

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1885

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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 19th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, E D Cole, C E Hunter, M G Willis—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox presented the application of Mrs St John to be released from the payment of a fine of \$5.00 imposed upon her for violation of the ordinance concerning dogs.

On motion, Mr Hurkamp, the application of Mrs St John was laid on the table.

On motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was allowed a fee of fifteen cents each in licenses for dog tax.

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported the house for the Hook & Ladder &c finished and ready for the Fire Department. The Reel is here and paid for.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Ordinance Comm reported the Ordinance concerning Water Works printed and ready for distribution at a cost of twelve dollars

Mr Knox for the Comm on Water Works, reported that the Works are progressing, not yet received by the Committee, the Committee had ordered 4500 feet of lead pipe and he suggested that the room next the Mayor's office to be turned over to the Committee for storage of the pipe and for the use of the Superintendent of the Water Works.

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On motion, Mr Willis, The room next to the Mayor's office now used as a lock up was turned over to the Water Committee to be used by the Supt of Water Works.

The Mayor laid before the Council the Proceedings of the Corporation Court, appointing Mr J W Colbert a member of the Common Council of Fredericksburg to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr S J Quinn.

The Mayor presented a communication from Fred'g Hall Assn asking a reduction of the license tax upon exhibitions.

On Motion, Mr Cole the communication was referred to the Finance Comm for report.

The Mayor reported fines for the past quarter \$38.25, also Total amount received from Dog tax to date \$385.50.

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 February 20th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder
 Jas S Knox, J H Myer, H R Gouldman, J W Colbert—councilmen
 A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned
 R W Adams, Clerk Council

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday March 20th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor
 M B Rowe, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, J S Knox, E D Cole, T McCracken, H R Gouldman, Isaac Hirsh—councilmen
 The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Present: M G Willis—councilman

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the ordinance levying License tax for the Year 1885-86— which was read and on Motion the ordinance was adopted and is in the following words.

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 of May 1885 and ending on the 1st May 1886.

The license tax shall be assessed and collected [Page 549] at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of June 1885

1 st On every License to a steamboat, Steamship, or other transportation Agency(other than Express Cos) in this City the specific tax shall be	\$50.00
2 nd On every License for renting farms, houses, or other Real Estate	\$5.00
3 rd On every Agent for the sale of Books, &c	\$10.00
4 th On every Agent for copying pictures	\$10.00
5 th On every Agent of each incorporated Insurance Co,	\$35.00
but this shall not apply to agents of Accident Insurance Co which shall be	\$10.00
6 th On every Agent for hiring labor	\$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 1885	
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
All persons other than duly licensed attorneys shall be deemed conveyancers	
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 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 or Restaurant	\$16.00
20 th On every person selling upon the Street or other Public Place snacks and like eatables	\$5.00

21 st On every Private Banker	\$200.00
22 nd On every Pawn Broker	\$25.00
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23 rd On every person trading in Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep Butchers buying for their own trade shall not be subject to this tax	\$15.00
24 th On every Corn Cancer, Eye or other itinerant Doctor or Optician	\$10.00
25 th On every Daugarean or Photograph artist	\$20.00
26 th On every Express Company having an office or doing business in the City and no Rail Road Company shall do an Express business in the City, without first obtaining a license under this clause	\$30.00
27 th On every Huckster Payable quarterly on 1 st May, August, November, February, but this License shall not cover to the right to sell oysters & fish	\$10.00
28 th On every Ice Dealer	\$10.00
29 th On every person trading in Junk And for each Canvasser	\$35.00 \$15.00
30 th On every Livery Stable Keeper	\$30.00
31 st On every two horse Hack, Phaeton, or other carriage for hire On every Buggy used for hire On every one horse wagon, dray or cart used for hire,	\$8.00 \$4.00 \$4.00
32 nd Every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors or any mixture thereof But where a person sells only Malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be	\$160.00 \$25.00
33 rd On Every person who sells wines and liquors by retail When the person sells only Malt liquors by retail the tax shall be When the liquors mentioned above are sold to be drunk where sold, bar room License must be taken out in addition	\$80.00 \$15.00 \$80.00
34 th On every keeper of a Bar Room But this license shall not cover the right to retail liquor not to be drunk where sold	\$80.00
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35 th On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits And manufacturing malt liquors	\$25.00 \$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	
[Page 552-553 Blank] [the remainder of the License ordinance (sections 39-57 etc) are missing]	
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Mr Knox from the Water Comm, presented an ordinance fixing the rents for the use of the City Water which was read.

Mr Cole, moved that the ordinance be adopted which was seconded,
Whereupon, Mr Rowe, moved the action upon the ordinance be postponed for a week and that the ordinance be printed for the use of the Council, which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Rowe, Willis, Gouldman, Myer
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, McCracken, Cole

Mr Hirsh, from Pump Committee, reported that the pump in the vicinity of the old Fair Grounds was completed and furnishing a good supply of water to the people living in that part of the City.

Applications for Gas Lamps; 1 near Mr H F Crismond, 1 in the vicinity of the “Bottom” and 1 near the Narrow Gauge Depot where the Bridge crosses the Canal were presented, and on Motion the applications were referred to the Gas Comm for report.

Mr Knox, from the Water Comm, reported that the works had been received and paid for according to contract, and all in order—a written report would be presented hereafter.

A communication from S J Quinn, Clerk of the School Board stating that the terms of office of HMD Martin, Trustee for the Upper Ward and C L Cole Trustee for the Lower Ward would expire on 4th April proximo and asking the Council to elect their successors.

On Motion, The Council proceeded to the elective [Page 555] of School Trustees in place of Mess’rs Martin & Cole and the ballots being counted

Dr H M D Martin was elected Trustee for the Upper Ward

Mr C L Cole was elected Trustee for the Lower Ward

A communication from the Fire Department asking an appropriation of \$300 for the purpose of purchasing Coats & Caps &c for the members was read.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the sum of \$300 or as much as may be necessary was appropriated for the use of the Fire Department in equipping the members with coats &c.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, a committee of three was appointed to wait on the Insurance Co’s doing business in the [city?] and ascertain what amount they would contribute towards equipping the fire Co.

Mess’rs Rowe, Gouldman & Hirsh were appointed as the Committee

On Motion, Mr Myer, the Pub Prop Comm was authorized to purchase two nozzles for the use of the Fire Department

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the lock up at the Jail and suggested certain changes. The Matter was referred to the Pub Prop Comm for report.

The Mayor stated that on examination of the City Ordinances he found that the Police Officers were only entitled to half the fines in certain cases, the he had following the custom of those who preceded him, been allowing half fines to the officers in all cases—he deemed it best to bring the matter to the attention [Page 556] of the Council so that such steps as thought best could be taken.

On Motion the subject was referred to the Ordinance Comm for report.

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, Rule 24 was suspended for the present meeting.

On Motion, Mr Knox, Section 30 of the Ordinance Concerning City Water was amended by inserting the words

“The informant shall be allowed one half of all the fines imposed by this ordinance.”

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 March 27th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to consider the question of rates of City Water, as laid before the last Council by the Finance Comm.

A bill of the *Free Lance* for printing amt'g to \$2.50 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, from the Finance Committee presented for the consideration of the Council the Tariff of rates in the use of the City Water, being the same before the Council at its last meeting.

Mr Cole, moved the adoption of the Tariff of rates, presented by the Finance Comm; Whereupon Mr Rowe offered the following as a substitute for the Committees bill which was also seconded.

Resolved that a water tax of \$4.00 per annum be levied and assessed upon each and every dwelling (which shall included such out houses as may be connected to the same) and that a like sum of \$4.00 per annum be levied and assessed upon every house devoted to business purposes, where the same is disconnected from dwellings, which may be situated along the line of the Water Main as laid in the Corporation of Fredericksburg, and that each dwelling house and building so assessed shall be entitled to the use of water for any and all purposes except for such purposes, as may be hereinafter specified and excluded from this provision.

Resolved that a special tax of 5 cents on every hundred dollars of value be levied and [Page 558] and assessed upon such dwellings and business houses for protection against fire as are situated within such distance as may be reached by Water from the Fire Plugs—This latter provision not to apply to the dwelling houses specified in the first section of the first resolution.

The vote upon the substitute of Mr Rowe was taken by Ayes & Noes and was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Rowe, Myer, Gouldman and the Mayor 5

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, Willis Cole 4

The Mayor reported that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully and on motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, Further consideration of tariff of rates of Water was referred to a Committee of five to report on Monday night next.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Hirsh, Willis, Cole and Gouldman

On Motion the Council adjourned until Monday night next 30th inst.

J Hazard, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday March 30th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

Mr Rowe presented the report of the Committee appointed at the last Council, fixing additional water rates which was read and on Motion Mr Hunter the report of the Committee was received.

Mr Myer moved that the Council adjourn until Friday next, which was seconded, put to the vote and lost

On motion Mr Rowe, the resolution passed at the last Council fixing water rates was reconsidered. Mr Rowe presented the following ordinance fixing water rates, which was read and seconded and is in the following words

An Ordinance regulating Water Rates in the City of Fredericksburg

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council, that to meet the interest on the Water Bonds, to pay the running expenses of the City Water Works, and to create a sinking fund to liquidate the debt incurred in erecting said City Water Works there shall be levied and assessed an annual Water Rent as follows, to be paid semi-annually on the first of January and July of each year, whether the water is used by persons occupying or owning such buildings or not.

1st On all dwellings, storehouses, warehouses [Page 560] business houses, and other houses on the Street where the water pipes are laid, four dollars, but this provision shall not apply to the kitchen or outhouses on any premises, and each and every store or place of business shall be considered a separate house or building for the purposes of this section, and dwelling houses and other buildings in the cross streets, and between the Streets where the main pipes are laid, or which shall be connected with the Mains or any one of them by service pipe of lead or galvanized iron or other material shall be considered as being on the mains for the purpose of this ordinance and shall be liable to the Water rents under this provision. And the occupants of all such buildings for the consideration of the four dollars water rent shall have the free and unrestricted use of the City Water for all purposes except as hereinafter provided.

2nd In addition to the water rent on each house or building as above there shall be levied and assessed on

Bar Rooms	2.50
Bars with restaurants	4.00
Bakeries	4.00
Barber Shops	3.00
Billiard Saloons, Bowling Alley or pool Room	2.00
Building purposes, 1000 5¢, plastering 15¢ pr 100 yds	
Confectionaries	4.00
With soda Fountain attached	1.00
Daguerotipist	3.00
Soda Fountain	2.00
Stables detached on application horse	1.00
Carriage or Buggy	1.00 each
Livery stable	20.00
Exchange Hotel	25.00
Slaughter houses	5.00
Opera House (proper)	5.00
Gas Company	25.00
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Rectifying Establishments, bottling beer &c	8.00
Engines, Stationary, per horse power	2.00
Locomotives to be assessed	
Wagon yards	3.00

Hope Foundry for all purposes 25.00
 Farmers Friend Plow Works 25.00

Fountains to be assessed

3rd That in all buildings of whatever kind not on any of the Main pipes, but which are near enough to a fire plug to be reached by the hose for extinguishing fires, shall be levied and collected for fire protection five cents on the hundred dollars assessed value of such buildings and the lots upon which they stand, but this clause shall not apply to any house or building that comes under the four dollar clause.

4th All Water rents under this ordinance including the levy of five center on the one hundred dollars value of property for fire protection shall be a lien upon the Real Estate upon which the water rent or fire protection is laid and if not paid in a reasonable time shall be collected in the mode and manner prescribed for collecting delinquent taxes, and the Superintendent of Water Works, or other person whom the Council may authorized to collect the Water rents &c is hereby clothed with the power and authority for collecting any delinquent water rents &c as the collector of City taxes has for collecting delinquent City taxes.

5th During the progress of a fire within the town no water shall be drawn from a hydrant or Street hose until the fire is extinguished or gotten under control, but this provision shall not apply to persons living in the vicinity of the fire who may use their street hose to prevent their property from taking fire. Any one offending against this provision shall be fined five dollars in each case [Page 562] and the informer shall have one half of the fine.

6th No one shall be allowed to use a nozzle or hose for sprinkling Streets or lots with a larger opening than 3/16th of an inch

Any person offending against this provision shall be fined five dollars in each case, the informer to receive one half of each fine,

7th All ordinances and parts of ordinances which conflict with this ordinance or with any of its provisions, and so much of the ordinance concerning the City Water Works adopted December 19th 1884 as is rendered unnecessary by reason of the adoption of this ordinance are hereby repealed

8th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Mr McCracken offered the following as a substitute for the ordinance offered by Mr Rowe.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that to meet the interest or the Water Bonds, to pay the running expenses of the City Water Works and to create a Sinking Fund to liquidate the debt incurred in erecting said city Water Works the following shall be the rates for the use of the City Water, payable 1st January and 1st July of each year Viz;

Private dwellings, on all private dwellings occupied by one family	
Families of three persons	3.00
Families of four persons	3.50
Families of five persons	4.00
Families of six persons	4.50
Families of seven persons	5.00
Families of eight persons	5.50
Families of nine persons	6.00
Each additional person	.25
Bars	5.00
Bars attached to dwellings	7.00
Bars with restaurants	7.00
Bakeries including dwelling	8.00
Banks and Banking houses	3.00
Barber Shops, first chair	2.00
Each additional chair	1.00

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Billiard Saloon, Bowling Alley or Pool Room	3.00
Bathing Tub in private house, store or office	2.00
Blacksmith Shop, one fire	2.00
Each additional fire	1.00
Building purposes 5¢ pr 1000 bricks, 15¢ for each 100 yds plastering	
Butchers and Market Stores	3.00
Boarding Houses, per annum, not over 10 boarders	6.00
Over 10 and up to 25	10.00
With Bar attached	5.00 additional
Confectionaries pr annum for hydrants in same	5.00
Including dwelling of attached	7.00
Soda apparatus additional	2.00
Daguery typist for hydrant in the same	5.00
Drug Store, or apothecary pr annum for hydrant	3.00
Soda apparatus additional	2.00
Each Horse, private stable having hydrant	1.00
Each Buggy or Carriage, parties having hydrant	1.00
Eating Houses according to business	3.00-8.00
Exchange Hotel for all purposes used now	35.00
Livery stables per annum, when use of water is confined	
To stable along per stall	.50
Wash pave attached to stable	8.00
Liquor Stores, per annum, hydrant	5.00
Stores, offices, counting rooms, per annum when not Occupied as a dwelling for hydrant	3.00
Slaughter Houses each	8.00
Schools, hydrant in yard or school house	4.00
Opera House (proper)	10.00
Gas Company	35.00
Rectifying Establishment, for bottling beer, porter, ale or soda	10.00
Steam Engines, stationary per horse power	3.00
Locomotives to be assessed	
Workshops, planing mills, carpenter, cooper shops with	
Not over 10 persons	3.00
Over 10 and up to 20	4.00
Manufacturers, not mentioned to be assessed	
Printing offices	4.00
Sprinklers for and business blocks each store	2.90
Sprinklers for persons taking water & having hydrants	1.00
Sprinklers for dwellings taking water having hydrants	2.00
Wagon yards, each horse in Wagon Lot	8.00
Hope Foundry for all purposes	35.00
Farmers Friend plus works	35.00
Fountains to be assessed	

All not specified are to be assessed and the rates are subject to such charges as may hereafter be thought advisable by the Council

The vote was taken by Ayes & Noes on the substitute of Mr McCracken and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, McCracken, Willis, Cole 5
Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, Rowe, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer and the Mayor 6
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The vote was then taken by Ayes & Noes upon the Ordinance offered by Mr Rowe and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Hirsh, Rowe, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer and the Mayor 6
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, McCracken, Willis & Cole 5

Mr Knox presented a bill of Williams & Wheeler amt'g to \$16.00 for burying Mrs Willie which on motion was referred to the Finance Comm

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 Tuesday April 28th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

C E Hunter, E D Cole, J H Myer, W E Bradley—councilmen

A quorum not being present, the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, C C

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday May 15th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Present: J W Colbert—councilman

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented bills of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$7.50 and *Free Lance* for \$2.50 For advertising &c which were ordered to be paid.

The Committee reported that the bill of Williams & Wheeler presented at the last meeting was not authorized by the Committee on Poor, but recommended that \$5.00 of the amount be paid, which is the usual amount allowed for such service &c

On Motion, The Treasurer is authorized to pay Mess'rs Williams & Wheeler the sum of Five [Page 566] Dollars in full of the account for funeral expenses of the late Mrs Willie.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, Reported that matters were moving on well at the Alms House.

He presented an account of Mr J F Alsop for house rent for Wm Brown; Mr Cole stated the Committee had nothing to do with the bills, did not rent any house of Mr Alsop and of course owed him nothing. The Committee furnished Mr Brown with rations &c during his sickness because it was impossible in his low state of health to be carried to the Alms House.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the Committee was requested to return the account to Mr Alsop as he had no claim against the Corporation.

Mr Hunter, Chrmn Health Comm, reported that the Comm had 500 hand bills printed and circulated urging the Citizens to have their cellars and lots kept clean, so as to prevent sickness during the summer.

Mr Rowe, from the Committee appointed at the last meeting, reported that the Companies represented by Capt Barney donated \$30 and the Companies represented by Mr Crutchfield \$5 towards equipping the fire company; It was known to the Council that Mr Bott's Co subscribed \$50, before the Committee was appointed.

Mr Hirsh, presented and read a communication from Mr R R Farr, Supt Public Instruction, addressed to Gen'l Ruggles in relation to the Institute to be held in Fredericksburg during the Summer.

Mr Hirsh presented the following which was seconded.

Whereas, Hon R R Farr, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Virginia [Page 567] has officially directed that one of the three annual Normal Institutes of the State will be held at Fredericksburg during the coming summer and

Whereas as one of the conditions precedent to the ordering of the Normal Institute to this place was the promise that suitable accommodations would be furnished for the meetings of say 400 or more teachers, and their entertainment and

Whereas certain citizens have pledged themselves to carry out these pledges, therefore

Resolved that the Common Council of Fredericksburg do hereby appropriate and set aside the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the pledges made, one hundred dollars of said sum to be applied to payment of rent for the use of the Opera House, and fifty dollars for such other expenses as a Committee of this body shall decide to be proper and to whose order the said amount on one hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid; said Committee to Co-operate with a similar Committee of Citizens in the expenditures of the latter sum of fifty dollars.

On Motion Mr Willis, the resolutions of Mr Hirsh was referred to the Schools Committee for report at a called meeting of the Council.

On Motion Mr McCracken,

Resolved that the water Committee be authorized to furnish the City Water free of Charge, to the White & Colored cemeteries of the City, said Cemeteries on their managers paying the cost of conducting the water to the premises.

The Mayor presented the resignation of S H Beale, Scavenger for the upper ward to take effect 1st June proximo, which was read and on motion Mr Rowe, the resignation of Mr Beale was accepted.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Scavenger for the Upper Ward in place [Page 568] of S H Beales resigned and Mr Jno T Brauer was nominated, balloted for, and the ballots being counted he was unanimously elected Scavenger for the upper Ward in place of Mr S H Beales resigned.

A Communication from Mr W Elms, was read asking that the City Water be conveyed to his premises, he proposing to pay the expense of conducting the same thereto and also to pay such rent as the Council might fix.

The Communication was referred to the Water Committee for report.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the fact that there was no ordinance in existence empowering the Mayor to imprison a party for violation of the laws of the City &c

On Motion, the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee

The Mayor reported fines collected since last report \$17.50; dog tax \$12.00

The Mayor stated that he had appointed Mr W R Mason as a delegate to represent the City in the Commercial Convention at Atlanta.

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 Monday May 19th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, H R Gouldman, M G Willis, J H Myer, E D Cole, W E Bradley—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to hear the report of the School Committee, upon the resolution of Mr Hirsh, submitted at the last meeting.

Mr Rowe, from the Committee appointed at the last council reported verbally that upon examination the Committee concluded that the Opera House would not be a suitable place for holding the Teachers Institute, The Committee believe that the Court House well adapted for the purpose, having a large audience room besides additional rooms for Committee meetings and other purpose, and the Committee recommends the Court House as the most suitable and convenient place for holding the Institute.

On Motion Mr Hirsh,

Resolved that the Court House be the place for holding the proposed Institute and that the sum of seventy five [dollars] be appropriated or so much thereof as may be necessary for expenses incident to the Institute to be expended under the supervision of the School 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 Monday May 15th 1885

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the following bills

Fred'g News amt'g to \$5.75

R B Merchant amt'g to 14.75

Free Lance 6.00

Which were ordered to be paid

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm presented a written report of the expenditures of the Comm, on Public Property in detail, shew'g am't expended \$645.34 being \$45.34 in excess of appropriation.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$45.34 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, submitted written report of Expenditures in detail for repairs of Streets, shewing am't expended \$818.26, also report of Expenditures in opening Prince Edward & Wolfe Sts extended amt'g to \$1391.88. Both reports shew'g amount expended to be less than amount appropriated

On Motion Mr Myer, the reports were received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Gouldman from the Committee on Water & Pumps, presented written report of the Committee for the year shewing amount expended on Pumps to be \$200.67.

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

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Comm & Nav Committee stated that the Committee had no written report; the Committee had expended nothing, On Motion the report was received.

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Mr Knox from the Gas Comm, reported in writing that the amount expended during the year for lighting the Streets and repairs to lamps was \$1367.91

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

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Schools Comm, submitted a written report showing the public schools in a prosperous condition, the Corps of Teachers being faithful and zealous in their important work, and the scholars making good progress in their studies. The attendance upon the schools is large, the number of pupils, white and colored being over 700, with a prospect of a larger attendance the coming session, the Trustees have now in Contemplation the establishment of another School of a higher grade and the Committee hopes the effort will be successful; The Trustees ask an appropriation for support of the Schools the coming session of \$2500; On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Gouldman, submitted the following as an amendment to Section 3, Chapter 42 of the General Ordinance Viz

In all cases where fines are imposed under any ordinance, the offender may in default of payment of such fine be imprisoned in the town jail not more than thirty days.

On Motion, the amendment offered by Mr Gouldman was adopted

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, submitted a written report shewing the cost of sustaining the poor at the Alms House to be \$1253.27, \$53.27 in excess of the appropriation.

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and \$53.27 appropriated to cover the deficiency.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, to who was referred the communication of Mr Elms, stated that in a conference with Mr Elms, he informed the [Page 572] Committee that he only wanted the water for the use of his family and was willing to conduct the water his premises and pay a fair rent for same.

On Motion Mr Cole, the subject was referred to the Water Comm, with power to act.

On Motion Mr McCracken, The Finance Committee was requested to ascertain the land damages, due Mess'rs Rowe, Hurkamp & Bradley, and to pay the same.

Mr Myer submitted an ordinance amending Chapter 30 of Gen'l Ordinance, concerning Hogs which was seconded.

Mr Cole moved that the rule be suspended in order that the ordinance may be acted on at the present meeting, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote; a 2/3 majority vote not being obtained

Ayes	Mess'rs Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer	5
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, McCracken, Colbert, Willis	4

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr J T Brauer as Scavenger for the Upper Ward, which on Motion was received.

Mr W M Tansill was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected as Scavenger of the Upper Ward to fill the unexpired term of Mr Brauer resigned.

The Mayor presented an application of Mr T F Stonebraker for the privilege of repairing his machinery in front of his place of business on Main & Charlotte Streets.

On Motion, the application of Mr Stonebraker was granted, subject to the supervision of the Street Committee.

On Motion Mr Knox, The Council adjourned until Friday next 26th Inst
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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 26th 1885

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor
M B Rowe, Recorder

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

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the report of the Committee for the year which report embraced the settlement of accounts of J J Young, Collector and R W Adams, Treasurer;

Mr Young had in his hands of uncollected taxes on 25th June for the Years 1876 to 1884 inclusive \$8206.30; the balance due the Treasurer \$4662.02.

The Debt of the City at this time is \$147,920 viz

\$117,920 of 7% Bonds

\$30,000 of 6% Water Bonds; also

\$2,500 of old 6% bond heretofore reported.

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

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1885-86, which was read and is in the following words to wit:

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg; for the Year 1885-86

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 1885-86 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay interests, and to provide sinking funds 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, bonds [Page 574] 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

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 Myer, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance presented the Ordinance making appropriations for the year 1885-1886; which was read and is as follows.

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 1886

For Interest and Sinking Fund 7% Bonds	\$10,000
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% water bonds	\$2100
For Alms House	\$1200
Salaries	\$3400
Police	\$450
Repairs of Public Property	\$450
Repairs of Streets	\$800
Gas	\$1350
Park	\$100
Ordinances	\$20
Commerce & Navigation	\$50
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Public Schools	\$2500
Water	\$200
Health	\$25
Debt due Beckwith	\$1060
2 nd Payment on Union House	\$933.33
Contingencies	\$1000
[Total]	\$25,778.33

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

On Motion, the ordinance was adopted unanimously

Mr Hurkamp, Chrnm Park Comm presented report of the Committee showing amount expended for keeping the Park \$135.68.

The report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knox, Chrm Water Comm, presented the report of the Committee giving at length the history of the Construction of the City Water Works, with the reports of Supt Bowering and Quinn showing the cost of the works to the present time \$29,434.29, which includes the cost of conducting the water to over 500 consumers, leaving an unexpended balance of appropriation of \$755.71 with Material and Tools on hand costing \$514.55.

On Motion, Mr Myer the report was received and ordered to be filed, and the thanks of the Council tendered to the Committee for the faithful manner in which the Committee have discharged their duties.

The Mayor reported that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully for the past quarter and on Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers for the quarter ending 30th Inst.
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Mr McCracken moved a reconsideration of the vote by which a suspension of Rule 24 was lost at the Meeting on 19th Inst, which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Myer moved a suspension of Rule 24 in order that he may introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 30 concerning Hogs, which was seconded, put to the vote and carried by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer 8

Noes Knox & Willis 2

Mr Myer presented the following which was seconded.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, that Chapter XXX, Corporation ordinance be amended and re-ordained so as to read as follows.

Section 1st It shall not be lawful after Jul 1st 1885 for Hogs, Shoats, and pigs to go at large in the Streets of the town; and all Hogs, shoats, or pigs found going at large in the streets shall be liable to be caught by the Police Officers of the Town and when so caught shall be forfeited to this Corporation, and the Police Officers are hereby directed to catch all hogs, shoats, or pigs running at large contrary to this Chapter and sell the same at the place where caught to the highest bidder for cash, one moiety whereof shall go to the officer who caught and sold the animal and the other moiety shall be paid over to the Treasurer for the use of the Corporation.

Section II of Chapter XXX of said ordinance is hereby repealed

The vote being taken by Ayes & Noes the amendment was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Hirsh, McCracken, Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer

Noes Mess'rs Knox & Willis

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Mr Willis (who had declined a re-election) arose and thanked the Mayor and members of the Council for the uniform courtesy and consideration shown him during his term of service.

Appropriate responses was made by the Mayor and Mr J S Knox. After which, on Motion, the Council adjourned.

J Hazard, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg (at the election held on Thursday May 28th 1885) met t the Council Chamber on Wednesday July 1st 1885 pursuant to call of Mayor Josiah Hazard
Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

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

Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, J G Hurkamp, M B Rowe, J S Berryman, E D Cole, J W Colbert, C E Hunter, Wm Tomlinson, J H Myer, J S Knox, H R Gouldman

The Mayor stated that the first business in order was the election of Clerk of the Council and fixing the salary of same.

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

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

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

On Motion the compensation of Collector of Taxes & Rents was fixed as follows

2½ per cent on all collections to 15th October next and 5 per cent on all sums collected thereafter.

Mess'rs Jno J Young and A P Rowe Jr were nominated balloted for as collector of taxes and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Jno J Young 5

For A P Rowe Jr 7

Mr A P Rowe Jr having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Collector of Taxes & Rents for the Corporation for the ensuing year.

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

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Mess'rs W C Smith & G A Mills were nominated and balloted for as Clerk of the Market and the ballots being counted resulted in the unanimous election of Mr W C Smith, and he was declared elected as Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year.

Mess'rs R W Hart, C D King & W C Littrell were nominated, balloted for as Weigher of Coal, Salt &c and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For R W Hart 7

W C Littrell 5

C D King 0

Mr R W Hart having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Weigher & Measurer of Coal, Salt &c for the ensuing year.

Mess'rs R W Hart, W C Littrell & C D King were nominated, balloted for as Measurer of Lumber & Wood for the ensuing year

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

Mr Jno P Rogers was nominated, balloted for and elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for the ensuing Year.

Mr W M Tansill was nominated, balloted for and elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the number of policemen to be elected was fixed at three.

On Motion, Mr Hurkamp, the salary of policemen was fixed at \$150 and \$300 respectively day & night police

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the council proceeded to the election of night Policeman.

Mess'rs J T Bruce, J T Deatley, M Cahill, M A Gately, C A Gore, J E Stone J H Robinson were nominated, balloted for and the ballots being [Page 580] counted resulted as follows

For M Cahill 9

C A Gore 2

M Gately 1

Mr Martin Cahill having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected night policeman for the ensuing year.

The Council then proceeded to the election of two day Policemen and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For J F Bruce 4
For Chs A Gore 8
For J E Stone 2
For J H Robinson 10

Mess'rs J H Robinson & Chs A Gore having received a majority of the ballots cast were declared elected policemen for the ensuing year.

The Mayor announced the following standing Committees

On Finance Mess'rs J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken
On Public Property Mess'rs M B Rowe, J H Myer, H R Gouldman
On Streets Mess'rs Wm Tomlinson, E D Cole, J S Berryman
On Water & Pumps Mess'rs Isaac Hirsh, J S Knox, H R Gouldman
On Commerce & Navigation Mess'rs T McCracken, J S Berryman, Wm Tomlinson
On Gas Mess'rs J H Myer, E D Cole, C E Hunter

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On Public Schools Mess'rs M B Rowe, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh
On Ordinances Mess'rs H R Gouldman, J W Colbert, M B Rowe
On Alms House Mess'rs E D Cole, M B Rowe, J S Knox
On Park Mess'rs J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, J W Colbert
On Health Mess'rs C E Hunter, T McCracken, M B Rowe
City Water Works Special Mess'rs J S Knox, C E Hunter, T McCracken, Isaac Hirsh, H R Gouldman

The Matter of keeping upon the City Pumps and the subject was left with the Committee on Water & pumps to act in their discretion as they deemed best

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 July 17th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, J S Knox, E D Cole, W Tomlinson, T McCracken, J S Berryman, J H Myer—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented bills of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$3.25 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the official Bond of A P Rowe Jr collector of taxes &c in the sum of \$10,000 with M B Rowe & Z M Honey, S E Haislip, & E D Cole securities, which was approved by the Council and turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Committee, present a communication from the School Trustees asking the use of the front room of the South wing of the Court for the use of the Public Schools.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the communication was laid on the table and Mr Rowe was requested to inform the Trustees that their application could not be granted, the room being already occupied by the Fire Department.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented the following which was unanimously adopted.
Resolved, that on and after the 20th day of July 1885 the Street sprinklers or Wash paves are only to be used four hours per day, between the hours of half past five o'clock and half past Seven o'clock AM and half past five and half past Seven o'clock PM.
Any violation of this provision will [Page 583] subject parties so offending to a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented the following which was adopted.
Resolved that the Superintendent of the City Water Works, be and his is hereby instructed to notify the people by printed circular that the water rents are now due for nine months, three dollars on each house and place of business and special prices fixed by City Ordinance, parties paying at the Superintendent's office next door to the Mayor's office, to S J Quinn, Supt on or before August 10th 1885, will be allowed a discount of five percent for prompt payment.
On Motion, Mr Knox, The Supt of Water Works was directed to have printed and circulated 1000 copies each of the resolutions concerning Street Sprinkler, and payment of Water rents.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm called the attention of the Council to the dilapidated condition around the Alms House and also to the fact that the Alms House needed painting.
On Motion, the Committee on Poor was authorized to have the fencing put in proper order and also the necessary painting upon the Alms House done.

A communication from members of Shiloh Baptist Church was presented and read asking the Council to open Hawk Street from its present terminus to Shiloh Cemetery
On Motion the communication was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Hirsh called the attention of the Council to the side walk on Princess Ann Street, between the Coloured School house and Rail Road Depot, no action was taken.

A Communication from Mr McCracken & others was presented asking for the opening of the alley [Page 584] from Princess Ann to Caroline Street
Mr Wisner being present on motion he was allowed to be heard on the subject of the Communication

On Motion, Mr Knox, the subject was referred to the Street Committee for examination and report also to examine into and report upon the matter of the alley having its outlet upon Hanover St

The Mayor reported the sum of \$18.00 fines since last 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 July 31st 1885
Present Jos Hazard, Mayor
M B Rowe, Recorder

H R Gouldman, J S Berryman, J S Knox, T McCracken, J G Hurkamp, J W Colbert, J H Myer, W Tomlinson, E D Cole, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh

The Major read a communication from Mr J J Young, late collector of taxes asking that he be allowed until 1st November next in which to complete his delinquent lists.

Mr Myer offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the application of Mr Jno J Young, late Collector of Taxes for an extension of time in which to collect the tax bills in his hand and furnish his list of delinquents by granted, provided that he make his settlement not later than 1st November next, and that the securities on the Bond of said acquiesce in this extension of time.

The vote upon the resolution of Mr Myer was taken by Ayes & Notes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, Hirsh, Gouldman & Myer 5

Noes Mess'rs Colbert, McCracken, Berryman, Rowe, Tomlinson, Hunter, Cole 7

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 21st 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, J W Colbert, Isaac Hirsh, J S Berryman, H R Gouldman, J H Myer—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 \$7.00 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Myer, Chrmn Gas Comm, stated that the Citizens Gas Co proposed light the City lamps at the same amount as for the past year Viz \$1350 for four foot burners or \$1687.50 for 6 foot burners.

On motion, Mr Rowe, the Gas Committee was authorized to continue the same arrangement with the Citizens Gas Light Co for lighting the Street lamps as last year, viz \$1350 per annum.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Comm, presented a communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y School Board, asking for the Room in the Court House known as the District Court Room, for the use of the Public Schools for a High Grade School.

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the application of the School Trustees for the use of the District Court Room for a High Grade School was granted.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Comm stated that the appn made by the Council for the entertainment of the Normal School had all been expended and there were a few bills still unpaid amounting to about \$5.00 and he asked the Council for an appropriation sufficient to pay the same.

On motion, Mr Myer, The School Committee [Page 587] was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount needed to pay the outstanding bills due for the entertainment of the Normal School.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, reported that about \$1400 Water rents had been collected and paid over to the Treasurer

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 September 18th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, W Tomlinson, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, J S Berryman, J H Myer, C E Hunter—councilmen
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm presented an account of *Free Lance* for printing &c amt'g to \$7.00 which on Motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Tomlinson, Chrmn Street Comm, to whom was referred the application of H Wisner & others in reference to opening alleys between Princess Ann & Main St and also alley to Hanover St, presented a written communication from J G Mason, Commonwealth Atty, setting forth the status of the alleys referred to as shown by the records of the Corporation Court.

Present: T McCracken—councilman

Mr Tomlinson, also reported verbally that it was inexpedient to grant the petition of Shiloh Cemetery Assn as the expense of opening the Street to the Cemetery would involve too great an outlay at present. On Motion, Mr Knox, the reports were received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, stated that the Committee had employed hands and would proceed at once to repair the reservoir, at the expense of the Contractor, Mr Taylor.

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

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 16th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

J S Knox, Isaac Hirsh, J S Berryman, J H Myer, H R Gouldman—councilmen

A quorum of the Council not being present it stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk Council

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday November 20th 1885

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

T Mc Cracken, H R Gouldman, J S Knox, J S Berryman, J G Hurkamp, E D Cole, Isaac Hirsh, W Tomlinson, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

Fred'g News amt'g to \$9.00

J W Adams amt'g to \$5.15

Free Lance amt'g to \$2.50

Mr Knox also presented a communication from J L Marye Exr Mrs Charlotte Thornton dec'd asking the Council to remit the penalty of 5 per cent and interest on the taxes due to the City by Mrs T upon the Real Estate owned by her and devised to her nieces.

On Motion the communication was laid on the table.

Mr Knox, reported that the tax bills for the years 1876 to 1884 inclusive had been received from [Page 590] Mr Young, the late Collector and turned over to the present collector Mr A P Rowe Jr

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Com & Nav Comm, reported two of the wharves formerly reported still in bad condition.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, reported that the Reservoir had been repaired at a cost of about \$300, and read a letter from Mr Taylor, the contractor, asking the Committee to receive the materials left here by him in part payment of the claim.

Present: J H Myer

The Mayor presented a communication from B Goldsmith & others calling attention of the Council to the Market House lot and asking that the drainage &c from the lot be investigated.

The Communication was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to abate the nuisance.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the Pub Prop Committee was requested to have the privies in the Market House lot removed at once.

The Mayor presented a communication from L F Morse of Boston, stating that the Warren Monument Assn of Boston designed petition Congress to aid in erecting a Monument of Gen'l Warren and asking the Co-operation of the Council for the erection of a Monument to Gen'l Mercer at Fredericksburg.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was requested to correspond with Mr Morse and also to confer with any of the surviving members of the Mercer Monument Association of Fredericksburg, in reference to the Monument authorized by Congress many years since, to be erected in Fredericksburg to the Memory of Gen'l Mercer and report.

The Mayor reported fines since last report \$17.55, Dog tags \$370.00

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was allowed a fee of fifteen cents each for issuing Licenses for dogs.

The Mayor stated that the Harbor Improvement Convention would assemble in Savannah on 24th Inst [Page 591] and he had appointed Mess'rs Geo W Shepherd and R B Merchant as delegates to represent Fredericksburg in said Convention.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday December 18th 1885

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, J S Knox, T McCracken, J S Berryman, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp, W Tomlinson, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh, J W Colbert

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Committee, submitted the following amendment to Section 54 of the Ordinance concerning theatrical performances; by “Striking out in the fifth line of said Section the word ‘five’ and inserting the word ‘three’” so as to make the tax three dollars, instead of five as a present
On Motion, Mr McCracken, the rule was suspended for the present meeting
On Motion, the amendment submitted by Mr Knox was adopted.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, submitted the following amendment concerning the City Water Works, Viz.

“Strike out all of Section 13 as found on the 4th page of said ordinance as printed in pamphlet form and insert therefor the following:

“15th day of the month in which the rent falls due, If a bill for water rent shall [Page 592] remain unpaid after that date the Superintendent shall add 5 per centum as a penalty and interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum.”

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the amendment offered by Mr Knox was adopted.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, stated that the Committee had taken all the materials left by Mr Taylor that could be used for the water works amt'g to about \$200; which left a balance due by Mr T of about \$103 and a statement had been forwarded to him for payment.

The Mayor read a communication from G F Downing & others of the Fire Department commendatory of Capt McCracken, Ch'f of the Department and asking the re-election of Capt McC.

Mr McCracken submitted a written report of the Fire Department setting forth a length the action of the Department and showing the importance of this institution to the City in the preservation of property and recommending the Council to foster and encourage the same in every laudable manner.

The Report also showed that the whole expense to the City in maintaining the Department was \$32.00.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount due the Fire Department say \$32 was ordered to be paid.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, Mr T McCracken was unanimously elected Chief of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

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

The Mayor read a communication from S J Quinn, asking at the hands of the Council a re-election to the office of Superintendent of City Water Works.

The Council proceeded to the election of Superintendent of City Water Works, and the ballots being counted Mr Quinn received the whole number of votes cast and he was declared unanimously elected Superintendent of City Water Works for the year commencing 1st January 1886.

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The Mayor presented and read a communication from the Stafford Co Bridge Commissioners desiring to know of the Council what part the City would take in the building or purchasing a free bridge across the Rappahannock for travel between Stafford and Fredericksburg.

Mr Rowe offered the following which was accepted.

Resolved that a Committee of six, three of the Council and three on the part of the Citizens of Fredericksburg, be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the Board of Free Bridge Commissioners of

Stafford County in regard to securing a free passage across the Rappahannock River, to the Citizens of Stafford and Fredericksburg and make report of their action to this body, and if they should deem it expedient to also hold a conference with the present bridge owners in regard to the above matter.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, McCracken, & Knox on the part of the Council, Mess'rs Chs Wallace, F W Johnston, & L O Magrath on the part of the Citizens as the Committee.

Mr McCracken presented a petition from a number of Citizens asking the Council to take some action in regard to simplifying the nomenclature of the Public Streets and grounds in such manner as they may find most expedient and practicable.

On Motion the petition was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, asked permission of the Council to tap the Main pipe of the Water Works to conduct the water to the Alms House.

On Motion, Mr Hunter, the permission was granted.

Mr McCracken, stated that at the last meeting of the Fire Department a Committee was appointed to wait on the Council to ask that a Fire Alarm be provided for the Dept, and as Mr Downing was present, he would be glad to have the Council hear him in regards to the matter.

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On Motion, Mr Downing was heard on the subject and gave his views at length as to the benefit of a Fire Alarm or distinct bell, to the Fire Department.

On Motion the subject of the Fire Alarm was referred to the Pub Prop Comm.

Mr J G Mason, Commonwealth Atty was before the Council and stated that additional legislation was needed in respect to the Alms House Property, regarding taxation and the acquisition of additional land, should the Council at any time conclude to purchase and he had prepared and forwarded to our Delegate Mr Crismond, the necessary requirements, and suggested that it might be well to ask our Delegate to put the bill forward as fast as possible.

On Motion, Mr Knox, Resolved that our Delegate, Hon H F Crismond be and is hereby respectfully requested to use his best efforts to procure the passage of the bill forwarded by Mr Mason, through the Legislature in regard to this Poor House Property.

Mr Cole offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, that Mr Mason, Commonwealth Atty be requested to prepare an Act to be submitted to the Legislature of Va in regard to Registration in the City dividing the City into two wards and requiring vote in the ward which they reside and also the have the City Charter so amended as to make the election of Councilmen biennial instead of annual as a present.

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

The Council then adjourned.

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