

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1882

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Mayors office on Monday January 16th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened for the purpose of taking such action as was necessary in view of the report of case of Small Pox and to prevent the spread of the disease as far as possible

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Corporation physician be authorized to vaccinate all persons of the City who are unable to pay for the same and he is further authorized to call to his aid any physician or physicians he may select and the sum of eighty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose

On motion, Mr Gouldman, The mayor was requested to give notice to the citizens of the action of the Council in reference to vaccination by publication in hand bills or otherwise

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Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that as a precaution against small pox our citizens are earnestly requested to apply to their physicians at once and to vaccinated and those who are unable to pay for such service are requested to call up the Corpo physician Dr B S Herndon, without delay

Mr Quinn moved that the Council do now adjourn until 7½ o'clock PM which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Quinn, Ficklen, Rowe, Gouldman, Cole, Willis 6

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, Hurkamp, Knox 3

The Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg met at the Council Chamber pursuant to adjournment at 7½ O'clock Monday evening Jan'y 16th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

Mr Ficklen offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Pub Property Committee be authorized to purchase the Beckwith Property for a Hospital and Poor House at a cost of not exceeding seventeen hundred dollars payable 1/3rd cash, 1/3rd in one year and the remainder in two years at 6% interest on deferred payments with the privilege of paying in cash for the same with the rebate of interest at any time the council may desire to do so

Whereupon, Mr Knox offered the [Page 318] following as a substitute for Mr Ficklen's resolution which was seconded

Resolved that the Mayor or Public Property Committee be authorized to purchase one or more hospital tents, or temporary buildings for small pox patients and that they be further authorized to make arrangements for locating same by renting some field or part thereof near the limits of the Corporation.

The vote taken on the motion of Mr Knox it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Doggett, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman 6

Noes Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Willis, Cole, and the Mayor 7

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Ficklen and the vote was taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, Quinn, Doggett, Willis, Cole and the Mayor	7
Noes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, McCracken, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman	6

On Motion Mr Ficklen

Resolved that steps be at once taken to remove the person reported (if after examination he should be found to have the small pox) to the kitchen of the Beckwith property.

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be directed for this purpose of removing any legal difficulty that may exist as to the power of the Corporation to establish a poor house outside of the Corporate limits to procure from the Legislature now in session the necessary act to remove such difficulty or authorize such action.

On Motion, Mr Quinn, The Public Property Committee are authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount required to make the first payment on the Beckwith property.

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 January 20th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Ficklen, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented the a/c of F W Johnston for medicines for the poor for 12 mos amt'g to \$76.43, also the accounts of overseer poor for Jan'y amt'g to \$156.74

Also accounts of *Fred'g News* for advertizing amt'g to \$3.75 which were ordered to be paid

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Com reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council the Committee had purchased of Mr F Beckwith the property owned by him in the County for a Poor House &c and had made the cash payment for same say \$566.66 and he submitted the contract entered into with Mr Beckwith for the property; he also reported that the Committee had requested our Delegate & Senator in the Legislature of Va to obtain the necessary legislation to enable the Town to hold property in the County for the purpose indicated.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Public Property Committee were instructed to have the contract with Mr Beckwith recorded in the Clerks office of Spotsylvania County

Mr Quinn from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that there shall be inaugurated and maintained within the said Town a system of public free Schools as [Page 320] provided for by the Constitution and Laws of the Commonwealth and in order to put said system in operation and organize schools thereunder, the town shall be and is hereby divided into two School Districts, the centre of George St being the dividing line—the portion of the town lying North of said George Street shall be

known as the North or Upper district, and that portion South of said George Street shall be known as the South or Lower District.

2nd Said Schools shall be maintain and the expense thereof paid by such appropriations as may be annually made by the City Council, the State of Virginia, and such donations as may be made by the friends of Education within or without the State, and such further appropriations as may be made from any other source or sources to the Board of School Trustees for said purpose.

3rd Said Schools shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Trustees with such Principals and teachers as they may deem necessary and shall appoint, the Board reserving the right to dispose with the services of any and all of said Principals and teachers at any time during the School term, said Board of Trustees shall be elected by the City Council, shall consist of six members, three from each district and shall hold office for a term of three years; provided that it shall be so arranged that the terms of office of two members thereof, one from each district, shall expire each year, and provided further that such members shall always be eligible for re-election.

4th Said Board may elect such officers and adopt such rules and regulations for the organization of said Board and for the governing [Page 321] of said Schools as may in their judgment conduce to the interest and efficiency thereof, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the State in reference to public free schools.

5th This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion, Mr Ficklen the XXIII rule was suspended for the purpose of acting upon the Ordinance at the present meeting.

On Motion, Mr Ficklen the ordinance submitted by Mr Quinn was adopted.

Mr Hazard moved that the Council now proceed to elect two trustees of Public Schools in place of Mess'rs Bowering & Crismond whose terms have expired, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted.

Mr Ficklen nominated Mr Isaac Hirsh for the Upper Ward, Mr Doggett nominated Mr Bowering for the Lower Ward

The Mayor ruled that there was no vacancy in the Board for the Upper Ware.

Mr Knox appealed from the decision of the Mayor and the vote upon the appeal taken by Ayes and Noes the appeal was sustained by the following vote.

Ayes	Mess'rs Quinn, Doggett, Willis, Cole, Rowe	5
Noes	Mess'rs Ficklen, Hirsh, McCracken, Knox, Hazard, Gouldman	6

On motion, Mr Ficklen, the Council 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 January 27th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Isaac Hirsh, S J Quinn, E D Cole, J S Knox, H R Gouldman, M G Willis

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Washington Monument; and he presumed for the purpose of submitting their report

Mr Quinn, from the Special Committee appointed by the Council to Memorial Congress for an appropriation for the Completion of Washington Monument, stated that in the absence of the Chairman he would submit a memorial prepared by the Committee which would serve as their report.

The Memorial was read by Mr Quinn, giving a history of the Mary Washington Monument from its commencement in the year 1831, and its status at the present time and asking an appropriation from Congress for its completion

The Memorial was unanimously adopted and on Motion Mr Knox, the members of the Council were requested to sign the same and the Clerk directed to forward it to Washington

On Motion Mr Doggett

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Clerk of this Council forward to Hon Geo F Garrison, our Representative in Congress, the memorial in reference to the unfinished Monument to Mary, the Mother of Washington, with the request that he present it to the House of Representatives and use his best efforts and take any other and further action that he may deem necessary to obtain the appropriation asked for

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2nd That our United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from Virginia be respectfully and they are hereby requested to assist our Representative in procuring the necessary appropriation if consistent with their view of propriety

3rd That the Clerk forward a copy of these resolutions to each of our Senators and to each of the Representatives in Congress from Virginia.

Mr Cole, from the Committee on Macadamized Road to Federal Cemetery stated that in the absence of the Chairman the Committee were not prepared to report

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 February 17th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Doggett from the Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of the Poor for February amt'g to \$218.07

Mr Knox, from the Finance Committee to whom as referred the tax account against the late Mrs S M Slaughter, submitted a written report which was read recommending a rebate of \$131.50

Whereupon Mr Hazard, offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that a rebate of \$131.50 (being amount penalties & Interest) on the taxes due by the late Mr S M Slaughter, be allowed on the condition that the amount so allowed shall be for the benefit of the orphan daughters of the said Mrs Slaughter

Mr McCracken, moved that action upon the report of the Committee with the resolution of Mr Hazard be postponed until the next meeting, which was also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Willis, Cole, Gouldman

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Mr Doggett, Chrmn of the Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance
Chapter XXXIV “The Poor House and Poor”

1st There shall be appointed by the Council annually in the Month of July or August one overseer of [Page 325] the poor of the Corporation who shall remain in office until the next annual appointment unless sooner removed by the Council, who in conjunction with the Committee on Poor, shall constitute a Board who shall have charge of the Poor House and Poor of the Town. The Council shall have power to remove said officer at any time for cause and appoint his successor

2nd The Board may employ a steward, a physician, and nurses when necessary, who shall receive such compensation for their services as the Board may deem reasonable.

