hunter, Myer | 4 |

The vote was then taken upon Mr Conway's motion as amended by Wallace and it was adopted.

On Motion, Mr Wallace,

Resolved that the amount appropriated for the Public Schools may be drawn by the School Board in Monthly installment of \$20 by proper warrant upon the Treasurer

An application signed by a number of Citizens asking the Council to open the alley leading down from Barton to the Canal was presented and read; no action was taken.

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Council adjourned (the vote upon the motion being taken by Ayes & Noes)
Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Russell, Knox, Mason, Wallace 6
Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter, Myer 5

H S Doggett, 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, July 31st 1878.

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J S Knox, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, W H Russell, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The official bond of Jno J Young, Collector of taxes with R S Chew, W H Russell, and W S Barton as Sureties on the penalty of \$10,000 was presented by Mr Conway and approved by the Council and the Mayor was directed to place said Bond in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping

Present: Chs Wallace

Mr Conway, Chrnm of the special Committee appointed at the last meeting to whom was referred the subject of an ordinance concerning the appointment of a City Scavenger &c, submitted their report An Ordinance which was read and on Motion of Mr Sener the following was adopted.

Resolved that the subject be laid on the table until Monday next 5th August, 10 O'clock AM and that twenty five copies of the ordinance be printed for the use of the Council

The Council then adjourned until Monday August 5th 10 O'clock AM

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday August 5th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, J G Mason, W P Conway, J H Myer, W H Russell, J B Ficklen Jr

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway moved to take up the ordinance presented at the last meeting and act upon each section separately, which was seconded put to the vote and carried

The ordinance was then read and thoroughly discussed and after some amendments offered by Mess'rs Wallace and Ficklen was put to the vote and adopted, and is in the following words:

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

1st There shall be elected by the Council annually two officers to be known as “City Scavengers” one for the lower election district and the other to the upper election District, whose duties, obligations, responsibilities and compensation shall be as hereinafter declared and defined. But before the parties so elected shall enter upon the duties of their said offices they shall each enter into bond with security to be approved by the Mayor in the penalty of \$500, payable to the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg, with condition for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices,

II Said officers shall be at all times under the supervision and direction of the Mayor, to whom they shall promptly report all violations of this ordinance that may come to their knowledge [Page 90] and they shall at all times have the right to enter the lots and premises in the Corporation to inspect the condition of the privies, sinks &c in their respective districts

It shall be their duty by themselves or their agents to cleanse each of the privies, sinks &c in their respective districts in this Corporation, and to remove there from the night soil and other deposits at least once in every two weeks except as hereinafter provided; such cleansing and removal to be made during the night between the hours of 11 PM and daybreak, to convey by decent and appropriate methods the night soil &c so removed, and deposit the same at such place or places as may be approved by the Mayor; to deodorize the privies, sinks &c so cleansed and to keep constantly deodorized and disinfected the night soil &c in the place or places where deposited by them as aforesaid, in such manner as may be approved by the Mayor

III Said officers shall have and receive for their services, in addition to the night soils &c, so removed by them the sum of one dollar for their services for each three months to each privy &c used by a family or household of six persons or less, and a proportionate increase of pay for each additional person beyond six.

The charges for said work shall be paid by the occupant of the lot or premise on which the service is rendered, and may be collected by said officers by distress and sale, as taxes for the benefit of the City are authorized to be collected, and if paid by the owner of the lot or premises said owner shall have like remedy for collection against the tenant or occupant; Provided that said fees and dues provided to be paid to the City Scavengers shall be paid and collected in monthly installments of 33 1/3 cents for each month; and there shall be no claim against the owner of any lot for the said dues to the City Scavengers unless the [Page 91] same is presented and prosecuted against him within thirty days after the installment is due.

IV If the said officers or their agents in removing the night soil &c shall spill and leave any of it on the lots, or in the Streets or alleys of it provisions, they shall be liable to a fine of not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars for each separate offence.

V From and after the 1st day of September 1878 it shall not be lawful for anyone except the City Scavengers or their agents to remove or have removed from any of the lots or premises in the Corporation the night soil &c accumulated in the privies, boxes &c.

