

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1886

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At a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday January 15th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, E D Cole, C E Hunter, J S Berryman, I Hirsh, J S Knox, H R Gouldman, T McCracken.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the official Bond of S J Quinn, for \$2000 (as Supt Water Works) with E D Cole and Geo Gravatt as securities was presented and approved.

Mr Rowe, from Pub Prop Comm, reported that the pavement in front of the Town Hall had been completed at a cost of about \$150.

Mr McCracken, Comm Com & Nav Committee, stated that the Committee had requested the Legislature through our Delegate, Mr Crismond, not to remit the fine against Mrs Pittman until the wharf had been repaired. On Motion, The report was received.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Street Comm, reported that the matter of drainage of the Market House lot had be investigated and that the nuisance complained of did not arrive from the lot itself, but from the several lots adjacent.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Comm on Poor, reported the Alms House in good condition and the inmates doing well; two colored men were found recently in the City during the recent cold spell in an almost frozen condition, these were taken charge of by the Committee and were being treated by Dr Herndon. The Committee had been called on for aid from parties outside the Alms House, but as the ordinance restricted them to the Alms House in supplying the Poor at this particular season, and all other times they desired the sense of the Council on the Matter.

Dr Herndon being present stated to the Council [Page 596] the condition of the two men referred to by the Committee

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee authorized to act as they deemed best in the premises.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm called the attention of the Council to the fact of three blind children being a charge on the Corporation, and that one of the children be sent to Dr White of Richmond with the hope that the treatment would prove successful, and the other two could be sent, in such event.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Committee was authorized to send one of the children to Richmond to be operated upon, and to make the best terms it could with the authorities.

Dr. Herndon being present called the attention of the Council to the painful & deplorable condition of a female in the lower end of Town and stated that such treatment of her case as was desired could not be had here, and suggested that she be sent to the Providence Hospital in Washington City, as he had assurance from the authorities there that she would be taken in and cared for. He would go with the woman himself, if the City would defray expenses.

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the sum of \$10, or so much thereof as necessary, was appropriated to pay the expense of the woman referred to & Dr Herndon to Washington.

A communication from the Garfield Guards (colored) asking an appropriation of \$50 to aid in paying the rent of their Armory was presented and read.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated to aid the Garfield Guards in paying the rent of the Armory.

Mr Rowe, Chrnm of the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with the Stafford Bridge Commissioners after reading the correspondence &c which had taken place between the Committee & Commissioners, submitted the following report, which was read.

To the Mayor and Common Council

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Gentlemen,

The Committee appointed by your honorable body to confer with the Bridge Commissioners of Stafford (at their request) in relation to the part of town would take in buying or building a free Bridge desire to report that after repeated meetings and conferences with the Commissioners they made a proposition to your Committee that the Stafford Commissioners would secure a free passage for the Citizens of Fredericksburg across Ficklen’s Bridge, provided that Fredericksburg would secure for Stafford the same right across Scott’s Bridge, Your Committee examined carefully their proposition and they unanimously agreed to recommend to your honorable body to purchase Scott Bridge and make it a present to the County of Stafford, provided they would build an iron bridge at that site. They received our communication and now submit the same proposition that the Committee discussed and could not approve as we considered it impracticable, we now put the whole matter before you that you may express your wish, and continue or discharge your Committee.

Signed, M B Rowe, Chrnm, T McCracken, J S Knox, Chs Wallace, L O Magrath

Mr Cole, Moved that the report be received and the Committee discharged, which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Hunter, moved that the report of the Committee be received, its action approved and the Committee continued, which was also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Notes and adopted by the following vote;

Ayes Mess’rs Hirsh, McCracken, Rowe, Berryman, Hunter, Myer 6
Noes Mess’rs Knox, Cole & Gouldman 3

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Mr Rowe, from the Street Comm, offered the following,

Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to paint the names of the Several Streets on boards or such other material as they may think best, and have them conspicuously posted at the several Street Corners in the Town.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the subject of the resolution was referred to the Street Comm, to enquire into and report the cost of the work to be done.

The Council then adjourned.

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday February 15th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of three members of the Council, Mess'rs McCracken, Rowe & Cole; either of whom would state the object of the Meeting.

Mr McCracken, stated that the Council was called for the purpose of applying to the Legislature for authority for supplying the City with Gas or Electric Light, on certain conditions and to issue Bonds of the City to the extent of \$25,000, not over 6% interest per annum. Mr McCracken presented and read a bill which had been prepared for the consideration of the Council and if adopted, he desired should be at once forwarded to our Delegate & Senator in Richmond, that it might be acted upon at once in the Legislature.

Mr Cole offered the following resolutions which were seconded;

Resolved that the paper read by Mr McCracken be adopted by this Council and that the Clerk of this body be instructed to forward the same at once to our Representative in the Legislature that he may introduce it without delay.

Resolved that our Representative Hon H F Crismond and our Senator Hon W E Bibb be requested to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of said paper at this session of the Legislature.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions, officially signed, be forwarded to our [Page 600] Representative and Senator in the General Assembly by the Clerk of the Council.

The vote upon the resolutions being taken by Yeas & Noes they were adopted unanimously

Ayes Mess'rs Hurkamp, Colbert, Hirsh, McCracken, Berryman, Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer
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Noes 0

On Motion, Mr Cole, the rule was suspended for the present meeting.

Mr Rowe read a letter addressed to Mr C S Scott from Mr James Semple, desiring information as to the lot in which his father, the late R B Semple was entered and if permission could be had to bury his mother on the same lot and erect a monument over their remains.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, Resolved that the request of Mr James Semple to have the remains of his mother interred by the side of her husband, the late Robert B Semple, former mayor of this City, in the lot belonging to the City, in the Fredericksburg Cemetery, and that he have the privilege of erecting a monument over their remains.