3rd All paupers of this Corporation shall be kept at the Poor House, unless for good reasons in the judgment of the Council exceptions to this provision may be moved and such as are able to work shall be made to do so.

4th The Board may prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the Poor House and the discipline of the persons therein.

5th In respect to all matters not especially provided for in this Chapter the proceedings of the Board shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Virginia

6th The Board shall advertize as they may deem best for proposals to furnish the Poor House and poor with fuel specifically the kind and amount at least twice a year; the contract for furnishing the same shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder; the wood so contracted for shall be measured by the Corporation measurer and the Coal shall be weighed at the Corpo scales

7th All the expenses provided for shall be paid by the Treasurer upon an order signed by a majority of the Committee on Poor

8th The sums paid by the Treasurer on account of such expenses within the fiscal years shall [Page 326] not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose within said year unless by a resolution of the Council an additional sum shall be appropriated.

9th This ordinance shall be in force from and after 1st June next

Mr Hazard moved that the rule be suspended in order to act upon the ordinance at once which was seconded, put to the vote and adopted

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the ordinance was adopted.

Mr Hazard presented a petition signed by many Ladies praying the Council to pass an ordinance to prevent cruelty to animals within the City

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

Mr Doggett presented the following ordinance which was read

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, that is shall be unlawful for any person to beat, cruelly treat or abuse any horse or other beast, whether such horse or other beast shall be his or the property of another person, and any one violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than ten dollars for each offence, the fines imposed under this ordinance shall go one half to the informer and the other half to the Treasurer for the benefit of the Corporation

2nd It shall be the duty of the Police Officers of the Town to see that this ordinance is strictly enforced

3rd This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

On Motion the Rule was suspended and the ordinance adopted

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Mr Hazard, Chrmn on Roadways, presented a report on the shape of a memorial to the Congress of the United States which was read and on Motion of Mr Knox adopted and the Mayor & Council were requested to sign the same and the Clerk directed to forward to Hon G Z Garrison, Washington with the request that he use his best efforts to procure an appropriation from Congress for the purpose set forth in the memorial

Mr McCracken presented a petition from the Fred'g Guards, asking that the Council provide for the Company a suitable room to be used for an armory.

Mr Shadle a member of the Fred'g Guards being present was by permission heard on the subject of the petition

Mr Hazard presented the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be authorized to rent the Hall now occupied by the Fred'g Guards as an armory at a rental of \$100 per annum from March 9 1882, which was seconded

Whereupon Mr McCracken moved to lay the resolution on the table which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted.

The Mayor reported	Fines	\$16.25
	Seal	2.00
	Licenses	2.50

Since last reported

Mr Doggett offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Memorial of the Fred'g Guards for an Armory be referred to the Property Committee with instructions to ascertain what suitable school house for the public schools, now occupying the old armory, can be rented at and also report in regard to an armory, also whether there are any rooms under their care that [Page 328] can be utilized for the schools now occupying the old armory

Mr McCracken presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that our Senator and Delegate in the Legislature be requested to have the Sixth Section of "An Act entitled "An Act to authorize the City of Fredericksburg to provide for supplying the City with water" approved Mary 28 1879 and amended Mary 3^d 1880 amended and re-enacted as follows:

After said Council shall have matured and adopted a scheme or plan for supplying said City with water it shall submit such scheme or plan to the qualified voters of said city at such time and in such manners as said Council may proscribe for their ratification or rejection. At least ten days notice of the time and manner of such election shall be given by publication in Newspapers published in said City and hand bills posted therein; and the result thereof shall be ascertained and declared in the manner to be presented by said Council and shall be proclaimed by the Mayor by publication, if at such election a majority of the Free holders of said city so vote thereon shall appear to be in favor of such scheme or plan, it shall be declared ratified, otherwise it shall be declared rejected, and this act shall be void; and such vote shall be taken within five years from the date of the approval of this act.

2. This act shall be in force from its passage

On Motion the Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the resolution to our Senator and Delegate in the Legislature of Virginia.

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Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on the Mary Washington Monument be authorized to confer with the owner of the ground upon which the monument stands and ascertain upon what terms it can be purchased and if it can be purchased, procure an enabling act from our legislature allowing us to purchase and cede it to the U S Government.

They shall so arrange with the owner of said ground that no contract to purchase said ground shall be binding except in the event of Congress making the necessary appropriation for finishing said Monument,

On Motion Mr Doggett,

Resolved that the sum of ten dollars paid for the use of the Court House by Gen'l Sibley for lecture be returned to him.

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 17th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Doggett from the Finance Committee reported that the accounts of the Overseer Poor for March amt'g to \$238.97

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm asked for further time to report on the resolution respecting an armory &c; He reported that the policy of Ins upon the Beckwith's Property had been transferred to the Corporation.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of the Street Committee reported that Washington Avenue was now opened to the Mary Washington Monument

On motion of Mr Gouldman, the report of the Finance Committee in the Appn for rebate on tax bill vs late Mrs Slaughter was taken up.

Mess'rs E M Braxton & J G Mason being present were by permission head on the subject of the rebate

Mr Quinn moved that the resolution offered by Mr Hazard at the last meeting allowing a rebate of \$131.50 in the taxes of the late Mrs S M Slaughter for the benefit of the Orphan Daughters of Mrs S be adopted which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Quinn, Hirsh, Doggett, Willis, Knox, Hazard, Rowe, Gouldman 8

Noes Mess'rs McCracken, Cole 2

A Memorial signed by many citizens asking that a poll be opened at the next election to ascertain the sense of the citizens upon the subject of subscribing to a free bridge across the Rappahannock [Page 331] at Fredericksburg was read and on motion of Mr McCracken the memorial was referred to a special committee appointed by the Mayor consisting of Mess'rs McCracken, Cole, Hirsh, Knox, & Quinn

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr J B Ficklen Jr as a member of the Council which was read

On Motion, Mr Knox, the resignation of Mr Ficklen was laid on the table

The Mayor having reported in writing favorably, on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the salaries of the Police Officers for the quarter ending March 31st.

The Mayor being compelled to retire, the Recorder took the Chair: Absent J W Sener, Mayor

On Motion Mr Hirsh

Resolved that the Ordinance as submitted and read by the ordinance Committee be considered adopted unless objection be made at the time.

On Motion, Mr McCracken

Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourn to Tuesday night at 7½ o'clock

The ordinances submitted by the ordinance [committee] were considered commencing with the 1st and closing with the 11th Chapters- and adopted

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday March 21st 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

S J Quinn, M G Willis, J S Knox, I Hirsh, H R Gouldman, J Hazard

The Council resumed the consideration of the ordinances

Section 1 Chapter 12 was amended by inserting after the words "reasonable time" in 8th line the words "not exceeding twenty four hours"

Mr McCracken moved to strike out Chapter 38 which was seconded put to the vote and lost

Mr Hirsh moved a reconsideration of the vote retaining Chapter 38 which was seconded put to the vote and carried

On motion Mr Hirsh, Chapter 38 was stricken out

On motion the Council adjourned to 7½ O'clock Tuesday evening next 28th Inst

J W Sener, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday March 28th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

S J Quinn, Josiah Hazard, M G Willis, T McCracken, Isaac Hirsh

The Mayor called the Council to order

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Comm on Commerce & Navigation presented and read the Report of the Committee with Statistics of the Trade & Commerce of Fred'g and Rappahannock River for the Year 1881

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Report was received and the Committee requested to have 500 copies of same printed for distribution, the work to be put out to the lowest bidder

Mr Doggett from the Finance Comm, called the attention of the Council to the case of Anna Willis, a pauper, now in a low state of health, and giving Dr Herndon's view that amputation of the diseased limb might be necessary, in which event the cost would be \$25, and he called and desired such action as the Council thought proper in the premises

On Motion Mr McCracken, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Doggett, Chrmn Finance Comm presented an account of Dr B S Herndon for consultation and medical service in case of [blank] Banks, small pox patient amt'g to \$100, upon which account the Committee reported adversely

On motion, Mr Hazard, the report of the Committee was received and approved

Mr Doggett, from Finance Comm presented an account of John Banks for services as nurse at small pox hospital amt'g to \$50, upon which account the Committee reported adversely.
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On Motion Mr Hirsh, the report of the Committee was adopted

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the sum of twenty five dollars be allowed John Banks for his services as nurse at the small pox hospital and in full satisfaction for such property belonging to him as was ordered to be & destroyed by error of the authorities of the City.