But any person to have his privy, box, or sink cleansed of the night soil & oftener than once every two weeks may call upon and require the said City Scavenger of his District to cleanse his privy box &c and removed the night soil therefrom as often as he may wish, for which additional service he shall pay at the same rate as for the regular service herein before provided, or as may be agreed upon with said officer; and it shall be the duty of said officer to respond promptly to any call so made on him.

Any person violating this section shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars for each separate offence.

VI Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as applying to owners or occupants of lots who keep their privies from offence to the neighborhood by sinking deep wells thereunder and keeping the same deodorized, or by burying the night soil on their said lots in such manner as not to be offensive to the neighborhood, except that the said officer shall have authority to visit and inspect all such privies &c to see that the same are kept in good order.

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On Motion, Mr Wallace, the mayor was requested to have the ordinance published one time in each of the newspapers of the City

Mr Conway presented and read a communication from Dr B S Herndon in reference to the condition of Caleb Seddon (colored) afflicted with scrofula, &c. The subject was referred to the Overseer of the Poor and Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday, August 20th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W H Russell, W P Conway, Chs Wallace, J S Knox, W A Little, C E Hunter

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The account of *Fred's News* for advertising &c amounting to \$10.50 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Present: J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, J G Mason, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr

A communication signed by a number of Citizens of the Upper District calling the attention of the Council to the condition of the vacant lot owned by Forbes & Wellford's Estates as endangering the health of that locality, and asking the steps be taken to prevent such occurrences.

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On Motion Mr Mason,

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to notify the owners of the lot complained of as to its condition and if the nuisance is not abated within three days after notice is served that he be directed to enforce the ordinances on the subject.

The Council then proceeded to the election of City Scavengers for the upper and lower Districts
The following persons were nominated & balloted for as scavengers for the upper election district
Sam'l H Beale, J T Hancock, Geo Switzer

And the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Sam H Beale 8 votes

For John T Hancock 3 votes

For Geo Switzer 1 vote

So Mr S H Beale having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected Scavenger for the "Upper election District" for the ensuing year

The following were nominated & balloted for as Scavenger for the "Lower Election District" Viz
E Stofregan, Jno H Sacrey, L L Layton, J P Rogers

And the ballots being counted after balloting four times resulted on the fourth ballot as follows

For E Stofregan 3 votes

For J P Rogers 2 votes

For J H Sacrey 7 votes

So Mr J H Sacrey having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected Scavenger for the Lower Election District for the ensuing year.

Mr Ficklen presented a memorial signed by citizens at the upper end of Princess Ann Street asking the Council to have a pump located in that vicinity for the convenience of [Page 94] the citizens in the locality named.

On Motion Mr Sener, the memorial was referred to the Pump Committee with directions to have the pump erected in such locality as they deem most advisable.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday August 21st 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, W H Russell, W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter, J H Myer, Chs Wallace

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened for the purpose of taking such steps as they deemed best to guard against the introduction of Yellow Fever in our midst, and to provide suitable place for the removal of any cases of contagious diseases as he had now no place save the Jail for such purpose and many of the Citizens objected to its being made a hospital.

Present: J G Hurkamp

On Motion, Dr B S Herndon was heard on the subject

Mr Wallace offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to have all the alleys and streets of the Town where needed and that he be requested to direct his officers to examine all lots and cellars of the Town and report all nuisances and that he also be [Page 95] directed to enforce the ordinances of the Town in regard to the same.

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Mayor be and his hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to provide for any case of infectious or contagious disease which may be found in the Town as directed for the Health Officer under Chapter 84 of the Code of Va, as soon as such cases shall exist.

Mr Russell moved the following as an amendment which was seconded

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to provide a place at once for any and all cases of infectious disease brought to his notice so that the Jail shall not hereafter be used for a hospital.

