

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1881

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday, January 21st 1880[1]

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W H Russell, Chs Wallace, T McCracken, J Hazard, J B Ficklen, J S Knox, Benj'n Bowering, M G

Willis, E D Cole, M B Rowe

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Committee to whom was referred the application of Citizens for opening Washington Avenue asked and obtained further time to report

Mr Cole presented a bill of \$4.00 of Mr Smith for Surveying lines for Mr Hurkamp by order of the Street Committee, the bill was laid over for the present

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of the Poor for Jan'y amt'g to \$181.65, also bills of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$2.25 which were ordered to be paid

The Mayor reported the fines received since last meeting at \$100. also receipts for affixing seal \$1.00

Mr Ficklen presented the following which was adopted

The Common Council being advised that a large number of the Citizens & tax payers have been suffering from a want of water for household purposes on account of the inability of the Fredericksburg Aqueduct Co to supply the same to its customers yet requiring payment for the water whether they [Page 225] furnished it or not, and further hearing this scarcity of water is owing to the company's being unwilling to expend any money in the enlargement of their works or pipes and repairing the same properly. This Council deem it their duty to take some steps to protect its tax payers from such imposition.

Therefore, Resolved that the Pump Committee are hereby directed to call upon the proper officers of the Aqueduct Co to know of them the lowest cash price for their Springs Reservoir pipes &c. Further that the Committee be and are hereby instructed to correspond with Colo C M Braxton and know if he ever made an estimate of the Aqueduct Co Reservoir, pipes &c, cost and worth of same, if so on what terms he will furnish the information to the Pump Comm. The Committee to be ready to report to the next Council in February or sooner if they have the necessary information.

Mr McCracken submitted an ordinance amending Chap XII of the Gen'l Ordinance of the City concerning Streets and Footways which was read and in order that the Council might act upon it at the present meeting he moved a suspension of the rule which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and the motion was lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Cole, Rowe 3

Noes Mess'rs Doggett, Russell, Bowering, Willis, Knox, Hazard, Wallace, Ficklen 8

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On Motion, Mr McCracken, the ordinance proposed by Mr McCracken was referred to the Committee on Ordinances

Mr Doggett, moved that the action of the Council at its last meeting by which a member was relieved from serving on the Committee on Ordinances be reconsidered which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Cole, Hazard, Wallace 6
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Willis, Knox, Rowe 5

Mr Willis moved that Mr Ficklen be excused from serving on the Committee on Ordinances which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the Motion of Mr Willis be laid on the table which was also seconded put to the vote and carried

Mr Ficklen moved that the Committee on Ordinances be increased to four, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Willis, Hazard 4
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Rowe, Wallace 7

Mr Cole again called the attention of the Council to the bill of Mr Smith

Mr Wallace offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that in the judgment of this [Page 227] Council the bill of Mr Smith is properly against Mr Hurkamp, and the Council has no jurisdiction in the matter. Mr Smith's remedy being set forth in the Ordinances of the City

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday, January 21st 1880[1]

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

T McCracken, E D Cole, M B Rowe, M G Willis, J S Knox

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, C C

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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 21st 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, Chs Wallace, W H Russell, J Hazard, M G Willis, J B Ficklen, J G Hurkamp

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering the subject of the Court House being used for other than judicial purposes. It being known to the Council that for some time past the property had been used for Public Meetings, Exhibitions &c &c without compensation and at an expense to the Corporation

Present: J S Knox, M B Rowe

On Motion Mr Ficklen the rule was suspended in order that any business brought before the Council might be considered

Mr Ficklen submitted the following ordinance which was seconded

Be it ordained by the Common Council that hereafter the Court House shall not be open for Public Meetings other than judicial by the City Sergeant or Keeper thereof until the unanimous permission to use the same has been obtained from the Public Property Committee in writing, with the certificate of the City Treasurer that five dollars has been paid into the Treasury to pay for Gas & cleaning the same for

each night the Court is so used [Page 229] and any one obtaining such permission shall state in writing that he or they will be responsible for any and all damage that may occur by such usage, and it be understood that the Court House is only to be used for Lectures.
That all ordinances in conflict with this are hereby repealed

Mr Wallace moved that the ordinance concerning the Court House amended 1872 be enforced by the Mayor, which was also seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Russell, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace and the Mayor	6
Noes	Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Bowering, Doggett, Willis	5

Mr Rowe from the Street Committee stated that at the next meeting the Committee would be prepared to report upon the application of citizens for the opening of Washington Avenue

Mr Russell, Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted the following report which on motion Mr Ficklen was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes
To the Hon Mayor and Council of Fredericksburg, Gent
Your Committee in compliance with a resolution passed at our last meeting beg leave to make the following report, Having applied as directed by the resolution to the Fred'g Aqueduct Co to know the lowest price at [Page 230] which they would sell their property franchise &c have received the following reply

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fred'g Aqueduct Co held Feb'y 7 1881 the following resolution was passed and the Sec'y and Collector of said Company was ordered to forward the same to the Chrmn of the Pump Committee of the Common Council.

Resolved in response to the inquiry of the Common Council as to the sale to the Corporation of Fredericksburg of the works and franchise of said Company, that the Board of Directors of said Company have no power to sell or contract for the sale of said works or franchises, but that the Board will take pleasure in presenting any positive proposition for purchase to the Stockholders of said F A Company at their next annual Meeting in June proximo

Pursuant to the above resolution I enclose the same

Respectfully,

W P Conway, Sec'y & Treas

Your Committee has also corresponded with Colo C M Braxton upon the subject and herewith submit his estimate given as approximating only in his opinion the value of the property franchises &c &c of the Fred'g Aqueduct Co

Respectfully Submitted,

W H Russell, Chs Wallace, J Hazard (Pump Committee)

The Estimate cost of duplicating the present works of Fred'g Aqueduct by Colo C M Braxton is \$12,350 [Page 231]

On Motion, Mr Ficklen

Resolved that the Pump Committee be requested to ascertain what the cost will be to pump a supply of water from the Fair Grounds to Stanard's Hill, also from the Paper Mill to one of the Hills above and report to the next Council and that the sum of \$25 be appropriated to the use of the Committee in procuring the information desired

An application signed by J Hirsh pres'dt of the Mutual Building Fund Assn for the use of the Mayor's Office in which to hold their meetings on 3rd Monday night of each month was presented and referred, on Motion, to the Public Property Com

On Motion Mr Doggett

Resolved that the Clerk be required to furnish the Mayor with a true list or copy of all ordinances not included in our printed codes

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented the accounts of the overseer poor for month of February amt'g to \$130.45, also an account of J W Adams amt'g to \$6.90 which were ordered to be paid

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Com & Nav be directed to ascertain what amount has been appropriated by the Counties of Culpeper and Orange, also pledged by private citizens of those counties and this City for the purpose of building an Iron bridge across the Rapidan at [Page 232] Germanna Ford and the price agreed to be paid for same, and what amount is necessary to be raised to complete said agreement with the builders of the Bridge so that the work may be done this Spring, and whether they deem it advisable that this council shall appropriate enough to make good said deficit and have the Bridge built so as to receive the trade of those Counties to this City

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that his honor the Mayor be and is hereby requested to appoint a special Committee of three to examine into the expediency and advisability of this Council assisting the Citizens in arranging for an Agricultural Fair to be held here next Fall as proposed by some of our tax payers, The Committee to report at the next meeting of the Council any and all information they may be able to obtain in reference to it

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Public Property Comm be directed to enquire into and report to this Council at its next regular meeting what a suitable place or places can be bought or rented in or near the City to be used as a Alms House and Garden with any other information on the subject that they may deem necessary or expedient for the consideration of this body

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Mr Wallace moved to insert the Finance Com, in place of Public Property Committee which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Willis, Rowe, Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Russell, Doggett, Knox, Hazard 6

The vote was then taken upon the resolution offered by Mr Ficklen and it was adopted

Mr Doggett from the Committee on Ordinances submitted a resolution providing for the codifying and printing the ordinances of the City, also the various charters, obtained from time to time together with a Historical Sketch of the Ancient City, said History to embrace the various Citizens who have been elevated to the position of and served as Mayor of the City from the time of its incorporation to the present time, which was read

Mr Wallace offered the following which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted

Resolved that the resolution in regard to codifying our present ordinances, Rules &c and giving a history of our Town since its incorporation be referred back to the Committee on ordinances for specification for probable cost &c

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Russell, Willis Rowe, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Doggett, Knox, Hazard 4

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, 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, March 18th 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
Chs Wallace, M G Willis, M B Rowe, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, T McCracken, E D Cole, J B Ficklen, Jos Hazard
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor announced the following as the Committee under the resolution passed at the last meeting in reference to the holding an Agricultural Fair in Fredericksburg during the Coming Fall Viz
Mess'rs M G Willis, M B Rowe, E D Cole

The Mayor reported the following amounts for fines &c since last report

For fines	\$9.75
Licenses for Exhibitions	10.00
Affixing seal	2.00

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn fo the Finance Comm reported the accounts of the overseer of the poor for Month of March \$165.07, for wood 73.25; for Dr Johnston a/c for medicines for poor since Septmr last \$47.15
Which was ordered to be paid

Mr Ficklen also reported that the Treasurer had placed in the hands of the Committee coupons for Interest on 7% Bonds of the City paid by him amt'g to \$4207 and that the same were destroyed by them by burning
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Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Street Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Citizens for opening Washington Avenue submitted the following report which was read and on Motion Mr Ficklen the same was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes
To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, Gentlemen
Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of certain citizens praying that your honorable body would order the opening of the Street known as Washington Avenue from Commerce Street to the Mary Washington Monument beg leave to report as follows;
Having examined the records of the Clerks office find that on the 3rd day of September 1859 W K Gordon and wife sold to Frank Slaughter, two hundred acres of land, part of said land lying between Commerce Street and the said Mary Washington Monument for the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, the terms of which sale were five thousand dollars cash and the balance in certain terms as specified, the deferred payments being secured by a deed of trust on said lands, of which W P Conway was trustee, and we further find from the said record that the said Frank Slaughter associated with himself J L Stansbury, G Guest and others and formed themselves into the Kenmore Company and had the said two hundred acres surveyed and laid off into building lots by W S Slaughter, Corporation Surveyor and continued the Streets of the town through the said [Page 236] lots wherever it was practicable and laid off new Streets, one of which was known as "Washington Avenue" having a width of one hundred and fifty feet and commencing at Commerce Street at the East Corner of the City Cemetery lot and extending to the Mary Washington Monument, it being the Street referred to by your Petitioners, It seems that the said Kenmore