Absent: The Mayor, the Recorder in the Chair

Mr Quinn from the Ordinances Committee presented the following ordinance, Chapt 58, which was read, and is in the following words.

1st Hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person to strip and bathe in the River opposite to the town, or in that portion of the Canal or Race west of the town and below the upper corner of the City Cemetery before dark. Any person offending against this ordinance shall on conviction forfeit and pay the sum of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense to be recovered by warrant, one-half of the fines imposed and collected under this Chapter shall enure to the Corporation, and the other half to the officer furnishing the information

2nd It shall be the duty of the Police Officers to inform against all offenders.

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Mr McCracken moved a suspension of the rule that the ordinance be acted upon at once which was seconded put to the vote and carried

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the ordinance was adopted

Present: The Mayor, resuming the Chair, the Recorder vacating

On Motion Mr McCracken

Resolved that the ordinance and Rules as devised and amended by the Committee on ordinances be adopted

Mr Hazard offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the thanks of this Council is hereby tendered to the Ordinance Committee of this Council for their very able and efficient work in rearranging, codifying, and putting in proper and intelligent shape the existing Corporation ordinances &c. The work so rendered to this Council for the benefit of our Citizens demands the thanks and commendation of both Council and Citizens.

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 April 21st 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: H S Doggett, J S Knox

Mr Doggett from the Finance Committee presented the accounts of the overseer of the poor for the Mon of April amt'g to \$240.19. Also account of *Fred's News* amt'g to \$10 which on motion were ordered to be paid

Mr Knox from the Finance Comm presented an ordinance levying a license tax for the year 1882 which was read.

Mr Gouldman moved to amend by striking out 15th June and inserting 1st July which was seconded
Mr Quinn moved to amend so as to make all licenses due and payable 15th June which was also seconded,
Whereupon, Mr McCracken moved as a substitute that the License bill of 1881 be adopted which was seconded, put to the vote and lost

The vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr Quinn to make all licenses due and payable on 15th June which was also lost.

The vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr Gouldman to strike out 15th June and insert 1st July and this was also lost

The question recurring upon the adoption of this ordinance, as presented by Mr Knox from the Finance Comm and the vote taken upon same [Page 337] it was adopted.

Mr Hurkamp asked and obtained leave to retire, Absent: Mr Hurkamp

The Ordinance as adopted is as follows

I. Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, in the manner following this is to say, there shall be an annual license tax assessed and paid by all persons and firms in the City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning on the 1st day of May 1882 and ending on 1st day of May 1883

The license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the first day of July 1882

- 1st On every steamboat, steamship, or other transportation agency (other than the Express Company) \$50.00
- 2nd On Every person renting homes, farms, or other Real Estate \$5.00
- 3rd On Every Agent for sale of Books or Maps or Canvasser for any books, newspaper, or solicitor for subscription thereto \$10.00
- 4th On Every Agent for copying pictures \$10.00
- 5th On Every Insurance Agent for each Company represented by him (except Agent of Accident Insurance Cos) \$35.00
- 6th On Every agent for hiring labor \$10.00
- 7th On Every Mercantile agent or Reporter \$25.00
- 8th On Every Agent for sale of Real Estate \$30.00
- 9th On Every attorney at law, physician, the gross amount of whose professional receipts for the year ending April 30/82 were less than \$1000—\$10.00; when \$1000 and less than \$1500—\$15.00; where [Page 338] \$1500 and less than \$2000—\$20.00; and for \$2000 and over—\$25.00
- 10th On Every auctioneer \$45.00
- 11th On Every billiard or pool Saloon \$25.00
And for each additional table \$10.00
- 12th On Every Bagatelle, Jenny Lind, or Dexter table \$10.00
- 13th On Every Bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley (on each alley) \$10.00
- 14th On Every Bill poster \$5.00
- 15th On Every Butcher \$10.00
- 16th On Every person keeping a Bakery or Manufacturing Confectionary \$10.00
- 17th On Every Boarding House Keeper \$7.00
- 18th On Every Hotel Keeper, but this shall not cover the right to sell wines or spirituous Liquors &c \$20.00
- 19th On Every person keeping an Eating House or Restaurant \$16.00
- 20th On Every person selling upon the Street or other public places snacks and such like eatables \$5.00
Or \$1.50 per quarter
- 21st On Every Private Banker \$200.00
- 22nd On Every pawn Broker \$25.00
- 23rd On Every person trading in Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs & Sheep (except Butchers who buy for the own trade) \$15.00
- 24th On Every Corn, Cancer, eye or other itinerant doctor or optician \$10.00
- 25th On Every dauguerrean or photographic artist \$20.00
- 26th On Every Express Company having an office or doing business in the City \$30.00
- 27th On Every Huckster \$10.00
- 28th On Every Ice Dealer \$10.00
- 29th On Every Junk Dealer—\$35.00; and for each canvasser \$15.00
- 30th On Every Keeper of a Livery Stable \$30.00
- 31st On Every Two horse hack or phaeton or omnibus \$8.00; on every buggy used for hire \$5.00; on every one horse wagon, dray, or cart used for hire \$4.00
- 32nd On Every Wholesale liquor dealer \$160.00, but [Page 339] where a person sells only malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be \$25.00
- 33rd On Every Retail Liquor dealer \$80.00, but where a person sells only malt liquors by retail the tax shall be \$15.00, where liquor sold as above are sold to be drunk where sold bar room license must be taken out
- 34th On Every Keeper of a Bar Room \$80.00

- 35th On Every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits \$25, and manufacturing malt liquors \$10
- 36th A Wholesale liquor dealer desiring to sell liquors by retail may do so by paying one half specific tax on retail license, but a retail liquor desiring to sell liquor to be drunk where sold may do so by pay one half specification on a Bar Room License
- 37th On Every Rectifier \$25.00
- 38th On Every License to a keeper or owner of a Dog or puppy running at large \$1.00; one Bitch \$1.50
- 39th Every License to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax to be paid shall be graduated as follows; where the amount of purchasing for the year ending May 1st 1882 did not exceed \$1000, the tax shall be \$10.00; \$2000 the tax shall be \$15.00; on all purchases over \$2000 the tax shall be 50¢ on the \$100 of such purchased and upon all purchases over \$10,000 and less that \$25000 the tax shall be 30¢ on the \$100 purchases
- 40th On Every Commission merchant \$45.00
- 41st On Every Agent for the sale of musical instruments, sewing machines, fertilizers or other articles \$20.00
- 42nd On Every person retailing tobacco, snuff, or cigars \$5.00
- 43rd On Every person engaged in the sale on the Streets or other public places of patent medicines or other articles by auction or otherwise \$25.0 each day or night
- 44th On Every person selling oysters or fish (fresh) \$5.00
- 45th On Every person selling patent rights \$10.00
- 46th On Every peddler \$25.00
- 47th On Every person selling or buying Rail Road Tickets other than a duly authorized agent of some Rail Co with a depot in the city \$10.00
- 48th On Every proprietor of a revolving firing, flying tournament or machine of like nature \$5.00
- 49th On Every person selling on the Streets or other public place plaster figures, toys, fruits, nuts, candies or other artists—\$5.00; when sale as made from a street stand or stall \$10.00
- 50th On Every person, proprietor of a shooting gallery \$500
- 51st On Every person keeping a stallion or Jack to be let to Mares for hire \$5.00
- 52nd On Every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building to be used for Theatrical or other performance \$15.00
- 53rd On Every show, every Circus and on the exhibition of a menagerie \$50.00 per day, on the outside shows whether attached thereto or not \$5.00 each
- 54th On Every license to a theatrical performance or any other exhibition \$5.00 for each performance
- 55th On Every telegraph company having an office in the City \$50.00
- 56th On Every Wagon yard \$10.00