The Council then adjourned

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday February 19th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, J W Colbert, J S Berryman, W T Tomlinson, J S Knox, C E Hunter, Isaac Hirsh—councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented a bill of *Free Lance* Co amt'g to \$3.00 which was on motion ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn P Property Comm, called the attention of the Council to several small bills left unpaid by the Committees of last year, to G E Chancellor and others; which bills were ordered to be paid, when properly certified by the Committees.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn P Prop Comm, reported verbally that the Committee enquired into the cost of erecting a tower to the building used by the Fire Department, and exhibited a plan prepared by Mr Wroten of the proposed tower, also specifications for the work; the cost of which would be about \$400. And the Committee recommended that the work be done.

On Motion, Mr Hirsh the report of the Committee was received and adopted.

On Motion Mr Hirsh, the sum of \$400 or as much as thereof as was necessary was appropriated for the building of the Tower and other improvements of the House of the Fire Department.

Mr Berryman presented the following,

Whereas there has been many complaints about the bad and dilapidated condition of our Streets and it does appear that better streets would meet the demands of our Citizens generally, and by making the Streets hard with small round rock would especially facilitate the business of our merchants in the transfer of their goods to and from places of shipment and release [Page 602] the draymen of a great burden of hauling through mud with half loads to the disadvantage of all concerned and believing that such improvement would increase the value of property.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, that the sumo of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose for the exclusive purpose of putting round rock or gravel upon the streets, and this appropriation, shall not be used for any other purpose.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the resolution of Mr Berryman was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Berryman presented a bill of E K Wheeler amt'g to \$4.00 for use of teams &c shoveling snow, which on Motion of Mr Hunter was referred to the Street Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday March 19th 1886

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, H R Gouldman, J S Knox, E D Cole, T McCracken, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$1.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the Ordinance imposing a License tax for the Year 1886-87, fixing the rates at the same as for the year 1885-86 with the exception of the tax on theatricals, which is fixed at three dollars for each performance, instead of five dollars.

On Motion, the Ordinance was unanimously adopted. (see the ordinance, page 3)

Present: Mr J S Berryman

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Committee had advertized for proposals to build the Tower and other work on the House of the Fire Department, and the bids for the same received and opened and the contract for the work was awarded to Mr A J Bowling for \$320, being the lowest bidder & subject to any changed the Council might think proper to adopt.

Mr Rowe also submitted a written report in regard to the improvement of the Jail, with drawings of the proposed improvement, and asked that the Committee be allowed to advertise for bids for the work

Present: W T Tomlinson

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Mr Colbert asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr J W Colbert

On Motion, Mr Knox, The Pub Property Committee was authorized to ascertain the costs of the improvements of the Jail by advertizing for bids for same and report.

Mr Tomlinson, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that the Committee had expended \$70.84 in grading the side walks on Princess Ann St and bills for same had been place in the hands of the Collector of Taxes to be collected from the owners of the property and he asked that the amount expended be place to the credit of the Committee

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the sum of \$70.84 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee

Mr Cole, from the Street Comm, called the attention of the Council to the condition of Princess Elizabeth St from Caroline to Sophia, and stated that certain work was necessary to be done in order to make the street safe for pedestrians &c and prevent the Corporation being liable for damages &c and asked the concurrence of the Council in the premises.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Street Committee was authorized to make such improvements on Princess Elizabeth Street as they deemed necessary

Mr Cole, Chrmn Comm on Poor asked that the sum of \$231.38 expended by the Committee in fencing the Alms House lot and painting &c Alms House be placed to the credit of the Committee.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the sum of \$231.38 was ordered to be placed to the Credit of the Committee on Poor

On Motion, Mr Cole, the Pub Prop was requested to procure plans & specifications with the probable cost of a suitable Brick building for the use of the [Page 3] Fire Department and submit the same to the Council, also that the contract for the building of the Tower with Mr Bowling be cancelled for the present.

Mr Tomlinson, Chrmn St Comm to whom was referred the resolution of Mr Berryman reported adversely upon the improvement recommended.

The Mayor reported that the Police Officers had discharged their duties faithfully and on motion, the Treasurer was direct to pay the Police Officers their Salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

The Council then adjourned.

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

Ordinance imposing License Tax of 1886-87

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, in the manner following that is to say there shall be an annual license tax assessed and paid by all persons and firms in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions, and occupations named in this ordinance, and enumerated below for the year beginning on the 1st of May 1886 and ending on the 1st May 1887.

The license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of June 1886

1 st On every License to a steamboat, Steamship, or other transportation Agency(other than Express Companies) in this City the specific tax shall be	\$50.00
2 nd On every License to any person renting houses, farms, or other Real Estate for compensation or profit the tax shall be	\$5.00

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3 rd On every Agent for the sale of Books, or Maps or canvasser for any book, newspaper, periodical, magazine, map, engraving or picture or solicitor for subscriptions thereto	\$10.00
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4 th On every Agent for copying pictures	\$10.00
5 th On every Agent of each incorporated Insurance Company doing business in the City	\$35.00
But this shall not apply to agents of Accident Insurance Companies doing business in the City, upon whom shall be	\$10.00
6 th On every Agent for hiring labor	\$10.00
7 th On every Mercantile Agent or Reporter reporting the financial standing and credit of persons engaged in business	\$25.00
8 th On every Agent for the sale of Real Estate residing or keeping an office in the City	\$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 1886 was less than \$1000	\$10.00
\$1000 and less than \$2000	\$15.00
And where such receipts are over \$2000	\$20.00
All persons other than duly licensed attorneys shall be deemed conveyancers	
10 th On every general auctioneer, whether he receives any compensation for his services or not	\$45.00
11 th On every license permitting a Billiard or pool Saloon to be kept in this City (whether charge is made for playing or not)	\$25.00
Each additional Table	\$10.00
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12 th On every Bagatelle, Jenny Lind, or Dexter table	\$10.00
And if said table is kept in the same house with or is in any way attached to the a bar room, hotel, boarding or eating house, this tax is imposed whether any charge is made by the proprietor thereof for the use of said tables or not, and whether said table is used or not	
13 th On every license permitting a bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley, (whether a charge is made for playing or not) to be kept in this City the tax shall be on each alley	\$10.00
14 th On every Bill Poster	\$5.00
15 th On every Butcher	\$10.00
Whether he sells meat in the Public Market or not; but nothing herein shall be construed in any manner as modifying or conflicting in the general ordinance in regard to the public Market or elsewhere until he has obtained this license and exhibited the same to the Clerk of the Market	
16 th On every person keeping a Bakery or Manufacturing Confectionary	\$10.00
17 th On every person keeping a Boarding House	\$7.00
Any person other than the Keeper of a Hotel, eating house, or restaurant, who shall furnish for compensation diet or refreshments of any kind for casual visitors at his house and sold for consumption therein and who is not the Keeper of a Hotel or boarding house, shall be deemed to keep an eating house or restaurant, but the refreshments herein named shall not consist of wines, spirituous or malt liquors except where parties have license to sell same	
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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
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)	
24 th On every Corn Canker, Eye or other itinerant Doctor or Optician	\$10.00
25 th On every Dauguerian or Photograph 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 Junk Dealer	\$35.00
And for each Canvasser or agent	\$15.00
30 th On every Keeper of Livery Stable	\$30.00
31 st On every two horse Hack, Phaeton, 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 by retail wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or a mixture	
Thereof	\$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 additional	\$80.00
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34 th On every keeper of a Bar Room	\$80.00
But this license shall not cover the right to retail liquor not to be drunk where sold	
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 \$1.00, a Bitch \$1.50	
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 1886 did not exceed the sum of \$1000	
The tax shall be	\$10.00
where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1886 did not exceed \$2000 tax shall be	\$15.00
on all purchases over \$2000, the tax shall be 50¢ on the \$100 of said purchases, 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 engaged in the sale on the street or other public places, of patent medicines	
or other articles by Auction or otherwise \$2.50, for each day or night. This license shall	
be a personal privilege and only be granted by the Mayor	
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44 th On every person selling oysters or fresh fish	\$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
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 or other articles	\$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 The specific license tax on every show, every Circus and on the exhibition of a Menagerie	
\$50 per day, outside shows on the outside shows whether attached thereto or not	\$5.00 each
54 th On every license to a Theatrical performance of any kind whatever, Juggler, Necromancer, or any other exhibition of like kind the tax on each performance day or night shall be	\$3.00
55 th On every Telegraph Company	\$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	

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57th Every person or firm keeping a wood yard in this City shall pay on each yard so kept a specific license tax of ten dollars (\$10) for each year or fractional part thereof

A discount of five percent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before the May 15th 1886.

A Commission of 2½ percent shall be allowed the collector on all licenses by June 1st.

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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 16th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last [meeting] were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the following accounts which were ordered to be paid Viz

<i>Fred'g News</i> amt'g to	\$4.00
J W Adams amt'g to	\$2.25

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Committee had advertised for and received bids for the enlargement and improvement of the Jail and that Mr Geo W Wroten being the lowest bid say \$2250 for the work, he was entitled to the contract for the same, and the Committee unanimously recommend that the work be put under contract at once.

Mr McCracken offered the following which was seconded:

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be authorized to contract at once with Mr Geo W Wroten for the enlargement and improvement of the Jail, and that the sum of \$2250, be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying for said work.

The vote upon the resolution being taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Rowe, Berryman, Gouldman, Myer	6
Noes	Mr J S Knox	1

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Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm Stated that the Committee was not yet prepared to report upon the cost of a House for the Fire Department, no plans having been submitted.

Mr Rowe, from the Comm, on Public Schools, submitted and read a communication from Mr J M Holliday, Supt Schools, in reference to holding a State Normal School at Fredericksburg during the Summer, and he offered the following which was adopted.

Whereas the Board of Education will soon designated the places where Normal Schools are to be held in Virginia this summer, and
Whereas Fredericksburg is the most Central place and convenient point for such a school in this part of Virginia and will draw large numbers as was evidenced by the attendance here last summer, who expressed themselves delighted with our pleasant town and hospitable people, and
Whereas our citizens expressed a desire at the close of the last Normal to have another held here this year:
Resolved that a Committee of three from the Council be appointed who shall be authorized to associate with them such number of our Citizens as they may desire to take the Matter in hand and use their influence with the Board of Education to have Fredericksburg designated as one of the places for hold Normal Schools this summer.
Resolved that this Committee be authorized to inform the Board of Education that a suitable building for the school and rooms for lecturers and recitations will be furnished by the City and that the City agrees to bear all necessary individual expenses of running the Schools.
The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Hunter and Hirsh as the Committee.
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Mr McCracken submitted the following which was adopted
To the voters of the City of Fredericksburg:
Whereas by act of Assembly, approved February 1885 it is provided:
That there shall be a new registration of the voters of the City of Fredericksburg to be made at such time during the year 1886 as may be determined by the Council of said City by which said voters shall be registered only on the book of the ward or election precinct in which they respectively reside: notice of the time and place or places for such new registration shall be given by said Council by the publication in the Newspapers of said City and by printed hand bills posted in at least ten public places in each of said wards or precincts for at least ten days prior to the beginning of such registration.
2nd The registrants of said wards or precincts shall sit for five days at the place or places designated for such new registration.
3rd The registration made under this act shall have the same force and virtue as though made under the said general registration laws: shall be revised, altered, added to and amended in the mode prescribed by said general laws and shall take the place of all registration of voters heretofore made in and for said City:
Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of Fredericksburg, that the said new registration shall begin on Tuesday the 4th day of May 1886 and continue for five consecutive days: that the place for the registration of the voters of the upper ward, or those residing to the north west of George Street be the room adjacent to the Mayors office in the Town Hall; and the place for the registration of the Lower Ward or those [Page 13] residing to the Southeast of said George Street be the Court house building.
Resolved 2nd That this notice be published for three times in each of the News papers of the City, and that hand bills containing the same be posted in at least ten public places in each of said wards, at least ten days prior to said 4th day of May 1886.

Mr Rowe offered the following which was adopted
Whereas the interests of Fredericksburg demand the erection of a suitable public building in which the business of the United States Government may be more conveniently transacted and
Whereas Congress has evinced a willingness to make liberal appropriations for the improvement of the old or erection of new government buildings in other portions of the State:
Resolved that our Representatives in Congress and Senators Mahone and Ridleberger be requested to write in asking an appropriation for the erection of a public building in Fredericksburg:
Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Hon Thos Croxton, with the request that he invite the cooperation of the Virginia delegation in Congress in this matter and also a copy to each of the Virginia Senators.

A petition signed by the Draymen of Fredericksburg asking the Council to remit the License tax on Drays, wagons & carts was presented and read, and on Motion of Mr Knox the same was laid on the table

On Motion, Mr McCracken, Mr W Seymour White was permitted to be heard in reference to License tax against him for two years, 79 & 80, and which he thinks he has paid, and asked that the same be remitted. On Motion Mr Rowe, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

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The Mayor reported \$48.50 Fines collected since last report.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday April 28th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

H R Gouldman, J H Myer, Isaac Hirsh, J W Colbert, E D Cole, W L Tomlinson—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of take such action as deemed proper in respect to the memory of the late Jno G Hurkamp, a member, highly esteemed and of influence of the Council.

Mr Jno H Myer presented the following which was unanimously adopted

The Melancholy occasion which convenes the Council is one of no ordinary sorrow and loss to this body and to the Community it represents. The death of any good and useful citizen is a sad event; but when a Citizen and Member of this Council dies such as John G Hurkamp, who for 43 years lived among our people, filling well and worthily large and important relations to the community, it is especially fitting that this body shall put on record a faithful tribute to his life and Character.

Few of our Citizens remain to testify to the beginning of the Career of the deceased brother as he entered our town in 1843 a young man without money or influential friends, but with an honest heart, a resolute will and indomitable energy, by his sturdy arm, well trained in a useful industry, he steadily built up a reputation for skill and capacity, which soon enabled him to begin manufacturing on his own account. His business operations were conducted with such intelligence, integrity and energy as to expand with healthy progress, until for 30 years past he prosecuted one of the largest manufacturing interests [Page 16] of Fredericksburg, He was not merely an energetic and successful business man; he was full of public spirit, and co-operated heartily in every hopeful enterprise to advance the propriety of the town, and promote the welfare of the citizens. He loved his adopted home, and his time and means were ever ready to be spent in enlarging its material interest, and contributing to the social welfare of its people.

As a Citizen, Neighbor and friend, he was uniformly kind charitable and true. The people of Fredericksburg appreciated his worth as a Citizen, and his capacity for usefulness in public trusts; and among other marks of their esteem and confidence elected him continuously for many years past a member of this body. In discharging his duties here he was zealous in the advocacy of every measure designed for the public good which met his approval, prompt and efficient in his labours as a representative and uniformly courteous and agreeable to his associates.

It is therefore with a sad sense of the loss sustained by the Community and by the Council in the death of our esteemed associate that this Council resolves,

1st That the Common Council of Fredericksburg deeply deplores the death of John G Hurkamp as a serious loss to the town and us depriving this body of a valuable and esteemed member.

2nd That this Council will attend his funeral as a body, and that this paper expressive of our esteem for our deceased brother be spread upon the minutes of the Council.

3rd That the Clerk of the Council communicate a copy of this paper to the family of the deceased and request its publication in the newspapers of the Town.

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On Motion, Mr Cole,

Resolved that the Mayor request the Municipal officers of the Town to meet with the Council and attend the funeral of our deceased brother J G Hurkamp.

The Mayor was requested to procure suitable mourning for the members of the Council and others attending the funeral

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 May 21st 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

C E Hunter, J H Myer, Isaac Hirsh, J S Berryman, E D Cole, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented and read a Communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y of School Trustees, informing the Council that the term of Service of W H Cunningham & O D Foster expired on 4th April last and asking that the Council elect their successors at the present meeting.

Mr W H Cunningham was nominated for the upper ward and Mr O D Foster for the Lower Ward as Trustees, to serve for 3 years and balloted for, and the ballots being counted and Mr W H Cunningham was declared elected as School Trustee for the Upper Ward for three years from the 4th April 1886, and Mr O D Foster was declared elected as School Trustee for the Lower Ward for three years from the 4th April 1886.

Present: H R Gouldman, councilman

Mr Rowe, Chrnm P P Comm presented a bill of M E Church, South amt'g to \$9.00 for benches for Fire Department which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe stated that Mr Cole, US Revenue Collector had applied for the use of a part of the Rooms (now occupied by the Water Department and the tax Collector) in which to conduct the business of his office. The Matter was referred to the Public Prop Committee.

Mr Cole, Chrnm [Street Committee?] presented the application of J T Layton for the privilege of erecting a [Page 19] Shed in front of his Store on Commerce Street.

On Motion, the application was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Hirsh, presented a bill of R P Hall amt'g to \$2.16 and stated that the work was not ordered by the Water & Pump Comm and the Committee desired the Council to act on it, On motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Water & Pumps.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, Reported the Alms House is in good condition and all working well, three of the inmates had been discharged recently.

Mr Cole presented a communication from Mr T F Stonebraker, asking the privilege of using the Corner of Main & Charlotte Streets for repairing his machines promising not to interfere with the travel on the Street during the time.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the application of Mr Stonebraker was granted.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 February 19th 1886

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

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 \$25.50

Fred'g Star amt'g to \$14.50

Isaac Hirsh amt'g to \$10.25

Mr Rowe presented the An'l Report of the P Property Committee, shewing am't expended for the year, \$659.50.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the report was received and ordered to be filed, and the sum of \$59.60 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Tomlinson, Chrmn Street Comm, submitted the Annual Report of the Committee, shew'g am't expended \$899.91 for repairs of Streets &c

On Motion, Mr Myer, the report was received and ordered to be filed, and the sum of \$16.57 was appropriated to cover the deficiency.

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn of Comm on Water & Pumps, submitted the Annual Report of the Comm, shew'g am't expended on pumps for the year \$102.16

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

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Com & Nav Comm, stated that the Committee had no formal report to make. The Committee had expended nothing, they had to report that the wharf which had been often before reported and the matter now in Court, was not yet repaired.

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Mr Myer, Chrmn Gas Comm, submitted the Annual Report of the Committee, shew'g am't expended for Gas and Gas Lamps and repairs of \$1529.25

On Motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$29.25 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Comm, stated the Committee would not be able to report until next meeting.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm, presented the Annual report of the Committee, shew'g am't expended for the Poor including improvements upon the property and assistance to poor outside of the Alms House \$1533.15

On Motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$101.77 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Myer Chrmn Park Committee, presented the Annual Report of the Committee shew'g am't expended upon "Hurkamp" Park for the year \$139.70.

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$39.70 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm, submitted the Annual Report of the Comm shewing the Receipts for Water Rents to Jan 15 /86 \$3650.47, balance on hand July 1st from Sale of Bonds \$865.71, Expenditures including interest on Water Bonds and Superintendent Salary \$4502.02, leaving balance due Treasurer \$25.84.

The Report also shews \$1143.68 due by various persons for Water Rent, \$474.22 Material on hand, and \$90.45 due by Colo W W Taylor; Mr Knox also submitted the Annual Report of S J Quinn, Supt Water Works, which was read, and on Motion Mr Hunter the report of the Committee was received and the Report of the Superintendent of Water Works was directed to be spread upon the minutes.

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The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr W H Cunningham as Trustee of Schools for the Upper Ward, which was read and on Motion, the resignation was accepted.

Mess'r S J Quinn & Isaac Hirsh were nominated to fill the vacancy in the School Board occasioned by the resignation of Mr Cunningham balloted for, and the ballots being counted, Mr Isaac Hirsh having received a majority of the ballots cast, he was declared elected a member of the School Board from the Upper Ward for the unexpired term of W H Cunningham resigned.

Mr Rowe presented a communication from Mr A A Hudson, complaining of the assessment of his property for two water rents, giving a statement of the matter and asking to be relieved of one of the rents. On Motion the subject was referred to the Water Committee

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Water Committee was authorized to have 600 copies of the Report of the Supt Water Works published in pamphlet form.

The Mayor reported \$29.75 for fines and \$3.50 for Street Licenses since last report.

On Motion, The Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

Mr Berryman moved that the Ordinance concerning Street Sprinkling be so amended as to make the time 4½ O'clock PM & 5½ PM, instead of 5½ & 6½ PM as at present, and Mr Rowe moved to suspend the rule in order that [Page 23] Mr Berryman's might be taken up. The Motion was put to the vote and it was lost.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Council adjourned subject to the Call of the Finance Committee

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday June 29th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

H R Gouldman, I S Knox, E D Cole, J H Myer, J W Colbert, I Hirsh, T McCracken, W T Tomlinson—
councilmen

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, presented and read the annual report of the Committee shewing the financial status of the City at the close of the Fiscal Year.

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Mr Knox also presented the Ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1886-87, which is in the following words.

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On Motion Mr Myer, the report of the Finance Committee and the Ordinance levying taxes for the Year 1886-87 were unanimously adopted.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn School Committee presented the written Annual report of the Committee which was read, shewing the Schools at the close of the Session to be in excellent condition. The Corps of teachers being unremitting in their labors to advance the pupils in their Studies, and the pupils making rapid progress in the same, The Committee in their report ask an appropriation of \$2800 for the support of the Schools for the Coming session.

On Motion Mr Myer, the report of the Committee on Schools was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented and read the following as the [Page 27] ordinance making appropriations for the year 1886-87, which on Motion of Mr Hirsh was unanimously adopted.

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Mr Myer presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to Mess'rs T McCracken and Isaac Hirsh, retiring members for their impartiality in the discharge of duty, their zeal for the interest of the City and for their kind and Courteous deportment towards their brother councilmen.

After appropriate remarks in response to the resolution by Mess'rs McCracken and Hirsh, the Council on Motion of Mr Knox adjourned, Sine Die

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg (at the election held on Thursday May 27th 1886) met at the Council Chamber on Thursday July 1st 1886 pursuant to call of Mayor Hazard

Josiah Hazard, Mayor elect in the Chair

The following Councilmen elect having qualified according to law took their seats at the board Viz
Js S Knox, O D Foster, W T Tomlinson, E D Cole, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, M B Rowe, J S Berryman,
H R Gouldman, J W Colbert, C E Hunter, J H Myer

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

On Motion the Salary of Clerk Council was fixed at \$75.00 per annum.

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

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

Mess'rs A P Rowe Jr & Jno J Young were nominated and balloted for as Collector of Taxes, rents &c and the ballots counted and resulted in the unanimous election of Mr A P Rowe Jr as Collector of Taxes &c for the ensuing year.

W C Smith & Geo A Mills were nominated and balloted for as Clerk of Market and ballots counted, Mr W C Smith was declared elected Clerk of Market for ensuing year.

Mess'rs R W Hart & W C Littrell were nominated and balloted for as Weigher of coal and Measurer of Salt &c and on 1st ballot there was no election, each receiving 6 ballots, on the 2nd ballot Mr Littrell was declared elected (he having received a majority of the ballots cast, Measurer of Salt & Weigher of Coal for the ensuing year.

Mess'rs R W Hart and W C Littrell were nominated and balloted for as Measurer of Wood, Lumber &c and the ballots counted resulted in the election of Mr W C Littrell as Measurer of woods, lumber &c for the ensuing year.

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

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

Mr J P Rogers was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for 12 months from 1st September next.

W N Tansill & Thos T Coleman were nominated and balloted for as Scavenger for the Upper Ward, and the ballots counted, Mr W N Tansill was declared elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward for 12 months from September next.

On Motion, the salary of day Policemen was fixed at \$150 per annum.

The following applications were read by the Mayor, Viz; J E Stone, C A Gore, J H Robinson, W F Downs, W H Weaver, M J Gately, M A Cahill, T L Early, J C Mills, R L Jefferson

The Council on Motion, Mr Gouldman, proceeded to the election of two day policemen and the ballots counted, Mess'rs C A Gore & J H Robinson were declared elected day policemen for the ensuing year.

On Motion the salary of night policeman was fixed at \$300 per annum. The Council then proceeded to the election of night policeman and on the first ballot

Mr Rd J Jefferson rec'd	6 ballots
J C Mills	1 ballot
M Cahill	5 ballots

On the 2nd ballot Mr Cahill rec'd 8 ballots

Mr Mills	1 ballot
Mr Jefferson	3 ballots

Mr Martin Cahill having received a Majority of the votes cast he was declared elected night policeman for the ensuing year.

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The Mayor called the Recorder to the Chair and retired. Mr M B Rowe, Recorder in the Chair

Mr Knox moved that the salary of the Mayor be fixed at \$300 per annum which was seconded. Whereupon Mr Cole moved that the Salary of the Mayor be fixed at \$400, which was also seconded, put the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Tomlinson, Cole, Hunter, Myer & Rowe 6

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Berryman, Gouldman 6

The vote was then taken upon the Motion of Mr Knox to fix the Salary at \$300 and it was lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Berryman, Gouldman 6

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Tomlinson, Cole, Hunter, Myer, Rowe 6

Mr Wroten moved that the salary of the Mayor be fixed at \$350 per annum which was seconded put of the vote by Ayes and Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Cole, Tomlinson, Colbert, Hunter, Gouldman, Myer, Rowe 9

Noes Mess'rs Griffin, Foster, Berryman 3

The Mayor returned and resumed the Chair. The Recorder, Mr Rowe vacating.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees

Finance, J S Knox, C E Hunter H R Gouldman

Public Property, M B Rowe, G W Wroten, M H Myer

Streets, J S Berryman, G W Wroten, J W Colbert

Water & Pumps O D Foster, J W Colbert, G W Wroten

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Commerce & Navigation W T Tomlinson, J H Myer, E D Cole

Gas M B Rowe, E D Cole, H R Gouldman

Public Schools J M Griffin, J W Colbert, J S Berryman

Ordinances H R Gouldman, O D Foster, J S Knox

Alms House E D Cole, M B Rowe, J S Berryman

Park J H Myer, O D Foster, W T Tomlinson

Health C E Hunter,, W T Tomlinson, J M Griffin

City Water Works, Special J S Knox, C E Hunter, M B Rowe, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 July 16th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, G W Wroten, J S Berryman, O D Foster, E D Cole, J S Knox, H R Gouldman—Councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Comm, presented the following accounts, which were ordered to be paid Viz
J W Adams \$3.65

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the work on the Jail was progressing and would be finished about 1st August.

Mr Berryman, Chrmn Street Comm reported that work on the Streets was progressing and the Streets would soon be in good condition.

Mr Foster, Chrmn pump Comm, reported that one of the pumps needed repairs and the Committee had ordered it to be put in good condition.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm, reported that the Committee had contracted with the Citizens Gas Co to light the Street lamps or furnish gas for the same at \$1200 per annum.

The Mayor read communications from Mrs J A Perry and A A Hudson, complaining of excessive Water Rent against them and asking to be relieved of a part of the rent.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the communications were referred to the Water Committee.

Mr Cole, submitted two new ordinances which were read, one making it punishable with a fine for carrying concealed weapons, the other to punish with fine any person [Page 34] or persons for swearing or using obscene or vulgar language or shall be found drunk on the Streets of the City.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Ordinances were referred to the Ordinance Committee

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 August 20th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

Geo W Wroten, W T Tomlinson, J M Griffin, J S Berryman, J S Knox, O D Foster, E D Cole, J H

Myer—councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, stated that application had been made by Mrs C E Ford to refund to her \$1.88 for taxes twice paid in 1882 on property owned by her.

On Motion, the application was referred to the Finance Committee for settlement

Mr Berryman, Chrmn Street Comm, reported the Streets in good condition

Mr Foster, Chrmn Comm on Water & Pumps, reported that the Committee had contracted with Mr T T Coleman for repairing of pumps for the sum of \$100 for the year.

Mr Foster, from the Ordinance Committee stated that in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee they were unable to report upon the ordinances referred to them at the last meeting.

On Motion, Mr Cole the rule was suspended for the present meeting.

The Mayor presented and read an ordinance concerning defective walls &c

On Motion, Mr Cole, the ordinance was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

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Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm, reported that the Committee had contracted for Wood & Coal the Alms House for the present year.

Mr Knox, Chmn City Water Works, to whom was referred the communication of Mrs Perry & Mr Hudson asking to be relieved of Water tax twice charged on their property, reported unanimously against the application.

Present: H R Gouldman

The Mayor presented a communication signed by James Goodrick, J G Heflin & others in the vicinity of Narrow Guage Rail Road asking the privilege of letting their geese run at large promising that the geese should not molest citizens or property.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the communication was laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 September 17th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

E D Cole, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin, J S Knox, O D Foster, J H Myer, G W Wroten, J W Colbert-councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented to the Council the Official Bond of A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes, with M B Rowe, Z M Honey, E D Cole & S E Haislip sureties in the penalty of \$10,000 which bond was approved by the Finance Comm, and the Council, was ordered to be delivered to the Mayor to be deposited in National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

The Commissioner of the Revenue, Mr A B Bowering, having completed his land & property books for the Year 1886 and delivered the same to the Treasurer, on Motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay to Mr Bowering his salary for the year 1886 amounting to Two hundred and fifty dollars.

A bill of *Free Lance* amounting to \$7.00 was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox presented a communication from Dr S W Carmichael & others, Medical Committee, stating that a meeting of the Medical Society of Va would be held in Fredericksburg on 26th October and it was the desire of the Committee to tender the Society a banquet during their stay in the City. The Committee asked the Council to make a small appropriation to aid them in carrying out their desired plan or object.

Present: W T Tomlinson—councilman

On Motion, Mr Griffin,

Resolved that the sum of \$100 be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of [Page 38] aiding the Medical Committee in the proposed banquet to be tendered to the Va Medical Society during their meeting in October next.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Ordinance [Comm] presented the following ordinance which was adopted.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg that when it shall be alleged by any two residents upon complaint to the Mayor that any building chimney or wall of any kind hath become dangerous to the citizens or to adjoining property by dilapidation or otherwise, the Mayor shall have the owner thereof summoned before him, and upon proof that the said Building, Chimney, or Wall, or any part thereof is dangerous as aforesaid, the Mayor shall order the owner or his agent to remove or repair the same, or so much thereof as is dangerous.

And if such order be not obeyed within a reasonable time to be fixed by the Mayor in his order he shall direct the Chairman of the Street Committee to cause such removal or repairs to be made forthwith at the expense of the City, but the costs thereof shall be repaid to the City by the owner of said property together with twenty per centum for damages, said costs and damages to be enforced and collected as fines and taxes are authorized to be enforced and collected.

Mr Gouldman presented and read an ordinance concerning carrying concealed weapons &c
On Motion Mr Foster, action upon the ordinance was postponed until next meeting.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr C A Gore, asking an increase of his salary as police officer or that he be placed upon an equal footing with the other officers as to salary &c.

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Mr Knox presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that in the opinion of the Council another night watchman being rendered necessary and that this Council proceed to elect such officer and that his salary be fixed at \$150 per annum from date.

Mr Wroten nominated Mr C A Gore as night policeman, and being balloted for and the ballots counted, Mr Gore was unanimously elected night policeman from this date.

The Mayor having reported favourably on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

Mr Robinson, an occupier of one of the stalls in the Market House being present was permitted to be heard in reference to the condition of the Market House. Mr R stated at length the condition of the house and that it would be impossible for it to be kept clean or in decent condition with a proper enclosure or having a watchman on the premises night and day.

On Motion, Mr Knox

Resolved that the matter relating to protecting the Market House from nuisance be referred to the Public Property Comm; with power to do what they may consider necessary in the premises.

The Council then adjourned,

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 12th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

E D Cole, J M Griffin, H R Gouldman, G W Wroten, J H Myer, J W Colbert, O D Foster—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of Mr J R Clark of Baltimore MD, one of the owners of the Woolen Mills property here.

Mr Clark being present was on Motion permitted to be heard.

Mr Clark stated that his appearance before the Council was to ask that the taxes upon his property (Woolen Mills be place at the same as the past and preceding years viz \$125 upon a valuation of \$10,000; that he was not aware of the exemption having expired or he would have made application before and he hoped the Council would consider the application favourably.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the application of Mr Clark was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The Council then adjourned,

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 October 15th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

J H Myer, G W Wroten, E D Cole, J S Berryman, J S Knox, J M Griffin, W T Tomlinson—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm an account of *Free Lance* for printing amt'g to \$3.00 which on motion, was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, stated that Capt J P Woody handed him certain tax bills presented by Collector Rowe for payment, which Capt Woody alleges he has paid to the former Collector, Mr Young, and the matter is brought to the notice of the Council for such action in the premises as is necessary.

On Motion, the matter was referred to the Finance Comm, for investigation and report.

Mr Wroten from the Pub Prop Comm, in the absence of the Chairman reported that the Committee had contracted with Mr A M Garner for putting gates to the Market House.

The Mayor presented a communication from Capt J W Barney asking the Council to refund the tax in \$3200 Corpo Bonds paid by him which Bonds were erroneously assessed by the Corporation.

On Motion the communication was referred to the Finance Committee for Settlement.

The Mayor also presented a communication from Marye & Fitzhugh in behalf of J R Clark asking a reduction in the tax on the Woolen Mills property.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the application was [Page 42] referred to the Finance Committee.

The Mayor read a Circular of invitation from the Bartholde Statue Assn of New York, soliciting the presence of the Council at the unveiling of the Statue in New York on 28th Inst.

The Attention of the Council was called by the Mayor to Section 4 of the Ordinance concerning weighing Hay &c and the amendment was discussed.

The Mayor stated that he had been asked by many citizens to request the Council to make a change in the hours for sprinkling, and he hoped the same action would be taken.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the rule was suspended for the present meeting.

On Motion, Mr Knox

Resolved that the ordinance relating to the hours of sprinkling be changed for the winter sprinkling; from October 1st to April 1st 6 to 8 O'clock in the Morning; 4½ to 6½ O'clock in the evening; the summer hours to remain as they are form April 1st to October 1st

The Mayor reported fines since last report \$49.00; Dog collars \$278

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 November 19th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

G W Wroten, J H Myer, J M Griffin, O D Foster—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 Thursday December 2nd 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Berryman, G W Wroten, E D Cole, O D Foster, J H Myer, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of a number of its members to consider the question of the purchase of a Road Machine for the use of the City

Mr Berryman, Chrmn of Street Comm, stated that the Committee had examined and used the machine held by Mr Squire and that the Committee thought it would be to the interest of the Corporation to purchase the same at not over \$150 and the Committee recommended the purchase

Mr T T Stonebraker being present was by permission heard in reference to the machine.

On Motion, Mr Cole

Resolved that the Street Committee be and they are hereby authorized to purchase a Road Machine for the use of the City and that the sum of \$150, be appropriated for the purpose.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, 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 December 19th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

G W Wroten, J H Myer, W T Tomlinson, E D Cole, O D Foster, J S Knox, J M Griffin, J S Berryman, C E Hunter-Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance reported that the Committee had given Capt Barney an order on the Treasurer for \$38.00 amount of taxes erroneously assessed against him, also that the Committee had directed the Collector of taxes to credit Capt Woody with the amount of taxes paid by him to Mr Young former collector; the Committee reported adversely upon the application of Mr J R Clarke for reduction upon the Woolen Mills Property.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the report of the Committee was approved and adopted

Mr Knox presented an account of R B Merchant amt'g to \$24.00 for advertising &c, on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr Merchant \$21.00, and the balance amt'g to \$3.00 was referred to the Pub Property Committee
Present: Mr J W Colbert

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that Mr Garner had completed his contract for the gates at the Market House.

Mr Berryman Chrmn Street Comm, reported the streets in good condition, repairs to pavement still going on

Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Works presented a communication from Capt S J Quinn asking at the hands of the Council a re-election to his present position of Supt City Water Works, and that his salary be fixed at \$900 per annum.

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Mr Berryman moved that the salary of Supt City Water Works be fixed at \$700 per annum, which was seconded, whereupon MR Hunter moved that the salary be fixed at \$900, which was also seconded.
Present: H R Gouldman

The vote was taken upon Mr Hunter's Motion, by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Rowe, Tomlinson, Cole, Hunter, Myer 5
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Berryman, Gouldman 7

The vote was then taken upon Mr Berryman's motion to fix the Salary at \$700 and it was adopted by the following Yeas & Nay vote
Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Berryman, Rowe, Cole, Gouldman 9
Noes Mess'rs Tomlinson, Hunter, Myer 3

Mr S J Quinn was nominated, balloted for, and the ballots being counted he was unanimously elected Supt city Water Works for 12 months from 1st January 1887

Mr Rowe presented a communication from T J Haydon asking to be place on the same footing with Merchants as to weighing of Hay &c
The Matter was discussed and Mr Rowe stated that he would at the next regular Meeting introduce an amendment to the ordinance concerning weighing Hay &c to meet the application of Mr Haydon.

A Communication from a Committee of the Garfield Infantry Co, asking an appropriation of \$100 to aid in paying rent of an armory or Hall for the Company was presented and read.
Mr Knox moved that the sum of \$50 be appropriated for the purpose of paying rent for Garfield Infantry which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Cole moved that the sum of \$75 be appropriated for the purpose of paying rent for Garfield Infantry, which was [Page 46] also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Cole, Colbert, Wroten, Foster, Berryman, Rowe, Tomlinson, Griffin, Hunter 9
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Gouldman, Myer 3

Mr Berryman called the attention of the Council to Spotswood St and suggested that steps be taken to straighten and establish the proper line of said Street.

Mr Myer presented and read an ordinance to compel owners of property to remove the snow from the pavements after a snowfall.

Mr Myer moved a suspension of the rules in order that the ordinance may be acted upon which was seconded, put to the vote and lost.

Capt T McCracken, Chief of Fire Department being present, he was, on motion, heard in reference that it was necessary that 350 feet hose should be procured as it was absolutely needed in case of fires.

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

On Motion, Mr Cole, the Pub Prop Committee was requested to procure and submit plans with probable cost for a brick building for the use of the Fire Department.

An Application from Mr T T Stonebraker for the use of the street adjacent to his warehouse for repairing engines &c for 20 or 30 days was read and on Motion, Mr Gouldman, the privilege was granted.

A communication from Mrs Bettie C Berrey asking to be relieved of a portion of taxes against her property was read.

On Motion the application was referred to the Finance Committee for report
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The Mayor reported sale of Dog Collars to date \$322, Fines \$14.00

The Mayor having reported favorably on motion Mr Rowe, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st inst.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the burying ground known as Potters Field and suggested that some action be taken towards having it enclosed.

On Motion, Mr Knox, The Alms House Committee was authorized to have the Potters Field burying ground enclosed at as reasonable cost as possible.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held December 28th 1886
Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, G W Wroten, J W Colbert, J S Berryman, E D Cole, C E Hunter, J H Myer, W T Tomlinson, H R Gouldman, O D Foster, J M Griffin—councilmen

In the absence of the Clerk Mr J S Knox acted as clerk of the Council

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of the Recorder and other members of the Council and that the Recorder would state the object of the Call.

Mr Rowe presented the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas a bill is now pending before Congress looking to the Completion of the Monument to Mary the Mother of Washington, which said bill makes it a condition precedent to any appropriation for that

purpose that a lot of land on which said monument is situated say 31 feet square shall be conveyed with all the right, title and interest thereto to the United States, and the Legislature having authorized the same; therefore be it

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with the owner and ascertain from him in writing what he will convey by a good and sufficient deed and at any time within the next eighteen months to be approved by the Attorney General of the United States, such lot of ground together with the right of ingress, egress and regress thereto, for all the people [Page 49] of the United States, and ground enough on which to erect a keepers house, it being the intention of the Corporation to purchase and convey said lot to the United States, if it can be obtained at a reasonable price in the event of a sufficient appropriation being made by Congress to complete said Monument.

And said Committee are directed to report back to the Council Forthwith

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Foster & Knox the Committee under the resolution.

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk.

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