Company were unable to pay all of the deferred money due the said W K Gordon, and he instructed W P Conway trustee to sell the lots fronting on said Washington Avenue, on the East side between Commerce and Lewis Streets, extending the said lots ninety feet into said Avenue, thereby reducing the width of said Avenue to sixty feet, and the said W K Gordon further instructed the said Conway trustee to sell the lots on the West side of said Avenue between Lewis Street and Lot no 25, now owned by said W K Gordon, and extending these lots also ninety feet into the said Avenue thereby reducing the width of the said avenue to sixty feet, as per deed from said W P Conway trustee to John G Hurkamp for lots on the East side of the said Avenue between Commerce and Lewis Streets dated July 1st 1875 and a similar deed from the said W P Conway, trustee to Geo W Shepherd for lots on the West side of the aforesaid Avenue between Lewis Streets and Lot No 25 owned by W K Gordon, dated July 2^d 1875 to which deeds reference is hereby made for any additional particulars that your honorable body may desire

We also find that in the deed from W P Conway and Jno M Herndon trustees to W K Gordon bearing date January 1870 conveying lot No 25 which is [Page 237] situated between the lots now owned by the said Geo W Shepherd on Pitt Street and fronting upon the said Washington Avenue that nothing is specified as to the width of the aforesaid Avenue,

Your Committee are therefore of the opinion that the said owners of the above named lots fronting on Washington Avenue have no legal claims on said Avenue and are not injured in any way by its being received and opened by your honorable body as they were aware at the time of purchasing the said lots that sixty feet were reserved for Street purposes by the original owner, the said W K Gordon.

Your Committee there would respectfully ask that the prayers of the said petitioners be granted and recommend that "Washington Avenue" be opened from Commerce Street to Lewis Street in accordance with the lines specified in the deed from W P Conway trustee to John G Hurkamp dated July 1st 1875, and from Lewis Street northwards towards the Washington Monument according to the lines specified in the deeds from the said W P Conway, trustee to Geo W Shepherd dated July 2^d 1875 and to W K Gordon bearing date of January 1870

We also recommend the opening of Pitt Street from Washington Avenue to the Mary Washington Monument.

Signed T McCracken, E D Cole, M B Rowe,
Fredericksburg March 18 1881

Mr Wallace from the Pump Com stated that the Chrmn of the Comm was necessarily absent and that the Committee would not be able to report in obedience to the resolution passed at the last Council and asked for [Page 238] further time which was granted

Mr Wallace, Chrmn of the Committee on Com & Navigation state that the Committee had not been called together in reference to the resolution of the last Council requesting certain information respecting a Bridge to be built over Germanna Ford to be obtained from the fact that in his judgment the Council had no power to expend money outside of the City without a special act of the Legislature and he did not deem it proper to make the enquiries named in the resolution

Mr Willis from the Special Committee to take into consideration the advisability of aiding the Citizens in holding an Agricultural Fair in Fred'g asked and obtained further [time] for the Committee to make their report

Mr Bowering, Chrmn Pub Prop Com, asked for further time for the Committee to make their report upon the resolution passed at the last Council relative to the purchase of property for an Almshouse
On Motion further time was granted the Comm to make their report

Mr Doggett, Chrmn of the Committee or ordinances reported verbally that as far the Committee could ascertain the cost of preparing the Ordinances and other matter marked out in the resolution submitted at last council would be from \$100 to \$150.

On Motion Mr Hazard, the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the use of the Committee in preparing the ordinances and History of the Town

Mr Wallace voting nay on the motion

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On Motion Mr Ficklen

Resolved that the Pub Prop Committee be directed to ascertain what the old fire Engine can be sold for and a Hook & Ladder and Truck can be bought for, suitable for the City and report at the next Meeting.

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of Pub Prop reported to the Council the unsafe condition of a Portion of the Town Hall Property and what he deemed necessary to be done to render the building safe; he also reported that the Committee had arranged to removed the old stone steps in front of the building and replace them with Iron steps and to use the stone or old steps in some repairs upon the Court House

After considerable discussion of the subject of Mr Bowering's report, Mr Bowering rose and tendered his resignation as a member of the Council and asked that it be received

On Motion Mr Wallace, the resignation of Mr Bowering was laid on the table

Mr Hazard offered the following which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council that the Public Property Committee be authorized to proceed with the necessary work of Strengthening the walls of the Town Hall &c

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Com; reported that the contract with the Citizens Gas Co would expire on 1st April ensuing

On Mr McCracken, The Finance Comm were requested to ascertain whether it was necessary for the Corpo to procure a State License for [Page 240] the purpose of renting the Court House for public Meeting, Exhibitions &c

The Mayor having reported favorably, on motion, Mr Wallace, the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst

Mr McCracken stated that he was requested to enquire what action had been taken upon the application of Mutual Building Fund Assn for the use of the Mayor's office presented at the last meeting

Mr Ficklen presented the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Public Prop Comm be authorized to rent the Mayors office to the Two Building Fund Associations at \$25 per annum for each from the 1st day of April with the proviso that no such usage shall conflict with the use of same by the Mayor at any time

Mr Cole offered the following as an amendment, seconded, that the Mayor's office be no longer used for any other purpose than the Mayor's Court except upon the payment of two dollars for each time used.

Mr Bowering moved to amend Mr Ficklen's motion by inserting twenty dollars in place of twenty five which was also seconded

Whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the motion of Mr Bowering be laid on the table which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Wallace, Willis, Cole 4
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6
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Mr Wallace moved to amend Mr Ficklen's motion by inserting eight dollars in place of twenty five, seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Cole Rowe, Wallace
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Willis Knox, Hazard

Mr Wallace moved to amend by inserting \$10 instead of \$25, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Ficklen moved to amend Mr Wallace's motion by fixing the Rent at Eighteen dollars which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard 5
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Wallace & the Mayor 6

Mr McCracken moved to adjourn which was seconded put to the vote and lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Wallace 4
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

Mr Wallace moved to adjourn until Saturday night next, seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Wallace 4
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

Mr Wallace Moved to adjourn until next regular meeting, seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Wallace 4
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

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The question recurring upon Mr Wallace's motion to fix the Rent at \$10

Mr Cole moved to adjourn which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Cole 2
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 8

The vote was then taken upon Mr Wallace's motion and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Rowe, Wallace 3
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Hazard 7

Mr Wallace moved to adjourn which was seconded, put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Wallace 4
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

Mr Wallace moved that the Rent of the Mayor's office to the Building Fund Associations be fixed at twelve dollars per annum each which was seconded, put to the vote and it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bowering, McCracken, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 7
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Willis, Cole 3

On Motion Mr Ficklen

The License Tax on Wagons & Carts & Drays was fixed at Eight dollars on Wagons and Four dollars on Carts and Drays for the Year commencing on 1st day of April 1881

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, 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, March 23^d 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
T McCracken, J Hazard, J S Knox, Chs Wallace, W H Russell, E D Cole, M B Rowe

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to take into consideration the resignation of Mr Benj'n Bowering as a member of the Council
The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr B Bowering as a member of the Council
On Motion, Mr Cole the resignation of Mr Bowering was accepted

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the rule was suspended for the present meeting for the purpose of considering matter concerning Public Property.
Mr Doggett offered the following which was adopted
Resolved that the Public Property Committee be requested to proceed at once in the repairs of the Town Hall building and to that end employ a competent expert to draw specifications in detail of what is necessary to make the building safer &c, specifications and drafts not to cost more than \$10 and to offer the same to the lowest bidder
The Council then adjourned
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday, April 1st 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox, T McCracken, M B Rowe, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, J B Ficklen, and Isaac Hirsh (appointed by Judge Goolrick in place of Benj'n Bowering, resigned)

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of three members to consider a memorial from the Draymen of the City
A Memorial signed by the Draymen of the City asking the Council to extend the time of collecting Cray & Wagon Licenses to May 1st proximo was presented and read
On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Collector of Taxes was authorized to extend the time for collection of dray and wagon Licenses to May 1st

Mr McCracken moved that the rules be suspended to hear Mr St G R Fitzhugh
Mr Fitzhugh stated that he was requested by a number of citizens to apply to the Council for the use of the Court House on next Tuesday night without charge for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Co-operative Man'g Co

Present: H S Doggett Recorder, Chs Wallace

On Motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr St G R Fitzhugh
Mr Fitzhugh stated that he was requested by the Eagle Shoe Factory to ask that the Company be relieved from the tax of 1880.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the application of the Eagle Shoe Factory Co was referred to the [Page 245] Finance Committee

Mr McCracken moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of allowing Mr Rowe to present an ordinance for the consideration of the Council

Mr Rowe offered the following which was seconded, put to the vote and adopted
Be it resolved that the ordinance requiring the payment of ten dollars for the use of the Court House be repealed
The Council then adjourned

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday, April 15th 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
J G Hurkamp
A quorum of the Council not being present it stood adjourned
R W Adams C C
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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday, April 20th 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
W H Russell, Chs Wallace, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, Jos Hazard, J S Knox, E D Cole, T McCracken, J B Ficklen
The meeting of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion Mr McCracken, the rule was suspended for the purpose of transacting any business before the Council

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Com, presented the accounts of the overseer of the poor for provisions, rents & wood amt'g to \$219.67 which were ordered to be paid

Mr Willis, from the Pub Prop Com stated that the Committee were not ready to report upon the resolution respecting purchase of property for an Alms House, and asked for further time which was granted

Mr Willis from the Pub Prop Com submitted a written [report] in reference to the resolution respecting Sale of old Engine and purchase of Hook and Ladder
The Committee reports that the Engine could not be disposed of, except at a great sacrifice, and they deem it no advisable to sell at present, the estimate the cost of Hook & Ladder at about \$300 and suggest [Page 247] that some such apparatus should be had for the protection of property in the City against fire
On Motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Willis from the Pub Prop Com, reported verbally that the estimated cost of strengthening the walls of the Town Hall was about \$256.75, the sum it was thought would render the House secure
Mr Wallace moved that the Pub Prop Com be requested to proceed and have the Town Hall Property placed in a safe and secure condition, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Ficklen moved to amend by appropriating an additional sum of \$125 to be used in putting the Town Hall property in secure condition which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted

Mr Russell, Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted the following report
To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of Fred'g
Gentlemen

The undersigned Committee in compliance with resolutions passed at a former meeting of your honorable body respectfully report that they have prosecuted their enquiries and investigations as fully as the means at their command would permit endeavoring to obtain all the information needed to direct us as to the best mode of supplying our City with a sufficient quantity of good water for all purposes

Your Committee started out with the expectation that they could find a supply of Spring water, which [Page 248] with the present supply furnished by the Aqueduct Company would give to the City all the water needed. In pursuing these investigations your Committee in company with several citizens visited the Spring of Mr Stansbury, near the City and made several efforts to ascertain correctly the number of gallons pr minute that could be relied on from that source. The ground being we the flow of water was good yielding about sixty gallons per minute. This quantity, however, is not claimed for the Springs in dry weather and your Committee are led to believe that not more than thirty gallons per minute could be relied upon with safety during the summer months. This supply taken in connection with the present supply as furnished by the Aqueduct Co your Committee is convinced would not be an adequate supply for the City and therefore do not feel justified in recommending any plan looking to a supply of Spring water in sufficient quantity to meet the wants of the City for extinguishing fires, for manufacturing, for cleansing, for sanitary, and other purposes. In this opinion your Committee is upheld by the Conclusions arrived at by the two eminent Engineers, Colo C M Braxton and Colo Cutshaw, who with a former Committee from this body after a thorough examination lasting for several days came to the conclusion that a supply from these sources would be wholly inadequate to the wants of the City for all purposes. Looking to an adequate supply of water your Committee is forced to the conclusion that it can only be had from the River, and the most economical way [Page 249] in which it can be obtained is upon the plan suggested by a former committee and recommended by the Engineers who assisted them in making their investigations: viz to take the water from the Canal at the old Paper Mill site, pumping it up into a reservoir to be located on one of the hills west of this point and from thence conducting it in pipes to the City and distributing it to all parts of the city where wanted. With a firm conviction of the absolute necessity that now exists for a very large additional supply of water for households and culinary purposes, as well as for extinguishing fires, manufacturing, and other purposes, your Committee would earnestly recommend that your honorable body at once adopt such measures as in their wisdom the deem best and most economical to furnish an ample supply of river water.

Respectfully submitted

Signed, W H Russell, Chs Wallace, J Hazard (Pump committee)

April 20th 1881

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

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Com, submitted a written report, accompanied with a proposal from the Citizens Gas Co to furnish the City with Gas @ \$26 pr lamp for 50 or more lamps to light and extinguish and clear the same, but repairs to be done at City expense

On motion, Mr Ficklen the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Rowe, from the Special Committee in Reference to Fair &c asked and obtained further time for report [Page 250]

Mr Doggett presented the following which was seconded

Whereas the Council has been informed that the proper Authorities of the Counties of Culpepper and Orange are engaged in the effort to construct a permanent Bridge over the Rapidan River at Germanna

and that their plan is to construct a Bridge which shall be passable at the highest floods in the River and will be the most permanent character; and that a Satisfactory plan of a Bridge of this character has been obtained which can be constructed of the best materials and workmanship for the sum of \$5000 and that the sum of \$2900 has been raised toward building said Bridge in said Counties; and the sum of about \$700 subscribed for that purpose by individuals in Fredericksburg and elsewhere, and that if the sum of \$1000 shall be subscribed and paid by this Common Council on behalf of Fredericksburg, the erection of said Bridge will thereby be assured during the present year;

And whereas it is evident that the providing such a safe and certain mode for wagons to cross said River at Germanna at all times will be an important advantage to the trade and business interests of Fredericksburg, and it is therefor just, reasonable and expedient that the Town shall contribute as much as \$1000 to the construction of said Bridge,

Therefore it is resolved and ordered by the Council:

1st That a subscription is hereby authorized and ordered to be made in the name and behalf of the Town of Fredericksburg of the sum of \$1000 to be paid and applied towards the Construction of said Bridge in the manner and time hereinafter stated, [Page 251]

2^d That said subscription of \$1000 shall be paid at the time when said Bridge shall be fully completed and accepted by the proper authorities of Culpepper and Orange Counties and the City of Fredericksburg, having authority to contract for and accept the same when built

3^d That the monies needed to pay said subscription shall be raised by the Tax bills to be assessed and levied in said Town as follows, viz in three equal installments viz one third levied and raised the present year, one third in the year 1882 and the remaining third in the year 1883.

4th That the Mayor is hereby directed to communicate this action of the Council to the said authorities of said Counties and the Committee appointed by this Council having said enterprise under their charge, and to subscribe said sum of \$1000 in the name and behalf of the City of Fredericksburg to the fund for the erection of said Bridge, such subscription to be payable as provided in clause No 4 herein before

5th That the Finance Committee is hereby authorized and directed to make such financial arrangements as shall be deemed expedient by said Committee to raise the said sum of \$1000 and meet said subscription when it shall become payable, on the basis that the drafts on the revenues of the City for the Satisfaction and discharge of said subscription shall fall on said revenues in three equal installments during said three years as above provided.

6th That the Mayor appoint a Committee of three to act with the Commissioners appointed by the Counties of Orange & Culpepper in the matter of contributing to said Bridge, superintending the work [Page 252] of construction and passing upon the acceptance of same when completed

Mr Wallace moved the following as an amendment which was also seconded

Provided that said appropriation before being made shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town at the next municipal election in May proximo,

The vote being taken upon the amendment of Mr Wallace it was rejected by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Russell & Wallace 2

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard & Rowe 9

The question recurring upon the Preamble and Resolutions presented by the Recorder Mr Doggett and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes they were adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9

Noes Mess'rs Russell & Wallace 2

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be requested to call on and ascertain from the Insurance Companies represented in this City will contribute to the purchase of a Hook and Ladder & Truck and report at the next meeting of the Council

On Motion Mr Rowe

Resolved that the name of the Committee on "Pumps" be changed to Committee on "Water."

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Mr Ficklen addressed the Council at length on the subject of a supply of water for the City and submitted an estimate of cost of same including the purchase of Fred'g Aqueduct Co works at his valuation making the whole cost for a supply of Spring water \$28,000.

Mr McCracken moved that the statement of estimates of cost of introducing water into the City be published in hand bills for circulation to the extent of 500 hand bills, seconded.

Mr Hirsh moved to amend by publishing along with Mr Ficklen's report the Pump Committees report and also a synopsis of Colo Catshaw's report, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote, Mr J B Ficklen being excused from voting.

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Willis, Hazard, Rowe and the Mayor 6

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Wallace 5

Mr McCracken offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Street Committee are hereby instructed to open the following Streets: Washington Avenue from Commerce to Lewis Street thence to Pitt Street, Pitt Street from its intersection with the said Washington Avenue to the Mary Washington Monument; the said opening to be made at the cost to the Corporation

Whereupon Mr Wallace moved to adjourn which was also seconded put to the vote and lost

Ayes Mess'rs Doggett, Willis, Cole, Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hazard, McCracken, Russell, Hirsh, Knox, Rowe 7

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Mr Wallace mover to amend Mr McCracken's resolution as follows, which was seconded

That the property holders along Washington Avenue be allowed the space of four months to make their arrangement for opening same, and the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Mr Cole excused

Ayes Mess'r Wallace 1

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9

The vote was then taken on Mr McCracken's resolution and the Ayes & Noes being called the resolution was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Russell, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9

Noes Mess'rs Doggett, Wallace 2

Mr Hazard presented an application from E Stofregen to erect or place an awning in front of his store on Main Street which was read

On Motion the application was referred to the Street Committee

The Council then adjourned

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, May 5th 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J S Knox, M B Rowe, Chs Wallace, Isaac Hirsh, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, E D Cole, T McCracken, M G Willis, J B Ficklen, J Hazard

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering a memorial of Citizens in reference to the action of the Council at its last meeting subscribing \$1000 towards the building a bridge across Germanna River
The memorial was read

Mr Doggett presented a paper signed by many Citizens commending the cause of the Council in their late action upon the subject of Germanna Bridge, which was read

Mr Wallace presented two memorials signed by many citizens asking the Council to reconsider their action in reference to the Germanna Bridge or submit the matter to a vote of the people at the next election which was also read

Whereupon Mr Doggett moved to lay the Memorials on the table which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and carried by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 10
Noes Mess'rs Russell & Wallace 2

The Council then adjourned
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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, May 12th 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, J S Knox, T McCracken, W H Russell
A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned
R W Adams, Clerk Council

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday, May 20th 1881
Present, J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
J G Hurkamp, Chs Wallace, Isaac Hirsh, J B Ficklen, M G Willis, M B Rowe, Jos Hazard, J S Knox E D Cole, T McCracken
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn Finance Com: presented the accounts of overseer poor for May amt'g to \$153.87, also accounts of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$17.25 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Street Com; presented the application of Mr J W Colbert to erect a shed in front of his store on Commerce Street, also of Mr White for the same privilege
On Motion the applications were referred to the Street Committee

The Mayor presented an invitation of Fred'g Commandery of Knight Templars for the Council to be present at a Banquet to be given to the [Page 257] Knights of Boston, and Providence on 23^d Inst on their pilgrimage to Richmond

On Motion Mr McCracken

Resolved that the Council accept with thanks the courteous invitation of the Fred'g Commandery Knight Templars to be present at their banquet to be given on 23^d inst to their Brother Knights of Boston Mass, and Providence RI, in their pilgrimage to the Metropolis of the State and the Mayor is requested to communicate the acceptance of the invitation with the best wishes of the Council that the occasion may prove a bright and happy one to all

Mr Hazard presented petition of Citizens for a gas lamp to be placed in Market Alley, on Motion Mr Wallace the application was referred to the Gas Com for report.

Mr Hazard suggested that the time had arrived to renew the contract with the Gas Co for supplying the City with Gas

On Motion Mr Doggett, the Gas Committee were directed to ascertain the cost of supplying gas for 60 lamps, also for cleaning and probable cost of repairs.