Whereupon, Mr Little moved the following as a substitute for the motions of Mess'rs Ficklen & Russell, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and adopted

Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to act as Health Officer of the Town and carry out the directions of Chapter 84 of the Code of Virg'a as such

The following is the vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter, Wallace 8

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Myer

Mr Conway offered the following which was adopted

Whereas the Council by its action on the 3^d day of July last reduced the salaries fixed for the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue and it appearing by Section 3, Chapter 1 of the Ordinances of the Town that the Council had no power [Page 96] to diminish the salaries of those officers during their continuance in office, it is now ordered that the salaries of the said officers be paid heretofore and the action of council reducing the said salaries be repealed or rescinded

The Council then adjourned
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday August 23^d 1878
Present H S Doggett, Mayor
J W Sener, Recorder
W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, Chs Wallace, W A Little, C E Hunter
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at his instance to consider the application of Mr A Kishpaugh to land a cargo of fertilizer just received by him.

Mr Crenshaw the owner and manufacturer of the fertilizer being present, he was on motion of Mr Hurkamp heard on the subject, stating that he had large quantities of the same articles stored in Alexandria, Richmond, and other points in Virg'a and was amazed that any objection should be raised to its being landed in Fredericksburg—nothing in it was calculated to endanger the health of the citizens, however offensive the smell might be; he hoped that the Council [Page 97] would allow the fertilizer to be landed.

The matter was thoroughly discussed and the Council seemed to concede that the body had nothing to do with it

Mr Wallace moved that Rule 23 be suspended for the present meeting in order that he might introduce an amendment to section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Gen'l Ordinance which he thought would settle the question as to the this cargo and all other fertilizers arriving here, which was seconded put to the vote and lost
On Motion, Mr Ficklen the council adjourned
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 27th 1878
Present H S Doggett, Mayor
J W Sener, Recorder
Chs Wallace, J G Mason, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, C E Hunter

Mr Conway presented accounts of W H Edmonson & H S Doggett amt'g to \$8.62 for meals &c for sick man found in the streets of the city were ordered to be paid

On Motion of Mr Conway, the Estate of Alexander Rose, deceased was relieved of the taxes on Real Estate on William Street in excess of \$3,000, three thousand for the year 1878

Present: J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr

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On Motion, Mr Hurkamp

The Mayor was requested to notify the parties obstructing the passage through Barton Alley to remove the obstructions without delay

The Mayor stated that in obedience to the order of the Council the Police Officers had notified the representatives of the owners of the lot at the upper end of Town on Princess Anne St that the nuisance thereon must be abated, and they stated that the Estate which they represented had but little interest in the property and the Council could take such steps as they thought proper in the premises.

On Motion, Mr Wallace

The Mayor was requested to receive bids or proposals for the filling up of the lot referred to (belonging to the Forbes & Wellford Estates) and that said bids be submitted to the Council, the work then contracted for to be done under supervision of the Street Committee

Mr Wallace gave notice that at the next meeting he would submit an ordinance providing for all work &c to be done by the city to be put out to the lowest bidder

An account of Dr Doggett & Herndon (for post mortem examination of an infant, amounting to \$30 was presented by Mr Conway and on his motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Mason presented an application from E Dorsey Cole & others for the Council furnish gas for a lamp to be located on Liberty Street, the parties agreeing to pay the cost of lamp & post.

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the Gas Committee [Page 99] were authorized to furnish Gas for a lamp at the Corner of Commerce & Liberty Streets provided the Citizens in the locality named furnished the lamp and post at their own cost.

The Mayor reported the sum of \$17.75 as received for fines from 1st July last to date

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday September 9th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, W H Russell, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter, J H Myer,

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Trustees of the Public Schools, who had a communication to present.

Mr Sener presented a communication from the Trustees of the Public Schools asking the Council to remove the restriction passed July 23^d and to authorized the Treasurer to pay the appropriation made as it may be drawn for by the Trustees

On Motion, Mr Conway,

Resolved that the resolution passed July 23^d 1878 restricting the Treasurer to the payment of \$270 pr mo upon the order of the Trustees of Public Schools be rescinded and that the amount appropriated be paid by the Treasurer as it may be needed and drawn for by the Board of Trustees

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An account of R B Merchant amt'g to \$7.50 was presented and ordered to be paid

The Mayor reported that nothing had as yet been done toward filling up the lot belonging to Forbes & Wellford's Estates and suggested that a small expenditure for the present would abate the nuisance.

Mr Ficklen (moved) that one thousand cart loads of sand be procured at a cost of not exceeding \$50 and that the Street Committee be authorized to proceed at once with the work of filling up the lot belonging to the Estates of Forbes & Wellford in order that this nuisance thereon be abated, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Russell moved the following,

Resolved that the Street Committee be and are hereby empowered to proceed at once to have the nuisance at the head of Princess Anne St abated in such manner as in their judgment may be done most economically,

Which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Notes and lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Russell, Knox, Hunter 4

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener, Ficklen, Myer 5

The question recurring upon the Motion of Mr Ficklen and the vote taken, it was adopted.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday September 24th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

W P Conway, Chs Wallace, W H Russell, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, C E Hunter

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Comm whom was referred the account of Dr Herndon & Doggett for post-mortem examination of an infant amt'g to \$30 reported that upon examination they find the claim is not against the Corporation but against the State and directed it to be returned to Mess'rs Herndon & Doggett

Present: J G Hurkamp

An account of Dr B S Herndon for medical services to Stranger amt'g to \$10 was passed and ordered to be paid.

The Books of the Comm'r of the Revenue having been placed in the hands of the Treasurer on Motion Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr A B Bowering, Commr of the Revenue his salary for the year 1878 amt'g to \$250

Mr Wallace presented the following ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg that all contracts hereafter made in pursuance of the ordinances of the Town for work, labor or supplies amounting to Twenty five dollars or more by the Committee officers of the Town or [Page 102] or members of the Committees of the council constituted or appointed for the management or Controls of Corporate property shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder and every contact made in violation of this ordinance shall be void and the

officers of the Town and members of such committees consenting to said violation shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding ten dollars to be recovered for the use of the Town by warrant before the Mayor. Provided that nothing herein shall apply to any order passed by the Council;
Which was seconded

Mr Hurkamp moved to lay the ordinance on the table which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mr Hurkamp, Myer 2

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Russell, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Wallace 6

The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the ordinance and it was carried.

On Motion, Mr Conway

The Street Committee were authorized to have not exceeding one thousand loads of [?] sand placed in the lot belonging to Forbes & Wellford's Estates at a cost of not exceeding Fifty dollars

The Mayor presented and read memorials from citizens asking for lamp posts at the following points viz

On corner Princess Anne & Elizabeth Sts

On corner Princess Anne & Dixon Sts

On corner Prussia & Charles Sts

On corner Fauquier & Charles Sts

One in vicinity of Woolen Mill

On Motion the memorials were referred to the Gas Committee

A Memorial from Citizens to have a pump located at the corner of Frederick & Sophia Sts was presented and read by Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Pump Comm.

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the petition was referred to the Committee on Pumps with direction to report [Page 103] probable cost of said pump at a future meeting.

Mr Wallace presented the appn of Mess'rs J B Ficklen & son for the privilege of placing poles along Charles St to their Mills in order to a telephone connection between their office and Mill.

The Petition was granted subject to the supervision of the Street Committee

The Mayor having reported favorably the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the past quarter

On Motion, Mr Ficklen,

The Treasurer was directed to post at the Door of the CH an account of the expenditures of the Town for the past quarter and for each subsequent quarter

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 1st 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, J G Mason, C E Hunter

A quorum not being present the council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 3^d 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

Charles Wallace, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, J G Mason, W P Conway, J S Knox, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr, J G Hurkamp

The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the instance of the Committee on Pumps who desired to report in reference to the probable cost of pump asked for by the Citizens in the vicinity of Frederick and Sophia streets

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Pump Committee reported verbally that the Committee were in favor of the prayer of the Citizens of for a pump on Sophia St and recommend that it be located at the corner of Frederick and Sophia Streets. They report the probable cost of the pump at from seventy five to ninety dollars

Mr Myer moved that the Committee on Pumps be authorized to proceed at once to have a well dug and pump located at the corner of Frederick and Sophia streets at as low a cost as possible which was seconded, whereupon

Mr Conway moved that the subject be postponed until the next regular meeting which was also seconded and put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway & Wallace 2

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Mason, Myer 7

The question recurring upon the motion of [Page 105] Mr Myer and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Hunter, Mason, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Conway & Wallace 2

