

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1884

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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 4th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

W E Bradley, S J Quinn, C E Hunter, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, J Hazard, T McCracken, I Hirsh, M B Rowe—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of three members of the Council to consider matters relative to the Free Bridge across Rappahannock River.

Mr Bradley stated that a large number of the Citizens of the County of Stafford had signed a memorial to the Gen'l Assembly of Virg'a asking that certain amendments be made to the present charter for a Free Bridge, which was defective and the object of the paper which he would present was to have the Council to join with the Stafford peoples in procuring the amendments desired

Mr Bradley then read the following paper and moved its adoption.

To the General Assembly of Virginia now in session at Richmond, Va

The undersigned, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va respectfully state that the Legislature of 1882 passed an act for erection of a Free Bridge across the Rappahannock River at or near the Town of Falmouth, which being full of errors, that it is intended to apply to your body for certain amendments thereto; these amendments consisting:

1st Submitting the approval of this enterprise to a vote of Stafford County requiring for its approval a majority vote of three fifth of which majority of the Freeholders of said County shall form it.

2nd In allowing said vote to be taken on the [Page 452] proposition either to erect, purchase or lease a Bridge for said purpose as said voters may prefer

3rd That the said enterprise if sustained by said voters shall be carried out by four commissioners one to be elected by voters in each of the four magisterial districts of said County, who shall give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties as said Commissioners.

4th That the Bonds issued to raise money therefor shall not exceed \$30,000 and that they shall bear 6 percent interest and not to be sold for less than par

5th That the annual taxation for the payment of interest and the redemption of said bonds shall not exceed 20 cents in the \$100 value of property in said County.

6th That the City of Fredericksburg which is vitally interested in said enterprise shall be allowed to participate therein upon the same terms as the County of Stafford and entitled to be represented by a commissioner or commissioners on the same terms

And our petitioners respectfully ask that the foregoing amendments to said Free Bridge act be approved and passed by your Honorable Body

Mr McCracken moved that the further consideration of the memorial presented by Mr Bradley be indefinitely postponed, which was seconded and put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Hunter, Hazard, Rowe, Myer 8

Noes Mess'r Bradley 1

On Motion the rule was suspended. The Mayor reported that the police had discharged their duties for the past quarter and the Treasurer was directed to pay their salaries for the quarter [Page 453] ending 31st December 1883

The Mayor reported the gross amount received for taxes on Dogs to be \$387.50, nett amount \$311.62

On Motion, the Mayor was authorized to issue tags to supply those that may be lost from dogs on which the owner or owners had paid the tax.

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 18th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J H Myer, M G Willis, E D Cole, C E Hunter, T McCormick, W E Bradley—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Comm, presented the following which were adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee and are hereby authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars at not exceeding six percent interest on such time as in their judgment they may deem best for the purpose of paying for the building now being erected on the Walker lot, and for repairs and remodeling the Union House, for the use of the public Schools of Fredericksburg, and that the Mayor and Treasurer, under the supervision of such Committee be directed to execute Bonds, attaching the seal of the Corporation thereto for the amount so borrowed

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Committee had not purchased the buckets &c, the price charged being greater than expected , and they did not consider themselves instructed to purchase before reporting to the Council, he also reported the pavement in front of the Town Hall as in bad condition and could not be improved except by paving.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Committee, reported the streets in good condition except the lower part of Sophia Street near the wharves which at present was blockaded by ice

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Comm on Commerce & Navigation stated that he had been in communication with Colo Abert in reference to an appn for the improvement of the Rappk River and that the committee would have prepared [Page 455] statistics of the trade of Fredericksburg and Rappk River and have the same forwarded to Washington

A Communication signed by Harris & Bro, C L Cole & Bro, and M McCracken wishing to know at what the Council would rent them the Market House lot and also complaining of the injustice done them by allowing the yard to be used indiscriminately for horses & wagons after Market hours, they having to pay License to Corporation & State for keeping wagon yards.

Mr Willis moved that the Communication be referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to report an ordinance to remedy the evil complained of, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr McCracken moved that the communication be referred to the Public Property Committee which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, McCracken, Knox 3

Noes Mess'rs Willis, Cole, Hunter, Myer 4

The question recurring on Mr Willis' motion and the vote taken on same it was adopted

The Mayor presented the resignation in writing of Mr S J Quinn as a member of this Council which was read and on Motion of Mr Willis the same was laid on the table

An application of Mrs James Roach to be relieved of Corporation tax amt'g to \$4.50 was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the fact of his having become responsible for the sum of \$25, the expense being incurred in entertaining the members of the Pennsylvania Legislature on their visit to this place during the past year, and asked that an appropriation be made for same. On Motion, Mr Cole, the sum of \$25 was directed to be paid for the purpose named by the Mayor upon his order.

A petition signed by the police officers asking the Council for an increase of pay was read and on Motion of Mr Knox [Page 456] the same was laid on the table until next regular meeting, the vote taken by Ayes & Noes was as follows

Ayes	Mess'rs McCracken, Knox, Willis, Hunter, Cole, Myer	6
Noes	Mess'r Bradley	1

Mr Bradley called up the Motion to reconsider the vote by which the tax on Trinity Church lot was remitted

The motion to reconsider the vote passed Novem'r 20 1883 remitting the tax upon which Trinity Church was passed and carried in the affirmative

Mr Willis moved the the appn of Trinity Church to remit the tax on the lot upon which the Church stands be referred to the Finance Committee which was seconded,

Whereupon Mr Bradley moved that the application of Trinity Church be not granted, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Bradley, Knox, Cole, Hunter	4
Noes	Mess'rs McCracken, Willis & Myer	3

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 Tuesday February 19th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

T McCracken, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp, J Hirsh, S J Quinn, C E Hunter, J Hazard, M B Rowe, J H

Myer—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the regular meeting of the Council was not held, and the present meeting was called for the purpose of the transaction of the regular business

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that upon examination of the Records of the Court, he found that there was an alley between George & Hanover Sts near Liberty and the same would be Surveyed and a full report made at a future Meeting.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Comm on Commerce & Navigation stated that Statistics of the Trade &c of Fredericksburg were being prepared and would be forwarded to Washington

Mr Rowe, Chrnm of Committee on Schools reported that a contract had been made with Mr Geo W Wroten for repairing & remodeling the Union House for the Public Schools for the sum of \$1635 and the work would soon be commenced

Mr Rowe, Chrnm of the Health Comm reported the health of the City was excellent, only three deaths during the Month of January

Present: W E Bradley, M G Willis

The petition of the Police Officers asking for an increase of pay was called up

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the petition of the police [Page 458] officers asking an increase of salary be referred to the Finance Committee, to duly consider the matter and report to next meeting with a recommendation for the action of the Council

Mr Cole presented an account of W B Goolrick amt'g to \$1.55 (for 1882) for medicines for the Poor which was ordered paid

A petition signed by many citizens was presented and read asking the Council to pave or improve Water Street from the Boat House to the Steamboat Wharf for wagons, carriages &c and to have a walk way along the same for the accommodation of foot passengers

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the petition was referred to the Street Comm, to ascertain and report the probable cost of the improvement asked for by the petitioners

The Mayor read a Circular or Communication from the Judge of Campbell County, Kentucky stating that over 20,000 persons had be left destitute by the flood and calling for aid to relieve the sufferers. He suggested that the Council take such action as they deemed best in regard to the appeal.

On Motion Mr Quinn

Resolved that a Committee of three of the Council with a similar number of Citizens be requested to canvass the Town and solicit subscriptions for the sufferers in Kentucky and turn the same over to the Mayor to be forwarded

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Quinn, Cole, Hirsh—councilmen, Mess'rs J T Goolrick, R B Berrey and W H Russells—citizens as the Committee

Mr Cole presented the application of D H Knox for the erection of a shed in front of his store

On Motion the application was referred to the Street Committee

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Mr McCracken presented the following which was adopted

1st Resolved that a Committee of four to consist of two members of the Council and two Citizens not members be appointed by the Mayor for the purpose of preparing a suitable memorial to the Legislature of Virginia in respect to the location of the State Normal School proposed in Senator Lovenstein's bill to be established and maintained by the State and further that the said Committee be charged with the duty of presenting said Memorial to the Legislature at an early day as possible.

2nd That [blank] dollars be appropriated to meet the expenses of the foregoing committee

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs McCracken & Cole for the Council and Gov Marye & Judge Goolrick for the Citizens

Mr Quinn presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted
Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that our Representative in Congress be requested to use his best efforts to obtain an appropriation from the Government sufficient to complete the unfinished Monument to Mary, the Mother of Washington, now standing on the site where her remains were buried in the western limits of the town or to erect a new one on its site.

2nd That our Senators and the Representatives in the House from the other Districts be requested to unite with Hon R M Mayo from this district in obtaining this appropriation.

3rd That the Clerk of the Council be directed to forward an official copy of these resolutions to each of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Virginia.

Mr Quinn also presented the Memorial proposed for presentation to Congress in regard to the Monument
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Mr McCracken moved that 500 copies of the memorial be presented with the names of the Mayor, Councilmen, and Clerk appended for distribution among the members of Congress.

The motion was put and adopted

On Motion Mr Quinn

Resolved that a Committee of three of our citizens be appointed to convey the memorial to Washington and urge the passage of a bill for the appropriation of a sufficient sum to the complete the monument.

The Mayor appointed St G R Fitzhugh, Hon E M Braxton, and Judge M Slaughter as the committee
On Motion Mayor Sener was added to the Committee

The Council then adjourned

J M Sener, Mayor

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At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held on Tuesday morning 10 O'clock March 4th 1884

Present J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, M G Willis, E D Cole, T McCracken, C E Hunter, W E Bradley, M B Rowe, S J Quinn—councilmen

In the absence of the Mayor, on Motion, Mr Cole, Mr Hurkamp was called to the Chair

In the absence of the Clerk on Motion Mr Myer, Mr Quinn was requested to act as Clerk

The Chair stated that the Council had been called to take such action as it might think proper in reference to the death of Mr W P Conway, an ex-member of this body

On Motion a Committee of three, consisting of Mess'rs Quinn, Willis, & Hunter was appointed to draft resolutions, the Committee reported the following which was unanimously adopted

To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va;

On Saturday March 1st 1884 at 8 O'clock Walker Peyton Conway departed this life at his residence in this place in the 79th year of his age. For many years he was an honored member of this body, was chairman of the Finance Committee and took active and leading part in all matters pertaining to the good of the Town and the prosperity and advancement of the interests of our Citizens. He was one of our leading Citizens and Business men and had held many positions of honor, trust and responsibility, which the partiality of his fellows Citizens had conferred upon him, through a long life of usefulness, which trusts he executed faithfully and conscientiously and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He is now gone the way of all the earth, and we deem it proper and becoming in us as the representatives to recognized his past public

services and pay that respect to his memory which is high character [Page462] and devotion to the public well merit. Therefore:

Resolved that as mark of respect to the memory of W P Conway and in recognition of his past services as a public man and private citizen we will attend his funeral this morning in a body at 11 o'clock

Resolved that this paper be spread upon the records of the Council and that an official copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased by the Clerk of this body

On Motion Mr Quinn, the Council then adjourned to attend the funeral

Note: The Mayor stated that he would have been present at the Council, but for his have been called on to act as pall bearer at the funeral, as also the Clerk.

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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 21st 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J H Myer, S J Quinn, J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, Isaac Hirsh, J Hazard, T McCormack, M B Rowe, E D Cole, W E Bradley

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Hurkamp from the Finance Committee presented the ordinance levying License tax of 1884-85 which was read and on Motion unanimously adopted and is in the following words Viz

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 the year beginning on the 1st day of May 1884 and ending on the 1st day of May 1885. The License tax shall be assessed and collect at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st day of June 1884.

1 st On every License to a steamboat, Steamship, or other transportation Company, agencies other than Express Companies	\$50.00
2 nd On every License for renting farms, houses, or other Real Estate for compensation	\$5.00
3 rd On every Agent for the sale of Books, Periodicals or Pictures	\$10.00
4 th On every Agent for copying pictures	\$10.00
5 th On every Agent of each Insurance Co, but this shall not apply to agents of Accident Insurance Co which shall be	\$10.00
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6 th On every Agent for hiring labour	\$10.00
7 th On every Mercantile Agent or Reporter	\$25.00
8 th On every Agent for the sale of Real Estate	\$30.00
9 th On every Attorney at law, Physician, Conveyancer, Dentist, Surveyor, Civil Engineer, The gross amount of whose professional receipts for the year ending Apl 30 1884	
Was less than \$1000	\$10.00
\$1000 and less than \$1500	\$15.00
\$1500 and less than \$2000	\$20.00
\$2000 and over	\$25.00
10 th On every general auctioneer	\$45.00
11 th On every Billiard or pool Saloon	\$25.00
Each additional Table	\$10.00
12 th On every Bagatelle, Jenny Lind or Dexter Table	\$10.00
13 th On every Bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley, on each alley	\$10.00
14 th On every Bill Poster	\$5.00

15 th On every Butcher	\$10.00
16 th On every person keeping a Bakery or Manufacturing Confectionary	\$10.00
17 th On every person keeping a Boarding House	\$7.00
18 th On every person keeping a Hotel	\$20.00
19 th On every person keeping an Eating House	\$16.00
20 th On every person selling upon the Street or other Public Place snacks and like eatables	\$5.00
Or \$1.50 per quarter	
21 st On every Private Banker	\$25.00
22 nd On every Pawn Broker	\$25.00
23 rd On every person trading in Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep	\$15.00
Butchers buying for their own trade shall not be subject to this tax	
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24 th On every Corn Canner, Eye or other itinerant Doctor or Optician	\$10.00
25 th On every Daugarean or Photographic artist	\$20.00
26 th On every Express Company	\$30.00
27 th On every Huckster	\$10.00
Payable quarterly on 1 st May, August, November, February,	
28 th On every Ice Dealer	\$10.00
29 th On every person trading in Junk	\$35.00
And for each Canvasser	\$15.00
30 th On every Livery Stable Keeper	\$30.00
31 st On every two horse Hack, Phaeton, Omnibus, or other carriage for hire	\$8.00
On every Buggy used for hire	\$4.00
On every one horse wagon, dray or cart, used for hire	\$4.00
32 nd Every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors or any mixture thereof	\$160.00
But where a person sells only Malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be	\$25.00
33 rd On Every person who sells wines and liquors by retail	\$80.00
When the person sells only Malt liquors by retail the tax shall be	\$15.00
When the liquors mentioned above are sold to be drunk where sold, bar room	
License must be taken out in addition	\$80.00
34 th On ever bar room keeper	\$80.00
But this license shall not cover the right to retail liquor not to be drunk where sold	
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35 th On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits	\$25.00
And manufacturing malt liquors	\$10.00
36 th A wholesale liquor dealer desiring to sell liquors by retail may do so by paying one half	
Of specific tax on a retail license. But a Retail dealer desiring to sell liquor to be	
Drunk where sold may do so by paying one half specific tax on a bar room license	
37 th On every rectifier	\$25.00
38 th On every license of a keeper or owner of a dog or puppy in this City running at large,	
The tax shall be \$1.00, or a dog or puppy's a Bitch \$1.50, and the Commissioner of the	
Revenue shall yearly list all Dogs present in the City, giving name of owner or keeper of same	
39 th On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax to be paid shall be graduated as follows	
Where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1884 did not exceed the sum of \$1000	
the tax shall be \$10.00; where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1884 did not exceed	
\$2000 the tax shall be \$15.00; on all purchases over \$2000, the tax shall be 50¢ on the \$100 of	
said purchases, and on all purchases over \$10,000 and less than \$25,000 there shall be paid a tax	
of 30¢ on the \$100 of said purchases.	
40 th On every commission Merchant	\$45.00

41 st On every agent for the sale of musical instruments, sewing machines, fertilizers and other Articles	\$20.00
42 nd On every person retailing tobacco, snuff, or cigars	\$5.00
43 rd On every person selling patent or quack medicines on the streets or of any other articles by Auction on the Streets or exhibiting the same \$2.50, for each day or night the same may be done.	
44 th On every person selling oysters or fresh fish (other than a licensed merchant)	\$5.00
45 th On every person selling patent rights	\$10.00
46 th On every peddler	\$25.00
47 th On every person buying or selling Rail Road tickets, other than duly authorized Agent of some rail road Co with a depot in the City	\$10.00
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48 th On every proprietor of a revolving swing, flying tournament, or machine of like nature	\$5.00
49 th On every person selling upon the streets or other public places fancy articles, plaster figures Toys, fruits, nuts, candies &c	\$5.00
Where sale is made from a street stand or stall	\$10.00
50 th On every proprietor of a shooting gallery	\$5.00
51 st On every person keeping a stallion or Jack to be let to mares for hire	\$5.00
52 nd On every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building for theatrical or other exhibitions	\$15.00
53 rd On every show, every Circus and on the exhibition of a Menagerie \$50 per day, outside shows Whether attached thereto or not \$5.00 each	
54 th On every license to a Theatrical performance of any kind whatever the tax shall be \$5.00 On each performance day or night	
55 th On every Telegraph Co having an office in the City	\$50.00
56 th On every person or firm keeping a wagon yard \$10.00 upon each yard for each year or fractional part thereof	
57 th On every person or firm keeping a wood yard the tax shall be \$10 for each yard for each year Or the fractional part thereof	

A Commission of 2½ percent shall be allowed the collector for receiving and paying over to the Treasurer the licenses under this ordinance

A discount of five percent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before the 15th day of May 1884.

Mr Hurkamp from the Finance Comm, to whom was referred the petition of the Police Officers stated that owing to the sickness of Chairman, Mr Knox they were unable to report at the present meeting.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, presented the Deed from F Beckwith & wife for the Alms House Property.

On motion Mr Bradley the Committee was requested [Page 468] to submit the Deed to the Commonwealth Atty, for examination and if found correct to have the same recorded at the Clerks office of Spotsylvania County.

On Motion Mr Cole. The subject of Insurance upon the new Public School House was referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, reported that the Committee had examine the premises and that there has been an Alley in Liberty from Hanover to George Street, the records of the Court had been examined

verifying the same, he also presented a plot of a survey of the premises made by Surveyor Smith, the Committee recommended the opening of the Alley.

On Motion, Mr Willis, The Committee was instructed to have the Alley from George to Hanover Street opened according to the survey.

Mr Cole stated that upon examination the Committee on Streets find that Sophia Street from the Boat House to Steamboat wharf can be improved and a side walk made for about \$150, the Committee thought the work ought to be done but there was not sufficient funds with which to do it

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the Street Committee was requested to have the Street (Sophia) improved at once and the sum of \$150 was appropriated for the purpose.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Comm & Nav, presented statement of Statistics of Trade &c of Fredericksburg, which on Motion was ordered to be filed

Mr McCracken from the Finance Comm, presented an account of Standard Office amt'g to \$5.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mayor Sener from the Committee to visit Washington in the interest of the appropriation to finish Mary Washington Monument made a statement of the working of the Committee in Washington, and hoped from the promises of Congressmen that the appropriation would be [Page 469] made

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the Committee was continued until the appropriation was made.

Mr Quinn stated that the Committee appointed to raise funds fro the Kentucky sufferers canvassed the Town and collected the sum of \$115, and the same was promptly forwarded to the proper party for distribution.

Mr McCracken from the Committee appointed to visit Richmond for the purpose of having the proposed Normal School located in Fredericksburg stated that the Committee on reaching Richmond found there was no chance of the School being located here as a number of the legislators were pledged to Farnville and they deemed it best to make no opposition, especially it was intimated that the next Legislature would establish additional Schools, and then would be the proper time for Fredericksburg to make application.

The Mayor reported that the police officers had discharged their duties for the past quarter and on Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay their salaries for the quarter ending 31st inst.

Mr Quinn presented a communication from MR R B Berrey, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools informing the Council that by a law passed by the Legislature the terms of all School trustees expire on 3rd April 1884, and suggesting proper action of the Council in the premises.

Mess'rs J H Myer & M B Rowe asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent J H Meyer, M B Rowe

On Motion Mr Quinn, the Council proceeded to the election of School Trustees and Mr Q nominated the following for the upper ward Viz

HMD Martin for the term of 1 year from 3^d April 1884

W H Cunningham, the term of 2 years from 3^d April 1884

R B Berrey, the term of 4 years from 3^d April 1884

And the vote taken by ballot and the ballots counted they were declared elected Trustees of public schools [Page 470] from 3^d April 1884 for the Upper Ward, for the terms specified in the nomination.
Mr Quinn next nominated the following as Trustees of Public Schools for the Lower Ward Viz
W F Crismond for the term of 1 year from 3^d April 1884
O D Foster for the term of 2 years from 3^d April 1884
A B Bowering for the term of 3 years from 3^d April 1884
And the vote taken by ballot, and the ballots counted they were declared elected Trustees of public schools from 3^d April 1884 for the Lower Ward, for the terms specified in the nomination.

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 Thursday April 10th 1884
Present J W Sener, Mayor
Josiah Hazard, J H Myer, E D Cole, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, T McCracken, M G Willis, C E Hunter,
Isaac Hirsh—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Water Works for the purpose of submitting their report.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Special Committee on Water Works submitted and read the report of the Committee

The Report considers the subject at length and is complete, showing that the Committee has left nothing undone to give the City an adequate supply of good water, and perhaps spring water, It also embraces the report of the Engineer Mr W W Taylor, as to site for pump, location of Reservoir, and distribution of Mains &c through the various streets of the City, estimated the cost of the works exclusive of land damages at \$24,000, of cast iron pipes, wrought iron \$22,000, spiral tubes wrought iron, covered with coal tax &c \$19,000; also a communication from Mr J G Mason, Commonwealth Attorney, giving the result of his investigation as to the right of the City for Water reserved in disposing of its Stocks in the Rappk Canal Company. The Committee makes the following recommendations;

1st That the water works be constructed according to the plans and specifications as set forth in Colo Taylor's report, the Committee having limited discretionary powers so far as changing sizes of pipes in certain Streets, and laying pipes in certain Cross streets, where they may be found necessary, of changing location of fire plugs, if more convenient places are found for them, and of erecting as many hydrants as may be required [Page 472] for public use, and that the work of construction be proceeded with at once.

2nd That the Reservoir be located on the Alms House farm, and that the water be taken from the Spring stream at the paper mill site, the deficiency to be supplied from the Canal at said place.

3rd That the pipes be of cast iron and shall be in size and laid according to specifications in Colo Taylor's report, except in such small particular as mentioned in the first recommendation as to limited discretionary powers of the Committee, with this further exception that the pipes shall be laid at least three feet under ground.

4th That the proper authorities be authorized to issue in suitable denominations \$30,000 in bonds to be used or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay for the construction of the Works. These bonds to bear six percent per annum and be issued according to an Act of General Assembly approved March 28th 1879, entitled "An Act to Supply the City of Fredericksburg with Water" and that they shall be negotiated at not less than their par value.

On Motion Mr Myer

Resolved that the report of the Water Committee be received, approved and adopted as the plan and Scheme for supplying the City with Water; and that said Committee be and it is hereby instructed to advertize in such manner as they shall deem judicious for bids for the construction of said Water Works, including pipes, laying of same, building reservoir, constructing water wheel &c &c according to the recommendations submitted in said report, and to take measures to acquire the necessary land, rights of way &c &c for the purposes specified, but the right to reject any and all bids to be reserved, The Yeas & Nays were called upon the Motion of Mr Myer and it was [Page 472] adopted unanimously as follows

Yeas Mess'rs Bradley, McCracken, Hirsh, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Hazard, Myer and Quinn 9
Noes None

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted unanimously

Resolved that the Finance Committee be and it is hereby instructed to prepare and submit for approval suitable forms of bonds, both Coupon and registered in accordance with the terms of an act of Assembly approved March 28, 1879 entitled "An Act to Authorized the City of Fredericksburg to provide fro supplying the City with water" and the act approved the 25th day of February 1884, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Fredericksburg to borrow money and issue and negotiate bonds to the extent of \$60,000 for the purpose of supplying said City with a suitable and adequate supply of Water" said Bonds to bear six percent interest per annum, payable semi-annually and said Finance Committee will proceed to negotiate a loan upon said bonds to the extent necessary for the contemplated water works, not exceeding \$30,000, but before such negotiations shall be completed or said loan taken the term proposed shall be submitted to the Council for approval.

On motion, Mr Hirsh the water Committee was authorized to have the report of the Committee published in such manner as they deemed best.

The rule being suspended, Mr Hunter presented an account of Dr A C Doggett amt'g to \$7.75 and on motion the same was referred to the Finance 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 April 18th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

S J Quinn, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken, W E Bradley, J H Myer, Isaac Hirsh, J Hazard, E D Cole, C E Hunter—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Committee presented accounts of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$6.25 and *Standard* office amt'g to \$5.00 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Committee, presented the following report which on motion was unanimously adopted.

To the Mayor and Common Council

City of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen, Your committee of Finance beg to report that after due deliberation on the style of Water Bond to be issued and the rate of percent per annum, they have come to the conclusion that it would be

best to make the Bonds of only two denominations Viz, 50 Bonds \$500 and 50 Bonds \$100 each, bearing 6 per centum interest per annum and with a view of keeping them at home as far as we can. The committee recommended that they be non-taxable by the Corporation, the Committee thinks that the \$30,000 in Bonds can be placed without giving a mortgage on the works, at all events an effort should be made to float them without it. They further recommend that as it is optional with the Council, that they make the earliest time reserved by the City to call the Bonds in 1894.

They also recommend that the Bonds be Coupon Bonds, and that the holders of said Bonds be permitted [Page 475] to have the same registered if they so elect and that this be printed on the bonds. The Committee file a sample of Bonds, which is recommended and which is in accordance with the Acts of the Assembly; all of which we respectfully submit
Signed, J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken

Mr Quinn offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the report of the Finance Committee upon the subject of the Water Bonds be received and approved.

That said Committee proceed to have printed for issuance coupon bonds of the form and character recommended by said report, providing for the payment of the principal on the 1st day of January 1909, or at any time after the 1st day of January 1894, upon the call of the City, and for interest at the rate of six per centum in semi-annual installments on the first day of July and first day of January, upon presentation and surrender of the coupons therefor. The principal and interest to be payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

That fifty of said bonds providing for \$25,000 of the proposed loan be of the denomination of \$500 and numbered consecutively from one to fifty inclusive, and that fifty providing for \$5,000 of said loan be of the denomination of \$100, numbered consecutively from fifty one to one hundred inclusive and that the holders of said bonds be permitted to have the same registered if they so elect and this be printed on the bonds, and that the said bonds be non-taxable by the [Page 476] Corporation which shall also be printed on said bonds.

Resolved 2nd That said Committee proceed to taken steps for the negotiation of said bonds by such advertisement for bids for the same, as they may deem judicious and report to the Council such bids at the expiration of the time of advertisement for instructions from this body.

Resolved 3rd That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to sign and counter-sign and affix the Corporate Seal to said Bonds as provided by the said Acts of Assembly, approved March 28th 1879, and the Clerk sign said Coupons as the same are issued & negotiated

Mr Quinn presented accounts of the *Fred's News*, *True Standard*, and *Fred's Star* offices for publishing Report of Water Committee amt'g inclusive to \$45, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

The Mayor stated that several months since he suspended Mr C F Shepherd, Clerk of Market for what he deemed proper cause, He proposed to give him a trial if desired, which he declined. Whereupon he made a temporary appointment

He reported the matter to the Council that such action might be taken as deemed proper.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Clerk of the Market to fill the unexpired term of C F Shepherd, removed, when Mr W C Smith was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of Market for the unexpired term of Mr C F Shepherd, removed.

The Mayor stated that on Wednesday Morning last about 1½ o'clock, while the man employed by the Gas Co in extinguishing the lights, about corner Fauquier & Prince Edward Street, he was shot at, the ball passing near his hand and breaking the lamp. The police officers had so far failed to trace the party. He

would have offered a reward for the perpetrator of the act, but found that he had no authority [Page 477] under the ordinance to do so.

Mr Quinn moved that the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of \$25 for the arrest and conviction of the party referred to in his statement, which was seconded

Whereupon, Mr Cole, moved that the reward be fixed at \$50 instead of \$25, which was also seconded, put to the vote and adopted.

The motion of Mr Quinn, as amended, was then put to the vote and adopted by the following Yeas & Nay vote.

Yeas Mess'rs Bradley, Hirsh, Quinn, Cole, Hunter, Hazard, Myer 7

Nayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, McCracken, Knox 3

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 Wednesday May 7th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

T McCracken, W E Bradley, E D Cole, J Hazard, J H Myer, S J Quinn—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the instance of a number of Councilmen and citizens to take into consideration the proposed visit next week of a number of Congressmen, Federal Officers & others to Fred'g and the various battlefields adjacent, as also the President of the U S & members of the Cabinet and to determine what action should be taken to give them a creditable reception and to make their time as pleasant as possible.

Mess'rs J T Goolrick, J L Mayre, & St G R Fitzhugh were present and addressed the Council advocating an appropriation by the City for the purpose of entertaining the President & others of the party in a manner creditable to the Town.

On Motion, Mr McCracken

Resolved that a committee of three of the Council be appointed to confer and cooperate with a Committee from Maury Camp, Confederate Veterans in getting all the information necessary as to the expense for entertaining the President & other visitors and report at a meeting on Friday evening next at 5 O'clock

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs McCracken, Cole & Quinn as the Committee.

The Council on Motion adjourned until Friday evening 5 O'clock 9th 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 Friday May 9th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

S J Quinn, J Hazard, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken, C E Hunter, J H Myer, E D Cole—councilmen

Mr J S Knox, Recorder in the Chair

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Committee appointed at the last meeting to take into consideration the subject of entertaining the Congressional & other visitors, submitted the following report.

To The Mayor and Council

Gentlemen,

Your Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of Maury Camp CV and to ascertain the number of persons that would probably be on the Presidential Party who is to visit this place on the 15th inst, and the probable cost of entertaining them in a manner creditable to the City; beg leave to report that they have held two conferences with said Committee and have gotten all the information possible from Major Stine, the Historian, who appears to have charge of the party and from all that we can gather, concludes that the President and a portion of his Cabinet will accompany the party together with from 75 to 100 Senators and Members of Congress and a number of General Officers of the Federal and Confederate Armies. The Main object of the distinguished party in visiting our City is to view the different battlefields with a view of obtaining reliable data from which to write an authentic history of the several engagements. Their object is a laudable one and one in which all parties are interested and no doubt our Citizens will aid them in every possible way to accomplish [Page 480] their efforts, The number that will be in the presidential party that we should entertain and shew especial attention will be about three hundred.

The Opera House has been kindly tendered us by the owners free of charge, the committee to have full control of the building during the entertainment and the Ladies conducting the Bazaar will furnish the collation &c, Your Committee make the following recommendations,

1st That a Committee of five be appointed to act in conjunction with the Committee of Maury Camp, and make all necessary arrangements for the entertainment.

2nd That the Mayor and Council and such Citizens as the Council may designate be appointed and considered a Committee to meet the Presidential Party and the Rail Road Depot on their return from Hamilton's Crossing and escort them to the Opera House and entertain them while they are guests of the City.

3rd That immediately after the speaking is over a public reception be held by the President, where such Citizens as may desire can be introduced and pay their respects to his Excellency.

4th That an appropriation of \$250 be appropriated to be used or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of said entertainment.

5th That the Mayor be requested to call the Committee of the Council and Citizens to meet at the Mayor's office at such time as may be proper to go in a body to meet the Presidential Party and escort them to the Opera House

6th That tickets be furnished and a Committee of one be appointed to proceed to Washington on Wednesday night to come down on the Excursion Train, who with the assistance of Major Stine shall furnish tickets to the President, Members of the Cabinet and Members of Congress, and General Officers for admission to the Opera House.

Respectfully submitted

T McCracken, E D Cole

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On motion Mr Hurkamp, the report of the Committee with the recommendations was received and unanimously adopted.

Under the first recommendation the Recorder appointed the following Committee

Mess'rs T McCracken, E D Cole, S J Quinn, C E Hunter and M B Rowe

Under the second recommendation the following Citizens were appointed as the Committee Viz

A K Phillips, Benj'n Bowering, W J King, C H Pettit, L Taliaferro, E M Braxton, C W Wallace, Gen'l D Ruggles, Gen'l S M Barton, Hon W J Barton, Hon M Slaughter, Chs Wallace, C A Shepherd, J N Barney,

H S Doggett, J L Marye, St G R Fitzhugh, A W Wallace, F M Aldridge, B S Herndon, W A Little Jr, W A Little Jr, W S White, C E Bragdon, M C Grasty, Hon J P Goolrick, R B Merchant, W T Tomlinson, J R Chesley, W D Scott, D E Hening, J Hable, D Hirsh, C E Hunter Jr, H J Warren, B Goldsmith, J T Dowell, A P Rowe, R T Knox, S W Carmichael, W S Cunningham, J B Ficklen, Capt Sensner, Gen H Sibley, J G Mason, Maj J H Kelly, J M Griffin, G E Chancellor, Dr H M D Martin, W H Russell, W M Grafton, J K Anderson, G T Downing, Colo R'd S Chew

Under the 6th recommendation Mr J S Knox, Recorder was appointed the Committee and on motion Mr J Gallason, was requested to accompany 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 May 16th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J Hazard, S J Quinn, J H Myer, T McCracken, W E Bradley—councilmen

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday May 19th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

W E Bradley, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, S J Quinn, M G Willis, E D Cole, J Hazard, M B Rowe—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Finance Committee for the purpose of submitting the bids for the \$30,000 Water Bonds of the City.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Committee reported that they had opened the bids for the purchase of the \$30,000 Water Bonds authorized by the Council and the bids for same were as follows:

For \$500 104

For \$10,000 101

For \$12,500 100½

For \$15,000 100 + interest

And the Committee recommends the acceptance of the bids @ 102 for \$500; 101 for \$10,000; 100½ for \$12,500 and 100 + interest for \$7500.

On motion Mr Quinn, the recommendation of the Committee as to the acceptance of [Page 483] the bids for the \$30,000 loan was adopted

On Motion, Mr Quinn, the rule was suspended for the consideration of any other business that might be brought before the Council.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented bills of *Fred's News* office for advertising &c amt'g to \$16.00 which on Motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm, stated that the cost of repairing Street &c to Steamboat wharf exceeded their expectations about \$60 and asked for an appropriation of this amount to cover deficiency
On Motion Mr Hirsh, the sum of \$60 was directed to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee

Mr Rowe called the attention of the Council to the increasing growth of the weed known as Canada Thistle, in the Confederate Cemetery and Kenmore lots, and urged that steps be taken to extirpate the nuisance.

On Motion, Mr Quinn, the subject was referred to the former committee, Mess'rs Rowe & Bradley with the request that the parties upon whose lot the thistle was growing and require them to have the weed removed so as to prevent it spreading.

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 Tuesday May 27^h 1884
Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox, Recorder
J Hazard, J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, E D Cole, S J Quinn, J H Myer, T McCracken, W E Bradley, Isaac Hirsh, M B Rowe, C E Hunter—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Water Committee and present the following communication from the Committee
Fredericksburg May 27, 1884

To His Honor, Mayor Sener,
Sir,

It has been reported to the Committee on Water Works that dissatisfaction has been expressed by a number of Citizens at the Conclusion arrived at by the Committee in reference to awarding the contract for constructing water works. The Committee in its zeal to do the very best for the Corporation may have erred, and it may be that for want of professional judgment the specifications were not as explicit as they should have been in all particulars. The report of the Engineer, however, was published in all the Newspapers of the town and we suppose was read extensively as the subject of water absorbed the public mind at that time; the printed specifications soon followed and were distributed to all members of the Council and many citizens that judgment might be passed upon both, but no unfavorable criticism came to the ears of your committee until after the bids were opened. The Committee has stood ready at all times to give any information to anyone applying, but no application was made for [Page 485] information except by Colo Braxton, who was assisting a New York firm to figure on the work.

So much in defense of the Committee. In consequence of this dissatisfaction and unfavorable criticism we ask you honor to call a special meeting of the Council this day at 11 O'clock that the whole matter may be considered by that body, the bids heard, and the contract awarded; or if the Council shall conclude that the specifications are too vague to enable a contractor to bid intelligently for the work then reject all the bids and order that the specifications be amended and corrected and the proposals for bids be again advertised
Respectfully,

Signed, S J Quinn for the Committee on Water Works

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of Water Committee stated that bids had been received from four parties for building the Water Works. On from Philadelphia, one from New York, one from Richmond for a portion of the

Contract and one from Fredericksburg. That the Committee in its judgment had determined to award the contract to the party from Philadelphia who was the lowest bidder, but learning that dissatisfaction existed not only among citizens but among some of the Council, they deemed it best to bring the whole matter before the Council for the purpose of settling the matter definitely.

Mr Benj'n Bowering being present was on Motion heard and he gave his views fully as to the specifications &c prepared for the Water Works.

Mr Knox presented the following which was seconded.

Resolved that the Committee on Water present the bids for construction of Water Works to the Council, in order that the Council can [Page 486] act more intelligently in reference to throwing up or rejecting all bids and requiring new specifications.

The vote being taken by a rising vote it stood 6 for the resolution and 6 against the same. The Mayor voting in the affirmative the resolution of Mr Knox was adopted.

Mr Quinn the submitted the bids received by the Committee for constructing the Water Works as follows:
From J C Batchelor from Richmond for a portion of the work

Hunter, Ketchum Mg Co, New York for the whole work for the sum of \$29,500

Benj'n Bowering, Fredericksburg for the whole work for \$27,936.85

W W Taylor, Philadelphia for the whole work for \$25,000

On Motion Mr Cole

Resolved that the contract for constructing the water works be awarded to Colo W W Taylor, he being the lowest bidder for same.

The vote upon the resolution of Mr Cole was taken by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, Bradley, McCracken, Quinn, Knox, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Hazard, Rowe,
Myer 12

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 June 9th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

Isaac Hirsh, Jos Hazard, S J Quinn, M G Willis, T McCracken, C E Hunter, W E Bradley, J H Myer, E D Cole—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Water Works and presented the following communication from the Chairman thereof.

Fredericksburg June 9/ 84

Capt J W Sener, Mayor

Dear Sir,

The Committee on Water Works requests you to call a special meeting of the Common Council this evening at 5 O'clock as they wish to submit to that body the articles of agreement between them and Colo W W Taylor for the construction of the works, obtain permission for the Mayor to place the Seal of the Corporation on the same.

To Submit the bond prepared for the contractor to execute and to obtain authority to request the Judge of the Corporation Court to appoint Commissioners to condemn the right of way for laying pipes &c.

Yours Truly

Signed, S J Quinn for the Comm on Water Works

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Comm on Water Works, submitted and read the articles of agreement to be signed by the Committee and the Contractor for the construction of the Works, also the Bond for \$5000.

Mr Hirsh presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the articles of agreement between the Mayor and Commonalty and Colo W W [Page 488] Taylor prepared by the Committee on Water Works and the form of Bond of \$5,000 for execution by Colo Taylor, the contractor, for the completion of the works be approved by this Council and his honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to attach the Seal of the Corporation to said articles of agreement when they shall have been duly signed by the Committee on the Water Works

Mr Hazard offered the following which was adopted,

That the Committee on Water Works be and they are hereby authorized to apply to the Hon Montgomery Slaughter, Judge of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg for the appointment of three Commissioners to assess land damaged for a pump and Wheel Site and the right of way in laying pipes from the proposed pump House to the Reservoir and from the Reservoir to where the main pipe will strike Commerce Street extended

On motion of Mr Quinn, the rules were suspended in order to take up a matter to be offered by the Street Committee

Mr Cole, Chrmn of the Street Comm stated that Mr L B Doggett had applied to him to have certain Streets opened at the upper end of the City in order that he might have a passway to & from his lot, and he laid the matter before the Council for its action.

Mr Doggett was present and by permission made a statement in reference to the Matter.

Mr Willis moved that the subject of opening the Street or Streets named in the application of Mr Doggett be referred to the Street Committee with power to act without cost to the Corporation which was seconded,

Whereupon Mr Quinn made as amendment that the Street Committee [Page 489] be authorized to employ a Surveyor in the opening of the Streets referred to, [blank] which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, Quinn, Cole, Myer 4

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Willis, Hunter, Hazard 5

The vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr Willis 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 June 20th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Isaac Hirsh, M B Rose, J Hazard, M G Willis, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, J H Myer, T McCracken, E D Cole—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, presented accounts of R B Merchant amt'g to \$36.00 and *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$2.00 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis submitted a written [report] as Chrmn of Public Property Comm, showing amount expended by the Committee for repairs &c of property for the year \$736.34, over one half said amount for repairs to Court House & Jail; also that the public property of the City is renting for \$262 the present year. The Report on Motion, was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, submitted a written report shewing the expenditures of the Committee for repair of Streets for the year ending June 30th to be \$1213.30
The report, on Motion, was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Hazard, Chrmn Gas Comm, presented a written report of the Committee for expenditures for Gas and repairs of lamps &c for the year to be \$1534.90
The report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Comm on Public Schools submitted a written report showing that the Schools were in a prosperous condition; that the Committee had [Page 491] had just visited the Schools and the session just closed had been a successful one; The Committee regarded the Teachers as diligent and faithful to their trusts and the Schools were conducted as economically as possible. The discipline in the different schools was good and the Scholars gave evidence of progress in their studies.
The Committee are satisfied that the money appropriated for the school cannot but result in great good. The report, on motion, was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Ordinances Comm, Stated that he had no written report, but that the Committee had expended \$148.50 for getting up the present ordinances which had been previously reported to the Council.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Poor Comm, presented a written report of the expenditures at the Alms House in caring for the Poor, the whole amount expended (including some cases helped outside the) was \$1019.18 showing a gain to the City over the old system of about \$1400 a year number of inmates at the Alms House at present 15; the average during the year was 17; a letter from Dr Herndon, physician for the Alms House accompanied the report stating that the health of the inmates was good, and no where in the Country were the poor better cared for; the average of cost of caring for the poor was \$4.00 per month per capita.
On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Health Committee stated that the health of the City was good and the amount expended by the Committee for the year was \$15.04.
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Mr McCracken, chrmn Com & Nav Comm stated that the Committee had already presented their report to the Council, the amount expended by the Comm was \$24.75 which was for preparing Statistics &c The Committee had examined the wharves and found them good except Pittman's and the Gas House wharf, both of which were in bad order and the owners should be compelled to put them in order.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Special Committee for entertaining the visiting Congressmen & USA officers &c inst May last, submitted a written report showing the cost of the entertainment to be \$308.94.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$54.98 was appropriated for the purpose of paying the deficiency of the Committee.

On Motion the sum of \$3.30 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee \$7.30 to the Pump Committee and \$34.90 to the credit of the Gas Committee to cover deficiencies of said Committees

Mr Quinn, Chrmn on Water Works stated that the contractor had been delayed by unavoidable causes, but from a letter received from him he was expected here this week and notwithstanding the delay he expected to complete the works by the first of October.

On Motion, Mr Quinn, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges & Clerks of Election the sum of six dollars each for their services in the last municipal election in May last.

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 June 27th 1884

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

E D Cole, W E Bradley, J G Hurkamp, M B Rowe, J H Myer, T McCracken, S J Quinn, Jos Hazard, C E Hunter—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Finance Committee who desired to present their annual report and the ordinance imposing taxes, also the appropriation ordinances.

Mr Knox present and read the annual report of the Finance Committee. The report shewed the Finances of the City in a healthy state. It embraced the settlement of the Committee with Mr Young Collector of Taxes & Rent, which shewed that after various payments to the Treasurer there was left in his hands uncollected Taxes for the years 1876 to 1882 inclusive amt'g to \$5305.05 and that after various payments to the Treasurer by Mr Young there was left in his hands uncollected taxes for the years 1883-84 amt'g to \$2137.07.

The Report also shewed the settlement of the account of R W Adams, Treasurer, which was found all in order and all the charges supported by proper vouchers, and a balance was reported due the Treasurer of \$8989.90.

The Treasurer had in his hands \$6180.88 from the License Tax of 1884-85, also \$30190 derived from sale of \$30000 Water Bonds, which would appear in the settlement of 1884-1885.

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

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Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented and read the ordinance imposing taxes upon persons and property for the year 1884-1885 and which is in the following words, Viz.

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg; for the Year 1884-85

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 1884-85 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay interest, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

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

2nd On all Real and personal property income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capital in any business

Investments in bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies, on Every \$100 value thereof \$1.25

3rd 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

4th A deduction of five per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th October next

5th On all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of October next there shall be added 5 per Cent 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

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6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National Currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7% bonds of the City due on 1st November next without rebate, in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject

On Motion Mr Cole, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance presented and read the Ordinance making appropriations for the year 1884-1885 and which is in the following words.

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending Jun 30th 1885 Viz:

For Interest and Sinking Fund 7% Debt	\$10,000
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% debt water bonds	\$2100
For Alms House	\$1200
Salaries	\$2800
Police	\$450
Repairs of Public Property	\$600
Repairs of Streets	\$1000
Repairs of Pumps	\$300
Gas	\$1500
Parks	\$150
Ordinances	\$50
Commerce & Navigation	\$100
Contingencies	\$1300
Public Schools	\$2200
Health	\$100
Debt due Beckwith	\$1060
2 nd Payment on Union House	\$883
[Total]	\$25,793

3rd That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriations [Page 496] 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 to pay any orders on him until further appropriations are made to meet the same.

On Motion Mr Cole, The ordinances making appropriations for 1884-85 was unanimously adopted

On Motion Mr Cole, The report of the Finance Committee was ordered to be published in the papers of the City at a cost of not over \$75.0 to each paper.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the rule was suspended for the present meeting

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn Park Committee presented the report of the Committee shewing the expenses of keeping the park in order for the year to be \$264.05
The report was, on motion, received and filed

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the sum of \$61.05 was directed to be placed to the credit of the Park Committee to cover deficiencies for the present year.

After some appropriate remarks, Mr Quinn presented the following which was unanimously adopted, the paper being submitted by Recorder Knox.

Whereas, this is the last meeting of the Common Council as at present constituted, and Whereas our present Mayor, Capt J W Sener, by his voluntary choice retires from the public service at the expiration of his term of office next Monday; and Whereas, we desire to express our appreciation of his faithful services as an official and his impartiality as a presiding officer;

Resolved that it is with feelings of deep [Page 497] regret that our official relations which have been so pleasant and agreeable to each of us are so soon to cease by the retirement from office of our worthy Mayor, and we desire to assure him that he will carry with him in his retirement our best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness, and those of our entire community;

Resolved that we bear cheerful testimony to the zeal and earnestness with which he has discharged the arduous and delicate duties of his high and respectable office as Mayor, and the fairness and impartiality which he has presided over the deliberations of this body.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Council be directed to furnish our Mayor with an official copy of these resolutions which the seal of the Corporation attached thereto.

Mayor Sener responded to the resolutions in appropriate with time and happy remarks, closing with hearty good wishes for the whole retiring Council

On Motion Mr Knox the Council adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg (at the election held on Thursday May 22^d 1884) met pursuant to call of Hon Josiah Hazard, Mayor elect at the Council Chamber on Tuesday July 1st 1884

Josiah Hazard, Mayor elect in the Chair

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

M B Rowe, M G Willis, T McCracken, Isaac Hirsh, J S Knox, S J Quinn, H R Gouldman, J G Hurkamp, W E Bradley, C E Hunter, E D Cole, J H Myer

The Mayor after a few remarks appropriate to the occasion called the Council to order and stated that the first business in order was the election of Clerk of the Council.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of the 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.

Mr M B Rowe was nominated and unanimously elected Recorder of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the compensation of Collector of Taxes & Rents was fixed at the same as last year Viz 2½% in all collections to 15th October next and 5% on all collections thereafter. Mr John J Young was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Collector of Taxes & Rents for the ensuing year.

Mr Knox moved that the Salary of Mayor be fixed at \$300 per annum, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Rowe moved as an amendment that the Salary of Mayor be fixed at \$400, which was also seconded put to the vote and lost by a vote of 3 for and 9 against
The vote was then taken upon the motion of [Page 500] Mr Knox and it was adopted

On Motion Mr Knox, Mr J M Smith was designated as Surveyor for the Corporation.

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

The following applications for the position of Clerk of the Market were read Viz:

W C Smith, J T True & J W Perry, Sr; the ballots for Clerk of Market being counted, Mr W C Smith having received the unanimous vote of the Council was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year.

Mr R W Hart was nominated, balloted for, and unanimously elected weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt & Grain for the ensuing year.

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

The Salary of Superintendant of the Alms House was fixed at \$100 per annum

Mr A Hooten was nominated, balloted for and elected Superintendent of the Alms House for the ensuing year.

Mess'rs S H Beale & J T Deatley were balloted for as scavengers for the upper ward and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For S H Beale 7

For J T Deatley 5

Mr S H Beale having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Scavenger for the upper ward for the ensuing year.

Mr J P Rodgers was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for the ensuing year.

On Motion, the number of police officer to [Page 501] be elected was fixed at three

Mr Knox, moved that the Salary of Police Officers be fixed at \$150 pr annum, whereupon Mr Rowe moved as an amendment that the salaries of Police Officers be fixed at \$200 pr annum, which was seconded, put to the vote and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, Quinn, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Rowe 6

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, Knox, Hurkamp, McCracken, Gouldman, Myer 6

The vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr Knox fixing the Salaries of Police Officers at \$150, and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Knox, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Myer, Gouldman 7

Noes Mess'rs Bradley, Cole, Willis, Hunter, Rowe 5

The following application for position of police officer were placed before the Council Viz
From M A Gately, J E Stone, J H Robinson, W C Ballard and B Fautleroy

The Council proceeded to ballot for Policemen and the ballots being counted resulted as follows;

For M A Gateley	11
For J E Stone	7
For W C Ballard	7
For J H Robinson	6
For C A Gore	4

Mess'rs M A Gately, W C Ballard, & J E Stone having received a majority of the ballots cast were declared elected police officers for the ensuing year.

Mr M B Rowe elected Recorder, qualified by taking the oath of office before Mayor Hazard.
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The Mayor announced the following standing Committees, Viz:

Finance	Mess'rs J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken
Public Property	Mess'rs M G Willis, M B Rowe, J H Myer
Streets	Mess'rs E D Cole, M B Rowe, C E Hunter
Water & Pumps	Mess'rs J Hirsh, W E Bradley, H R Gouldman
Gas	Mess'rs W E Bradley, E D Cole, J S Knox
Parks	Mess'rs J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, J H Myer
Ordinances	Mess'rs H R Gouldman, S J Quinn, J S Knox
Poor	Mess'rs S J Quinn, E D Cole, M B Rowe
Health	Mess'rs C E Hunter, M B Rowe, T McCracken
Commerce & Navigation	Mess'rs T McCracken, W E Bradley, S J Quinn
Public Schools	Mess'rs M B Rowe, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, Mess'rs S J Quinn, J S Knox, C E Hunter, T McCracken & W E Bradley were elected Special Committee on Water Works for the ensuing year.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, 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 July 3^d 1884

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, S J Quinn, M G Willis, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, J H Myer, W E Bradley—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to consider the matter of election of a policeman, in place of Mr W C Ballard, who declined to serve, the Mayor read a communication from Mr Ballard

The following applications for the position of policeman were laid before the Council Viz:

From C A Gore, J H Robinson, and W H Brewer

The Council on Motion proceeded to the election of Police officer in place of Mr W C Ballard declining to serve. The ballots being counted resulted as follows

For J H Robinson	6
For C A Gore	4

Mr J H Robinson having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected police officer for the ensuing year in place of Mr Ballard declining to serve
Present: J G Hurkamp

On Motion, Mr Quinn, Rule 25 was suspended for the present Meeting
Mr Quinn presented the following which was seconded
Whereas two of our police officers are appointed Constables by the Corporation Court with additional salary of \$150 over and above the salary they get as policemen, and whereas we believe that it is right and proper and injustice to the policeman not appointed to [Page 504] the position of Constable that there should be an equalization of salaries of said officers;
Resolved that the police officer who is not appointed a Constable shall receive one hundred dollars in addition to the salary heretofore fixed by the Council for Police Officers.

Mr Knox raised the point of order upon the introduction of the resolution of Mr Quinn, under the 19th rule
The Mayor decided the resolution of Mr Quinn in order
Mr McCracken appealed from the decision of the Mayor.
The Vote was taken upon the appeal of Mr McCracken from the decision of the Mayor which resulted in sustaining the Mayor in his ruling.
On Motion the Council adjourned
J Hazard, Mayor
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday July 18th 1884
Present Jos Hazard, Mayor
M B Rowe, Recorder
W E Bradley, J S Knox, Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, S J Quinn, E D Cole, J H Myer, T McCracken, H R Gouldman, C E Hunter—councilmen
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn presented the following accounts where were ordered to be paid viz;
Fred'g News amt'g to \$7.50
J W Sener (for am't paid by him for Horse & Buggy hire used in assisting parties) \$5.00
J W Adams for Blank Books &c \$4.05

Mr Bradley, Chrmn of Gas Committee, stated that the Committee had no report to make, the Contract for lighting the Street lamps, with the Citizens Gas Co expired on the 4th Inst and had not be renewed.
The Committee were endeavoring to get the Streets on better terms, and submitted two or three propositions to the Superintendent, but so far nothing definite had been heard from the Company, as we were having moonlight nights since the 1st Inst the Committee thought it best to discontinued lighting until a new contract was made or some other plan was adopted for lighting the Streets.
The Mayor submitted a communication from D E Henning, Supt Citizens Gas Light Co, proposing to light 60 lamps at \$25 pr lamp; to commence lighting at dark and commence extinguishing at one O'clock on nights when the moon don't shine.
On Motion, Mr Myer, the proposition of Mr Hening was referred to the Gas Committee

Mr Gouldman offered the following which [Page 506] was seconded

Resolved that as the Contract for lighting the Streets of the Town with Gas has expired and the Committee on Gas having ordered the same to be discontinued, thereby causing great inconvenience to the Citizens of the Town in passing through the Streets to their homes and to other points in the Town to which they may be called; that the Committee on Gas be and they are hereby instructed to have the lamps on the Streets of the Town re-lighted on as reasonable terms as possible until a new contract can be made for relighting the Streets, or until otherwise ordered by the Council

The vote on same being taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer 4

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Bradley, Cole, McCracken, Quinn, Rowe, Willis 7

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Committee reported that the new School House for the Colored School was completed and received and that the white schools would soon be finished.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Poor Comm reported that Dr B S Herndon had be re-appointed physician for the Alms House

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Comm on Water Works reported that the work upon the Water Works was progressing, and that Mr Benj'n Bowering had been employed to superintend the construction which appointment he thought would give entire satisfaction to the citizens.

Mr Quinn asked permission to withdraw the resolution offered by him at the last Council in reference to Salary of one of the Policemen, and [Page 507] substituted the following which was seconded

Resolved that from and after this date the policemen not appointed a constable by the Judge of the Corporation Court, shall act and be designated as a night policeman, and it shall be his duty to patrol the entire town at night under the direction of the Mayor, in his official capacity as policeman to prevent breaches of the peace, thefts and other crime and also to give alarm in case of fire &c and to do such other police duty as may be required of him by the Mayor, But this designation shall not prevent him from making arrests in the day time or from performing other Police duty if he shall elect to do so.

The Salary of such Police Officer shall be Three hundred (\$300) dollars per annum and such fees and fines as are now allowed by law to such officers.

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

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer 9

Noes Mess'rs Knox & Willis 2

On Motion Mr Quinn

Resolved that the upper story of the south wing of the Court House heretofore occupied by two of the public schools be and the same is hereby turned over to the Fredericksburg Grays to be used and occupied by them as an Armory; and the Committee on Public Property is directed to fit it up and put it in proper condition for such occupancy, the cost thereof not to exceed fifty dollars.

Mr Willis offered the following, which was adopted

Resolved that the Street Committee have [Page 508] the land damages assessed for opening Prince Edward Street from Charlotte to the Narrow Gauge Rail Road, and Wolfe Street from Wolfe lane to Prince Edward Street, and other expenses attending the opening of said Streets, and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Resolved that the said Committee be instructed to have Charlotte Street surveyed from Prince Edward to Weedon Streets, and to build a bridge over the Canal on said Charlotte Street.

The Mayor stated that he had been requested by Major Myers, Supt R F & P Railroad to call attention of the Council to Section 2, Chap 19 of the General Ordinance and ask a modification of the same.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee

Mr Cole asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr E D Cole

The Mayor laid before the Council the report of a Committee appointed by the Corpo Court to examine the City Jail, certified by the Clerk of the Corpo Court. The Committee recommended certain improvements to the Jail by alteration and addition to the present building. The subject was referred to the Public Property Committee for examination and report

On motion Mr Willis, Mess'rs Bradley & Rowe were appointed a committee to endeavor to have the weed known as "Canada Thistle" exterminated, and the sum of \$15 was appropriated for the purpose.

The Mayor laid before the Council the official bond of J J Young, Collector of Taxes, which on Motion was turned over to the Finance Committee

The Council then adjourned,

J Hazard, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday August 8th 1884

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, Js S Knox, J G Hurkamp, E D Cole, S J Quinn, T McCracken, J H Myer, M G Willis, C E Hunter—Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Gas Committee and for the purpose of considering the resignation of R B Berrey, a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of R B Berrey, as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the Upper ward, which on Motion was accepted.

On Motions Mr Hirsh, the Council proceeded to the election of a School Trustee in place of Mr R B Berrey, resigned.

Present: H R Gouldman—councilman

Mr H J Eckenrode was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Trustee of Public Schools for the Upper Ward for the unexpired term of R B Berrey, resigned.

Mr Knox, from the Gas Comm submitted two propositions received from the Citizens Gas Co for lighting the Streets with Gas, Viz

For one year (to burn six hours) of the sum of \$1350

For five years (to burn the same time) for the sum of \$1260 per annum

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On Motion Mr Hurkamp, the propositions of the Citizens Gas Company were referred to the Gas Committee with instructions to contract with the Gas Co for lighting the Street lamps not to exceed one year, on best terms.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, 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 15th 1884

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, J H Myer, E D Cole, C E Hunter, S J Quinn, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, H R Gouldman, M G Willis

The minutes of the last meeting were read and after correction approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented the following accounts which were ordered to be paid.

R B Merchant for advertising &c amounting to \$7.50

True Standard office for advertising &c amt'g to \$40.00

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Upper Room of the South Wing of the Court House had been turned over to the Fredericksburg Grays; Room not yet fitted up.

Mr Willis stated that no estimate had been made for the improvements for the Jail

It is thought that the cost would be about \$1000, estimates would be ready at the next meeting.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm; to whom was referred the opening of Prince Ed'rd Street from Charlotte to Narrow Gauge R Rd also of Wolfe St from Wolfe Lane to Prince Edw'd Street reported that the Cost of opening said Streets including land damages would be about \$1000.

Mr Hirsh moved that the Street Committee be instructed to have the Streets referred to in their report opened at once and that the sum of \$1000 be placed to the credit [Page 512] of the Committee for the purpose; which was seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Rowe, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Myer 9

Noes Mess'r Gouldman 1

Mr Gouldman from the Ordinance Comm, reported that the Committee deemed it unnecessary to make any change in the ordinance concerning Rail Road Engines &c running through the City

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Committee on Water Works reported that the work was progressing satisfactorily; Committee, Contractor & Superintendent moving harmoniously

Mr Rowe, from the School Comm, reported that the Coloured School House had been turned over to the Board of Trustees of Public Schools and that the repairs and improvements upon the Union House would soon be completed

Mr Cole presented an account of R F Knox & Bro for Rent of Hall for Fred'g Grays amt'g to \$100, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox excused from voting

The Mayor presented the petition of Benj'n Scott, Captain of the Garfield Light Infantry asking that the Council provide for the Company a suitable room for an Armory, which on motion was referred to the Public Property Committee for report.

The Mayor presented a written report stating the condition of the lower end of Charles Street where the waste water from [Page 513] the canal runs through the Street. The Mayor regarded it as a nuisance and hoped the Council would take some action in regard to it.

On Motion the report was referred to the Street Comm, for examination and report.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, 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 Septem'r 12th 1884

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, T McCracken, E D Cole, J S Knox, C E Hunter, J H Myer—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Streets who had special business to lay before the body.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that the Committee in examining the premises through which the extension of Prince Edward would pass found that the cost of filling &c would be large, much larger than expected, in order to make the line straight, but by making an angle on the line the cost of opening would be much smaller and the street could be opened and used very soon.

Mr Benj'n Bowering was present and on Motion, he gave his views to the Council as to the cost of opening the Street.

Mr Willis presented the following which was seconded; Resolved, that the Street Committee be instructed in opening Prince Edward Street to make the change named by the Chairman, Viz by an angle from the corner of Charlotte & Prince Edward and along Prince Edward to a point on Prussia St between Richmond F & P R Rd and Piedmont F & P R Rd depots.

Pending the decision of the Resolution, the Council, On Motion of Mr Cole, adjourned

J Hazard, 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 Septem'r 19th 1884

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder
J H Myer, S J Quinn, E D Cole, M G Willis, J S Knox, W E Bradley, T McCracken, C E Hunter
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented accounts of *Fred's News* for advertising &c amt'g to \$13.50 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, stated that unless the Committee had plans & specifications for the improvement of the Jail they could make no definite report as to the cost of the improvement desired

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Committee, reported that the Committee had contracted for building bridges across the Canal at Charlotte and also upon the extension of Prince Edward Street; they also reported that it would require \$400 additional to open Prince Edward Street, which sum the Committee though would put the Street in condition to be used at once.

Mr Willis moved that the additional sum of \$400 be placed to the credit of the Street Comm to be used in opening Prince Edward Street to Prussia St. which was seconded;
Whereupon Mr Bradley moved that action upon Mr Willis' motion be postponed and that the Street Committee be authorized to have Commissioners appointed to assess the damages for opening Charles Street from Charlotte to Prussia, and also to ascertain [Page 516] if the Corporation can be released from the land damages for opening Prince Edward St. which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley & McCracken 2
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Quinn, Rowe, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Myer 7

The vote was then taken upon Mr Willis' motion and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Quinn, Rowe, Willis, Cole, Hunter, Myer 7
Noes Mess'rs Bradley & McCracken 2

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm asked for further time to enable the Committee to examine and report upon the Street complained of by the Mayor

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Comm, reported the Schools in full operation a full report of the cost of School Houses would be made as soon as all the accounted for repairs to Union House were in

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Water Comm, stated that the works were progressing; pump set to work and the water had been brought into the City and displayed at several points to the satisfaction of even those who were opposed to the introduction of water into the City; Mr Quinn stated that the Committee desired to know whether the Corporation would carry the pipe from the Main to the Curb of the pavement of parties wishing to take the water free of expense. The Committee was of the opinion that the water should be carried to the curb without cost to the citizens.

On Motion Mr Cole,
Resolved that the Water Committee be authorized to place the service pipe from [Page 517] the Main pipe to the Curb Stone free of expense to all citizens who may wish to use the water.

On Motion Mr Knox, the Public Property Committee was requested to ascertain the cost of 500 to 1000 ft of hose and two reels and report at the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of submitting his report in respect to Police officers Gately & Stone.

The Mayor submitted a written report setting forth various charges against Mr Gately and that he had suspended said officer, also of rumors respecting the conduct of Mr Stone.

The Mayor requested that a Committee be appointed to investigate the charges of complicity between Gately & Stone in the arrest of certain parties concerned in gambling.

Present: Isaac Hirsh

The Mayor also submitted a communication from Mr M A Gately which was read,

Mr Quinn submitted the following which was seconded

Whereas his honor the Mayor has called to the attention of the Council to irregularities in the conduct of one of the Police Officers which is of such a grave character as to cause his suspension from official duties; and whereas it is rumored on the Streets that these irregularities are the common practice of one or more of our Police Officers, which if true unfits them for the peculiar and responsible positions they occupy in the Corporation; and Whereas it is but just to those implicated as well as to this Council and to our Citizens generally that the charges and rumors should be investigated to the end that those implicated may be [Page 520] vindicated if innocent and punished if guilty, therefore;

Resolved that the whole matter of charges and rumours against the Police Officers together with the report of the Mayor made thereon be referred to a Committee of three who are hereby authorized and instructed to investigate the whole matter and report to this Council at the earliest day practicable; and we hereby call upon our Citizens who know anything of any irregularities or misconduct on the part of any of our Police to come forward and report the same to this Committee and thus assist the Committee in the discharge of its important duties.

Pending the discussion of Mr Quinn's resolution Mr McCracken asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr T McCracken

Mr Quinn withdrew the resolutions offered by him, Whereupon Mr Cole offered the same preamble and resolution, offered and withdrawn by Mr Quinn, which was seconded and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, Quinn, Willis, Cole, Hunter	6
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Bradley, Gouldman, Myer	4

On Motion, Mr Willis, Mess'rs Quinn, Cole, and Gouldman were appointed as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday October 17th 1884

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

E D Cole, M G Willis, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, S J Quinn, J S Knox, J H Myer, H R Gouldman, W E Bradley—councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented accounts of *Fred's News* for \$3.00 and *True Standard* for \$3.00 for advertising, which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that he had seen Capt Scott of the Garfield Guards, and he stated that the arms of the Company would arrive here tonight and they were anxious for a room or hall in which to place them. Capt Scott was under the impression that a suitable room could be had for \$5 pr month. The Committee had no recommendation to make.

On Motion of Mr Bradley,

The sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for the purpose of paying the rent of a room or Hall for the Garfield Light Infantry, the rent to be paid monthly after the receipt of their arms,

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm stated that the Committee was not able to report at this meeting in regards to the Hose &c; the Committee was in correspondence with several parties as to cost &c, he also reported that the application of Maury Camp, Confederate Veteran could not be granted as the room applied for would be wanted for the Fire Department.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm, reported that [Page 522] the Bridge over canal on Charlotte Street had been completed, also that the land damaged on Prince Edward and Wolf Streets had been settled; paying to Mr A K Phillips the sum of \$550, and Mr G W Shepherd the sum of \$75; the parties having executed deeds for said land and the same recorded in the Clerks office of the Corporation Court.

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn Pump Comm reported that the Committee had examined Gunnery Spring and did not think any improvement in the way of an Iron railing necessary; the Spring was in good condition and the flow of water plentiful. The Committee would recommend the planting of some shade trees at the proper time; the Street Committee might make some improvement in the Street leading to the Spring.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Comm & Nav Comm to whom was referred the matter of the right of Citizens in the premises of the Reveer property stated that his honor the Mayor had already decided the matter in a case brought before him; and the Committee had no report to make.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Special Water Comm, reported that the work on the Water Works had been delayed somewhat but everything was moving along well and it is hoped that the works will be completed about 1st November.

On Motion, Mr Quinn,

Resolved that the Special Committee appointed to investigate charges and rumors against the Police Officers be directed to invite the Mayor to set with them and assist in the investigation to the extent at least of summoning and compelling the attendance of witnesses and swearing such as appeared before the Committee to testify. A Memorial signed by a number of Citizens asking that Sophia Street be opened from its present terminus to Embrey and Berryman's wharf was read and on Motion Mr Knox [Page 523] the memorial was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to ascertain the cost of opening Sophia St from its present terminus to the lowest wharf with the City Limits, and report.

The Mayor presented a petition signed by Citizens asking for the erection of a pump in the vicinity of the old Fair Grounds, which was read and on motion the same was referred to the Pump Committee

A letter from Mr Hayes, of Madison County was read asking the assistance of the Town in extending the Narrow Gauge R Road from Orange to Madison Court House. Mr H stating that Madison would raise \$60,000 if Fredericksburg would raise the balance. The Communication was referred to a Committee consisting of Mess'rs McCracken, Willis, & Cole

The Mayor presented and read a communication from Gen'l Ruggles Supt School asking for the establishment of an additional school of a higher grade than was now taught in the Public Schools and also calling attention of the Council to the crowded state of the present Schools. The communication was referred to the Committee on Schools with the request that they confer with the Schools Trustees upon the subject and report.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Public Property Comm was requested to ascertain at about what cost the lower room of the South wing of the Court House could be altered for the safe keeping of the Hook & Ladder Truck and a place of meeting for the Fire Department of the City

The Mayor reported fines collected to Sept 30th amounting to \$47.00, also dog collars sold \$29.60, cost of collars \$68.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, 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 October 31st 1884

Present J Hazard, Mayor

J S Knox, H R Gouldman, T McCracken, I Hirsh, M G Willis, C E Hunter, W E Bradley, J H Myer, E D Cole—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of Gen'l Ruggles, Supt Schools, who was present and desired to be heard.

Permission was granted Gen'l Ruggles to be heard.

Gen'l Ruggles addressed the Council upon the subject of the Status of the Council in respect to the Public Schools of Fredericksburg.

He also read several sections of the Schools Law; after considerable discussion in opposition to Gen'l R's views upon the subject.

The Council, on Motion adjourned

J Hazard, 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 21st 1884

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

J S Knox, J H Myer, E D Cole, M G Willis, S J Quinn, Isaac Hirsh, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, T McCracken—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox Chrmn Finance Comm presented accounts of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$3.50 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Committee had examined the South Wing of the Court House and find that the Room is not sufficiently deep to receive the Hook & Ladder Truck; The Committee thought that a building could be erected on the Court House just below the Court Hose at a moderate cost, that would answer every purpose.

Present: M B Rowe, Recorder

On Motion Mr McCracken

Resolved that the Public Property Comm be authorized to have built at once a suitable house on the Court House lot for the safe keeping of the Hook & Ladder Truck at as moderate cost as possible.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the cost of Hose would be from 75¢ to 90¢ a foot as to quality; a Reel would cost about \$100 and nozzles about \$15 each

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, The Pub Prop Comm was authorized to purchase 500 feet of Hose in addition to the quantity already bought, also one reel at a cost of not over \$100.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm reported that the Prince Edward and Wolfe Streets had been opened and were now used by the people

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Mr Cole stated that the Committee had done nothing in the petition for opening Sophia St to Lower Wharf as no estimate of coast could be made unless commissioners were appointed to assess the land damages.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report of the Committee was received and laid on the table.

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn of Pump Comm to whom was referred the petition of the citizens for locating a pump in the vicinity of the Fair Grounds, reported recommending the sinking of a well in the locality referred to.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Pump Comm was authorized to sink a well in the locality of the old Fair grounds as asked for by Citizens in that vicinity.

Present: W E Bradley—councilman

On Motion, Mr Quinn, The sum of \$3 each was allowed Mess'rs J H Roy, M McCracken, J A Harris and R G Swift for their services as Commissioners in settling land damages for Corporation with Mess'rs Bradley, Hurkamp & Rowe.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Water Comm stated that the Comm desired the Council to prepare an ordinance for the regulation of the Water Works;

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, the Ordinance Committee was directed to prepare and submit to the Council an ordinance for the regulation of the City Water Works.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to Chap 47, Sec 1 of the Ordinances and suggested that the word "Terminals" be stricken out, as Fred'g was not the terminal station of R F & P R Rd. Mr Rowe moved that the Rule be suspended in order to act upon the suggestion of the Mayor at once, which motion was put to the vote and lost [Page 527]

On Motion Mr Rowe, Chapter 47, Sec 1 was referred to the Ordinance Committee for report.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Comm, stated that the Committee had not conferred together upon the Communication of Gen'l Ruggles in respect to a high grade of education.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Com & Nav Comm, stated that the Committee had done nothing so far in regard to the Communication from Madison Co in relation to aid in extending the P F & P R Rd—pressing engagements prevented, but the matter would receive the attention it deserves

Mr Quinn from the Special Committee appointed by the Council to investigate rumors and charges against Mess'rs Gately & Stone, police officers, submitted a lengthy report which was read, setting forth various charges against the officers referred to, which were substantiated by evidence in each case.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the report of the Committee was referred to the Mayor for his action.

Mr Rowe asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr M B Rowe, Recorder

A communication from W M Grafton, Supt was read stating that the P F & P R Rd Co had bought the Pickle Factory from Mr Embrey which was designed for a machine and repair shop, and the Company asked permission to lay a single track on Prussia St from the present Depot to the building referred to.

The communication was referred to the Street Comm; with power to act in the premises.

A communication was read from Mr S J Lawson asking the use of a Stall and Rack in the Market House which he had erected free of charge for license for the present license year.

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On Motion, the communication was referred to the Pub Prop Com; with power to act

The Council then adjourned,

J Hazard, 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 November 28th 1884

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, W E Bradley, S J Quinn, Isaac Hirsh, E D Cole, M G Willis, H R Gouldman, T McCracken, J H Myer, J S Knox

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of electing two policemen in place of Mess'rs J C Stone and M A Gately, who had resigned and whose resignations he had accepted.

Mr Gouldman moved that the Council proceed to the election of Police Officers in place of J E Stone and M A Gately, resigned, carried.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Council first proceeded to the election of a night policeman in place of M A Gately, resigned.

The following applications were read by the Mayor and laid before the Council Viz.

W M Tansill, Chs A Gore, A A Hudson, R L Harding, Martin Cahill, J F Bruce, Jos Hall, W H Rogers, B J Fauntleroy, W C Coleman.

After the first ballot was cast resulting in no choices, Mr McCracken moved that after each ballot the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped which motion was seconded put to the vote and carried.

The Council the continued to ballot for the election of a night Policeman, and on the 11th ballot the result was as follows;

For Martin Cahill	6
For Chs A Gore	4
For J F Bruce	1

Mr Cahill having received [Page 530] a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Night Policeman for the unexpired term of Mr M A Gately resigned.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Policeman in place of J E Stone, resigned, and on the sixth ballot the result stood as follows:

For J T Bruce	6
For W M Tansill	4
For W H Rogers	1

Mr J F Bruce having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Police Officer for the unexpired term of J E Stone, resigned.

On Motion Mr Quinn, Rule 25 was suspended for the present meeting

On Motion Mr Quinn, the sum of \$5.00 was allowed Mr J H Robinson for services rendered the investigating Committee in summoning witness &c

The Council then adjourned,

J Hazard, 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 19th 1884

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

S J Quinn, J S Knox, E D Cole, M G Willis, J H Myer, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken—
councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented an account of Fred'g Cemetery Co for tax on Lot amt'g to \$11.00 and on Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the same if correct.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, Reported that the Committee had decided to grant Mr Lawson upon his application the use of the Stall in the Market House rent free for the present License year, also that they had bought 500 ft Hose additional;

The House for the Hook & Ladder had been contracted for at the sum of \$147; He also reported that a Reel such as would be of service could not be bought for less than \$165.00.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the resolution passed Novem'r 21st limiting the Pub Property Co to the sum of \$100 in the purchase of a Reel was reconsidered.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Public Property Comm was authorized to purchase a Reel at not over \$165.00.

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn Pump Comm, reported that a well had been dug in the vicinity of the Fair Grounds at a cost of about \$30. They were waiting to use a stock from one of the pumps that will be discontinued.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Committee, reported the cost of the Colored School House at \$3779.43 and the White School House at \$5,932.17; also that the Committee had exceeded the appropriation by \$211.55 [Page 532] and asked the Council to make the appropriation to cover the deficiency; Mr R further stated that the Committee had not conferred with the Trustees upon the subject of Supt Ruggles communication.

On Motion Mr Willis, the sum of \$211.55 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the School Committee.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Water Comm; stated that a larger wheel and pipe had been put in at the Pump House and upon being tested proved a success; The contractor had put in new Stop Cocks in place of those first introduced, which were not suitable; the works would be turned over to the Committee in a few days

Present: Mr W E Bradley—councilman

Mr Quinn, submitted the following ordinance creating a Fire Department for the City and for regulating the same, which was read and is in the following words.

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

1st That for the purpose of organizing and operating a fire department in the City for extinguishing fires and protecting property from fire, the Council shall annually elect a Chief of the Fire Department without salary, who shall be authorized and empowered to take charge and control of all fire apparatus belonging to the City, or that may hereafter be purchased for or by the City, including the hose, reel, hooks, ladders, trucks, buckets, and other things belonging or attached to them or either of them and the building and rooms in which the same may be stored or kept. He shall hold his office for one year, or during the pleasure of the [Page 533] Council, and the holding of any office or position of any kind under the United States, State or City Government shall not disqualify him from holding the position of Chief of the Fire Department.

2nd The Chief of the Fire Department, as soon as he is elected shall proceed to organize a fire department to consist of not less than twenty volunteer men, who when so organized shall proceed to elect or appoint with the approval of the Chief, on e first assistant Chief, one second assistant chief, one third assistant chief and such other officers as they may deem necessary for the efficient management and working of the fire apparatus that now or may at any time hereafter belong to the City, and may adopt such rules and regulations and may impose such fines and penalties for dereliction of duty of any of its officers and members as they may deem necessary for the good government and efficiency of the department.

3rd The Chief shall take charge at all fires, given general directions thereat and do what may be necessary for the extinguishment of the fire and for the protection of the property. In the absence of the Chief, the first assistant shall take his place and assume his duties, authority, and responsibilities, and in his absence the second assistant and so on according to the rank of the several assistants, all of whom when actively engaged in extinguishing or supervising at fires shall be [Page 534] clothed with the power and authority of Policemen in preserving order, protecting property from damage and theft and may arrest and hold in custody all disorderly or suspicious persons, or persons found violating any ordinance of the City or law of the State, until they can be turned over to the custody of the Mayor.

4th After any fire and at other times when it may be necessary the Chief may employ some person to clean up, put in good condition and store in the house, room or other proper place all hose, reels

buckets, hooks, ladders, trucks and other things belonging or attached to the fire apparatus or fire department, upon such terms as he may think reasonable and just, if approved by the Finance Committee.

5th The Fire Department shall have the power to remove any officer, except the Chief or expel any member for cause by a vote of two thirds majority and the approval of the Chief.

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6th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Present: H R Gouldman—councilman

Mr Quinn, from the ordinance Committee submitted an ordinance prepared by the Committee for the regulation of the City Water Works, which was read (See the Ordinance commencing on Page [537]) [Page 536]

On Motion Mr Rowe, the ordinance was adopted.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the ordinance [Committee] was instructed to have 750 copies of the ordinance on Water Works published in pamphlet form at the lowest price.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the Council proceeded to the election of Chief of the Fire Department, and Mr T McCracken was nominated and unanimously elected to fill the position.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the salary of Superintendent of City Water Works was fixed at \$600 per annum.

On Motion Mr Cole the Council proceeded to the election of Superintendent of Water Works. The following applications for the position were read by the Mayor, Viz: T J Chandler, T H Harrison, S H Beale, T T Coleman, S J Quinn.

Mr Quinn not voting, the ballots were counted and the result was as follows

For S J Quinn	7
For T J Chandler	1
For T H Harrison	2

Mr S J Quinn having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Superintendent of Water Works for the year commencing January 1st 1885.

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr S J Quinn, Councilman to take effect the 31st Inst.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the resignation of Mr S J Quinn, councilman was accepted to take effect on 31st Inst.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr M A Gately, asking the Council for payment of his salary as policeman from the date of his suspension to November 28th when his resignation was accepted [Page 537]

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Gately his salary for the time stated in his communication.

Mr McCracken, at his request excused from voting.

The Mayor reported that the Police Officers had performed their duties faithfully and on Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay them their salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

Mr Quinn, at the request of Judge Goolrick, Commander of Confederate Veterans, asked a small appropriation by the Council to pay rent for a suitable room in which to hold meetings of the Command.

The application on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor was requested to correspond with Congressman Garrison in reference to the application for an appropriation by Congress for a Roadway to the National Cemetery.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor.

City Water Works –ordinance

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

1st The City Water Works shall be under the control and direction of the Committee on Water and the Superintendent of Water Works. The Superintendent shall be elected by the Council in December of each year, shall hold his officer for one year, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall be subject to the orders of the Committee on Water in all matters [cut off] [Page 538] provided for by this ordinance. Before entering upon his duties as Superintendent he shall give bond, with approved security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of two thousand dollars.

2nd The Superintendent, in conjunction with the Committee shall have charge of the reservoir, pump, pump house, fire plugs, fixtures and pipes erected and laid down for the Water Works, and the grounds upon which the reservoir and pump hose are constructed and all other things belonging or attached to the Water Works.

He shall carefully inspect all part of the works, and keep the same in good order and proper operation, and furnish the water to those entitled to it, as pure and clear as practicable with promptness and regularity.

3rd The Superintendent shall superintend the laying of all service pipe, the extension of all mains, and all work and repairs that may be done on the works; but he shall furnish no material of his own, or use that of any partner or agent of his, or other person, from the use whereof he would receive any profit, for such service pipes, extensions, work or repairs, nor shall he be allowed any extra compensation for any service he may render, in any work he may do in laying service pipe, extending the mains, or for any repairs he may do, or which it may be his duty to do by reasons of ay leaks, breaks, or any disorder in any part of the works, including the machinery and reservoir. In doing any such work the Superintendent may with the consent of the Committee employ such men as he may deem necessary to do the work, In such cases he shall keep an account of their names, the kind of work done by them, and each of them the days of the month each one is employed, and the compensation allowed each one of them.

4th All purchases of materials for repairing the works, or extending the mains, or laying service [Page 539] pipe, or tools or other things needed for the works shall be made by the Committee, or upon written order of the Committee.

5th The Superintendent shall prepare and preserved a map of the location of the main pipes showing the course, and distance and size of each of them, and when there is any extension of the main pipes shall, as soon as possible mark on the map the place of such extension and the size of pipes used in making it, on it shall be shown the location of all fire plugs, gates or valves and

public hydrants. The Superintendent shall also note on said Map all service pipe as it is laid, designating the size thereof, the weight per foot and length.

6th The Superintendent shall enter in a book to be kept in his office for the purpose, the quantity, description and cost of the materials used, and the cost of labor employed in making extensions of the main pipes, in laying service pipes and for all work and repairs done to the works, keeping the cost of each one separate.

7th As often as required the Superintendent shall furnish to the Committee a list of all the purchases of materials and tools made since last report, the kind, quality and cost and an account of all the materials used since last report, when and where and if for service pipe, for whom used with a complete inventory of all materials tools and other things on hand at the time of the report, giving the kind, quality, cost and condition thereof.

During the month of June in each year he shall furnish the Committee with the above reports, and also a complete report of the revenues derived from the Water rents, and the condition of the Water Works.

8th A book shall be kept in the Superintendents office with a caption importing that the owners of the property whose names and undersigned, request that water may be introduced upon the premises mentioned opposite their names, upon the terms prescribed by the City ordinance, and the annual charges for the use of the water. When the owner of any property within the range of the pipes applies for the introduction into his premises he or his agent shall write his name [Page 540] in said book under the said Caption and write opposite thereto the date and number of his application, the location of his premises, and the purpose for which the water is to be used. The City Water shall not be introduced into any premises until the applicant shall comply with these requirements.

9th When the requirements in the foregoing section shall have been complied with, water from the main pipe in the Street shall without delay be conducted by the Superintendent to the curb stone at the nearest point to the premises e\where the water is desired on the Street where the pipes are laid by means of suitable service pipe with a stop cock at the main and one inside of the curb stone; no hydrant shall be allowed on the sidewalk or in an exposed situation from which water can be taken without detection. Over the Stop Cock at the curbstone shall be placed an iron stop cock box with cap marked C. W. W. so the supply of water may be stopped at any time when it is proper to do so. The applicant may have the water introduced into his premises from the service pipe thus laid, by means of suitable service pipe, hydrant and fixtures.

10th Water rents shall be payable semi-annually in advance, namely; on the first day of January and the first day of July, except that when the supply of water is commenced between the days fixed for the payment of rents, the person supplied shall at the time of such commencement pay at the rate charged such class of consumers up to the next day fixed for payment.

11th When application is made for the introduction of water on any premises, a hydrant is erected and water is commenced to be supplied at such hydrant, rent for the water shall be charged for at least one year whether the party desires the supply for that length of time or not. In other cases a person supplied with water may discontinue the sue thereof by giving the Superintendent notice in writing for one month prior to the expiration of the time for which he has paid, otherwise he shall be chargeable for six months next following such expiration.

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12th If any person who is taking water at his residence or any premises removes from his residence or vacates such premises, he shall give notice thereof to the Superintendent on or before the day he removes or vacates, and if he shall fail to do so, he shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar, nor more than five dollars.

13th The Superintendent shall collect all water rents fifteen days before the water rents are due the Superintendent shall have printed a circular setting for the day upon which the water rents are due

and the penalties for the non-payment thereof and have one of them left at the house or on the premises of every consumer of the City Water, calling upon each of them to come forward and pay the same. From the amount of each bill for water rent there shall be a deduction of five per centum, provided that the residue of the bill shall be paid to the Superintendent at his officer on or before the day it is due. If a bill for water rent shall remain unpaid for ten days after it is due, the Superintendent shall notify the Committee who shall cause the water to be stopped from the premises of such delinquent, and they shall not allow it to be again turned on until the bill is paid.

14th The Superintendent shall not be allowed to retain the money collected from water rents in his possession for a longer period than one month, nor in a large sum than five hundred dollars at one time, at the end of each month, if the Collections have not exceeded five hundred dollars, he shall make a duplicate report of the amounts received, from whom received, and the day he received it, on a copy of this report shall be delivered to the City Treasurer on or before the fifth of the month, with the amount of money collected by him during the month for which the report is made, taking his receipt for the same, the Treasurer keeping a separate account thereof. The other copy of the report shall be delivered to the Committee to which or to the [Page 542] Chairman thereof, he must exhibit the Treasurer's receipt for the monthly collections paid to him, which receipt shall be filed in the Superintendent's office, whenever the collections in any month or at any times during the month amount to five hundred dollars, the Superintendent shall pay the same over to the City Treasurer taking his receipt therefore, which payments his month report must show, and which receipt he must exhibit to the Committee or Chairman thereof as above required, when he makes his monthly report.

15th If any person, other than the Committee, Superintendent or his employees shall introduce into any lot or tenement, water from the City pipes, or introduce any ferrule or other fixture into said pipes, or construct or lay down, or have constructed or laid down, any pipe or other works for the purpose of introducing water into any lot or tenement, or break or dig up an Street, Alley, lane, or road for the purpose of constructing or laying down any such pipe or works, without permission from the Committee or Superintendent, such person so offending shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars and every twenty four hours during which such work or fixture shall continue shall be a distinct offense.

16th No plumber shall be employed shall be employed, or be allowed to do any work on the Water Works unless he obtains a Certificate from the Committee that he is competent to do such work; and no plumber shall make any addition to or alteration of any fixtures connected without the Water Works without first having received a written permit from the Committee, or from the Superintendent, by order of the Committee, to do so, nor shall any attachments be made for any purpose, whatsoever from any pipe, unless it be the pipe supplying the premises for which such work is to be done and all pipes put in by plumbers shall have separate stop cocks to each branch thereof over which shall be a Stop Cock box if the branch pipe is under ground, so that no difficulty may occur in shutting off the water when it is necessary [Page 543] to do so, any person violating this section shall be fined from five to ten dollars for each offense.

17th Every person occupying any lot or tenement into which water is conveyed from the City Water Works shall permit any member or the Committee on Water, the Superintendent of the Water Works, or his agent or employees to enter such lot or tenement at seasonable hours to inspect the works therein or to see if this ordinance is enforced. Any person refusing this permission shall be fined five dollars for each offense.

18th If any person or persons shall injure or deface any house, wall, cock, wheel, fire plug, public hydrant, or any other fixtures connected with or pertaining to the City Water Works, or shall deposit any offensive matter or any sticks, mud, or rubbish in the reservoir, or shall break or injure, or without authority climb over or get through the fence or enclosure at the reservoir, or commit any nuisance or depredate upon the grounds at the reservoir, or at the pump house, or shall

throw any filth, offal, dead animal, or offensive substance of any kind into the canal or bathe in the Canal between the dam and pump house, or shall place any building material, rubbish, or other matter on the Stop Cock of a Street Main, Service pipe or Fire Plug, or shall obstruct access to any fixture connected with the water works, or shall removed or injure any pipe, fire plug or hydrant, or open any of them so as to waste water, or shall remove any cap from the Stop Cock Boxes over any stop at the Curb Stone, or valve at a fire plug or throw dirt or any substance in the stop cock boxes of the Curb Stone stops or fire plugs he or they shall be fined not less than two nor more than ten dollars for each offense.

19th If the owner or occupier of a lot or tenement on which there has been placed a hydrant or other fixture to supply water shall permit the water to run from the hydrant or fixture without proper care to prevent waste, or shall permit the water to be [Page 544] used, taken or received by any person other than said occupier or a member of his family or a visitor there shall be in each case a fine on the said occupier of not less than one dollars nor more than five dollars, and there shall be a like fine on the person so taking, receiving or using the water, and in every such case the superintendent shall stop the water from said lot or tenement which he shall at once report to the Committee and the water shall not be turned on again until the Committee shall have satisfactory assurance that the offense shall not be repeated, when the may order the Superintendent to turn the water on again. And if the occupier of any lot or tenement into which City Water is conveyed shall fail to notify the Committee or Superintendent when his hydrant or other fixture is out of order and the water wasting, he shall be fined one dollar for each offense and if any hydrant or other fixture is found leaking and the owner or occupier of the premises shall fail or refuse to have the necessary repairs made thereto, the Superintendent shall cut off the water from such premises and there shall be a fine of ten dollars on every person s who shall again turn on the water before the necessary repairs are made.

20th If any person, not acting under the authority of the Committee or Superintendent shall turn the water on any premises whatsoever, or if any person shall take, received, or use the City Water without such authority, before first paying the charges for the same, he shall pay a fine of five dollars for each offense.

21st Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the occupier of any lot or tenement supplied with City Water from having, when his hydrant or pipe is out of order the use of water on another lot or in another tenement, with the consent of the owner or occupier thereof, nor prevent any person from taking City Water to extinguish a fire, nor prevent City Water from being used by a fire company in extinguishing fires or in examining, testing, practicing, or cleansing and putting in good condition their hose and other fire apparatus.

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22nd The Committee on Water shall have the power and authority to extend the Mains in any of the Streets in any part of the City when application is made to them for Water, Provided the water rents derived there from will pay as much as eight per centum upon the cost of such expansion.

23rd If any person shall use any key or other contrivance used for turning any valve or stop cock and shall turn water on any premises or fire plug, or shall turn any valve, gate, or stop cock attached to or connected with the City Water Works, without authority to do so from the Committee or Superintendent, except in case of fire or fire alarm he shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offense.