The Mayor reported the following for fines &c since last report:

For fines	\$7.50
For licenses	7.50
For Seal	1.00
	\$16.25

Mr Hurkamp moved that the Pub Prop Committee be requested to have Iron Steps placed in front of the Council Chamber, which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Wallace moved as an amendment that the Public Property Committee be requested to ascertain the cost of Iron Steps and also the [Page 258] cost of replacing the stone steps in front of the Council Chamber which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes & carried

Ayes	Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Wallace	8
Noes	Hirsh, Hurkamp & Rowe	3

Mr Cole moved to adjourn which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes & lost

Ayes	Hirsh, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Wallace	5
Noes	Ficklen, Hurkamp, McCracken, Doggett, Knox, Hazard	6

Mr Wallace moved to lay the subject on the table, which was seconded put to the vote & lost

Ayes	Doggett, Willis, Cole, Wallace	4
Noes	Ficklen, Hirsh, Hurkamp, McCracken, Knox, Hazard, Rowe	7

The question recurring upon Mr Hurkamp motion as amended by Mr Wallace and the vote being taken it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Ficklen, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Wallace	7
Noes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Rowe	4

The Council then adjourned

[Pages found in the microfilm reel of 1881. The pencil note suggests that it was a late addition to the direct record of the council minutes. The meeting of May 23rd 1881 is not part of the transcribed minutes of the City Council. The pages have been moved to their date location in making this transcription]

This book was brought to me by Mr Fitzhugh on Feb'y 17, 1899

It was found by him in the office and was not turned over to me with other records on July 1898 when I became Clerk of the Council
J P Corbin (see page 22 [Vol 17])

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, May 23^d 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W H Russell, Chs Wallace, M G Willis, E D Cole, J B Ficklen, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, J S Knox, J Hazard, J G Hurkamp

Mr McCracken, Chrnm of Street Committee presented the annual report of the Council Shewing the amount expended on Streets for the year for repairs &c &c \$736.14
The report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Wallace, Chrnm of Com & Nav Committee reported verbally that the Committee had expended nothing and the \$100 appropriated for the Committees use was turned into the Treasury; Mr Wallace stated that the largest appropriation ever obtained for our River was obtained at the last session of Congress (say \$15,000) by our Representative Gen'l Beale, and the Committee were informed by him that the presence at Washington was not needed so that the expense of the Committee in not having to go to the seat of Government was saved to the Citizens

Mr Ficklen presented Bills of Fred'g News for printing amt'g to \$2.25 which were ordered to be paid

The Mayor reported in writing that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the past quarter and on motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

Present: M B Rowe

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday, May 31st 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, E D Cole, M G Willis, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, J Hazard, M B Rowe

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering an application of the W U Telegraph Co for the purpose of removing certain of their poles from one locality to another and to erect additional poles, also at the instance of the Public Property Committee in relation to paving in front of the City Hall

The Application of the Western Union Telegr Company was read and on Motion, Mr Ficklen received Mr Doggett offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that permission be given to the Western Union Telegraph Co to put up poles twenty five feet in length above ground as supports to the present poles, the wire to run from the top of the poles, on condition that the trade of the town and citizens be not obstructed, and reserving the right to order them to

be taken down at the pleasure of the Council and to be done under the supervision of an by consent of the Street Committee, the said poles to be painted

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Property Committee stated that many complaints had been made to the Committee of the condition of the side walk in front [Page 260] of the Town Hall and suggested that it would be best when the City was in condition to do so to have the walk paved with good Baltimore Brick

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was seconded

Resolved, that the Public Property Committee examine and report at the next meeting of the Council what it will cost to make a permanent pavement in front of the City property

Mr McCracken offered the following as a substitute which was also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Cole, Rowe 5

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard and the Mayor 6

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

The Council then adjourned

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At a adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday, June 21st 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W H Russell, T McCracken, J B Ficklen, I Hirsh, M G Willis, J G Hurkamp, J S Knox, J Hazard, E D Cole

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Doggett from the Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of Poor for June amt'g to \$152.81 which were ordered to be paid

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Committee submitted a written report shew'g amt expended by the Committee for repairs of property, fuel &c \$550.76, the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Willis also reported that three of the Insurance Companies had agreed to contribute \$70 towards the purchase of a Hook & Ladder & Truck, also that the cost of stone steps in front of the Council Chamber would be \$45 and of permanent Brick in front of the Town would be about \$150

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of the Street Comm stated that the Committee would not be able to report until next meeting.

Mr Russell, Chrmn of Water Committee submitted a written report of amt expended by the Committee for building one new pump and repairs of old pumps \$263.75, all the pumps being in excellent condition

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

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Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Comm submitted a written report reminding the Council of the fact that no contract had as yet been made for supplying the City with gas, the former contract having expired on 1st

April last and suggesting that better terms might be had from the Gas Co by making a contract for three years instead of one year as heretofore

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Present: M B Rowe

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Committee on Public Schools submitted a written report shewing the schools to be in excellent condition and recommending an appropriation for the support of the schools for the ensuing year of \$2000

The report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn of Park Committee submitted a written report shew'g the expenditures for keeping the park in good condition \$102.27, less sales of hay \$16.50, nett \$85.77

The report was received and ordered to be filed

A communication from the Agent of the W U Telegraph Co was presented, asking the Council to reconsider its action requiring the wire to be placed at the top of the poles and requesting that the Co be allowed to fix the wire in support of the guy poles 20 feet above the ground

On Motion Mr Ficklen the Communication was laid on the table

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from Judge Goolrick in the form [Page 263] of a report from the Grand Jury, made on 11th Inst asking the Judge to call the attention of the Mayor and Council to an alleged nuisance extending from the Premises of G H Peyton on Main St through the lots of several citizens to Charlotte St and to request that the nuisance be at once abated.

The Communication was respectfully referred to the Mayor

Mr Knox presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to bring in an estimate at the monthly meeting in July of the cost of placing on the corners of our streets, either with Tin or wooden pieces with the names of our Streets.

Mr McCracken presented the application of Swift & Cole for the privilege of erecting a shed in front of their store on Commerce St

On Motion the application was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Russell presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the proposition of the Supt of the Citizens Gas Light Co to light sixty lamps at \$25 pr lamp be accepted provided the said Gas Co will continue to furnish 52 lamps at \$26 pr lamp until the number is increased to sixty.

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee reported that in the judgment of the Committee it was inexpedient to relieve the Eagle Shoe Factory of the tax of 1880

On Motion, the report was adopted

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On Motion Mr Ficklen, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges & Clerks of Election five dollars each for their services in the election 26th May 1881.

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented the following which was seconded

The appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year commencing July 1st and ending June 30 1882

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of Fredericksburg that the following appropriation be made in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882

For Interest & Sinking Fund	10,000
For Public Schools	2,000
For Support of the Poor	2,000
For Salaries	2,800
For Police	500
For Public Property Committee	600
For Street Committee	800
For Water Committee	300
For Gas Committee	1,500
For Park Committee	100
For Commerce & Navigation Committee	100
For contingencies	2,300
	\$23,700

2^d That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriation aforesaid and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting of any of these appropriations are exhausted and not to pay any vouchers from Committees on him until further appropriations are made to said Committees by the Council

Mr McCracken moved that the appropriation of the Street Committee be fixed at \$1200 instead of \$800 which was also seconded put to the [Page 265] vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Hurkamp, Cole, Rowe 4
 Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Russell, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard 7

Mr Hurkamp moved that the appropriation for the "Park Committee" be fixed at two hundred instead of one hundred dollars which was seconded and put to the vote and lost

The question recurring upon the ordinance as presented by Mr Ficklen and it was adopted

Mr Russell moved to adjourn which was seconded put to the vote and lost as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, Russell, Rowe 4
 Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard 7

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented an ordinance levying the License tax for the year 1881-1882 which was read, Whereupon on motion of Mr McCracken, the clerk was directed to have printed at once one hundred copies of the ordinance presented by Mr Ficklen for the use of the Council On Motion, Mr McCracken, the council adjourned until Thursday night next 8 o'clock

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Mr Ficklen called up the ordinance presented at the last meeting imposing a license tax for the year 1881-1882

Mr Wallace offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Finance Committee be respectfully requested to have heir tax bill in regard to Real Estate and Personal Property printed and placed in the hands of each Councilman if possible on Saturday June 25th and that the council when it adjourns it does so to meet on Monday night June 27th when the whole tax bill shall be acted on,

Whereupon,

Mr Ficklen moved as an amendment that the Council proceed at once to the consideration of the License ordinance which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 8
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Russell, Willis, Wallace 4

On Motion Mr Knox

Resolved that in considering the License bill that the Council act upon each Section separately

The 1st Section was read

Mr Wallace moved that the tax be fixed at \$100 instead of \$50 as inserted in the bill which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Russell, Willis, Rose, Wallace 5
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard 7

The vote was then taken upon 1st Section and it was adopted

2nd Section was read and the vote upon same it was adopted by the following vote

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Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen Hurkamp, Hirsh, Russell, Willis, Cole, Hazard, Rowe, Doggett, Knox 10
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Wallace 2

3^d Section was read, when Mr Russell moved to amend by inserting the word "transmission" before the word Agent in first lines, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, Russell, Willis, Cole, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 8
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Doggett, Knox 4

The vote was then taken upon the 3^d Section as amended and it was adopted.