Mr Ficklen declined to vote

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 22nd 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, C E Hunter, W H Russell, J H Myer, B Bowering, Chs Wallace, J S Knox, J G Mason

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Sener Chrmn of the Gas Committee submitted a proposition from the Citizens Gas Co for lighting the City with Gas which was read

On Motion of Mr Conway

Resolved the Gas Committee be authorized to advertise for proposals for lighting the city for the ensuing year and report

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid Viz

Dr B S Herndon for amputating thigh of Caleb Seddon and medical services to same amt'g to \$25.00

Mess'r A J Little advertising amt'g to \$4.00

An account of J W Johnston for medicines amt'g to \$12.59 was referred to the Finance Committee
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A memorial signed by R B Merchant & three others asking that a lamp be placed at the corner of George and Sophia Streets was presented read, and on motion of Mr Conway the same was referred to the Gas Committee

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the condition of the Jail and also to the Engine belonging to the City and suggested that the Engine be put into condition for use

On Motion, Mr Conway, The subject of the Jail and the Engine was referred to the Public Property Committee for examination and report

Mr Russell moved that Mr Conway be requested to present to the Council the resignation of Mr Edwin Carter, as overseer of the Poor which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Russell and Myer 2
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener, Knox, Hunter, Mason, Wallace 7

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the propriety of extending Sophia Street from the Steamboat wharf to the lower wharf—no action was taken

The Council then adjourned
H S Doggett, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday October 29th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor
J W Sener, Recorder

W H Russell, J S Knox, J G Mason, J B Ficklen Jr, Chs Wallace, J H Myer, C E Hunter, W A Little, W P Conway

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened in order that the body might take such steps as they deemed best or appropriate in respect to the memory of the late Edwin Carter, Overseer of the Poor of the Corporation who died on Sunday evening last at his residence in this place

Mr Conway, after some appropriate remarks upon the life & character of Mr Carter, submitted the following which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes

The Mayor having convened the Council to take suitable action in view of the death of Edwin Carter for years a member of our City Government, it is

Resolved that in the death of Edwin Carter the City is deprived of the services of a faithful and efficient officer and that in appreciation of his services and to render all possible respect to his memory we will attend his funeral in a body and we respectfully request all the officers of our City government to unite with us in paying appropriate honors to the deceased

It may be considered that the Council has discharged its whole duty in taking cognizance of the official character of the deceased, but in view of the fact that Edwin Carter was no ordinary man exhibited for more than half a century the virtues of a good citizen in our midst, we feel not only justified but called upon to place upon record the high estimation in which we have always [Page 108] held him in Common,

we believe with our whole community of the exemplary conduct, personal probity, and unswerving integrity of our deceased friend and fellow citizen

Resolved that a copy of these proceedings be sent to the family of the deceased and published in the papers of the City

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday October 30th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Charles Wallace, W A Little, W H Russell, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr, J G Mason, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, J H Myer

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of electing a suitable person as overseer of the Poor to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Edwin Carter

Mess'rs A Hooten and Abraham Cox were nominated and balloted for as overseer of the Poor and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Mr A Hooten 7 ballots

For Mr A Cox 4 ballots

Mr Hooten having received a majority of the ballots cast he was declared elected overseer of the Poor for the unexpired term of the late Edwin Carter

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Mr Conway moved that Rule 23 be suspended for the present meeting which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Knox, Russell, Ficklen, Hunter, Mason, Wallace 9

Noes Mess'rs Sener & Myer 2

Mr Ficklen presented the resignation of Mr H B Hall as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg

On Motion, Mr Conway, the resignation of H B Hall as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg was accepted

Mess'r R T Knox & Abn'r Cox were nominated and balloted for as Trustees to fill the vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Public Schools occasioned by the resignation of Mr H B Hall and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For R T Knox 9 votes

For Abn'r Cox 2 votes

Mr R T Knox was declared elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fred'g for the unexpired term of H B Hall

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs J B Ficklen, Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp as "Committee on Commerce & Navigation"

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday November 26th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

C Wallace, C E Hunter, W A Little, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the following bills, which were read and ordered to be paid Viz