On Motion Mr Quinn

Resolved that the Finance Comm be authorized to have published for distribution 100 copies of the License tax bill upon the lowest terms possible

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Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Com state that the Committee were unable to report upon the resolution referred to them respecting rooms for Armory &c and asked further time, which was granted

A Communication from the Trustees of Public Schools was presented and read which on motion was referred to the Committee on Schools

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the Council proceeded to the election of two School Trustees in place of Messrs A B Bowering and H F Crismond, whose terms of office expired in November last

Mr H F Crismond was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected a Trustee of Public Schools for the Upper Ward for one year for 1st November last

Mr A B Bowering was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected a Trustee of Public Schools for the Lower Ward for three years from the 1st November last

Mr Hazard, Chrnm of Committee on Roadway to Federal Cemetery presented a communication from James Gall, Q M U S Engineers which was read

Mr Hazard presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Macadamized Road to Federal Cemetery be authorized to employ Mr Smith, Corporation Surveyor to survey and make a sketch of location of Cemetery and distances &c in conformity with request of James Gall Q M U S Engineers

Mr McCracken, Chrnm on Comm & Nav reported that in Conformity with resolution of the Council 500 copies of the Committee's report had been printed at a cost of \$5.00 and the same had been pretty generally circulated.

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Mr Quinn from the Committee on Poor submitted a written report which was read; the committee asked for an appropriation of \$100 for repairs of fencing and other necessary work about the Poor House Property.

On Motion of Mr Knox, the report was adopted

Mr Doggett from the Comm on Poor presented and read a contract entered into by the Committee with Mr W C Smith for taking care of the Poor House and paupers sent there to the 1st of July at the sum of \$6.25 pr month and rations from 8th April 82

On Motion, Mr Knox, the contract made by the Committee on Poor with Mr Smith was approved and ratified.

Mr Doggett presented the following accounts which were ordered to be paid Viz

L B Doggett amt'g to \$18.57

M McCracken amt'g to \$14.25

Doggett & Scott amt'g to \$12.19

On Motion Mr Knox

Resolved that the Committee on Poor be requested to ascertain the probable cost of the additional buildings needed for the accommodation of the poor and report at the next regular or called meeting of the Council

Mr Rowe presented an act to be forwarded to the Legislature of Va in reference to the purchase of Ground to be "ceded to the U S Government for the building of Mary Washington Monument" which was read And the following resolution offered by Mr Rowe was adopted

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to send at once a copy of the act to our Senator and Delegate and urge their prompt action and good offices in the premises.

Mr McCracken from the free Bridge Committee stated that the Committee had not yet [Page 342] been called together and therefore no report could be made; He learned that the Stafford Commission had never taken any action; as soon as something definite in regard to the matter could be ascertained the Committee would confer and report

A Communication from W F Bryce, Supt W U Telegraph Co in reference to an error in charge of Transmission of a message to Washington in July last amt'g to \$2.19 was read
On Motion the Communication was referred to the Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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[What appears to be an addendum to the License Tax Ordinance]
56th On every person or firm keeping a wood yard the tax shall be \$10 upon each year for each year or fractional part thereof

A Commission of 2½ per cent is allowed to the collector for receiving and paying over to the Treasurer the license tax under the ordinance; a Discount of four per cent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before June 15th 1882.

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At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday May 19th 1882
Present J W Sener, Mayor
H S Doggett, Recorder
Isaac Hirsh, J Hazard, S J Quinn, T McCracken, H R Gouldman, E D Cole, J S Knox, M B Rowe
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Doggett from the Finance Comm presented the accounts of the overseer of the poor for the month of May amt'g to \$174.49, also an account of *Fred's News* for advertising amt'g to \$5.00 which was ordered to be paid
Mr McCracken fro Comm on Commerce & Navigation reported that he learned that \$17,000 had been appropriated by Congress for the improvement of the Rappahannock River

Mr Hazard, from the Comm on Roadway to Federal Cemetery reported that the sketch of the Avenue had been prepared and forwarded to Washington, the cost of same \$5.00

Mr Doggett from the Comm on Germanna Bridge reported that the Committee had examined the Bridge and as far as they could judge it was a substantial structure, and was received by them and the subscription of the City amt'g to \$1000 had been paid

Mr Doggett, Chrmn of Committee on Poor submitted the following report which was read
To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Gentlemen
Your Committee on Poor would respectfully [Page 345] that in accordance with the instructions given them at the last meeting of your body they had a plan and specifications drawn by Mr Tongue of the necessary building required of the Poor House for the accommodation of the paupers and submitted them to the carpenters of the town for bids on the work, Five boss Carpenters put in bids of which Mr Geo W Wroten was the lowest, he proposing to do the work for \$2100—Your Committee thinks the bid is reasonably low and as it is absolutely necessary to have the buildings in order to utilize the purchase made by the Corporation for a place for the paupers, we recommend that the work be given out to Mr Wroten when he shall execute a bond with security for the faithful performance of the contract, and in case of his failing to give the bond, to some other carpenter who shall give his bond and security to do the work

Respectfully submitted, H S Doggett, E D Cole, S J Quinn, Committee

On Motion, Mr Knox

Resolved that the report of the Committee be adopted and that the Committee be instructed to proceed at once with the work and call upon the Finance Committee for funds as the work progresses, who are hereby authorized to raise the necessary funds for erecting said buildings.

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 Monday May 29th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Jos Hazard, S J Quinn, M G Willis, J S Knox, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Poor who decided to make a report

Mr Doggett, Chrmn Committee on Poor submitted the following report which was read.

The The Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Gent;

Your Committee on Poor would respectfully report that in accordance with instructions given them at the last meeting of your body we awarded the Contract for erecting new buildings on the Poor House farm to Mr Geo W Wroten, whose bid was \$2100. He declines to sign the contract on the ground that in casting up the items of expenses he failed to include the item of painting amounting to \$175.

Your Committee feeling that they were confined to the original bid of Mr Wroten refused to make any change or alteration, we therefore ask for further instructions, upon which Mr Wroten desires to be heard by the Council.

Respectfully submitted

H S Doggett, E D Cole, S J Quinn, Committee on Poor

Mr Wroten being present was by consent of the Council heard on the subject of the contract

Mr Hazard offered the following which was seconded

Resolved the Committee on Poor be authorized to add \$175 to the bid of Mr Wroten for erecting buildings on Poor House Farm, he giving security for the performance of the contract.

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Mr Knox offered the following as a substitute of the resolution of Mr Hazard, which was seconded, and the vote upon same by Ayes & Noes it was adopted

Resolved that the Poor Committee advertise again for bids to build the Poor House, the bids to be accompanied with security for the performance of the Contract

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

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Doggett, Hazard 3

Mr Hazard, offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Poor be authorized after getting bids to proceed at once to complete the work and they are authorized to call upon the Finance Committee for the necessary funds, who are instructed to provide the same

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 June 16th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox from the Finance Comm presented a/c of *Fred's News* amt'g to \$5.75 which were ordered to be paid, also the a/c of overseer of Poor for month of June amt'g to \$163.16.

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm submitted a written report of the Committee shew'g amt of expenditures for the year to be \$317.18, the report was ordered to be filed.

Mr Willis reported verbally that the Committee had examined two pieces of property either of which it was thought accommodate the white schools viz, the Methodist Church on George St which could be bought for \$3500, and the Union House on Main St for \$4000.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm submitted a written report shew'g the expense of repairing streets &c for the year to be \$770.68. The report was ordered to be filed

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn of Water & pump Comm submitted a written report shew'g the cost of repairs and building one new pump to be inclusive for the year \$281.68. The report was ordered to be filed

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Comm & Nav Committee stated that the report of Committee had already been presented and printed; the expenditures of the committee for the year he stated was about \$75

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Mr Knox, Chrmn of the School Committee submitted a written report shewing the Public Schools of Fredericksburg to be in a flourishing condition. The report was ordered to be filed

Mr Knox also presented a communication from the Trustees of Public Schools stating that there is a deficiency for the Scholastic Year 1881-82 of \$323.74 and asking the Council to appropriate a sum sufficient to cover the same, Whereupon Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted
Resolved that an additional appropriation be made for the Public Schools say for the sum of Three hundred and twenty five dollars to cover the deficiency which the Trustees of Schools Board report for the session of 1881-82

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn of Park Comm submitted a written report shew'g the Expense of the Park for the Year to be \$169.75

Mr Cole, from the Poor Comm stated that the contract for constructing the buildings on Poor House ground had been awarded to Mr Thomas Harrison for the sum of \$2300, he having given Mr W J King as security for the completion of the work

A Communication from A J Baldwin, Gen Manager of the Southern Telegraph Co asking that the company be permitted to erect pole &c through certain streets of the City subject to the controls of the Council.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that when the Southern Telegraph Company give bond and security to the extent of \$2500 that they will continue in competition with the other company or companies the privilege be granted them of entering the town and using the streets under the supervision of the Street Comm

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Whereupon Mr Quinn offered the following which was also seconded

Resolved that permission be granted the Southern Telegraph Co to use the Streets of the City in erecting their poles & wire subject to the supervision of the Street Committee and provided that the said company remove said poles upon the order of the Council after sixty days notice

And the vote upon the same taken and it was lost, the question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Knox and the vote upon same taken it was adopted

A Petition signed by many citizens asking that two additional Gas Lamps be placed in the park was read and on motion the same was referred to the Park Committee

Hon J L Marye was present and by permission was head in advocacy of the application of a Committee of Citizens of Madison for an appropriation by the City of \$100 towards the completion of Barnett's Ford Bridge Road

Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the town contribute the sum of one hundred dollars to the road improvement between Orange C H and Barnett's Ford

The vote was taken upon the same and it was lost

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Co submitted a written report shew'g the expenditures for Gas for Street Lamps for the year to be \$1396.71. The report was ordered to be filed.

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Mr Mc Cracken offered the following which was seconded

Whereas a well organized and disciplined military company is generally considered by all communities as a valuable reserve and powerful aid to the police department of all cities, in the suppression of lawlessness and violations of law and order and thus considering it has been the general custom of Cities and Corporations to give encouragement and aid to such Military organizations, and Whereas the upper room in the South wing of the Court House building in this City was originally designed and intended for an armory for the use and benefit of the Military Organizations then existing here and was used by said organizations for such purpose, now therefore

Resolved, that as soon as provision is made for the public schools the Fredericksburg Grays be allowed the use and occupation of the upstairs room in the South wing of the Court House building for the purpose of an armory, free of rent, the same to be kept in good repair and condition by the said military company.

On Motion Mr Hirsh, the resolution of Mr McCracken was laid on the table

On Motion of Mr Cole

Resolved that the sum of \$12 paid by Mr S J Quinn for Fire Works used in opening the Park be refunded to him

Mr Quinn excused from voting

The vote was taken by Ayes & Noes as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Willis, Cole, Hazard, Rowe Gouldman 5

Noes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Knox 4
The Council the 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 Thursday June 29th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, M G Willis, J S Knox, Josiah Hazard, H R Gouldman, and S J Quinn

The Clerk, R W Adams, being absent on account of sickness in his family, S J Quinn was elected clerk Pro Tem

The Mayor stated that the Council had been called to receive the final report of the Finance Committee and to consider ordinances levying taxes and appropriating the revenues of the Town for the ensuing year
Present: Mr E D Cole

On Motion of Mr McCracken the rules were suspended and Recorder Doggett read a communication from R R Berrey to whom had be assigned the compiling of the history of the town giving reasons why the work had not been completed

Mr Doggett from the finance Committee read the ordinance appropriating the revenues of the town of the next year

Present: Mr M B Rowe

Mr Doggett from the same Committee read the ordinance levying taxes for the year 1882-83 on motion Mr Hazard the ordinance was adopted and is as follows to wit:

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1882-1883

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 1882-83 for the support of the municipal government [Page 353] public schools, for the poor, to pay the interest and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

1st On every male person over 21 years (not legally exempt) 50¢

2nd On all Real and Person Property income, toll bridges, ferries, monies, Capital in any business, investments in Bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated companies on every \$100 assessed value \$1.25

3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be the same as the tax fixed by the State.

4th A deduction of 5 percent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th day of October next

5th On all taxes remaining unpaid on and after 15th day of October next there shall be added 5 person and interest from that date until paid and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law and ordinances of the City.

6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in national currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 percent bonds of the City (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

On Motion of Mr Cole the ordinance appropriating the revenue of the Tax for 1882-83 was adopted and is in the following words.

Appropriation ordinance of City of Fredericksburg for the year beginning July 1st 1882 [Page 354] and ending June 30 1883

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30 1883 out of the Revenues of the City Viz;

For Interest and Sinking Fund	10,000
For Public Schools	2,300
For Poor & Poor House	3,600
For Salaries	2,800
For Police	500
For Repairs of Public Property	600
For Repairs of Streets	1,000
For Pumps	300
For Gas	1,500
For Park	200
For Ordinances	150
For Commerce & Navigation	100
For Contingencies	2,000
2 ^d Payment on Beckwith's property	600
	\$25,600

2nd That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriations aforesaid and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting if any of these appropriations are exhausted and not pay any orders on him until further appropriations are made to meet the same

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee read the fiscal report of said Committee which on motion of Mr Hurkamp was adopted, it read as follows

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council,
Gentlemen

The undersigned Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have carefully examined the accounts of [Page 355] J J Young, Collector and R W Adams, Treasurer to Jun 27th 1882 and find them to be correct

There were delinquent and uncollected taxes in the hands of the Collector at our last report June 28 1881 against Real Estate and personalty as follows

Taxes on Real Estate for 76-77	320.30
Taxes on Personalty for 76-77	167.67
Add 5 percent commission and interest on collections	7.98
	496.85
Deduct amount paid Treasurer since	124.50
	372.35
Taxes on Real Estate for 77-78	445.26
Taxes on Personalty for 77-78	348.75
Add 5 percent commission and interest on collections	11.54
	805.55
Deduct amount paid Treasurer since	169.50
	636.05
Taxes on Real Estate for 78-79	518.11
Taxes on Personalty for 78-79	349.04

Add 5 percent commission and interest	48.91
	906.06
Deduct amount paid Treasurer since	154.75
	751.31
Taxes on Real Estate for 79-80	867.95
Taxes on Personalty for 79-80	869.50
Add 5 percent commission and interest	31.35
	1758.80
Deduct amount paid Treasurer since	353.75
	1405.05
Taxes on Real Estate for 80-81	1484.85
Taxes on Personalty for 80-81	1086.75
Add 5 percent commission and interest	80.65
	2652.25
Deduct amount paid Treasurer since	1116.88
	2535.37

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There were assessed and place in the Collectors hands for 1881 and 82 taxes licenses realty and personalty

	26899.77
Rent of Market Stalls	60.00
Rent of Town Hall	100.00
Rent of Mayors Office	24.00
Additional License tax	245.89
License on Wagons & Carts	192.80
Add 5 percent commission and interest on collections	54.43
	27576.09
Deduct amount paid Treasurer	25392.12
Balance of taxes due and uncollected for the past year	\$2,183.97
Total uncollected '76 to '82	\$6,857.92
Besides above there is due from taxes by former collectors to 1875	\$2,245.37
Total delinquent taxes to date	\$9,102.29

There was due the Treasurer from Report

June 28, 1881	\$4,615.48
Bills due June 30 1881	\$1,059.05
Making total due Treasurer July 1 st 1881	\$5,675.05

The above will show that we have reduced the floating debt of this City by \$3033.33 during the fiscal years besides paying out for extraordinary expenses

Small Pox	\$550.00
Purchase of Poor House	\$566.66
Germanna Bridge	\$1000.00
	\$2166.66

Therefore by proper and economical management another year, the floating debt of \$2641.72 can be extinguished entirely,

We explained fully and clearly last year [Page 357] in our report how this floating debt had accumulated until it reached the amount it did and think it useless to restate it again, supposing the reduction of it by \$3033.33 will be more satisfactory to you than restatement of how it occurred.

It gives us pleasure to again report that the accounts of the Collector and Treasurer with books and vouchers were nicely and accurately kept, which aided your committee much in their examination and report to you, which we believe to be correct in every particular.

The Collector has each year he has been in office (6 years) presented us with books to show the amount of taxes and kind due the City and by whom

The amount of Funded Debt of the City at our last report June 28 1881	\$120,251.08
Consisting of Bonds	\$120,000
Certificates	251.08

As shown above we only purchased last year \$100 for Sinking Fund because the bonds could not be bought under 120 cents on the dollar and your Committee deemed it best to pay to floating debt, which carried the same rate of interest, rather than buy in our bonds at these prices as is usually done.

This is all the debt of the City that we can hear of except \$2500 held by Miss Alexander and \$1000 by another party; also \$300 in certificates making \$2800 in all, which we have been unable so far to buy or get funded on account of some legal obstacles.

The Bond of \$100, and Coupons amounting to \$8347.50 were carefully counted by us and afterwards burned.

The Treasurer has on hand collect from licenses this year	\$5150.00
Deduct amount reported as due him	\$2641.72
Leaves a balance in his hands at this date	\$2508.28

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We think the above will clearly prove the wisdom and advantage of your committee's separating the licenses tax from that on the Realty and Personalty which we trust has met your approbation.

You will see that there is considerable amount due against real estate which cannot be made except by sale of it and your committee has been unwilling to do so because of the state taxes, which still remain unpaid and the same would have to be paid before we could give title, hoping each Legislature would require that the law for sale of delinquent lands should be carried out, but so far they have taken no action for reasons best known to themselves. Your Committee has deemed it best to report the same tax bill this year as last so as to be able to pay off the floating debt next year entirely and free the City from all but her bonded debt.

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

On Motion of Mr McCracken ordered that the report of the Finance Committee and the tax ordinance be published in one of the Town papers under the supervision of the Committee

Mr Knox presented a bill of Mr McCracken for board of Mr Ratcliffe to \$14, which on motion of Mr Gouldman was referred to the Finance Committee.

On Motion Mr Hirsh

Resolved that a vote of thanks of this Council is due and is hereby tendered Mr J B Ficklen, Chrmn Finance Comm and Recorder H S Doggett, member of said Committee who retire from the Council after this meeting for the faithful and [Page 359] efficient services in the interest of the Town in their official capacities.

The Council then adjourned sine die

J W Sener, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg at the election held on Thursday May 26th met pursuant to call of Mayor J W Sener at the Council Chamber on Saturday July 1st 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

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

Josiah Hazard, Isaac Hirsh, M B Rowe, J G Hurkamp, Charles Wallace, S J Quinn, H R Gouldman, T McCracken, E D Cole, J S Knox, W E Bradley, M G Willis

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

On Motion the Salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at \$75 per annum

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

On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved that after the election of Recorder the Council adjourn until Wednesday next 5th Inst at 8 O'clock PM

Mr Jas S Knox was nominated and unanimously elected Recorder of the City for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following standing Committees

On Finance	J S Knox, Chas Wallace, J G Hurkamp
On Public Property	M G Willis, Chas Wallace, H R Gouldman
On Streets	E D Cole, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh
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On Water & Pumps	Isaac Hirsh, Josiah Hazard, W E Bradley
On Commerce & Nav	T McCracken, W E Bradley, S J Quinn
On Gas	Josiah Hazard, E D Cole, T McCracken
On Schools	M B Rowe, H R Gouldman, M G Willis
On Ordinances	Chs Wallace, S J Quinn, J S Knox
On Park	J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, J S Knox
On Poor House & Poor	S J Quinn, E D Cole M B Rowe

The Council then adjourned until Wednesday 5th Inst 8 O'clock PM

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday July 5th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, E D Cole, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, Jos Hazard, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, T McCracken, H R Gouldman, Chs Wallace

On Motion of Mr McCracken

Resolved that the salaries of the [Page 363] officers to be elected be fixed at the same rate as last year.

Mr Jno J Young was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected collector of taxes, rents &c for the ensuing year

C F Shepherd, M Butchard, J K Berry, G A Mills, we balloted for Clerk of Market and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For C F Shepherd 7

For M Butchard 3

For J K Berry 2

Mr C F Shepherd having received the largest number of votes was declared elected Clerk of Market for the ensuing year.

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

On Motion of Mr Hazard, the number of Police officers was fixed at three
Mess'rs J E Stone, Chs A Gore, A A Hudson, M A Gately, W H Rogers, and J H Robinson were balloted for as police officers and the ballots being counted, the result was as follows

For J E Stone 11

For Chs A Gore 10

For M A Gately 8

For J H Robinson 3

For A A Hudson 4

So Mess'rs J E Stone, C A Gore, and M A Gately having received the largest number of votes cast they were declared elected police officers for the ensuing year

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S H Beale was nominated, balloted for and elected unanimously Scavenger for the upper ward for the ensuing year.

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

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, the election of overseer of the Poor was postponed for the present or until the Committee on Poor were prepared to report

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 21st 1882

Present J S Knox Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, presented a/c of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$6.00 which on Motion were ordered to be paid

Present: W E Bradley

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Com on Poor presented the accounts of the overseer of the Poor for the Month of July amt'g to \$161.72

Mr Rowe gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would submit a resolution that there be added to the present Standing Committees a Committee to be known as the Committee on Health

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Water and Pump Committee be and they are hereby instructed to sink a pump at the upper end of Commerce St in the neighborhood of Harris & Bros Store, if upon examination they should think necessary.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Committee on Poor presented the following a/c L B Doggett & Son amt'g to \$4.00 and F W Johnston amt'g to \$45.77 which on Motion were referred to the Finance Committee for settlement

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 Monday July 31st 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

S J Quinn, H R Gouldman, Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken, W E Bradley, M G Willis, E D Cole, I Hirsh, J Hazard, M B Rowe

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering an application from D Green & others Commissioners of Stafford, for the use of Canal Street in the Construction of an abutment &c for the proposed new Bridge across the Rappahannock River.

The application of D Green & others, Commissioners of Stafford Co was read,

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that permission be and the same is hereby granted the Bridge Commissioners of Stafford County appointed by the Court of said County under authority granted by the Legislature of Virginia, to use Canal Street in the upper part of the City from Main Street to the Rappahannock River or so much thereof as may be necessary for an abutment to the proposed New Bridge and right of way leading thereto with the proviso and reservation that should said Bridge Commissioners fail to comply with the terms of the Charter this privilege hereby granted shall be considered as revoked and provided further the privilege hereby granted shall be exercised under the direction of the Street Committee of this Council.

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Mr G A Jackson, agent of the Southern Telegraph Company being present was by permission of the Council heard in reference to the interests of the Company and respectfully asked that the Council reconsider its former action requiring the Company to give Bond for the privileges asked for

On Motion Mr Wallace the rule was suspended in order to act on the application of the Southern Telegraph Co

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Southern Telegraph Co be granted the privilege of entering and passing through the City placing their poles under the supervision of the Street Committee with the understanding that when the Company ceases to have an office and transact business here the privilege hereby granted is revoked, and that any action of the Council heretofore in conflict with the resolution is hereby repealed

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 August 18th 1882

Present J W Sener

J S Knox Recorder

T McCracken, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, J Hazard, I Hirsh, Chs Wallace, H R Gouldman

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor being compelled to leave, he called the Recorder to the Chair: Absent Mr J W Sener, Mr Jas S Knox, Recorder in the Chair

Mr Wallace from the Finance Comm presented an account of A A Hudson for services as police officer amt'g to \$5.00. On Motion the account was referred to the Finance Committee for settlement

Mr Hirshg, Chrmn of Water & Pump Com reported that in accordance with instructions of the Council the Committee had concluded to sink a pump at the upper end of Commerce St; and the work was now in progress

Mr Wallace from the Ordinance Committee reported that the Ordinances were ready for publication, the History of Fred'g not yet completed

Mr McCracken stated that if the Committee should be unable to have the Ordinances & History published by next meeting of the Council, he would then move that the ordinances be printed

On motion, Mr Hirsh, the ordinance concerning Dogs was referred to the ordinance Committee [Page 369] for examination and report at the next meeting

Mr Quinn, Chrm of Com on Poor reported the accounts of the overseer of the poor for the month of August amt'g to \$137.69

Mr McCracken offered the following which was adopted
Resolved that the Committee on Ordinances be directed to prepare an ordinance to organize a Hook & Ladder Company and present the same at the next meeting of the Council for their action

Mr McCracken offered the following which was seconded
Resolved that the Public Property Comm be directed to examined and report upon the propriety of purchasing as soon as practicable a Hook & Ladder Truck with such other appurtenances as they may deem necessary for the purpose of extinguishing and preventing fires; the cost of said outfit not to exceed five hundred dollars

Mr Gouldman moved that the resolution of Mr McCracken be laid on the table which was also seconded put to the vote and lost

The vote was then taken on Mr McCracken's resolution and it was adopted

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 September 15th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Com presented accounts of the *Fred'g News* for advertising &c amt'g to \$11.25 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Com stated that the Committee were unable to report upon the resolution of the Council in Reference to the purchase of a Hook & Ladder Truck and asked for further time which was granted.

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn Pump Com, reported that the new pump ordered by the Council had been completed and in good working order all the pumps in good order

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of Poor Com, reported the accounts of the overseer Poor amt'g to \$151.28 for September

Mr Quinn stated that the Poor House buildings were completed and ready to be furnished for the reception of paupers, he further stated that the Committee would require an additional appropriation of \$900 for the support of the Poor until the close of the fiscal year.

On Motion of Mr Hirsh, the sum of three hundred dollars additional was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Poor

Mr Quinn presented and read the rule adopted [Page 371] by the Committee on Poor for the Government of the Alms House and grounds

On Motion Mr Knox

Resolved that the Rules and Regulations for the Government of the Alms House as read by Mr Quinn be accepted as a whole

On Motion, Mr McCracken the 23^d rule was suspended for the present meeting.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, ordered that wherever the words overseer of the poor in the ordinances occur that they be stricken out and the words Superintendent of the Alms House be inserted instead.

On Motion Mr McCracken the Salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at one hundred dollars

The Council next proceeded to the election of Superintendent of Alms House for the ensuing year Albert Hooten and W C Smith were balloted for as Superintendent of the Alms House and the ballots being counted the results stood as follows

For A Hooten 5

For M C Smith 4

So Mr Hooten having received the largest number of ballots was declared elected Superintendent of Alms House for the ensuing year

Mr Rowe offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the sum of \$90 be appropriated for the purpose of renting Knox's Hall for the next 12 months for an Armory for the Fredericksburg Grays to be paid quarterly.

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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 30th Inst

On Motion, Mr Rowe, Ordered that a Standing Committee be appointed to be known as the Health Committee

The resignation of Mr J W Sener as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools was presented and read, and on motion of Mr Willis the resignation was laid on the table.

On Motion Mr McCracken

Resolved that the Gas Committee be requested to report at the next regular meeting of the Council the time that the Gas is lighted on the Streets and the number of hours that it is allowed to burn.

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 Wednesday October 4th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

J G Hurkamp, T McCracken, S J Quinn, Chs Wallace, W E Bradley, H R Gouldman, Isaac Hirsh, Josiah Hazard, Councilmen

R W Adams being absent (on account of sickness in his family) On Motion Mr Knox, R B Berrey was elected Clerk Pro Tem

The Mayor stated the Council had been called at the instance of three members of the Council in writing to take into consideration the expediency of submitting to the voters of Fredericksburg at the next election November 7 1882 the question “Shall Fredericksburg subscribe to the Free Bridge to be built at Fredericksburg under the provisions of a certain act of the Gen’l Assembly of Virginia approved Feb’y 9th 1882—entitled “An Act to establish &c &c, so that said amount subscribed shall not exceed \$5000, the same to be subscribed according to the terms and provisions of said Act and for such other matters therein as may be deemed prudent and advisable.

Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded

Whereas it is desirable that there should be a free bridge between the County of Stafford and Fredericksburg across the Rappahannock River and Whereas there are now two toll bridges across said River which as avenues of trade are sufficient for all the traffic to said town and

Whereas the Act of the General Assembly to establish a ferry or Bridge across the Rappahannock [Page 374] River at or near the Town of Falmouth does not provide for the purchase of either of the existing toll bridges, but only for the building of an additional bridge,

Now therefore be it

Resolved that it is inexpedient to submit the question only of building a new bridge at the present time, but that the Act of the Legislature should be so amended as to allow the vote also to be taken whether the Counties and Corporation interested shall buy either one of the present bridges.

Mr Quinn offered the following as a substitute for Mr Knox’s resolution, which was also seconded

Resolved that a poll be opened at the two voting places and precincts in this Corporation on Tuesday November 7 1882, that being the day of the next general election to take the sense of the qualified voters of the Corporation on the following question then and there to be submitted, “Shall this Corporation subscribe to the Free Bridge to be built across the Rappahannock River, by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 9th 1882, entitled An Act to establish a Ferry or Bridge across the Rappahannock River at or near the Town of Falmouth” so that and provided the amount subscribed by this Corporation shall not exceed the sum of \$5000, the same to be subscribed under the directions of the Common Council of Fredericksburg and to be secured and payable in such a manner as said Common Council shall prescribe and direct, the same to be subscribed according to the terms and provisions of said Act of the Gen’l Assembly of Va approved Feb’y 9th 1882; that said poll shall be viva voce that all parties in favor of said subscription as above provided for shall vote “For subscription to the Free Bridge” that

[Page 375] all parties opposed shall vote “against subscription to Free Bridge” that the Judges of election shall provide separate ballot boxes and poll books for said election and shall employ an additional clerk at each voting place for the purpose indicated.

Mr McCracken moved to amend Mr Quinn’s resolution by making the sum to be subscribed \$3000 instead of \$5000 as provided for in said resolution.

After discussion Mr Wallace offered the following substitute for the whole, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted unanimously.

Resolved that the resolution of Mr Knox in regard to the Free Bridge and substitute offered by Mr Quinn be referred to a Committee of three with instructions to prepare a bill in regard to the same and report to the Council at next meeting.

The Mayor appointed Mess’rs Wallace, Bradley, and Hirsh as the Committee under Mr Wallace’s resolution

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 20th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, Isaac Hirsh, S J Quinn, W E Bradley—Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On Motion Mr Bradley

Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourn until Monday 23rd at 7½ O’clock PM

On Motion, The Council adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday October 23rd 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Jos Hazard, J G Hurkamp, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, Chs Wallace, H R Gouldman E D Cole, T McCracken, Isaac Hirsh—Councilmen

The Mayor reported Mess’rs M B Rowe, Chs Wallace & J S Knox as the Committee on Health

Mr Wallace from the Pub Prop Committee stated that in the absence of the Chairman that the Committee would not be able to report at the present Meeting upon the subject of the Hook & Ladder Truck, but the matter was in progress and he hoped they would be able to report at next meeting.

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Comm, reported that in compliance with the resolution of the Council, the Committee had an interview with the Supt of the Gas Co and matter in reference to the lighting Gas satisfactorily arranged. Mr H stated that the police officer requested that a Gas lamp be placed at the Jail Alley

On Motion Mr McCracken, the report of the Gas Co was received and the matter of a Gas lamp at Jail alley referred to the Committee with the power to act as they deemed best
Mr Quinn, Chrmn poor comm. Reported the acct of C M Brown for supplies furnished the poor amt'g to \$44.11 also an account of F W Johnston for medicines amt'g to \$21.51. Mr Quinn reported that the Alms House was now open and so far the number of paupers provided for was twelve.
Mr Crutchfield, Supt of Public Schools being present was heard by permission in reference to the term of office of several members of [Page 378] the Board of Trustees of Public Schools

On Motion of Mr Knox, the Council proceeded to the election of School Trustees whose term of office expired 15th November 1882
Mess'rs J W Sener & W H Cunningham were nominated and balloted for and elected as School Trustees for the upper Ward. Mr Sener being elected for two years and Mr W H Cunningham for three years from 15th November 1882

Mess'rs A B Bowering & H F Crismond were nominated and balloted for as School Trustee in place of Mr T B Leonard whose term of office expired on 15th November 1882 and the ballots being counted resulted as follows:

For Mr Crismond	6
For Mr Bowering	4

Mr H F Crismond having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools for three years from 15th November next

Mr Wallace gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an ordinance to amend the ordinance concerning the weighing of hay, shucks &c
Mr Wallace from the Committee appointed by the Council in reference to the proposed Bridge across the Rappahannock River submitted the following report
The undersigned, the Committee appointed at the meeting of the Council held on the 4th day of October 1882 to whom the resolutions of Mess'rs Knox & Quinn in regard to a free bridge was referred, respectfully report as follows:
First, that the present avenues of trade consisting of two toll bridges are sufficient for all the traffic to said town and that it would be a useless expense to build a third bridge
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Second, that the owners of the present bridges are willing to sell either of the same for a much less sum than a new bridge could be built, it is manifestly therefore the part of wisdom to buy one of the present bridges, rather than to build a third one
Third, That the duty of the Council as legislators is to protect the property of the citizens which is taxes for the public good and not to allow their body to be used as an instrument to destroy in value private property
Fourth, that the act of the Legislature to establish a bridge across the Rappahannock at or near Falmouth approved Feb'y 9 1882 in effect prohibits the operation of either one of the present bridges, so that neither one of them can be purchased under the act.
Fifth, that the legality of said act of the Legislature the undersigned is informed will be contested in the Courts as soon as any effort is made to enforce it and that Council here expressed the opinion that the Act is invalid and that all bonds issued under it will be void, it is therefore manifestly wise for the Corporation of Fredericksburg to do nothing until the County of Stafford has established the validity of the Law.
The undersigned therefore report the following resolution for adoption
Resolved that it is inexpedient at this time to submit the question of subscription to Free Bridge to the people, but that the Council should at once take action with view of so amending the Act of the Legislature as to allow one of the present bridges to be [Page 380] bought and opened and with a view

thereto the Council co-operate with the proper authorities of Stafford and other Counties interested and that the Council shall at once ascertain upon what terms either bridge can be leased until proper legislation can be had, and at what price the owners will sell the same and we would further recommend that a Committee be appointed at once to confer with the owners of the bridges as to matters herein provided

Signed, Chs Wallace, Isaac Hirsh, W E Bradley

On Motion Mr Gouldman, the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Wallace, Hirsh and Bradley as the Committee

The Mayor stated that for proper cause in his judgment he suspended two officers of the Corpo since the last regular meeting, viz Mr Gately police officer and Mr Shepherd Clerk of Market, Mr Gately having promised better for the future he had reinstated; Mr Shepherd was still under suspension

On Motion Mr Knox, Resolved that not action be taken in relation to the suspended officer until next meeting.

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 November 17th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Charles Wallace, Jos Hazard, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, H R Gouldman, S J Quinn—Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr Wallace from the Public Prop Comm submitted the following report which was read,

To the Hon Mayor & Common Council,

Gents,

Your Committee find that can buy a Hook and Ladder Truck with six ladders, 30, 25, 20, 18, 16 & 14 feet respectively one dozen gum buckets, two axes, two picks, six hooks, four lanterns, one crow bar, one chain & rope, one pair splicing shoes, one drag rope, hand holders, and crack side ropes for four hundred dollars delivered in our city. The entire outfit to be of the very best materials and furnished in good workmanlike order which can be built in about six weeks after receiving an order.

Respectfully submitted, M G Willis, Chs Wallace, H R Gouldman

On Motion the report was received and laid on the table until next meeting

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Comm, presented the accounts of *Fred's News* amt'g to \$3.25 which were ordered paid

Mr Wallace presented the application of A H H Bernard for remittance of 8 years Corporation tax on a servant erroneously charged, amt'g to \$4 also of H S Doggett for erroneous tax on Real Estate,

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On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the applications were referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Quinn, Chrnm of Com on Poor enquired of the Council as to the propriety of supplying poor persons temporarily with wood or provisions who remained at their homes as the ordinance prevented their supplying only those who were at the Alms House

After discussion no action was taken

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

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 December 15th 1882

Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox Recorder

Chs Wallace, J G Hurkamp, W E Bradley, E D Cole, S J Quinn, M G Willis, Jos Hazard, Isaac Hirsh
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr Wallace from the Finance Committee asked the Council for authority to place into the hands of the Collector delinquent taxes from 1876 to 1881 inclusive in order that the same may be collected promptly and to allow said Collector a Commission not exceeding 20 per cent which is the same Commission allows by the state for such collections.

The matter was discussed after which Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted
Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorized to appoint a Special Collector to collect the Corporation delinquent taxes and place in his hands such delinquent tax bills as they may think proper, said Special Collector to give bond in the security for the faithful performance of his duty, his compensation not to exceed 20 percent of the amount so collected by him.

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Comm, reported that a Gas lamp had been placed at the Jail

Mr Wallace stated that he was requested by Mr C S Scott to ask Council to have place at the Bridge [a lamp] he agreeing to pay the cost of the post

On Motion the application was referred to the Gas Committee

Mr Wallace asked for longer time in which to submit his amendment to ordinance reference to [Page 384] weighing hay &c—granted

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Committee on Ordinances stated that he received a note from Mr Berry in which he says that the History of Fred'g was complete and would have been ready for the printer but for sickness in his family

On Motion, Mr Hazard

Resolved that the Committee on Ordinances be requested to have the ordinances and history printed as soon as possible

On Motion, Mr Cole the number of copies of the ordinance to be printed was fixed at 250—two hundred and fifty—

On Motion Mr Knox, the ordinance was requested to have 50 copies of the ordinances interleaved

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Committee on Poor submitted a written report of the Committee shewing the expense of keeping the poor 3 months in the City from 1st July to 1st Oct \$530.68 and for same at the Alms House from 1st Oct \$410.37; cost of buildings \$2777.34; cost of furnishing buildings \$161.93; work on Farm Mr Smith's wages and incidental expenses \$97.93 making an aggregate of \$4,997.93 including cost of buildings

On Motion, Mr Knox,

Resolved that the report of the Committee on Poor be adopted and that the additional sum of five hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Committee for the support of the poor.

Present: M B Rowe

Mr Cole stated that he was requested by Mr M G Grasty to make application for the privilege of erecting a flag pole in front of his store

On motion, the application was referred to the Street Com

Mr Bradley asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr W E Bradley

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On Motion, Mr Wallace, The Public Property Comm was requested to ascertain if the old Engine could be disposed of and report to next Council

The Mayor reported that the police officers had discharged their duties during the past quarter and on motion the Treasurer was directed to pay their salaries for the quarter ending Decm'r 31st

Mr Wallace from the Finance Comm stated that Gov Marye had placed in his hands a tax bill against Est W C Burruss amt'g to \$221.93 and requested him to ask the Council if some rebate could not be made.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the subject was referred to the Finance Comm with authority to settle

On Motion Mr Hurkamp, Resolved that the Public Property Comm, be and they are hereby instructed to purchase a Hook and Ladder Truck in accordance with their report submitted at the last Council.

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, Resolved that the Public Prop Comm be instructed to provide a suitable place for the reception of the Hook & Ladder truck and endeavor to organize a company for working the same.

The Council then adjourned,
J W Sener, Mayor