4th Section was read and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Russell, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 11

Noes Mr Wallace 1

5th Section was read, when Mr McCracken moved to amend by inserting thirty five in place of thirty in second line, which was seconded and carried as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, McCracken, Russell, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Wallace 7
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Doggett, Knox, Hazard 5

The vote was then taken upon the Section as amended and it was adopted

The 6th Section was read and adopted

The 7th Section was read and adopted unanimously upon a Yeas & Nay vote

The 8th Section was read, when Mr Wallace moved to amend by fixing the tax at \$50 instead of \$25, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by [Page 274] the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Cole & Wallace 2
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hirsh, Hazard, Rowe 10

Mr Wallace moved to amend by fixing the tax at \$40 instead of \$25 which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Mr McCracken moved to amend by fixing the tax at \$30 instead of \$25 which was seconded, put to the vote and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Russell, Willis, Rowe & the Mayor 7
Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Wallace 6

The Section as amended was then voted upon and adopted

The 9th Section was read when Mr Wallace moved to amend by fixing the tax upon all Lawyers, Physicians, & Dentists in place of the rates named in the Section, which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following votes

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken & Wallace 2

Noes Ficklen, Hurkamp, Russell, Hirsh, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 10

The vote was then taken upon the Section by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted all the members voting ayes except Mr Wallace who voted no

Section 10 was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted, Mr Wallace only voting no

Section 11 was read and the vote taken upon same it was adopted. Mess'rs Russell and Wallace only voting in the negative

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12th Section was read, when Mr McCracken moved to strike out in second line after the word 'dollars' the word "and" which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Russell, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 11

Noes Mr Doggett 1

The vote was then taken upon the 12th Section as amended and it was adopted Mr Doggett only voting no

13th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted unanimously

14th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted, Mr Wallace only voting in the negative

15th Section was read, voted upon and adopted. Mr Wallace only voting no

15th Section was read, voted upon and adopted. Mr Wallace only voting no

16th Section was read, voted upon and adopted unanimously

17th Section was read, when Mr Russell moved to strike the last clause of the section which reads as follows "any boarding house keeper who shall keep or take boarders for a less period than one month shall be deemed a hotel keeper" which was seconded put to the vote and lost, as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace, Russell, McCracken, Hirsh 4

Noes Mess'rs Rowe, Hazard, Knox, Cole, Willis, Doggett, Hurkamp, Ficklen 8

Mr Wallace moved to fix the tax at \$10 instead of \$7 which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Wallace 5

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Hurkamp, Knox, McCracken, Doggett, Hazard, Ficklen 7

The vote was then taken upon the Section and it was adopted on the following vote

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Ayes Mess'rs Rowe, Knox, Hazard, Willis, Doggett, McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Ficklen, Cole 10

Noes Mess'rs Wallace & Russell 2

18th Section was read when Mr Wallace moved to fix the tax at \$25 instead of \$20 which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Cole & Wallace 3

Noes Ficklen, Hurkamp, McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Rowe, Hazard 9

The vote was then taken upon the Section and it was adopted, Mr Wallace voting no

19th Section was read and on motion amended by inserting after the words Malt liquors in tenth line the words "except where persons have license to sell the same"

Ayes Mess'rs Willis, Wallace, Russell, McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, & the Mayor 7

Noes Mess'rs Rowe, Hazard, Knox, Cole, Doggett, Ficklen 6

The vote was then taken upon the Section as amended and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace, Willis, Russell, Hirsh, Hurkamp, McCracken, Rowe 7

Noes Mess'rs Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 5

The vote was then taken upon the Section as amended and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace, Willis, Russell, Hirsh, Hurkamp, McCracken, Rowe 7

Noes Mess'rs Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Ficklen 5

20th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted unanimously

21st Section was read and the vote taken upon same it was adopted, Mr Wallace voting nay

22^d Section was read and the vote taken upon same it was adopted unanimously

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23^d Section was read and on Motion amended by striking out the 20 clause of the Section reading thus

“General Auctioneers shall not sell such animals either privately or at auction without paying this tax”

The vote was then taken upon the Section as amended and it was adopted unanimously

24th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted unanimously

25th Section was read when Mr Wallace moved to fix the tax at \$15 instead of \$20 which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Ayes Mess'rs Wallace & Russell 2

Noes Mess'rs Rowe, Hazard, Knox, Cole, Willis, Doggett, McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Ficklen
10

The vote was then taken upon the Section and it was adopted, Mess'rs Russell & Wallace voting no

26th Section was read and the vote taken it was adopted unanimously

27th Section was read and the vote taken upon same it was adopted, Mr Wallace only voting no

28th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted Mr Wallace only voting no

29th Section was read and the vote taken upon same and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Rowe, Hazard, Cole, Doggett, Russell, McCracken, Hurkamp, Ficklen 9

Noes Wallace, Willis & Hirsh 3

Mr McCracken moved that the Council adjourn until Monday evening next 8 O'clock which was seconded put to the vote and carried

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Russell, Cole, Wallace & the Mayor 7

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday, June 27th 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Chs Wallace, J S Knox, T McCracken, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, W H Russell, M G Willis, J G Hurkamp, J B Ficklen, E D Cole, J Hazard

The Consideration of the License Ordinance was resumed

Section 30 was read and adopted, Mess'rs Wallace & Russell voting no

Section 31 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no

Section 32 was read and adopted

Section 33 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting not

Section 34 was read and adopted

Section 35 was read and adopted

Section 36 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no

Section 37 was read and adopted

Section 38 was read and adopted

Section 35 was read and adopted by a vote of Yeas & Nays as follows
Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9
Noes Mess'rs Russell, Willis, Wallace 3

Section 40 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 41 was read and adopted, Mess'rs Russell & Wallace voting no
Section 42 was read and adopted

Section 43 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 44 was read and adopted by a vote of Yeas & Nays as follows
Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 8
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Russell, Willis, Wallace 4
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Section 45 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 46 was read and adopted
Section 47 was read and adopted by a vote of Yeas & Nays
Yeas Mess'rs Rowe, Hazard, Knox, Cole, Willis, Doggett, McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Ficklen 10
Noes Mess'rs Wallace & Russell 2

Section 48 was read and adopted
Section 49 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 50 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 51 was read and adopted
Section 52 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 53 was read when Mr Wallace moved to amend by fixing the tax on Circus and Menagerie at \$50 per day and on outside shows five dollars each, which was seconded put to the vote by ayes & adopted
Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Russell, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 11
Noes Ficklen 1

Section 54 was read and adopted
Section 55 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 56 was read and adopted
Section 57 was read and adopted by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Hazard, Knox, Cole, Doggett, McCracken, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Ficklen 8
Noes Mess'rs Wallace, Russell, Willis, Rowe 4

Section 58 was read and adopted, Russell & Wallace voting no
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Section 59 was read and adopted, Mr Wallace voting no
Section 60 was read and adopted
Sections 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66 were read and adopted
Section 67 was read, whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the Section be stricken out which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote
Ayes Hurkamp, Russell, Willis, Cole, Rowe, Wallace 6
Noes Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Knox, Hazard & the Mayor 7
Section 68 was read and adopted

On Motion, Mr Knox the word "Transient" in 3^d Section was stricken out
On Motion Mr Ficklen the word "and" where stricken out in 12th Section was re-inserted. Wallace voting No

Mr McCracken moved to strike out in 12th Section the words “and whether such table is used or not” which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Ayes Mess’rs McCracken, Russell, Wallace, Cole, Willis 5

Noes Mess’rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Doggett, Hazard, Knox, Rowe 7

Mr McCracken moved that the License Ordinance as amended be adopted which was seconded,

Whereupon Mr Russell presented and read the Tax bill of 1880-1881 as a substitute for the License bill offered by the Finance Committee, striking out all rebate as named in the bill and adding a penalty of 7 and 10% respectively if not paid by 1st October and 1st November next, which was seconded.

Whereupon Mr Doggett moved the tax bill presented by Mr Russell be laid on [Page 281] the table which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and adopted

Ayes Mess’rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Hurkamp, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 10

Noes Mess’rs Russell, Wallace 2

Mr Wallace moved that the License ordinance offered by the Finance Committee be laid on the table which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Russell, Willis, Wallace 3

Noes Mess’rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9

The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the ordinance as amended offered by the Finance Committee and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Ficklen, Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Doggett, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9

Noes Mess’rs Russell, Willis, Wallace 3

The ordinance as amended is in the following words:

An ordinance imposing taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for the year ending April 30th 1882 for the support of the City Government, the payment of the interest on the City Debt, and for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg in the manner following that is to say, there shall be an annual License tax assessed and paid by all persons and firms in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions, and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for [Page 182] beginning on the 1st of May 1881 and ending on the 1st of May 1882 This license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of August 1881

1st on every license to a steamboat, Steamship or other transportation agency (other than the Express Companies) in this City the specific tax shall be \$50 \$50

2^d on every license to any person renting houses, farms, or other real estate for compensation or profit the [tax] shall be \$5 \$5

3rd On every agent for the sale of books or Maps or Canvasses for any book, Newspaper, periodical, Magazine, Map, Engraving, or picture, or solicitation for subscription thereto \$10.00 \$10.00

4th on every agent for copying pictures \$10.00

5th on the agent of each incorporated insurance Company doing business in the City \$35. But this shall not apply to the agent of accident insurance companies doing business in the City, upon whom the tax shall be ten dollars \$10

6th On every agent for hiring labor \$10

7th On every mercantile agent or Reporter reporting the financial standing and credit of person engaged in Business twenty five dollars \$25

8th On every agent for the sale of real estate residing or keeping an office in the City \$30

9th on every attorney at law, physician, conveyance, dentist, Surveyor, Civil Engineer, the gross amount of whose professional receipts for the year ending April 30th 1881 was less than \$1000—ten dollars, where the gross amount of their professional receipts for the same time is over \$1000 and less than \$2000—twenty dollars; all persons other than duly licensed attorneys at law who for compensation shall prepare deeds, contracts, wills, or other writing shall be deemed conveyancers [Page 283]

10th on every general auctioneer forty five dollars, whether he receive any compensation for his services or not

11th on every license permitting a Billiard or Pool Saloon to be kept in this City (whether a charge is made for playing or not) the tax shall be \$25.00 and each additional table \$10.00

12th on every bagatelle, Jenny Lind, or Dexter table \$10.00, and if said table is kept in the same house with or is on any way attached to a bar room, hotel, boarding, or eating house, this tax is imposed, whether any charge is made by the proprietor thereof for the use of said table or not; and whether said table is used or not.

13th on every license permitting a bowling Saloon or ten pin alley (whether a charge is made for playing or not) to be kept in this city the tax shall be \$10 on each alley

14th On every bill poster five dollars (\$5)

15th On every butcher then dollars, whether he sells meat in the public market or not; but nothing herein shall be construed in any manner as modifying or conflicting with the general ordinance in regard to the Public Market; and no butcher will be permitted to sell meat in the Public Market or elsewhere until he has obtained this license and exhibited the same to the Clerk of the Market

16th on every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, ten dollars \$10

17th on every person keeping a boarding house seven dollars (\$7), any person other than the keeper of a hotel, eating house, or restaurant who shall furnish for compensation board and lodging for any number of persons, not less than five for a period as long as one month or more shall be deemed a boarding house keeper, any boarding house keeper who shall take [Page 284] boarders for a less period than one month shall be deemed a hotel keeper

18th on every person keeping a hotel twenty dollars (\$20), but this license shall not cover the right to sell wine, spirituous or malt liquors

19th on every person keeping an eating house or restaurant, sixteen dollars (\$16), any person who shall cook or otherwise furnish for compensation, diet or refreshment of any kind for casual visitors at his house and sold for compensation therein, and who is not the keeper of a hotel or boarding house or restaurant, but the refreshments herein named shall not consist of wines, spirituous or malt liquors, except where parties have license to sell same.

20th On every person selling upon the street or other public places, snacks and such like eatables five dollars or one dollar and a half per quarter

21st on every private banker, two hundred dollars (\$200) The term “private banker” shall include all persons conducting the business of a stock, note, bond, money or bills broker

22nd on every pawn broker twenty five dollars (\$25)

23rd on every person trading in horses, mules, cattle, hogs and sheep fifteen dollars (\$15)

Butchers buying for the own trade shall not be subject to this tax

24th on every com, cancer, eye or other itinerant doctor or optician ten dollars \$10

25th on every dauguarean or photograph artist twenty dollars (\$20)

26th on every Express company having an office or doing business in the City. Thirty dollars \$30, and no rail road company shall so own express business in the city without first obtaining a license under this clause

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27th upon every huckster ten dollars (\$10) payable quarterly on the 1st of May, August, November and February, but this license shall not cover the right to sell oyster and fish.

28th on every ice dealer ten dollars \$10

29th on any person trading in any kind of second hand articles, junk, old metals, rags, or other like commodities. Thirty five dollars (\$35) and for each canvasser, or agent canvassing the City for the purpose of buying junk or other matter for junk dealers or themselves fifteen dollars (\$15)

30th on every keeper of a livery stable thirty dollars (\$30)

31st on every two horse hack, phaeton, omnibus, or other carriage used for hire. Eight dollars (\$8); on every buggy used for hire four dollars (\$4) on every one horse wagon, dray, or cart used for hire four dollars (\$4)

32nd on every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquor, or any mixture thereof, one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160), but where a person sells only malt liquor by wholesale the tax shall be twenty five dollars (\$25)

33rd on every person selling by retail wines ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixture thereof eighty dollars (\$80) but where a person sells only malt liquors by retail the tax shall be fifteen dollars (\$15), when the liquors mentioned above are sold to be drunk where sold, bar room license must be taken out in addition

34th on every keeper of a bar room eighty dollars, but this license shall not cover the right to retail liquor not to be drunk where sold

35th on every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits twenty five dollars (\$25) and manufacturing malt liquors ten dollars (\$10)

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36th A wholesale liquor dealer desiring to sell liquors by retail may do so by paying one half of specific tax on a retail liquor license, but a retail liquor dealer desiring to sell liquor to be drunk where sold may do so by paying one half of specific tax on a bar-room license

37th on every license to a keeper or owner of a dog or puppy in this City the tax shall be one dollar (\$1) on a dog or puppy; a bitch one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) and the commissioner of the Revenue shall yearly list all dogs found in this City giving the name of owner or keeper of same

39th on every license to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax to be paid shall be graduated as follows Where the amount of purchases for the year ending May 1st 1881 did not exceed \$1000, the tax shall be ten dollars (\$10) where the purchases for the year ending May 1st 1881 did not exceed \$2000, the tax shall be fifteen dollars (\$15) On all purchases over two thousand dollars the tax shall be fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases, and upon all purchases over ten thousand dollars and less than twenty five thousand dollars there shall be paid a tax of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases

40th on every commission merchant forty five dollars (\$45), every person buying or selling on Commission shall be deemed a Commission merchant and that whether the articles bought or sold are so bought or sold in this city or elsewhere

41st Every agent for the sale of musical instruments, sewing machines, fertilizers, or other articles twenty dollars (\$20)

42nd on every person retailing tobacco, cigars or snuff five dollars (\$5)

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43rd on every person engaged in the sale on the streets or other public places of patent or quack medicines or any other articles by auction or otherwise or exhibiting the same two dollars and a half (\$2.50) for each day or night the same may be done. This license shall be a personal privilege and only be granted by the Mayor

44th on every person selling oysters or fresh fish five dollars (\$5)

45th on every person selling patent right ten dollars (\$10)

46th on every peddler twenty five dollars (\$25) and every person selling to consumer by sample, card, or representation or soliciting or taking orders for any other than from merchants or other persons dealing in the article so sold shall be deemed a peddler

47th on every person buying or selling railroad tickets other than the duly authorized agent of some railroad company with a depot in the city ten dollars (\$10)

48th on every proprietor of a revolving swing or flying tournament, or machine of like nature five dollars (\$5)

49th on every person selling upon the streets or other public places fancy articles or other articles five dollars (\$5) when sale is made from a street stall or stand, ten dollars (\$10)

50th on the proprietor of every shooting gallery five dollars (\$5)

51st on every person keeping a stallion or Jack to be let to mares for hire five dollars (\$5)

52nd on every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building to be used for any theatrical or [?] performance, panorama, or any other public exhibition show or entertainment whether any charge for admission thereto is made or not fifteen dollars (\$15); and no building [Page 288] shall be used for any such purpose until said tax is paid. But this section shall not apply to any exhibition, held in any Church or building owned or used as a place of worship by an religious congregation in this city

53rd The specific license tax on every show, every circus, and on the exhibition of a menagerie fifty dollars per day (\$50) on the outside shows whether attached thereto or not five dollars (\$5) each

54th on every license to a theatrical performance of any kind whatever, professional juggler, necromancers or any other exhibition of a like kind whether money, or any other thing is charged therefor or not the tax on each exhibition or performance by day or night shall be five dollars (\$5); but when such exhibition, performance or lecture is held or given for any charitable or literary purpose within this City and the nett proceeds acting applied or bestowed within this City to such charitable or literary purpose then Mayor shall have power and authority to give a permit for such exhibition, performance or lecture free from all tax or charge; and every license included in the above clause shall only be granted upon the order of the Mayor, and such exhibits shall pay the City Collector the sum of seventy five cents for collecting, provided however, that said collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection, such license tax shall be paid to the City Collector before any exhibition is held

55th on every telegraph Company having an office in the City fifty dollars (\$50)

56th Every person or firm keeping a wagon yard in this City shall pay upon each yard so kept a specific license tax for each year or fractional part thereof ten dollars (\$10)

57th Every person or firm keeping a wood yard in this City shall pay on each yard so kept [Page 289] a specific license tax of ten dollars each year or fractional part thereof; and this section shall e held to apply to all places where wood is stored for sale and hauled out to purchasers, or form which wood is shipped to points beyond the city limits.

II Whenever a license shall be specifically required by law or any business profession, or employment it shall be lawful to grant a license for said business, profession or employment, where the ordinance aforesaid does not clearly define and provide for the same the license may be granted according to the law which governs in similar cases, and be subject to such restrictions as appertain thereto, and the Mayor of the City may authorized the granting of such license which shall be deemed a personal privilege

III All other license taxes imposed by the ordinance are subject to a prorated deduction when the same are issued after the beginning of the year to which this ordinance applies; provided that the tax on the license issued shall always be assessed as of the first day of the quarter in which issued and shall cover the period until the 30th of Aril next succeeding

IV It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to keep a book in which he shall classify all the branches of business and occupation upon which a license tax is imposed by this ordinance and show the amount of assessment made on each license, the name of the person against whom assessed and the period for which said license is issued, at the end of each quarter commencing with that ending on the 31st of July 1881 he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries therein made during the preceding quarter properly classified these extracts shall be certified under oath, [Page 290]

V Any person who shall engage in or exercise any business, employment, or profession without license, if a license is required by law, or shall in an manner violate the license or revenue laws of the City if no

specific fine is imposed for such violation, shall pay a fine not less than five dollars (\$5) or more than ten dollars (\$10) for each offense

VI Every person or firm commencing business after the first day of May, and who shall fail to obtain a license within ten days thereafter shall be subject to the same penalties as in Ordinance V

VII Every license granted for the unexpired portion of the term heretofore mentioned shall be charge pro-rata, unless otherwise provided, but no license shall be issued for a less sum than two dollars (\$2) nor granted for a longer period than the first of May 1882

VIII The City Collector shall at the expiration of each week report to the Treasurer the amount of all money received by him for license, and pay the same over to the Treasurer for whom he shall be allowed two and one half percent

IX The Commissioner of the Revenue shall before the first of March of each year ascertain the names of persons and firms who are engaged in any of the occupations, professions or businesses named or referred to in this license ordinance. He shall list and keep such list in his office and report copies of such list to the Common Council and Mayor on 1st day of April annually, he shall assess each person or firm named in this list with the license tax imposed by this ordinance, and his is not authorized to release or discharge any of the persons or firms enumerated in this list who are engaged in the occupation, profession, or business upon which license tax is imposed, without a judicial decision in the case.

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Should there be any assessment made, and not paid it shall be the duty of the City Collector to make the collection by levy and sale of the goods and chattels of the person assessed as is provided by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes, a commission of five percent shall be allowed on collections so made from default persons; and such commission shall be paid by the person or persons in default

XI A discount of five percent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before July 15th 1881

XII Be it further ordained all laws ordinances and resolutions that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Council adjourned until Wednesday, June 29th 8 O'clock PM

J W Sener

Mayor

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At a adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday, June 29th 1881

Present, J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J S Knox, M G Willis, T McCracken, I Hirsh, J B Ficklen, J G Hurkamp, M B Rowe, E D Cole, J Hazard

Mr Ficklen submitted the annual report of the Finance Committee which was read

The Report embraces the settlement of the accounts of J J Young, Collector of taxes and after payments to the Treasurer shews a balance of uncollected taxes in the hands of Mr Young and to be accounted for by him as follows viz

For the Year 1876-1877	488.87
For the Year 1877-1878	794.01
For the Year 1878-1879	889.15
For the Year 1879-1880	1727.45
For the Year 1880-1881	2571.60
	6471.08

A Total for five years of \$6471.08

Also Settlement of account of R W Adams, Treasurer shewing a balance due the Treasurer of \$4615.48
The report also shows the Debt of the City at this time to be \$120,351.08, consisting of 7% Bonds in the sum of \$120,100 and 776 Certificates in the sum of 251.08

The report further says, the Finance committee regret to have to report an ordinance increasing the taxes for the years 1881 & 1882, but as we have shown our expenses exceeded our receipts last year and have done so for five years past with all the economy we could use. We deem it best to meet the present energy[?] at once with a small increase in the licenses, and [Page 293] all taxes on personalty and realty which will not be hard on any one class, but all alike.

The present license and tax bills we think will raise our appropriation bills for the commencing July 1881 and ending June 30, 1882, carry on the City Government, pay interest &c support schools and reduce the balance due the Treasurer

Our people have had the benefit of low taxes for a number of years and have still in comparison with other cities of the State and although we have some money due us on Real Estate for the last seven years, yet it cannot be collected without a sale which your committee have so far deemed it inexpedient to do at public auction according to the ordinances for reasons given before and considered it best to raise the licenses and taxes for the fiscal year to meet the amount of our appropriation bill and not allow our debt to increase any more

Respectfully submitted June 28, 1881

Signed, J B Ficklen, H S Doggett, J S Knox

On motion Mr McCracken the report of the Committee was received and ordered to be [filed] and also that the same be published in one of the newspapers of the city at the lowest cost.

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Mr Ficklen submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes on persons, personal property and Real Estate for the support of the Municipal Government for the year 1881-82, which was unanimously adopted, and is in the following words

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the following taxes on persons and property (real and personal) shall be assessed, levied, and paid for the Year 1881-82 for the support of the municipal government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay the interest and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt: Viz

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| 1 st on every Male Person, over 21 years of age not legally exempt | 50¢ |
| 2 ^d on all real and personal property, income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capitals in any business, investment in bonds, in or out of the State, and Stock in incorporated Companies on every \$100 assessed value | \$1.25 |
| 3 ^d on any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing the tax shall be the same as that fixed by the State | |
| 4 th a deduction of 5 percent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15 th October next | |
| 5 th on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after 15 th day of October next, there shall be added 5 percent and interest from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the mode prescribed by law and ordinances of the City | |
| 6 th the taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National Currency [Page 295] of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 percent bonds of the City due on 1 st November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject | |

On Motion Mr Ficklen

Resolved that the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby cordially tendered to our worthy Mayor Hon J W Sener for the courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this body

The Mayor responded to the resolution in a few appropriate remarks
A Vote of thanks (on Motion of Mr Rowe) was extended to the Clerk of the Council,
After which there being no further business, the Council adjourned sine die
J W Sener, Mayor
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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg (at the election held pursuant to law on
Thursday May 26 1881) met at the call of Hon J W Sener, Mayor at the Council Chamber on Friday July
1st 1881

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

J G Hurkamp, Isaac Hirsh, J B Ficklen, T McCracken, H S Doggett, J S Knox, M B Rowe, E D Cole,
Josiah Hazard, M G Willis,

Also S J Quinn and H R Gouldman appointed by Judge Goolrick to fill the vacancies occasioned by the
failure of W H Russell and Charles Wallace, Councilmen elect to qualify

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

On Motion, Mr McCracken the salaries of all the officers to be elected were fixed at the same as last year.

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

H S Doggett was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Recorder for the ensuing year

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

John L Sibley was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing
year

Robert W Hart was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected weigher and measurer of Coal, Salt
&c for the ensuing year

Robert W Hart was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Measurer of wood & Lumber for the
ensuing Year

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On Motion Mr Ficklen the number of Police Officers to be elected was fixed at three.

Mess'rs James B Stone, Charles Alford and A A Hudson were nominated, balloted for and unanimously
elected police officers for the ensuing year

Albert Hooten was nominated, balloted fo and unanimously elected overseer of the poor for the ensuing
year

Sam'l H Beale was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward for
the ensuing year

John P Rogers was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for
the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following Committees Viz

Finance: J B Ficklen, H S Doggett, J S Knox

Public Property: M G Willis, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman

Streets: E D Cole, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh

Water: Isaac Hirsh, J Hazard, J B Ficklen

Gas: Jos Hazard, E D Cole, T McCracken

Com & Nav: T McCracken, H S Doggett, S J Quinn

Public Schools, J S Knox, S J Quinn, M G Willis

Park: J G Hurkamp H R Gouldman, M B Rowe

Ordinances: H S Doggett, J S Knox, S J Quinn

The following special Committee were appointed
On Agricultural Fair: M G Willis, M B Rowe, E D Cole
On Germanna Bridge: H S Doggett, T McCracken, J B Ficklen
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Mr Hurkamp moved that the Gas Committee be instructed to place two Gas lamps in the public park which was seconded
Whereupon Mr Knox moved was that the subject be referred to the Gas Committee which authority to act in their judgment as deemed best, which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday evening July 2^d 1881
Present J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
E D Cole, S J Quinn, M G Willis, Isaac Hirsh, M B Rowe, J Hazard, T McCracken, J S Knox, H R Gouldman, J B Ficklen

The Mayor stated that it was for no ordinary purpose the Council was convened, The startling but sad intelligence had reached us by telegraph of the attempted assassination of the President of the United States this morning just as he was about to leave Washington, and he deemed it proper to call the Council together that they might take such action as the said event called forth,

Mr Doggett submitted the following which was unanimously adopted
Whereas we have heard by telegram this day with deepest sorrow of the attempted assassination of his Excellency James A Garfield, President of the United States of America; and
Whereas we deem the same to be a great and unpardonable offence against this great nation, and especially the moral and free sentiment sought to be fostered by our Republican form of government;
Now therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council that while we face in humble submission to the dealings of an all wise providence we representing the feelings of the Citizens of Fredericksburg do hereby express our profoundest detestation of this most horrible crime and we hereby tender our sincere sympathy to the President, his aged mother and affected family
Resolved that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded by the mayor by telegraph to Hon James G Blaine, Secretary of State Washington
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, 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 15th 1881
Present J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
S J Quinn
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 August 19th 1881

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

T McCracken, E D Cole, J Hirsh, M G Willis, S J Quinn, M B Rowe, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, J S Knox, J Hazard

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee presented accounts of *Fredericksburg News* for hand bills & advertising amt'g to \$32.00 which were ordered to be paid, He also presented the accounts of the overseer of the poor for the month of August, shewing amount expended to be \$149.16

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Committee desired the Council to signify as to the proper Committee to authorize the payment of the bills for Gas consumed in the public buildings and the Park, and after considerable discussion Mr Quinn offered the following which was [Page 302] seconded
Resolved that the Public Property Committee shall approve the bills for Gas consumed in the Mayors office, Court House, and Council Chamber and the Park Committee shall approve bills of Gas consumed in the Park and the bills shall be charged to the respective Committees appropriation
Whereupon Mr Knox moved the following as a substitute which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, Willis, Rowe, Gouldman 5

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Hazard, Cole & Doggett 6

Mr Knox substituted as follows

Resolved that from this date the Gas Committee be instructed to take under their supervision all the gas consumed in the Public Property and approve the bills, if necessary report bills for Gas used in Court House, Mayor's Office and Park monthly

The vote was then taken upon Mr Quinn's resolution by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Cole, Knox, Hazard 5

Noes: Mess'rs Hurkamp, Willis, Rowe, Gouldman 4

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn of Park Committee reported verbally that the Park had been opened formally for the accommodation of the citizens, that the trees were doing as well could be expected in this dry season
It being necessary to use considerable water, the Committee have been subjected to the expense of placing in the Park a well and pump, which affords now a sufficient supply of water for all purposes, the expenses of the Park including the pump &c up to this time amount to about \$150

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Mr Quinn from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance for the regulation and government of the Park.

[1st] Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the Square in this City bounded by George Street on the South, Commerce Street on the North, Prince Edward Street on the East and the old Methodist and Masonic Lodge No 63 burial grounds on the West and now opened as a Public Park shall be known and designated as [blank]

2nd That the following shall be the rule and regulations for its government and conduct to wit

1st If any person shall discharge any fire arms within the Park, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars for each offence.

2nd Dogs are prohibited in the park and if any person having a Dog with him in the enclosure refuses when requested to take him out, such person shall forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar.

3rd If any person shall pull or injure any flowers whether wild or cultivated, cut or break down any tree or bush, planted or growing therein; break shrubs or branches of any tree or bark of trees or injure shrubbery

or plants, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

4th If any person shall commit any nuisance or any offence against decency or good morals such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence

5th If any person shall write upon any bench, statuary, ornament, or other property or in any manner cut, deface or mutilate the same such [Page 304] person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence

6th If any person shall throw any stone or other missile or any rubbish of any kind in the Park, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than three dollars for each offence

7th If any person shall chase, set snares for, or catch any hare, squirrel, bird or other living thing, place or allowed therein of shall rob any birds nest of its eggs or young birds, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence

8th If any person shall curse or swear or use abusive language, or behave in a violent or disorderly manner in the Park, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence

9th If any person shall introduce any spirituous or malt liquors into the Park, either for his own use or for sale and shall use or sell or furnish to another, for or without compensation, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than two dollars for each offence.

10th If any person shall attach a swing to any tree within the Park, without the permission of the Committee on Park, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar for each offence.

11th If any person shall climb any tree or walk upon or injure the grass, he shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar for each offence

12th If any person shall break or otherwise injure the enclosure of the Park, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar for each offence, in addition to the cost of repairing such injury

13th The gates shall be opened and closed and the gas lighted and extinguished in the park at such hours as the park committee may direct

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14th No person in a state of intoxication shall be allowed in the Park and if such person should refuse to go out after having been ordered out by the keeper, or other person having authority he shall forfeit and pay one dollar for each offence

15th Gambling and playing at cards are prohibited under a penalty of five dollars, to be forfeited and paid by each one of the parties to the game

16th If any one shall make a fire on the grounds of the park for any purpose without authority from the Committee on Park such person shall forfeit and pay three dollars for each offence

17th If any person shall climb over or walk upon the walls of the park, he shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than one dollar, nor more than three dollars for each offence

18th In uses that these rule and regulations shall be rigidly enforced, it shall be the duty of the police officers to attend alternatively the park on such nights as it may be opened to the public to detect arrest and bring to trial all offenders against these rules, and said officer shall light and extinguish the gas in the Park, this police service shall be performer by and under the direction of the Mayor

19th The fines imposed and collected for violations of these rules and regulations shall be placed to the credit and subject to the order of the Committee on Park

20th These rules and regulations shall be in force from and after their passage.