News office for advertizing amt'g to \$6.25

Recorder officer for advertizing amt'g to \$7.25

Present: W H Russell, J S Knox

A Petition from M B Rowe was presented and read asking the Council to relieve him from a portion of the tax upon the land lately purchased by him, being a part of the Kenmore property, alleging that the land is assessed much above its value

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that the Council having considered the memorial of Mr Rowe for reconsideration of tax conclude that they have no authority in premises

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Pub Property Committee to whom was referred the subject of the condition of the Jail & fire Engine &c submitted a written report which was read

On Motion the Report was received and ordered to be filed

Present: J G Mason

On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved, that the Public Property Committee be requested to dispose of the Fire Engine and other rubbish removed from the house pulled down at the Jail, at public auction or otherwise as soon as possible

Mr Sener, Chrmn of the Gas Committee submitted as the report of the Committee the following proposals for the lighting of the Streets 1 year viz

E D Cole & C L Cole for lighting 50 posts with oil, \$12 pr lamp

H H Wallace, lighting 50 posts with oil \$600

Citizens Gas Co Lighting 50 posts with gas \$30 pr lamp

Mr Conway submitted the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Committee on Gas be authorized and directed to contract for lighting the Streets with either E D Cole or H H Wallace, with oil at a cost of the City of not more than \$12 pr lamp and report the said contract to the Council unless the Gas Co will contract to light the Streets at \$20 pr lamp, whereupon

Mr Knox offered the following as a substitute which was also seconded

Resolved that the Gas Committee be authorized to offer the Gas Company \$1200 for lighting 50 lamps for one year or proportionately for a less number of hours to be regulated by the old contract and report back to this council

The vote upon the same being taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Little Bowering, Russell, Knox, Ficklen, Mason, Myer 7

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Sener, Hunter, Wallace 4

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr John Howison, Supt of Public Schools, which was read stating that the term of office of Mess'rs W T Lowery & A B Bowering expired on the 15th Inst and requesting the Council to re-elect them or some other suitable persons for the positions

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A note from W T Lowery was read declining a re-election

Me'ssrs A Cox, A B Bowering, H F Crismond and J F Thompson were nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For H F Crismond 7

For A B Bowering 6

For J F Thompson 5

For A Cox 4

Mess 'rs H F Crismond & A B Bowering having rec'd a Majority of the votes cast, they were declared elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg

A Communication from Mr L L Bauman was presented and read complaining of the use of the Court House for public exhibitions &c as detrimental to his interest as owner & proprietor of Citizens Hall which is a licensed building and asking the Council that he be protected in his rights—no action was taken

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, permission was granted the Building Fund Assn to hold monthly meetings in the Mayor's office

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday December 24th 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J G Hurkamp, J E Mason, J S Knox

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk Council

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday December 31st 1878

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

Wm A Little, W H Russell, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J G Mason, C E Hunter, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J S Knox, W P Conway, Chs Wallace

Mr Little, after reading letters from Baltimore, Richmond, Norfolk, Alexandria, Lynchburg, Staunton, & Wheeling giving the prices charged for Gas &c in the various cities named, submitted the following propositions from the Citizens Gas Co for lighting the City with Gas for one year Viz

1st For lighting 50 lamps the sum of \$1200 the lighting and extinguishing to be at the expense of the City

2nd For lighting 50 lamps, the sum of \$1400, the lighting and extinguishing to be at the expense of the Gas Co

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The lamps in either case to consume four feet per hour and average nine house per night for 300 nights per year

Mr Little submitted the following which was seconded

Resolved, that the Council accept the proposition contained in Mr D C Fleming, Supt, proposal made &c &c to light fifty lamps at the price of \$28 pr lamp for said fifty lamps or for forty two until the additional eight lamps are put up or ready

Whereupon Mr Conway, moved as a substitute that the subject be postponed for the present which was also seconded, and the vote upon the same was taken by Ayes & Noes, it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Knox, Mason, Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Hunter, Myer 6

Mr Ficklen not voting

The Question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Little and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Hunter, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Knox, Mason, Myer 4

Mr Ficklen not voting

The Mayor having reported favorably on Motion, Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police officers their salaries for the quarter ending this 31st December 1878

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor