

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1879

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday January 21st 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

W A Little, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, J G Mason, W P Conway, Chas Wallace, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter, J S Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the special committee appointed by the Council some time since to prepared a new Charter for the City who were prepared to make their report

Mr Mason, Chrmn of the Special Committee appointed on 23^d July last to take into consideration the subject of the acts of incorporation heretofore passed in relation to this Corporation and the ordinances now existing and to 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 of having the same passed into a complete and distinct Charter of incorporation by the Legislature &c &c reported verbally that after various meetings and giving the subject in hand mature deliberation they had agreed upon and proposed a new charter which he submitted for the consideration of the Council and requested the Clerk to read the same, which was done

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that the report of the Special Committee be accepted and that the Charter or Act of Incorporation prepared by them be at once forwarded to the Legislature of Virginia now in session in order that said Charter may be acted upon before the adjournment of that body.

Mr J S Knox declining to vote

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On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved that Mr Mason be requested and authorized to convey the New Charter to Richmond and place the same in the hands of such member or members of the Legislature as he may deem proper, and that his expenses be paid

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 January 28th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion, Mr Conway,

The Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges and Clerks of Election for their services in the last Congressional election for one day, say three dollars each

Mr Mason stated that in compliance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, the New Charter was carried by him to Richmond and was now in the hands of the Legislature, in conference with members of the Committee it was deemed best to strike out the clause relative to suffrage as its constitutionality was

questionable and since his return after consultation with several members of the Council [Page 117] he had written to our Delegate Mr J L Powell, the patron of the bill in Legislature to engraft in the bill a clause for the submission of the Charter for ratification or rejection to the voters at the election in May next

Mr Little submitted the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas it is verbally reported by Mr J G Mason that since his return from Richmond he has, after consultation with many of the members of the council written to J L Powell Esq, the patron of the bill for a new Charter, requesting that he have inserted in said bill a provision for submitting the said Charter to the voters of the City for ratification or rejection at the next May election to be held in said City Resolved that the Council do hereby ratify and endorse said action of said Mason and ask that that said provision be inserted as above stated, and that this resolution be communicated to Mr Powell.

An account of S S Brooke for copying the new Charter, amounting to \$15 was passed and ordered to be paid.

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Committee on Commerce and Navigation after some remarks upon the importance of prompt action on the part of the Council towards procuring from Congress a liberal appropriation for clearing the Navigation of the Rappahannock River at and below Fredericksburg submitted an interesting and valuable report with statistics of the Commerce and Manufacturers of Fredericksburg for 1878 which was read, said report placing the value of the commerce of the Town & River at \$2,167,320.00 and of the Manufactures at \$770,062.00, making a total of Commerce and Manufactures of \$2,937,382.

On Motion, Mr Myer,

Resolved that [Page 118] the Report of the Committee be received and that said Committee Mess'rs J B Ficklen Jr, J G Hurkamp, and Charles Wallace, with Hon J L Marye & Hon E M Braxton be requested to proceed to Washington and lay before the appropriate Committee of Congress the statistics prepared of the trade and manufactures of Fredericksburg and to urge upon said committee the importance of an immediate and liberal appropriation by the Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock River at and below Fredericksburg

On Motion of Mr Wallace,

The sum of \$15 was allows Mr M Slaughter for his services in preparing the statistics of the Commerce and Manufactures of Fredericksburg

On Motion Mr Ficklen

Resolved, that Rule 1 be so amended as that hereafter the Council shall meet on the 3^d Friday, instead of the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Mr Myer, moved that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed to ascertain and report the practicability and expense of introducing or conducting water into the town for the use of the Citizens, provided the cost of such enquiry does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars, which was seconded, whereupon

Mr Conway moved, as an amendment that the Committee is requested to make the enquiry provided that no expense is incurred therefor, which was also seconded put to the vote and carried

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Myer, Bowering, and Mason as the Committee

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 Friday February 14th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Special Committee appointed at the last Council meeting with reference to the enquiry as to the expense &c of supply the Town with water

Mr Myer Chairman of the special committee appointed at the last meeting to enquire into the feasibility and expense of conducting water into the town, stated that the Committee were not prepared to report as to the expense of establishing water works and supplying the town with water, at the present meeting, as it would take some time to get up estimate &c

He further stated that in order to have the work done, should the Council deem it prudent to bring water into the Town, it would be necessary to get certain privileges from the legislature of Va at its present session, and he therefore offered the following, and moved its adoption that it may be forwarded to the Legislature at once—which was seconded by Mr Hurkamp

It shall be lawful for the City of Fredericksburg to construct suitable works to convey a supply of water from such a place or places as the said City may select, into the said City, and the said City [Page 120] may acquire and hold for that purpose slips of land not exceeding one hundred feet in width and other lands at the termini and stations of their works in the City of Fredericksburg and County of Spotsylvania and in any other County or Counties in this Commonwealth, not exceeding one hundred acres: and shall have the same rights and powers in respect to obtaining rights of way and lands for their pipes, aqueducts, reservoirs, and other suitable structures and fixtures for securing and conveying water, and in respect to taking materials for construction as are conferred upon rail roads and other internal improvement companies by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and may hold, used, and employ such machinery and apparatus, as she may deem proper for supplying the said City with water; and for the transaction of the attendant business;

Provided if any case a part only of the land of any person is proposed to be taken by the said City, the Commissioners in assessing the damages may at their discretion with the consent of the said City, reserve to the owner of the said land such easements or rights of way in or over such part, as they may deem proper; and in case of any reservation, the said city shall take or hold such part in fee, subject to such easements or rights of way.

In order to provide for payment of the said work, the said City may issue bonds bearing interest, not exceeding seven percent per annum which bonds shall be known as “Fredericksburg City Water Bonds” the proceeds of which shall not be applied or used for other purposes and all the net revenue or income derived [Page 121] from the said works, and for the use of the water shall be applied exclusively to the payment of the interest and principal of the said bonds; and the Council of the City is authorized to levy a special tax to be known as the Water tax upon all property in said City, real and personal, and on such other subject, as may be assessed with State taxes against persons residing in the said City; the said levy to be made in the mode prescribed by law and the Constitution of this State for the levy of other taxes for the said City.

2nd This Act shall be in force from its passage and shall be ratified by a majority of the legal voters of the Corporation of Fredericksburg at the next Municipal election.

Mr Conway moved that the subject laid on the table which was seconded by Mr Little and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes, it was carried by the following vote

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

Noes Mess'rs Hunter, Hurkamp, Myer 3

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 February 17th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to consider the action of a Meeting of the Citizens held at the Court House on Saturday night 15th Inst, and present the Resolutions of said Meeting asking that the Council take steps to establish a water works for the City and to this end to adopt the plan proposed by Mr Myer, or some similar one in the Meeting on 14th inst, and to petition the Legislature for authority to issue \$50,000 Bonds to be used only in the construction of said Works if so much needed

The Preamble and resolutions were read whereupon Mr Ficklen presented the following which was seconded

Whereas this Council has received and duly considered the resolutions adopted by the Citizens meeting on the 15th inst and they hereby respectfully state that they cannot, with a proper regard to their sworn duty as members of this Council to who the interests of the Town are committed by their constituents accede to the request to apply to the Legislature for authority to issue \$50,000 of bonds of this city in advance of the report of the Committee appointed by this Council to examine and furnish estimates for a proper plan to furnish a water supply to the town;

Upon the receiving of such a report they will fairly consider and adopt such plan as will best [Page 123] promote in their judgment the interests of the town and the expressed wishes of its citizens;

And Further Resolved that a Committee of three of the Citizens of the Town of Fredericksburg be appointed by the Mayor to act with the Water Committee of the Council, Mess'rs Myer, Bowering, and Mason, to examine, enquire and report some practicable plan for the introduction of water into the Town and report to this Council said plan and the probable cost thereof and said Committee are requested to confer with the Aqueduct Company and ascertain what reduction of the rates for water can be made and on what terms they will lease or sell their works to the town and to examine into the condition of said works, and in executing the above and the former resolution appointing the committee said Committee are authorized to employ Colo Carter M Braxton, a competent engineer to assist them in the said enquiring and the Council will pay their reasonable expenses, not exceeding \$100 one hundred dollars

The vote upon Mr Ficklen's resolution was taken by Ayes and Notes and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Sener, Ficklen, Wallace and the Mayor 7

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

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W T Lowery, G W Shepherd, and T McCracken to act with the Committee under the resolution of Mr Ficklen

On Motion Mr Sener, Rule XXIII was suspended for the present meeting
Mr Sener gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer to amend Section 2nd of Chapter 12
of the Gen'l Ordinances

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 Friday February 21st 1879
Present H S Doggett, Mayor
J W Sener, Recorder
W A Little, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, J S Knox, J G Mason,
F B Ficklen Jr
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An account of the *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$2.00 was presented and ordered to be paid

Mr Little presented and read preamble and resolutions of the Fred'g Aqueduct Co adopted by the said Co
at a recent meeting, by which the Company after 1st June next agree to reduce the rates for water about 33
percent and also that the Co would not doubt lease their works at a reasonable sum for five years or sell
the same.

On Motion the preamble and resolutions were referred to the Special Committee on Water

Mr Myer presented a communication from the Committee appointed by a meeting of the Citizen held at
the Court House, in relation to supplying the City with water, accompanied by a petition to the Legislature
of Va, numerous signed by the property holders of the City, and asking the Council to cooperate with
the Citizens in their application to the Legislature for authority to issue \$30,000 of Bonds for the purpose
set forth in the memorial

The Communication & memorial being read, Mr Little offered the following which was seconded,
Whereas a petition numerous signed by the Freeholders of this town requesting the Legislature to give
the authority to issue \$30,000 of Bonds to erect water works when the plan shall be [Page 125] perfected
and when a majority of the Freeholders shall vote for it, and the said Committee respectfully ask us to
unite with them in said application

Believing now that the wishes of a large majority of our tax paying citizens are in favor of this
application, this Council has no objection to carry out said expressed wishes of the Citizens by uniting in
said application.

Mess'rs Conway & Sener were, on Motion, excused from voting.

The vote upon Mr Little's resolution being taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Little, Bowering, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Mason, Myer

Mr Hurkamp stated that he had paired with Mr Wallace, otherwise he would vote Aye

Mr Mason presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft an Act to be sent to the Legislature now in
session with request for its immediate passage following the petition of freeholders presented to night
embodying the following provisions to wit: Authority to issue \$30,000 of Bonds to be called Water Bonds
to be used for the furnishing of the Town with water, but not to be issued or used until a plan & scheme
has been agreed on and approved by the Council and ratified by a vote of the qualified voters 3/5^{ths} of all

voters and a majority of the free holders to and provide for condemning land and the application of the water rents to the payment of interest and for a sinking fund
 And that such an act be sent to the Legislature at once with a request that it be passed
 The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Mason, Conway and Myer as the Committee
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<i>To Treasurer of Fredericksburg, Va.,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
\$79.	To Capitation Tax.....	\$
	To Tax on Real Estate, valued at \$ at 50c.....	
	To Tax on Personal Property, valued at \$ at 50c.	
	To Tax on Income, \$ per cent....	
		\$
	December 1, 1879. Five per cent. additional.....	
	Received payment,	Treasurer.

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(Printed tax certificates (for individual taxpayers) 1879 interleaved between pages 126-127)

Mr Hunter stated that at the instance of Mr Embrey he was requested to call the attention of the Council to the fence across Charles Street in the rear of the Depot of the R F & P R Rd and to ask it it could not be removed.

On Motion Mr Ficklen, the subject was referred to the Street Committee

On Motion, Mr Myer, The Mayor was requested to appoint a Committee of one to convey the memorial &c to the Legislature

The mayor appointed Mr J G Mason as the Committee
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 Friday evening March 21st 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Mason from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to propose an Act with reference to
establishing Water Works to be submitted to the Legislature, reported that the Committee had agree upon
and prepared an Act which was now before the Gen'l Assembly of Virginia for its action.

Mr Mason offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the resolution passed by the Council on 17th day of February 1879 providing [Page 127]
for the appointment of a Committee to examine and report as to the erection of Water Works &c be
amended so as to authorize said Committee to employ such other Engineer besides Colo Braxton as they
may select

An account of J W Adams amt'g to \$12.05 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox Chrmn of the Street Com, reported that the fence in rear of the R F & P R Rd across Charles
Street had been removed

On Motion, Mr Wallace

The License tax on Drays and Carts was fixed at \$4.00 and on Wagons at \$8.00 for the year commencing
on first April 1879

The Mayor reported that the police officers had performed their duties faithfully for the past quarter and
recommended that their salaries be paid.

On Motion, Mr Conway, The Treasurer was direct to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter
ending 31st March

A Memorial signed by John Hartman, Theodore Drake and others asking the Council to have a lamp post
placed in the vicinity of the Piedmont Rail Rd Depot on Prussia Street was presented and read, and on
Motion the same was referred to the Gas Committee

On Motion, Mr Conway, Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take such step as may be
necessary to have 5 or 600 copies of the new Charter published for the use of the Citizens

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Mason & Wallace 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 City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
on Friday April 18th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J G Mason

Mr Conway from the Committee appointed at the last Council with reference to arranging for publishing the new Charter, stated that the Committee had as yet done nothing, as they had been unable to procure the Copy from Richmond, but they were at work and expected to get the new Charter for the use of the people in good time.

Mr Myer from the Water Committee reported verbally that the Committee were unable to report at the present meeting but expected to do so at an early day to a called meeting.

The Mayor reported that the amount of Fines received by him from August 27th 1878 to date was \$9.50

On Motion Mr Conway, the Council adjourned until Friday evening next 25th Inst at 8 O'Clock

H S Doggett, Mayor,

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday April 25th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway stated that the Committee had not yet obtained a copy of the New Charter but expected to get it in good time for publication

Mr Myers stated that the Water Committee was prepared to report, and that Mr Mason would read the report and also the report of the Engineers.

The Report of the Committee was read by Mr Mason, also reports of Engineers Cutshaw and Braxton
On Motion of Mr Little, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharge and the report with the Engineers report ordered to be published in one of the Newspapers of the City

Mr Sener offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to offer a reward of not exceeding ten dollars for any information that may lead to the arrest and conviction of any party or parties guilty of breaking or defacing any of the lamps or lamp posts of the Town.

An application for Magrath & Chesley for the privilege of erecting a Magazine for the storage of powder, on Commerce St west of the Cemetery was presented and on motion Mr Wallace referred to the [Page 130] Street Committee who are authorized to grant the privilege if in their judgment deemed advisable

Mr Myer presented the account of C M Braxton, Engineer for Map & Estimates for Water Supply amt'g to \$75

On Motion, Mr Little, The Committee on Water were authorized to pay to Colo Braxton the unexpended balance of the appropriation made by the Council in settlement of his claim.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the unsafe condition of the lot at the Corner of Commerce and Main St

On Motion, Mr Conway, The mayor was directed to notify the owner of the lot referred to by him, to have it enclosed at once, otherwise the law in such cases would be enforced

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 Friday May 16th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid

R B Merchant amt'g to \$5.25

Fred'g News amt'g to \$11.75

An account for expenses of post mortem examination upon the body of [blank] Wilson amt'g to \$217.75 was presented and on Motion of Mr Russell the same was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Ficklen presented the following which was adopted

Whereas the Common Council of Fredericksburg has been informed that the present work, now being done by the Engineer Department of the United States of removing the obstructions to the safe navigation of the Rappahannock River cannot be efficiently prosecuted unless the appropriation for that purpose of \$10,000 made by the Act of the last Congress is applied to the work;

And whereas in view of the large annual commerce needing safe transit upon the Rapp'k amount to nearly three millions of dollars (as shown by the annual statistics of the trade) and of the large area of Country dependent upon this River for an outlet; the vigorous prosecution of [Page 132] the works is a matter of large public interest;

And whereas the casualties to safe navigation upon the River which have occurred within the last nine months because of said obstructions, which casualties embrace among others the sinking of three steamboats, demonstrate the urgent public need of the earliest practicable removal of the obstructions;

And Major S T Abert, the U S Engineer in charge of the work has reported, that by the application of said appropriation of ten thousand dollars such progress can be made on the work as to restore the said navigation during the present year

It is therefore resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg that Hon'l R L T Beale, representative from this District be and is hereby requested to make known to the President of the United States the urgent need for application of said appropriation to the work now progressing and to earnestly request the President in behalf of the large public interests involved to authorize the same to be done

Mr Ficklen suggested that a copy of the Statistics of Trade of Fredericksburg be appended to the resolution and on Motion McConway, Mr Ficklen, Chrmn Committee on Navigation & Commerce was authorized to have Statistics printed and forwarded with the resolution

Mr Ficklen presented the following, which was adopted

The Council being informed that the safe navigation of the Rappahannock River will be greatly promoted by an examination of its channel and the placing of buoys along the same and that casualties recently occurring to vessels upon the River show that there is urgent need for the above mentioned work being done as early as practicable and the large amount of Commerce moved upon this River aggregating at least Three Millions of dollars annually as shown by the actual statistics makes the protection to its safe navigation a matter of large public interest

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Therefore resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg that Hon'l R L T Beale, Representative from the District be and is hereby requested to make known to the proper officers of the Light House Board of the U S the pressing need for this work and to urge that said Board will cause said work to be done at as early a day as practicable

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the Condition of walls of a portion of the Town Hall as perhaps unsafe and needing strengthening by proper repairs—no action was taken, as the Council concluded that the subject referred to was under the jurisdiction of the Public Property Committee

Mr Conway offered the following resolutions which were seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and unanimously adopted.

1st Resolved that the present Charter of the City adopted in 1781 and amended from time to time since that period is in our opinion unsuited to our present circumstances.

2nd Resolved that the adoption of the New Charter for the City of Fredericksburg (prepared by a Committee of this Council with great care and labor) will in our judgment promote the best interests of our citizens and we earnestly recommend its adoption by the voters at the polls on the 22^d Inst

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 Friday June 20th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the account of the Coroner of Fred'g stated that in the absence of the other members of the Committee he was unable to make a report upon the matter at this meeting, he expected this subject would be submitted to the Council

Mr Conway also stated that the Finance Committee had settled the account of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and had also prepared the Tax bill for the year 1879-80, but as the Report of the Committee &c had not been signed by the other members of the Committee and he desired them to be present he suggested that when the Council adjourns, it adjourn to some fixed day, next week, say Wednesday, at which time the Tax bill for the ensuing year would be presented

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Street Committee submitted a written report shewing the expenditures for repairs upon the Streets & Crossings for the Year to be \$784.07, the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn of the Park Committee, submitted a written report of the expenditures for the improvement of the City Park for the year to be \$368.45, a portion of said expense was incurred for the previous year.

The report was received and ordered to be filed.

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Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted a written report of the Committee shewing the amt expended by the Committee for the year to be \$649.30 which sum includes the cost of two new pumps ordered by the Council during the year

The Report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Sener, Chrmn of the Gas Com, submitted the report of the Gas Comm shewing the expenditures for Gas to be \$1335.29 for the year and that the Contract on the part of the Gas Co is complied with

An Application signed by H R Gouldman, S S Brooke for a lamp post to be placed at the Corner of Wolfe and Sophia was presented and read.

On motion, Mr Conway, the application was laid on the table for the present.

On Motion, Mr Mason, Resolved that the Finance Committee be requested to have the tax bill prepared by them for 1879-80 printed and placed in the hands of the Council before the next meeting

The Council adjourned, on Motion, Mr Conway to Wednesday next 25th Inst 12 M

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday June 25th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Pub Property Committee submitted the report of the Committee shewing the amount expended by the Committee to be \$374.48 for repairs of Pub property and &c &c

The Report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Sener from the Trustees of Public Schools submitted the report of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools shewing the expenditures for Education &c \$3264.76

and the receipts from all sources \$3014.00

leaving a deficit of \$ 250.00

which the Trustees expected would be discharged by further appropriation from the State, the number of scholars enrolled is 460, white and colored

The report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Committee on Commerce & Navigation submitted a written report respecting the progress of deepening the Navigation of the Rappk River from appropriations made by Congress which was read and the same was received and ordered to be filed

After much of the time of the Council being consumed by Mess'rs Conway & Ficklen in discussing matters personal, growing out of a debate (upon the resolution to print the tax bill offered by Mason) at the last meeting the Mayor decided that the discussion must [Page 137] close when Mr Ficklen asked for five minutes to reply to Mr Conway, Mr Myer thought the time ought to be allowed Mr F, which should close the discussion

Mr Wallace moved that the Council proceed to business, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Notes & lost, by the following vote, Mess'rs Conway & Ficklen excused from voting.

Ayes Mess'rs Russell, Knox, Mason, Wallace 4
 Noes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Hunter, Myer 6

Mr Ficklen was allowed five minutes to reply to Mr Conway, after which the Council proceeded with the regular business

The following accounts were presented and ordered paid Viz

R B Merchant amt'g to \$1.50
 Fred'g News Office amt'g to \$5.25

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee were unable to agree upon the account of the Coroner of Fred'g for expenses in post mortem examination of James Wilson, and submitted the same to the Council for its action.

Whereupon upon Motion of Mr Sener, the account was laid on the table

Mr Sener, moved a reconsideration of the vote laying on the table the account of the Coroner of Fred'g which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter 4
 Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Knox, Mason, Myer, Wallace 8

Mr Conway presented the following

To the Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg,

The undersigned Finance Committee respectfully report that they have settled the accounts of John J Young Collector & Robert W Adams, Treasurer to this date and present the following statement as the results of the said settlement

There are uncollected taxes in the hands [Page 138] of the Collector for the year 1876-77 at the date of our last report June 25 1878 of	\$1298.98
To which be added for 5% additions & Interest in collections	39.40
	\$1338.38
Deduct payments to Treasurer	258.30
Uncollected & delinquent	\$1080.08
There were uncollected taxes for the year 1877-78 at the same date	\$3677.85
To which was added for 5% add'ns & Interest in collections	146.35
	\$3824.20
Deduct payments to Treasurer	1657.00
Uncollected & delinquent	\$2167.20
Amount of taxes assessed for 1878-79	\$24348.79
Deduct payment & Treasurer	\$22147.52
Uncollected & Delinquent	\$2201.27

So that the Collector has in his hands unsettled taxes for the year 1876-77	\$1080.08	
	1877-78	\$2177.20
	1878-79	\$2201.27
		\$5458.55
There was due R W Adams, Treasurer pr last settlement	\$745.60	
He has paid since per vouchers	\$22318.84	
	\$23064.44	
Received from Collector since last report	\$24054.82	
Less rebate & Commissions	3706.07	
	\$20346.75	
Collected by Treasurer	622.38	20969.13
Balance due Treasurer this day		\$2095.31

It is needless to report what we have had the pleasure so frequently to state that the collector & Treasurer presented their accounts & vouchers so clearly & accurately as to give the Committee little trouble, the settlements were entirely [Page 139] satisfactory and are believed to be strictly correct

At the dates of our last report the funded debt of the City was	\$123543.74
There has been funded since	109.80
	\$123653.54

And there has been purchased for the sinking fund Bonds and Certificates which were destroyed

	1275.31
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Funded debt	\$122378.41
Consisting of Bonds	122,100
Certificates	278.41

This is believed to be the entire Bonded debt of the City except about \$2500 of old Bonds held by Miss Alexander (referred to in several of our former reports) which have not yet been funded

Your Committee report the ordinance presented & adopted last year for the imposition of taxes and recommend its adoption for the year 1879-80 with a single change Viz

That the Tax fixed by that ordinance on Fire & Life Insurance Agents for each Company shall be \$30 instead of \$18.000

We think the present tax bill will yield sufficient revenue to pay the Interest on our debt (including the sinking fund) and provide for an economical administration of the City Government, including the present appropriations for the Schools & expenses for the Poor

Respectfully submitted, Signed W P Conway Chrmn, Wm A Little, Charles Wallace

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 [Page 140] paid for the year 1879-80, 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

1 st 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
3 rd On all licenses as follows	
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	\$9.00
Eating Houses	\$16.00
Houses of private entertainment	\$4.00

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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	\$30.00
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

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 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

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Mr Hurkamp moved to strike out in Section 2 of the Ordinance "110" and insert "112½" which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes lost, by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Hunter, Myer	4
Noes	Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Mason, Wallace	8

Mr Mason offered the following as an amendment to tax bills, which was seconded

Sec 6 A deduction of 15 pr cent shall be made on all of the said taxes paid on or before the 15th October next and of 10 pr cent on all of said taxes paid after that date and before the 15th November next, or if one half of said taxes shall be pain on or before said dates, there shall be a deduction of the same percentum on the one-half so paid as would be made as aforesaid if the whole of said taxes were paid on or before said dates; that is to say 15pr cent upon the said one half paid on or before said 15th October and of 10 pr cent upon said one half paid after that date and on or before said 15th November; and those so paying one half of said taxes before said 15th November shall be entitled to indulgence as to the balance thereof until 1st April following; and to a deduction of 10 pr cent upon the said one half so left unpaid after said 15th November, provided the same be paid on or before 15th Mark next and of 5 pr cent provided the same be paid after the said 15th March & on or before 1st April next

7th On all of said taxes remaining due after 15th November next there shall be added 5 pr cent and interest from that date until paid, except on those cases where the one half thereof shall have been paid on or before said date as provided in section six and on all paid on or before said 15th November as aforesaid, which shall remain due after 1st April next, there shall be added 5 percent and interest from said 1st April and [Page 143] the Collector shall proceed to collect the said taxes in the modes prescribed by law and the ordinances of the city

Mr Ficklen moved to strike out 15 of 1st line of Section 6 of the amendment offered by Mason, and insert 12½ (so as to read) a deduction of 12½ pr cent shall be made on all taxes paid &c &c which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Notes & Lost by the following vote Viz

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Hunter 5
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Russell, Mason, Myer, Wallace 7

The vote was then taken upon Mr Mason's motion (to amend) by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Ficklen, Hunter, Mason 4
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Bowering, Myer, Sener, Hurkamp, Wallace 8

Mr Knox moved to amend the part of Section 3 relating to the tax on Insurance Agents or Companies by striking out \$30 and inserting \$18, which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Notes lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Russell, Knox, Myer 4
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Sener, Ficklen, Hunter, Mason, Wallace 8

My Myer moved to amend Section 2 by Striking out 110 and inserting 115 which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Hunter, Myer 4
Noes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Sener, Knox, Ficklen, Mason, Wallace 8

Mr Sener offered the following as an amendment to Section 6 of the tax bill, which was seconded [Page 144]

A deduction of 10 percent shall be made on one half of the tax if paid on or before the 15th October, a deduction of five percent in one half of the taxes if paid on or before 15th November and a deduction of 10 pr cent in the remaining one half paid 15th October if paid on or before the 15th March next and five percent on the other half paid on 15th November if paid on or before 15th April next,

Whereupon Mr Myer moved as a substitute for the amendment offered by Mr Sener "that the ordinance levying taxes for 1879-80 as presented by the Finance Committee be adopted, which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Mason, Myer, Wallace and the Mayor H S Doggett 7

The Mayor having reported favorably on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

On motion, My Myer, Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee be published in each of the City papers one time.

The Council then adjourned
H S Doggett, Mayor
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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg (at the Election held on Thursday May 22^d 1879) met pursuant to call of H S Doggett, Mayor at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Morning Jul 1st 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

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

Jos W Sener, Jas S Knox, Terrance McCracken, E Dorsey Cole, J G Hurkamp, L O Magrath, C E Hunter, Josiah Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, Jno C Minor

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that the first business was the fixing the salary and election of a Clerk of the Council

The Salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at \$75 per annum

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

The Mayor having informed the Council that Mr R H Carmichael, a Councilman-elect had failed to qualify and a vacancy existed in the board.

Mr Hurkamp moved that this Council by its vote indicate their preference to his honor Judge Goolrick as a suitable person as councilman in place of Mr Carmichael who has failed to qualify, which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Knox, Cole, Hazard, Minor 7

Noes Magrath, McCracken, Hunter 3

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Mess'rs Geo W Shepherd and J B Ficklen Jr were nominated and balloted for as a suitable successor to be recommended to Judge Goolrick for appointment and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Mr G W Shepherd 2

For Mr J B Ficklen 6

Declining to recommend 2

The Council then on motion adjourned until 8 o'clock the PM

The Common Council met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday evening July 1st 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

T McCracken, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, J S Knox, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, E D Cole, L O Magrath, J W Sener, Jos Hazard, and Mr J B Ficklen- appointed by Hon J T Goolrick in place of R H Carmichael failing to qualify

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that the first business in order was the election of a Recorder

Mr J W Sener was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Recorder of the City for the ensuing year

On Motion of Mr Sener the salaries and Commissions of the officers to be elected were fixed at the same as the last year

Mr John J Young was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Collector of Taxes and Rents for the ensuing year

Mr W L Slaughter was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Surveyor of the City for the ensuing year

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

Present: Jno C Minor

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

For R W Hart 7

For J L Sibley 5

For J E Woody 0

So Mr R W Hart having received a majority of the ballots cast, he was declared elected weigher & measurer of coal, salt &c for the ensuing year

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

Mrs J E Stone, C W Edrington, C A Gore, M E Gately, J B Larkin were nominated as police officers, and balloted for, and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For J E Stone 12

For C A Gore 11

For C W Edrington 9

For M E Gately 4

For J B Larkin 0

So Mess'rs J E Stone, C A Gore and C W Edrington having received a majority of the ballots cast they were declared elected police officers of the city for the ensuing year

Mr Albert Hooten was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected overseer of the poor of the City for the ensuing year

Mess'rs S H Beale and J W Mills, were nominated and balloted for as City Scavengers for the upper ward and the ballots being counted resulted as [Page 149] as follows

For S H Beale 6

For J W Mills 6

There being no election a second ballot was had with the following result

For J W Mills 7

For S H Beale 5

So Mr J W Mills having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected City Scavenger for the upper ward for the ensuing year

Mr John Sacrey was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected City Scavenger for the lower ward for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following standing Committees

On Finance, J B Ficklen, Chrmn, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener

On Streets J S Knox, Chrmn, C E Hunter, T McCracken

On Pub Property Benj'n Bowering, Chrmn, Jno C Minor, J H Myer

On Pumps J G Hurkamp, Chrmn, C E Hunter, J H Myer

On Public Schools J C Minor, Chrmn, L O Magrath, J S Knox

On Commerce & Navigation T McCracken, Chrmn, J B Ficklen, J W Sener

On Gas Jos Hazard, Chrmn, Benj'n Bowering, E D Cole

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Mr Sener called up the account of the Coroner of the City laid on the Table by the last Council and suggested that as the Coroner Mr Mason was present, he be heard on the subject

On Motion, Mr Mason, was allowed to be heard and gave his views at length upon the matter

On Motion, Mr Knox, the account of the Coroner was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report

The petition of H R Gouldman & others (laid on the table by the last Council, for a lamp at Corner of Wolfe & Sophia Sts was on Motion of Mr Sener, referred to the Gas Committee

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 Friday July 18th 1879

Present J W Sener, Recorder

J S Knox, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, E D Cole, L O Magrath, T McCracken, J Hazard, J C Minor, J B Ficklen, J H Meyer, J G Hurkamp

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Committee stated that they were unable to report upon the appn of H R Gouldman & others for a lamp at corner of Wolfe & Sophia sts as the Committee had not had a definite reply from the Supt of the Gas Co

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee was not prepared to report fully upon the account of the Coroner of Fred'g Va, The Corporation, but recommended that all of the account (except \$175, due to Dr Taylor) amounting to \$43.75 be paid and the remainder of the account be recommitted to the Committee

And on his motion \$43.75 of the account was ordered to be paid and the balance referred back to the Finance Committee for further examination and report

An account of *Fred'g News* for advertising amt'g to \$9.00 was presented and ordered to be paid

The resignation of Mr S H Beale as Scavenger for the upper ward was presented and read and on Motion, Mr Ficklen, the resignation of Mr Beale was accepted on condition that his successor make the necessary arrangements with him and give satisfactory security

Mr Minor, nominated Mr J W Mills as Scavenger to fill the unexpired term of Mr S H Beale, Mr M [Page 152] was balloted for and unanimously elected scavenger for the upper ward for the unexpired term of S H Beale resigned.

Mr Ficklen presented a memorial from M B Rowe praying the Council to reduce the assessment upon the lot owned by him formed owned by the Kenmore Co, present assessment being largely in excess of the value of the property

The prayer of the petitioner was respectfully considered by the Council and declined

An Account of Semi Weekly Recorder for advertising amounting to \$9.00 was presented and order to be paid

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Com reported that the amount expended for support of poor of the Town from July 1st to date was \$84.85

Mr Minor gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move to amend Section 3, Chapter 30 of the Gen'l Ordinance of the City

On Motion of Mr Minor, ordered that the written ordinances and amendments passed during the last five years be printed for the use of the Council

Mr McCracken presented a written application of the Fred'g Building Fund Association for the use of the Mayor's Office in which to hold their Meetings

On Motion, the Fred'g Building Fund Assn were allowed the use of the Mayor's office in which to hold their meetings.

Mr Magrath presented the following which was seconded

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by this Council looking to the [Page 153] introduction of a supply of water for the City, that said Committee be requested to get the desired information and report to this Council at its next meeting if practicable the probable cost of such works

Mr Ficklen moved that the subject be referred to the Pump Committee which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen & Myer 2

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamop, Bowering, Magrath, McCracken, Minor, Knox, Cole, Hunter, Hazard 9

The question recurring upon the Resolution of Mr Magrath it was adopted

The Recorder appointed Mess'rs Magrath, Bowering, & Hunter as the Committee

Permission was granted, Mr Benj'n Bowering upon his application to dig up the Streets from the River to Mayre's Run, for the purpose of conveying water to the Foundry, subject to the supervision of the Street Comm

The Council then adjourned

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday July 15th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J S Knox, J H Myer, L O Magrath, T McCracken, C E Hunter, E D Cole, J C Minor, J B Ficklen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Benj'n Bowering

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Committee reported verbally that the Committee had obtained all the information in regard to the claim of the Coroner vs the Corporation they could and it was their opinion that the claim of Dr Taylor would have to be paid. The Committee had gotten Mr Wallace, Commonwealth Atty, to write to Dr Taylor to ascertain if he would not be willing accept a smaller sum if paid at once, but he refused to abate one dollar.

On Motion, Mr Sener,

Resolved that the account of Dr Taylor, State Chemist, against the Corporation amt'g to \$175.00 be paid out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, it being understood that the payment of this claim is not to be a precedent in the settlement of any other bills

An account of *Fred's Star* for advertising amt'g to \$9.00 was presented and ordered to be paid

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Committee on Com & Nav; submitted and read a letter received from Colo A T Abert US Engineer at Washington in reference to future appropriations by Congress for the improvement of the Navigation of the Rappahannock. Mr McC stated that he would inform Colo Abert that the Committee would apply for at least \$50,000 at the next session of Congress

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On Motion of Mr Sener, the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars was appropriated for the support of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg for the Scholastic Year 1879-80

A Memorial signed by A Kishpaugh & others was presented and read asking the Council to appoint a licensed Stevedore for expediting the loading of vessels &c

The Memorial was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation for report at their earliest convenience.

Mr Minor presented the following ordinance as an amendment Section 3, Chapter 30 of the Gen'l Ordinance of the City which was seconded

It shall not be lawful for any person to turn loose in the Streets of the Town any Horse, Mare, Mule, Bull, Cow, Goat, Sheep, Geese or ducks or suffer or permit the same to run at large in the Streets of the Town, any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every offence, and every such animal found going at large shall be presumed to be going at large by the permission or sufferance of its owner.

And that this ordinance shall go into effect on the 1st day of September 1879, and that all other ordinances that may in any way conflict with this are hereby repealed.

Mr Magrath moved to amend by striking out the word cow, which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bowering, McCracken, Magrath, Sener, Knox 5

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hunter, Myer, Minor, Cole, and the Mayor 6

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The vote was then taken upon the ordinance as offered by Mr Minor and it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Cole, Hunter, Myer, Minor 6
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Magrath, Sener, Knox 4

Mr Magrath asked permission on behalf of Magrath & Chesley to erect a Magazine on their Ice House Lot.

The application was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Sacrey, by permission was heard on the subject of the repeal of Sec 6 of the Scavenger Ordinance; 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 Friday August 29th 1879

Present J W Sener, Recorder

L O Magrath, T McCracken, Jos Hazard, J H Myer, C E Hunter, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Recorder stated that the meeting was called to take into consideration the Memorial from many Citizens, asking a repeal or modification of the Ordinance concerning cows &c passed at the last meeting of the Council.

The Petition referred to be the Recorder was read by the Clerk.

Mr Hurkamp, moved to lay the petition on the table for the present, which was seconded put to the vote and lost.

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp & Cole 2
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Magrath, Knox, Hunter, Hazard, Myer 7

Mr McCracken moved that the Memorial be received and filed which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Knox moved that Rule 23 be suspended for the present Meeting which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Myer, Moved that so much of the Ordinance passed at the last Council as relates to cows be reconsidered, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes & carried by the following vote;

Ayes Ficklen, Hurkamp, McCracken, Magrath, Cole, Hazard, Hunter, Myer 7
Noes Knox 1

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Mr Magrath moved that the ordinance be repealed; the Recorder ruled Mr Magrath out of order because of his having voted in the negative on the ordinance as passed by the last Council

Mr Ficklen moved that the whole ordinance be reconsidered which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, McCracken, Magrath, Cole, Knox, Hazard 7
Noes Hunter, Myer 2

Mr Knox moved that the ordinance passed at the last Council relating to Cows &c be repealed and that Section 3 of Chapter 30 of the General Ordinance of the City be re-enacted which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Ficklen moved as an amendment that the ordinance relating to Cows &c passed at the last Council be repealed and that the following be adopted

It shall not be lawful for any person to turn loose in the Streets of this Town any Horse, Mare, Mule, Bull, Goat, Sheep, Geese, or ducks or suffer or permit the same to run at large in the Streets of the Town It shall not be lawful for any person to suffer his or her cow or calf to run at large in any of the Streets or alley of the City between the hours of sunset and sunrise

Any person offending against this ordinance shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every offence and every such animal found going at large shall be presumed to be going at large by the permission or sufferance of its owner

Any that this ordinance shall go into effect on the 1st Day of October 1879 and that all ordinances that may in any way conflict are hereby repealed.

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Which was seconded put to the vote and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Magrath, Cole, Hunter, Hazard, Myer 7
Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Knox

Mr Knox reported that permission had been granted Magrath & Chesley to build a magazine on their lot on the upper end of the City

Mr McCracken from the Comm on Commerce & Navigation reported in writing adversely to the appointment of a City Stevedore, the report was received and ordered to be filed
The Council then adjourned

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday September 19th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J Hazard, Jno C Minor, L O Magrath, C E Hunter, E D Cole, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Benj'n Bowering, Terrence McCracken, J S Knox

Mr Sener called the attention of the Council to the necessity of requiring the owners of Trees on the Streets having the same properly trimmed so [Page 160] so not to obstruct the light from the Street lamps, and he gave notice that at the next regular Meeting he would introduce an ordinance on the subject

Present: J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Magrath presented the following which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and unanimously adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby respectfully requested to cause to be prepared and laid before this Council at its next regular meeting a statement shewing the amount of taxes due and unpaid upon realty and owing to this Corporation since the War, specifying in detail the persons from whom due, the years for which due, and the lots on which they are respectfully due, together with an addition showing the whole amount due up to and including the year 1878

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of the Poor amounting to \$225.47 which were ordered to be paid

The Mayor having reported that the police officers had performed their duties faithfully for the past quarter, the Treasurer was ordered to pay their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

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 Friday October 17th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

Jno C Minor, T McCracken, E D Cole, J S Knox, C E Hunter

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, C C

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday November 21st 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Jno C Minor, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr, T McCracken, J H Myer

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Com reported the expenditures for the poor for the month of October at \$154.20 and for November 117.86; the accounts were ordered to be paid

Mr Ficklen also reported that the Committee had contracted with a responsible party to furnish wood for the Corporation at \$2.95 pr cord for same.

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, the Treasurer was directed to pay A B Bowering, Commr of Revenue his salary for the years 1879, he having delivered into the lands of the Treasurer the land and property books and license returns for the year.

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On Motion Mr Ficklen the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges & Clerks of election for their services in the late election \$3.00 each and also the sum of \$5.00 for carrying the returns to Spotsylvania Ct H.

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Com presented several bills of *Fred'g News* for advertising amt'g to \$7.75 which were ordered to be paid

Present: L O Magrath

On Motion, Mr Sener, Rule 23 was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Kishpaugh being present was by consent of Council heard on the subject of the appointment of an Inspector of Rail Road ties, hoop poles &c

Mr Hurkamp moved to amend Chapter 9 of the Gen'l Ordinance as follows, which was seconded

After the word “wood” in 4th line in Section 1 insert “inspect and count all Rail Road ties and Hoop Poles” and after the word in Section 3 insert “for inspecting and counting Rail Road ties one cent each and Hogshead hoop one cent per bundle and barrel hoops one half center for each bundle, the fees of the inspector to be paid by the party calling on him to perform such duty”

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

An Account of *Fred’g Recorder* for advertising amt’g to \$6.00 was presented and ordered to be paid

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Comm presented a partial statement called for by Mr Magrath’s resolution at a previous meeting and stated that if satisfactory to the Council the Committee would continue their labors and have the report fully completed, the Council [Page 163] approving the Committee were requested to proceed with their labours.

A Memorial signed by Citizens in the vicinity of Hawke & Princess Ann streets asking that a pump be located in that part of the City was read and on Motion the same was referred to the Pump Committee for report

A Memorial signed by Citizens in the lower part of the City asking the Council to have a foot bridge place over Hazel Run was presented and read and the same was referred to the Street Committee for report

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Com on Commerce & Navigation presented the following which was adopted
Whereas the appropriations heretofore made by Congress for the cleaning out and improvement of the Rappahannock River so far as to make easy navigation as far as Fredericksburg Va have been in sums so small compared with the object sought, as to fail in securing the desired effect viz in securing a good channel for steamers and vessels to this place on low as well as high tides, and

Whereas the several Engineer Officers in charge of the said work have repeatedly urged upon Congress the importance of an appropriation sufficiently large for that purpose and that this end sought my be speedily and efficiently accomplished and as we learn that this will be specially urged in the Engineer’s forthcoming report,

Therefore be it Resolved

1st That Congress at its approaching session be earnestly urged to grant to the improvement of the Rappahannock River a sum not less than fifty thousand dollars for this purpose.

2^d That a copy of the Resolution be [Page 164] communicated to Hon R L T Beale, our Representative to be laid before Congress and the Committee of the said House

Mr McCracken presented the following which was seconded and adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Commerce & Navigation be authorized to have prepared a statement showing the full volume of the trade and Commerce of the Rappahannock River and the Port of Fredericksburg for 1879 to be laid before Congress at its approaching session and for this purpose they are authorized to make an appropriation of not exceeding twenty dollars

Mr Magrath from the Special Committee appointed by the Council for the purpose of procuring estimates for supplying the City with water submitted a written report to the effect that the Committee had made but little progress in the matter as the Council had furnished no means to aid in getting the desired information, one party agree to supply the town with water from the Rapp’k River for \$50,000; the Comm state that if the Council will authorize a loan, water works can be built and hopes the subject will not be allowed to pass unnoticed until the City is amply supplied with water.

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

Mr Magrath gave notice that at the next meeting he would move to amend the ordinance concerning the weighing of hay &c

Mr McCracken gave notice that at the next meeting he would introduce an ordinance for the appointment of a City Gauger

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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 Friday December 19th 1879

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

C E Hunter, J G Hurkamp, J B Ficklen, T McCracken, E D Cole, L O Magrath, J C Minor

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of the poor for the month of December amt'g to \$181.79 which were ordered to be paid

Mr Ficklen presented the report of the Finance Committee in reference to the unpaid taxes prior to the year 1876, shewing amount due \$15,257.52

On motion, Mr McCracken, the report of the Committee was received and that action upon the delinquent tax list be referred to the Finance Committee at a future meeting

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr J S Knox as a member of the Council which was read whereupon Mr Magrath offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the resignation of Mr J S Knox as a member of this Council be and is hereby accepted, and the Council express their deep regret at the action of Mr Knox and hereby express their high appreciation of his valuable services to the City and of his uniform courtesy and kindness in his intercourse with every member of this body

A communication signed by C Armat, R G Swift, and T Griffin, was read complaining of the condition of Main Street, opposite their property. The [Page 166] communication was referred to the Street Committee

On Motion Mr Minor

Resolved the Mayor be directed to inform Judge Jno T Goolrick of the resignation of Mr J S Knox as a member of this Council and to request that he appoint a suitable Citizen to fill the vacancy

On Motion Mr Sener, The Mayor was requested to indicate to Judge Goolrick that the 13th name as voted for by the people at the late municipal election would be preferable to the Council

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

Mr Hunter submitted the report of the Street Committee showing the amount expended for repairs of Streets to date \$476.95.

The report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hunter submitted a proposition from Mr G T Ferneyhough for building a foot bridge over Hazel Run for the sum of twenty five dollars

On Motion Mr Ficklen the communication was referred to the Street Committee and they were authorized to contract with Mr Ferneyhough for building the Bridge referred to

Mr McCracken asked the privilege of the Council to use his Dry House in the vicinity of the P F & P R Rd as a magazine for storing powder

The application was referred to the Street Committee

Mr McCracken presented the following ordinance which was adopted

1st There shall be appointed by the City Council a competent person who shall be called Inspector and Gauger of Liquors

2^d It shall be the duty of the Inspect and Gauger [Page 167] to be appointed to provide himself with the most approved instruments for ascertaining the capacity of a barrel, hogshead, Cask, or other vessel and then quality or proof of spirituous liquors and the quality or proof of spirituous liquors, and when called upon for that purpose shall attend with the same in any part of the city and there gauge and ascertain the contents of any barrel, hogshead, cask or other vessel and examine the quality and proof thereof and mark on such barrel, hogshead, cask or other vessel, near the bung, the capacity of spirituous liquors in wine and proof gallons together with the ullage, and if not spirituous liquors the capacity shall be marked in wine gallons only

3^d If any person shall alter, deface, or change any of the marks or characters made by the inspector aforesaid thereby to deceive and defraud the purchaser of distilled spirits, wine or other liquid merchandise so gauged and inspected he shall for each offense pay a fine of not less than five dollars together with the cost of prosecution.

4th Any person may buy sell or otherwise dispose of any foreign or domestic liquors in casks or other liquid merchandise in said City without having the same gauged or inspected, but in cases of difference between buyer and seller as to the quantity or quality, either party may call in the inspector and gauger and his judgment shall bind the parties; the party in error paying gauger fees.

5th The said gauger and inspector shall for his services be entitled to demand and receive from the person or persons employing him as aforesaid compensation as follows; for gauging and inspecting each barrel, hogshead, cask or other vessel the sum of fifteen cents

6th The person so appointed inspector and gauger of liquors shall before entering upon the duties of his office take and subscribe an oath or affirmation faithfully and impartially to [Page 168] execute the duties of his office

7th Any and all ordinances or sections of ordinances conflicting with this are hereby repealed

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Committee reported that the Contract with the Gas Co for Lighting the Streets was gas would expire on 1st January and he was requested to confer with the Supt Mr Fleming as to a renewal of same and report.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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