Mr Rowe moved that the rule be suspended in order that the ordinance may be acted upon at once, which was seconded put [Page 306] to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, Quinn, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 6

Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, Cole, Gouldman 4

Mr Hirsh moved that the blank be filled with “Hurkamp” which was seconded
Mr Cole moved to amend by inserting “Washington” instead of “Hurkamp” which was also seconded
Mr Willis moved to amend by inserting “The Park” instead of “Washington” or “Hurkamp”, whereupon
Mr Knox moved that the filling of the blank in the ordinance be postponed until the next meeting which
was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Willis, Knox, Hazard 3

Noes Mess’rs Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Cole, Rowe, Gouldman 6

Mr Hurkamp excused

The vote was then taken upon Mr Willis’ motion to insert “the Park” and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mr Willis 1

Noes Mess’rs Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman 8

Mr Hurkamp excused

The vote was next taken upon Mr Cole’s motion to insert “Washington” and it was lost by the following
vote

Ayes Mess’rs McCracken, Quinn, Willis, Cole 4

Noes Mess’rs Hirsh, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman, Doggett 6

Mr Hurkamp excused

The question recurring upon Mr Hirsh’s motion, Mr Cole moved to adjourn which was seconded put to
the vote and lost the [Page 307] vote

Ayes Mess’rs Quinn, Willis, Cole 3

Noes Mess’rs Hurkamp, McCracken, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman, Hirsh 7

Mr McCracken moved to adjourn, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the
following vote

Ayes Mess’rs McCracken, Willis, Cole 3

Noes Mess’rs Hirsh, Hazard, Hurkamp, Knox, Quinn, Rowe, Gouldman 7

The vote was then taken upon Mr Hirsh’s motion to insert “Hurkamp” and it was adopted by the
following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Hirsh, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman, Doggett 6

Noes Mess’rs McCracken, Quinn, Willis, Cole 4

On motion Mr McCracken the ordinance concerning the park was adopted

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 September 16th 1881

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

E D Cole, S J Quinn, J Hazard, T McCracken, M B Rowe, J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, I Hirsh, J B

Ficklen, J S Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

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

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of the Finance Comm presented the account of the overseer of the poor for September amounting to \$150.36, also an account of *Fred's News* amt'g to \$4.50 which was ordered to be paid

Present: H R Gouldman

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn of Pump Comm submitted a written report which was read, also presented a petition of citizens asking that a pump be located in the vicinity of Kenmore
The report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Rowe offered the following which was seconded
Resolved that one hundred dollars additional be placed to the credit of the park commission
And the vote upon same being taken by Ayes and Noes, it was adopted by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Hurkamp, Quinn, Doggett, Willis, Rowe, Knox, Hazard, Gouldman
10
Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Cole 2

Mr Ficklen presented the following which was adopted
Resolved that the Committee on Public Property be requested to examine into the subject and feasibility of establishing a Poor House, and report the matter to the next Council
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On Motion Mr Ficklen, the ordinance Committee was authorized to have 50 copies of the Park ordinances to be inserted in the book of ordinances, also 25 copies in such form as they may deem best for the information of the Citizens

On Motion Mr Doggett
Resolved that the Pump Committee be authorized to locate and build a pump in the vicinity of Kenmore, at such point as they may deem best, for the convenience of the Citizens of that locality

Mr McCracken offered the following which was seconded
Resolved that the Committee on Streets be directed to open Washington Avenue from Amelia to Hawke Streets to the Monument without cost to the Corporation.
And the vote in same taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Willis, Cole, Knox, Hazard, Rowe 9
Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Doggett, Gouldman 3

The Mayor reported \$30.50 fines to date

Mr McCracken stated that he was requested to present a petition from citizens for a sewer from about the Market House lot to the River
The Matter was referred to the Street Committee
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, 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 21st 1881
Present H S Doggett, Recorder
A quorum of the Council not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk Council

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday November 18th 1881

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

E D Cole, T McCracken, J S Knox, M G Willis, Isaac Hirsh, H R Gouldman, M B Rowe, S J Quinn

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Com stated the Committee were unable to report upon the feasibility of establishing a Poor House and asked for further time

He also stated that there was opposition to enclosing the Market House Yard, and thought it would be best to have enclosure to the Market House

Present: J B Ficklen

Mr Doggett, Moved that the resolution relative to the ordinance passed March 18th 1881 be reconsidered which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Quinn offered the following for the resolution reconsidered, which being seconded and put to the vote and adopted

Whereas much inconvenience is now experienced by those having use for our City ordinances from their incompleteness of arrangement, we would respectfully suggest to the Council the importance of passing resolutions to the following effect,

1st That all laws and ordinances with their [Page 311] amendments and such as may be passed be pass or amended before the completion of the work, be revised, corrected and codified, in a neat and substantial manner preparatory to their being printed

2^d That said Code shall contain an introductory preface of the history and progress of the City from its foundation to the present to be collected from the best and most reliable historical sources.

3^d That the historical preface be followed by a correct list of all the Mayors of the City from its first Mayor to the present giving date of election and expiration of term of office.

4th That the list of Mayors be followed by all the original and amended Charters granted the City from its foundation to the present

5th That said Code when printed shall contain a full and complete alphabetical index of all matters it contains.

6th That an appropriation of \$50 be made for the work of examination, codifying, and preparing the Code.

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

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Com reported that progress was being made on opening Washington Avenue, also that it was not practicable to place a sewer at the point named in the petition of citizens presented at the last meeting; he also presented a communication from the Supt of W U Telegraph Company asking a modification of the restrictions placed upon the Company so as to enable the Co to give better facilities for telegraphing for the accommodation of the business community and citizens generally

Mr Ficklen offered the following which as unanimously adopted

Resolved that the subject of arranging the poles and guy poles, also wires of the [Page 312] Western Union Telegraph Co be referred to the Street Committee to act upon as in their judgment they deem best under the circumstances, reserving the right to remove the same at any time the Council may think proper

Mr Hirsh presented a petition signed “many ladies” asking the Council to prevent Cruelty to Animals which was read, Whereupon Mr Doggett moved that the petition be laid on the table which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote,

Ayes Mess’rs Hirsh, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Rowe 5
Noes Mess’rs Ficklen, McCracken, Cole, Gouldman 4

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn Finance Com, presented the account of the overseer of the Poor for the month October amt’g to \$138.55, also accounts

Of Isaac Hirsh amt’g to \$15.00
Of J W Adams amt’g to \$12.35
Of Dunstan & Merchant amt’g to \$15.60
Of *News* Office amt’g to \$6.75
Which were ordered to be paid

Mr E M Crutchfield, Supt Schools being present was on motion, permitted to address the Council in reference to the expiration of term of offices of two members of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools and suggested that they be appointed from each ward so as to conform to the law of the State
On Motion, Mr Ficklen, the ordinance Committee are requested to prepare and submit an ordinance in reference to the appointment of School Trustees

Present: Mr Quinn

The Council then adjourned

J M Sener, 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 December 16th 1881

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

E D Cole, J Hazard, J B Ficklen, I Hirsh, M B Rowe, T McCracken, M G Willis

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mess’rs J G Mason & E M Braxton were by permission heard in reference to the tax bill due the Corporation by the late Mrs S M Slaughter and asking a rebate on same

On Motion, Mr Willis, the subject was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report

Mr Doggett presented the accounts of the overseer poor for December amt’g to \$188.82

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance presented an account of W H Russell which on motion was referred to the Finance Committee

Present: J S Knox

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Com, reported verbally that the Miller property near Poplar Spring could be bought for \$2000, the Lang Property near Gunnery Spring for \$1650

Mr Doggett offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Pub Prop Committee be requested to ascertain what houses and other conveniences for entertaining 30 or 40 paupers will cost.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of the Street Com, reported that the Telegraph Company had arranged their poles to the satisfaction of the Committee

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Mr Hirsh reported the pumps in good order

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Com, reported the Street lamps in good condition

Mr Ficklen moved that the subject of an ordinance respecting the election of School Trustees be referred back to the Committee on Ordinances which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Cole moved that the Council proceed to the election of School Trustees in place of Mess'rs Bowering & Crismond whose terms expired in November last, and the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Doggett, Willis, Cole, Knox 4

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Hazard, Rowe 5

Mr Doggett, Chrmn of Germanna Bridge Com, reported that from a letter received from Mr A Willis he thought that the Bridge would be completed in January.

Mr Ficklen called the attention of the Council to the fact that the Congress of the United States many years since passed a resolution authorizing the erection of a Monument at Fredericksburg to the memory of Gen'l Hugh Mercer, who fell at the Battle of Princeton in the War of the Revolution, and suggested that some action be taken to procure an appropriation from Congress for the erection of the proposed monument.

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that a Committee be appointed by the Mayor to examine into the subject of a resolution passed by Congress many years since authorizing the erection of a monument at Fredericksburg to the memory of Gen'l Hugh Mercer, who fell at the battle of Princeton in the War of the Revolution and to obtain an appropriation [Page 315] from Congress for carrying out the resolution, also the Completion of the Mary Washington Monument in Fredericksburg for which an appropriation was made in the last Senate of the US just at its close, but failed to reach the House of Representatives in time to be acted upon
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs McCracken, Quinn, Doggett, Knox & Rowe as the Committee

On Motion Mr Hazard

Resolved that this Council Petition Congress for a macadamized road or avenue from Main Street to the Federal Cemetery and the Mayor appoint a committee to prepare the memorial &c

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Hazard, Hirsh & Cole to the Committee

Mr Rowe moved that the sum of \$5 be allowed the Judges and Clerks in the late election which was seconded, Mr Hirsh moved that the sum be \$4 be allowed for their services at each election, whereupon Mr McCracken moved that the sum of \$5 be allowed the Judges & Clerks for their services in the May and \$3 for the November elections which was seconded and the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes it was carried

Ayes Mess'rs Ficklen, McCracken, Doggett, Willis, Knox 5

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, Cole, Hazard, Rowe 4

On Motion Mr Hazard it was resolved that the expenses of the Committee visiting Washington to look after the appropriation for the monuments to Gen'l Mercer and Mrs Washington be paid

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

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor