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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday January 6th 1886

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

Mr Rowe from the Committee appointed at the Council on the 28th December 1886 presented the following report.

Your Committee appointed at a Special Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 28th December 1886 to investigate and make report as to the title of the land on which the Mary Washington Monument is situated would respectfully report that the title to the same is being investigated and when it is ascertained where the same resides, report thereof will be made.

In the meantime your Committee would respectfully suggest that a resolution be adopted requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Virginia to push the bill for the appropriation asked of Congress at the present session, the Council assuring that body that the ground upon which the unfinished monument stands shall be purchased by the City of Fredericksburg and ceded to the United States Government as soon as the title can be obtained.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee continued.

Mr Rowe presented the following which was unanimously adopted,

Whereas it is deemed advisable to push the completion of the Monument at [Page 51] Fredericksburg to Mary the Mother of Washington and

Whereas there is a bill already before Congress appropriating \$20,000 for that purpose;

Resolved that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Virginia be requested to urge the passage of the bill this session of Congress and that they, if they deem it necessary that a committee be appointed to visit Fredericksburg and investigate the present condition of the Monument, they are respectfully requested to use their best efforts to have such Committee appointed.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Clerk was directed to send a copy of the resolutions to Hon Thos Croxton our Representative and to our Senators in Congress, also a copy together with the Committee report to Hon J B Sener

The Council then adjourned J Hazard, Mayor R W Adams, Clerk [Page 52]

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday January 21st 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs Bettie Berrey, asking to be relieved of penalty and interest upon taxes due by her reported adversely upon the application of the petition.

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

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, stated that the Committee was unable up to this time to procure plans &c for a building for the Fire Department, hoped to report next meeting.

Mr Myer called up the ordinances presented by him at the last meeting (and which was laid over under the rules) making it the duty under penalty of every owner of property to remove or cause to be removed the snow after a certain time from the pavement in front of his or her property, also the Street Committee to do the same, from the Crossings of the various Streets and in front of the Public Buildings. The ordinance was read, and on motion of Mr Berryman it was laid on the table.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Committee stated that the Committee had not yet enclosed Potters Field Burying Ground owing to bad weather preventing out door work.

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

J W Adams amt'g to \$1.95 Free Lance office amt'g to \$3.50

Mr Knox presented a communication of Rev'd Arthur St Johns stating that he sent through the mail in November last Coupons of Fred'g 7% Bonds, amounting to Seventy dollars and that the same had been lost or stolen, that notice of the loss had been duly advertised in the Fredericksburg papers and up to the present time no traces of the Coupons had been found, and he asked the Council to pass an order for the payment of said Coupons.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay Rev'd A St Johns amount of Coupons due November 1st 1886 on bonds Nos 209, 213, 292 and 300 amounting to seventy dollars, taking his receipt for same

A communication from Mess'rs Kern, Barr & Co asking a correction upon the assessment upon the Capital of Washington Woolen Mills Co.

On Motion, the Communication was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Mr Rowe presented a communication from S J Quinn in reference to the exposed condition of the Books, papers &c of the Tax Collector and Supt Water Works, in the event of fire and suggested that it might be well to provide a place of safety for delinquent tax & water bills and books of the two departments.

On Motion, Mr Griffin, the Communication was referred to the Pub Prop Committee for report.

Mr Berryman, Chrmn Street Comm, reported the Streets in as good condition as could be expected at this season of the Year.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee, submitted a written [Page 54] report of a conference of the committee with parties representing the Edison Electric Light Co; the report sets forth that the Company claim superior advantage over all other systems of lighting, not only in brilliancy of light, but in economy and safety and that the probable cost of establishing the works here for lighting Streets and all other purposes would be \$25,000; and the Committee suggest that the System should be properly investigated and ask the Council if the investigation shall be made.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the Gas Committee was authorized to make all necessary enquiry and investigation into the system of lighting by the Edison Electric Light or other Companies, and report to

the Council, also that the necessary expenses of the Committee in making the investigation be paid by the City upon their order.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of the *Free Lance* amounting to \$2.25 which was ordered to be paid.

An application of Mr P Hedgman asking the Council to refund to him the sum of \$15 for a license tax paid by him as he alleges illegally, was presented and on Motion, referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Mr Rowe stated that the papers in regard to the Washington Monument had been favourably reported upon and with some prospect of success for our appropriation.

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 18th 1887

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox Chrmn Finance Comm, stated that the Committee was not prepared to report upon the application of Mess'rs Kern Barr & Co, The Committee reported adversely upon the application of Mr Hedgman.

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

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pup Prop Comm presented a plan drawn by Mr G W Wroten, with specifications for a building for the Fire Department.

On Motion, Mr Myer, Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and the Committee be authorized to advertize for bids for the erection of a building for the Fire Department according to the submitted to the Council and report.

Mr Berryman, Chrmn Street Comm reported the Streets in good condition, he submitted a communication from Mr J G Mason, Commonwealth Att'y respecting the width of Spotswood St as taken from the records of the Corporation Court.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the matter of the line of Spotswood Street was referred back to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Rowe from the Washington Monument Committee reported that two of the Committee, Mr Foster and himself had been to Washington and were met by Hon J B Sener at the [Page 56] Depot and through him had an interview with Congressman Barbour & others, also with Senator Mahone. The Committee think that the appropriation asked for will be made at this session of Congress.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the expenses of the Committee visiting Washington was ordered to be paid.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, reported that the Committee had made a contract for enclosing Potters Field and the work would soon be completed. Mr Cole presented a bill of Mrs Murdaugh for medicines &c furnished burnt woman, who was accidently burnt while in Mrs M's employ amt'g to \$13.56 also a bill of Dr Doggett amt'g to \$10 for medical attention to the same person.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the accounts of Mrs Murdaugh and Dr Doggett were referred to the Committee on Poor with power to act.

The Mayor presented a communication from members of the Salvation Army, accompanied with a petition signed by many citizens, asking the privilege of the Council to hold religious Services in the Streets of the City.

Sergeant Geo A Mills of the Salvation Army being present was on Motion, Mr Knox, permitted to be heard and addressed the Council at length in urgent support of the Communication.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the petition of the Salvation Army was left in the hands of the Mayor with power to act.

The Council then adjourned J Hazard, Mayor R W Adams, Clerk [Page 57]

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday March 18th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee submitted the ordinance levying license tax for 1887-8 being in words and figures the same as for the year 86-87. See the ordinance in full commencing on Page 61 and ending on page 67.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Committee after advertising for bids for building the proposed house for the Fire Department received only one bid for erecting the same viz, Mr J W Wroten for the sum of \$1350.

On Motion, Mr Hunter, the subject was laid over for further consideration.

Present: E D Cole, Councilman

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee stated that the Committee was ready to report, but suggested that the report be laid over for the present, as Mess'rs St G R Fitzhugh, Chs Wallace, & T McCracken were present and wished to be heard in the interest of the Agricultural Fair and on his motion the report of the Committee was laid over and Mess'rs Fitzhugh &c were permitted to address the Council.

Mr St G Fitzhugh stated that he appeared [Page 58] before the Council under a resolution of the Agricultural Fair Association, to ask the Council to aid the Association in its object of holding an annual Fair at Fredericksburg, by a subscription to the Stock of the Assn or a donation of \$1000, and also the annual sum of \$360 for payment of rent or interest on the ground purchased by the association for holding the Fair. Mr F urged the appropriation of the sums named, believing that the whole Community would be

largely benefitted by the annual gathering here of a large number of Farmers and others from the surrounding County and other States.

Mess'rs Wallace & McCracken concurred in all that Mr Fitzhugh stated.

On Motion, Mr Knox,

Resolved that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized in the name of the City to subscribe to the Stock of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society of Fredericksburg Va, to the extent of one hundred shares of said Company, said stock to be paid for out of the Revenue of 1887-8 in October next.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm, presented and read a written report giving at length the result of their investigation of the different systems of Electric Light, the cost of lighting under different systems, and also the probable cost of erecting new Gas Works. The Committee states that the Cost of erecting an Electric Plant under the Jenney system is placed at \$23,075, and they recommend the Jenney System of Electric Light as the best and most economical system of lighting the Streets, public buildings, and dwellings of the City; also recommended the adoption of the following; [Page 59]

1st That this Council adopt as the plans for the lighting the Streets and furnishing the inhabitants of the town with an adequate and cheap light, the Jenney System of Arc and incandescent electric light as set forth in the specifications and bid submitted by the Jenney Electric Company of Indianapolis, Ind., at the price mentioned thereon of \$23,075.

2nd That this Council submit said scheme for lighting the town and furnishing the inhabitants thereof with light on the 20th day of April 1887, in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 27th 1886 upon the modification of the 6th Section thereof referred to in the succeeding recommendation.

3rd That this Council through its Committee on Gas or some other Committee petition the General Assembly through our Hon Senator and Representative Mess'rs Bibb and Crismond to so amend the 6th section of the above mentioned Act of the General Assembly as to submit the adoption or rejection of this plan to the freeholders of the town, and so that said plan may be adopted or rejected by a majority of said free holders voting thereon, at any election when it shall be submitted to a vote of the people. After a discussion of the report in which all the members engaged on Motion Mr Knox the report was received and adopted.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Gas Committee was authorized to have 600 copies of their report printed in hand bill form for distribution.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm reported the number of inmates at the Alms House as follows, nine white and eleven colored. The Committee report that the affairs of the Alms House are not working [Page 60] to their satisfaction, owing they suppose to the sickness of the Superintendent, Mr Hooten was now improving and the Committee hope to report a better state of things hereafter.

The Committee report the completion of the enclosure around Potter's Field at a cost of \$65.96, also presents a bill of M B Rowe amt'g to \$16.50 for division fence between his lot and Potter's Field.

On Motion, Mr Berryman, the account of Mr Rowe was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Washington Monument Committee reported the failure to reach the bill in Congress and read a letter from Hon J S Barbour, setting forth the cause of the failure of the bill on not being presented in the House of Representatives.

Mr Griffin presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that inasmuch as the bill appropriating \$20,000 to complete the Monument to Mary, the Mother of Washington, failed in the last Congress for want of time to reach it and inasmuch as we greatly desire the completion of said Monument, it is hereby ordered that the Committee having the matter specially in charge be continued with the request that they continue their efforts to procure the appropriation asked for from the Government for completing said Monument, or make such other effort to raise funds for its completion as they may think proper and judicious.

Mess'rs A B Bowering for the Lower Ward and H J Eckenrode for the Upper Ward were nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected school trustees for three years from the 4th April 1887 at which time their present term expires.

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

The Council then adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk.

Ordinance imposing License Tax for the Year 1887-88

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 1887 and ending on the 1st May 1888. The license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of June 1887

1st 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 2nd On every License to any person renting houses, farms, or other Real Estate for compensation or profit \$5.00 3rd On every Agent for the sale of Books, or Maps or canyasser for any book, newspaper, periodical

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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	
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 [Page 62] 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 1887		
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	
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
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13 th On every license permitting a bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley, (whether a charge is made	
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 modificial an application in the general auditors as in regard to the public means to the public means and the state of the state	
in any manner as modifying or conflicting in the general ordinance in regard to the pub	
Market or elsewhere until he has obtained this license and exhibited the same to the Cle the Market	erk oi
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 hous	e
and sold for consumption therein and who is not the Keeper of a Hotel or boarding hou	se,
shall be deemed to keep an eating house or restaurant, but the refreshments herein name	ed
shall not consist of wines, spirituous or malt liquors except where parties have license to	o sell same
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
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(Butchers buying for their own trade shall not be subject to this tax)	
24 th On every Corn Cancer, Eye or other itinerant Doctor or Optician	\$10.00
25 th On every Daguerean or Photograph artist	\$20.00
26 th On every Express Company having an office or doing business in the City	\$30.00
and no Rail Road Company shall do an Express business in the City, without first	
obtaining a license under this clause	
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 thereo	
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	ΦΩΩ ΩΩ
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	ቀየለ ለለ
License must be taken out additional	\$80.00
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	¢25 00
35 th On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits	\$25.00

And manufacturing malt liquors [Page 65]	\$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	φ 20. 00
39 th On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax to be paid shall be graduated as for	llows
Where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1887 did not exceed the sum of \$1000	
The tax shall be	\$10.00
where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1887 did not exceed \$2000 tax shall be on all purchases over \$2000, the tax shall be 50¢ on the \$100 of said purchases, on all	\$15.00
purchases over \$10,000 and less than \$25,000 there shall be paid a tax of 30¢ on the \$10	0
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	Ψ-5.00
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 medicine	
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 order of the Mayor	
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	¢10.00
Agent of some Rail Road Company with a depot in the City [Page 66]	\$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
When 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 exhibitio	ns \$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 e	
54 th On every license to a Theatrical performance of any kind whatever, Juggler, Necromancer,	
other exhibition of like kind the tax on each performance day or night shall be	\$3.00
55 th On every Telegraph Company having an office in the City	\$50.00
56 th On every person or firm keeping a wagon yard \$10.00 upon each yard for each year or Fractional part thereof	
57 th 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	
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A discount of five percent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before the May 15th 1887. [Page 67]

A Commission of two and one half percent shall be allowed the collector on all licenses by June 1st. [Page 68]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday March 24th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of Mess'rs Knox & others of the Council and the subject of the Call would be laid before the Council

Mr Rowe stated that he had heard there was some dissatisfaction among property holders in regard to the action of the Council at its last meeting on the subject of Electricity; some preferring Gas instead and it was thought best to reconsider the action then taken.

Mr Knox moved that the vote of the Council by which the report and recommendations of the Gas Committee were adopted, at its last meeting be reconsidered, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted unanimously.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved 1st That this Council adopt two plans or schemes for lighting the Streets and furnishing the inhabitants of the town with a good and cheap light to submit to the voters for their acceptance or rejection; namely, The Jenney Electric Light System of arc and incandescent light as set forth in the specifications and bid submitted by the Jenney Electric Co of Indianapolis, Ind., and the erection of Gas Works as set forth in the Report of the Committee.

2nd That this Council submit said plans to a vote of the qualified voters of Fredericksburg for their acceptance or rejection on the [blank] day of [blank] 1886 in [Page 69] accordance with an act of the General Assembly, approved February 27th 1887, with amendments to the first and sixth section thereof referred to in the following.

3rd That this Council by its Committee on Gas, petition the General Assembly through our Hon Senator and Representative, Mess'rs Bibb and Crismond to so amend the first section of the above act as to extend the appropriation for the purposes of light to \$37,500, and the Sixth Section so as to allow the Council to submit two plans to the qualified voters of the town, a majority of whom voting at said election shall adopt or reject either or both of said plans, provided said majority vote embraces a majority of the free holders voting thereon, and provided, further that the plan receiving a majority of the votes cast for light shall be declared the plan for furnishing light for the town.

The Council then adjourned J Hazard, Mayor R W Adams, Clerk [Page 70]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday April 11th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The Mayor announced in appropriate terms the death of Councilman J S Berryman and suggested that the Council take such action as deemed appropriate in respect to his memory.

Mr Cole submitted the following which was unanimously adopted

The Council has heard with profound sorrow of the death of John S Berryman, Esq. which occurred at his residence on Main Street in this City on Saturday last at 10 O'clock PM. He had been an honored and respected member of this body for the past two years, discharging faithfully and well the varied duties of many of its important committees. At the Town election last May the Charter having been changed by the Legislature he was elected to the Council for a term of two years and among the other important duties assigned to him, was the Chairmanship of the Street Committee.

Although having a large private business of his own to look after, he entered upon the new duty assigned to him with promptness and a determination to discharge his duty. In this he succeeded until he was removed by death, for notwithstanding but a short time had intervened since he entered upon this special work, having a limited and meager appropriation he made quite an improvement in our Streets and sidewalks which added [Page 71] materially to the general good appearance of the Town.

Mr Berryman was quite a young man, not yet having reached middle life, but in his short business career he shewed great skill and business tact. About eight years ago he came to Fredericksburg from Fauquier County and soon entered into the Rail Road tie business with Major W S Embrey under the firm name of Embrey and Berryman.

Endowed with energy and business foresight an extensive business was built up which proved a financial success to each partner. In addition to this business, Mr Berryman two years ago engaged extensively as a dealer in Coal which was proving remunerative. This in brief is the business career of this successful young man since his removal to Fredericksburg.

In his public and private affairs, Mr Berryman came in contact with many people, with many of whom he had business transactions and his conduct and dealings were so uniform and just that he won and retained the esteem and confidence of all. He was kind of heart and charitable in disposition. In Mr Berryman we recognize an affectionate husband and father, a true friend, an upright citizen, a Christian gentleman, and a faithful public servant. Therefore we do resolve;

1st That the Council as a mark of respect and sympathy attend the funeral in a body.

2nd That this paper be placed upon the records of the Council, a copy thereof be furnished to the family of our deceased brother, and to the papers of the town for publication.

The Council 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 April 15th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Gouldman from Finance Comm presented accounts of I Hirsh amt'g to \$4.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop called the attention of the Council to the bid of Mr J W Wroten for building the proposed house for the Fire Department.

On Motion, Mr Griffin, the subject was postponed for further consideration.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm, Reported that the Gas Lamps in different parts of the Town were broken and hoped the Police Officers would be on the look out and arrest the guilty parties

Mr Cole moved that the Council now proceed to fill the vacancy in the Council occasioned by the death of Mr J S Berryman, seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Gouldman nominated Mr A K Phillips Jr, who was balloted for, and unanimously elected a member of the Common Council for the unexpired term of the late Jno S Berryman.

Mr W Seymour White being present was by permission allowed to present the application of G E Chancellor & others co-operators for a Street Railway asking the Council to allow the Company the use of the Streets of the City in laying track &c &c under the supervision of the City authorities. On Motion, the application of Mess'rs Chancellor & [Page 73] others was referred to the Street Committee for report at the next meeting.

An application of MR T F Stonebraker was presented asking the privilege of using Charlotte St in front of his warehouse for repairing agricultural implements for a period of 75 days. On Motion, Mr Cole, the application of Mr Stonebraker was granted.

A petition of Mr T F Stonebraker was presented and read asking to be relieved of a fine of \$5 and costs

A petition of Mr T F Stonebraker was presented and read asking to be relieved of a fine of \$5 and costs imposed upon him for violation of City Ordinances; Mr S being present was heard in relation to his petition.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the petition of Mr Stonebraker was laid on the table.

Mr Wroten presented and read an ordinance for the encouragement of building and to induce manufacturing enterprises within the City, which he would call up at the next meeting.

The Mayor presented a communication from the Sedgwick Memorial Association, extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to unite with them in the services of the Association at the Monument to the memory of Gen'l Sedgwick in Spotsylvania Co on 12th May next.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman,

Resolved that the invitation of the Sedgwick Mem'l Assn be accepted and that the Council attend in a body and the Mayor be requested to communicate the acceptance to the Chairman of the Association.

The Mayor presented and read a communication from the Ladies Calhoun Monument Association, extending an invitation to the Mayor and Council to be present at the unveiling of the Statue to the memory of the late John C Calhoun in Charleston, SC on 26th Inst.

On Motion, Mr Rowe,

Resolved that the [Page 74] Council of Fredericksburg gratefully acknowledge the invitation of the Ladies Calhoun Monument Association, to be present at the unveiling of the Statue to the memory of the distinguished Statesman, the late John C Calhoun, and though highly appreciating the same, regret their inability to attend on the occasion; and the Mayor is respectfully requested to communicate this resolution to the Chairman of the Ladies Calhoun Monument Assn.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, Resolved that a Committee of five of the Council and five Citizens be appointed to receive the delegation of the Sedgwick Memorial Assn.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Foster, Griffin, Cole, and Hunter of the Council and Messr's G E Chancellor, H F Crismond, T McCracken, S J Quinn, J W Woltz of the Citizens, as the Committee. On Motion, the Mayor was added to the Committee.

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 Friday April 25th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

Geo W Wroten, J M Griffin, E D Cole, C E Hunter, H R Gouldman, J H Myer, A K Phillips Jr—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Gas Committee for what object the Chairman of the Committee would make known.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee stated that Mr McNat, Agent of the Thomson Houston Electric Light Co desired Permission of the Council to establish a plant in the City as the Company wished to exhibit their light here and if all things suited would permanently locate here, and the Committee recommended that the privilege be granted

On Motion, Mr Cole

Resolved that the application of the Thomson Houston Electric Light Company to exhibit their Light in Fredericksburg be granted subject to the supervision of the Street Committee and provided that the poles and wires belonging to the Company be removed at the pleasure of the Council.

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

Mr Rowe, Chrmn P Property Comm, stated that the contract with the Knights of Pythias for the rent of the Hall would expire on 1st May proximo and the Committee asked the Council for instructions as to renting the Property.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the subject of renting the Hall was referred to the Pub Prop Comm for report [Page 76]

At next meeting or a Called Meeting.

Mr Rowe called the attention of the Council to the meeting of the new Building Fund Assn in the Clerks Office without authority of the Pub Prop Committee.

The matter was discussed at length and on motion, Mr Hunter, the subject of the occupancy of the Public Property was referred to the Public Property Committee for investigation and report.

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 20th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, J S Knox, E D Cole, J M Griffin, G W Wroten, O D Foster, A K Phillips Jr, W T Tomlinson, C E Hunter—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that in accordance with the resolutions of the Council at its last regular meeting, he addressed communications to the Sedgwick Mem'l Assn and Ladies Calhoun Monument Assn, acknowledging their kind invitations to be present at the respective meetings.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented and read a communication from A B Bowering Commr Revenue respecting the alleged erroneous assessment of the property of Kern Barr & Co, On motion, the matter was referred back to the Finance Comm for report at next meeting.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn P Prop Comm, reported that the Knights of Pythias was willing to rent the Hall now occupied by them at \$75 pr an, for five years with the privilege of ten years, provided the Council would agree to do certain repairs which would not cost over \$20.

On Motion, Mr Foster, the Pub Prop [Comm] was authorized to lease the Hall to the Knights of Pythias for five years with the privilege of ten Years at \$75.00 per annum, and to have the needed repairs on the Hall done at the expense of the Corporation.

Mr J W Wroten (through Mr G W Wroten) withdrew his bid for building the proposed house for the Fire Department.

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Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the application of Mess'rs Livingston and others requesting the Council to have a Commission appointed to condemn the land owned by J H Roy & others on Frederick Street in order that the boundaries may be defined as they wished to commence building at an early day.

On Motion, Mr Rowe,

Resolved, that his Honor Judge Slaughter be requested to appoint a commission for the purpose of condemning the land belonging to J H Roy & others on Frederick Street extended, at as early a day as possible.

The application of the Street Railway Co was called up, Mr W S White being present was on motion, heard in behalf of the applicants.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the application was referred to a committee of three to report at the next or a called meeting of the Council.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Wroten, Colbert & Hunter as the Committee.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to issue his proclamation ordering a special election to be held at the two voting precincts in the Town on Thursday June 23rd 1887 to determine the question whether or not the City of Fredericksburg shall own and operate works for furnishing light for the Town, and which it shall be, if any light is adopted, Gas or Electric Light under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly approved Feb'y 27th 1886, as amended by Act approved May 6th 1887.

In order to ascertain the will of the voters voting at said election two sets of tickets and two ballot boxes shall be used,

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separate from any other ballots.

One lot of tickets shall have printed or written on the head thereof the word "Freehold" or "Non-Freehold", and on the body the words "For Light" and "against Light"; The Free holders shall vote the ballot marked "Freehold" and the non-Freeholders shall vote those marked "Non Freehold" The tickets must be exhibited to the Judges of Election, or so folded that they can see the words Free Hold and Non-Free hold, and deposited in the box designated by the Judges for said tickets and counted

In case any voter, claiming to be a freeholder is challenged as such, his ballot shall be withheld until the Judges of election are satisfied as to his claims.

The other set of tickets shall have printed or written on them the words "For Gas Light" and "For Electric Light" and shall be deposited in the other election box and canvassed separately.

When the polls are closed the Judges	shall count the vote and make written returns thereof, in a sealed
package with all the ballots to the Ma	ayor. The returns shall be made as follows
For Light: Total vote.	
Against Light: Total vote.	
For Light: Freehold vote.	
Against Light; Freehold vote.	
For Gas Light.	
For Electric Light	

Upon the reception of these returns without breaking the seal the Mayor shall call a meeting of the Council and lay the returns before it.

A Committee of three shall be appointed by the Mayor who shall canvass the returns and declare to the Council the result, and the Clerk of the Council shall enter said vote on the Minutes of the Council. [Page 80]

If the question of light is carried in the affirmative, the Mayor shall make his proclamation accordingly, and if the Electric Light shall receive more votes than Gas, the Council shall at some subsequent meeting after calling for bids &c decide which Electric Light shall be adopted.

This Special election shall be conducted as elections are under the laws of the State of Virginia. Resolved, that all ordinances and part of ordinances or resolutions heretofore adopted by the Council in conflict with these provisions are hereby repealed.

Mr Griffin stated the effort was being made to have one of the Normal Schools held in Fredericksburg during the Summer and believing that the Citizens generally were favorable to the same, he submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, that the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the incidental expenses of the Normal Institute, provided said Institute be held during the Summer.

Resolved further, that the use of the Court House be granted said Institute during its sessions.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm, reported 19 inmates at the Alms House, health good.

The matter of providing a suitable place for the safe keeping of cows running at large in the night was referred to the Pub Prop Committee.

Mr Cole stated that he was requested by the Young Men's Christian Association to ask the Council to allow the Association to [Page 81] occupy the room in the Court House formerly occupied by the High School in which to hold their meetings.

On Motion, Mr Hunter, the application was referred to the Pub Prop Comm

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 17th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, G W Wroten, W T Tomlinson, J H Myer, E D Cole, O D Foster, J M Griffin, A K Phillips Jr, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, asked for further time to enable the Committee to investigate and report upon the application of Kern Barr & Co, which motion was granted.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Public Prop Comm, presented the Annual report of the Committee, shewing amount expended during the year to be \$2965.56, which amount includes \$2250 and upwards for enlarging and repairing the Jail, and asked an appropriation of \$20 to cover the excess over appropriation.

On Motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed and \$20 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pump Comm stated that complaint had been made to the Committee regarding the pump opposite Dr Johnston's dwelling on Charlotte St and the Committee had at the request of the complainants the handle of the pump removed, subsequently other parties called upon [Page 82] the Committee and asked that the handle be replaced which was done, they promising that the premises about the pump should be kept in order. Two petitions were presented by Mr Foster, signed by a number of Citizens, one asking the retention of the pump, the other that it be discontinued.

On Motion Mr Knox, the petitions were referred to the Pump Comm with power to act.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee, presented the annual Report of the Committee, shewing amount expended for the year to be \$1295.26.

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

Mr Griffin, Chrmn School Comm, presented and read the proceedings of the School Trustees in regard to the coming Normal School and resolutions of that body requesting the Council to make certain improvements in the Court House which they thought necessary for the comfort of the Normal School during its session.

On Motion, the resolutions of School Trustees were referred to the Public Property Committee

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm presented the Annual Report of the Committee, shewing amount expended during the year \$1349.93,this amt includes the expense of aiding poor outside the Alms House, amount actually expended for taking care of the Poor of Alms House \$1064.80; Mr Cole asked that an appropriation of \$154.53 be made to cover deficiency.

On Motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed and \$154.53 appropriated to cover amount overdrawn by the Committee.

Mr Cole gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to the License ordinance, so as to include "Common Criers" in license tax ordinance. [Page 83]

Capt T McCracken, Chief Fire department by unanimous permission of the Council presented and read resolutions of the Fire Department asking the Council to furnish the members of the Department with Gum Boots, as they were much needed when they were called out to extinguish fires &c. On Motion, Mr Griffin, the resolutions of the Fire Department were referred to the Finance Committee

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

Amount of Fines reported by the Mayor \$21.00.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Council adjourned until Tuesday 28th Inst. J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk [Page 84]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 24th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

O D Foster, J S Knox, J M Griffin, H R Gouldman, J H Myer, G W Wroten

The Mayor stated that the Council was called in accordance with resolution of the Council to canvass the vote at the election held yesterday in pursuance of the act of the Legislature determine whether the City shall own its works for supplying the Citizens with a good and sufficient light and what light that shall be, whether Gas or Electricity, and he laid before the Council the returns from the Judges of Election from the Two Precincts, and he appointed Mess'rs J S Knox, M B Rowe & O D Foster Committee under the resolution of the Council to Canvass said returns.

The Committee after canvassing the returns made the following report as the result of the election.

Against Light	Free hold	65	u w		
Against Light	Free hold	49	l w		
Against Light	non Free hold	47	u w		
Against Light	non Free hold	35	l w		
				196	
For Light	Free hold	15			
For Light	Free hold	20			
For Light	non Free hold	05			
For Light	non Free hold	24		64	
Majority against light			132		
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Whole vote	128				
	137				
	265				
For Gas		34			
		60		94	
For Electricity		14			
•		25		39	
Majority in favor of Gas					
Majority in favor of Gas The Council then adjourned					
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 28th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, G W Wroten, J W Colbert, O D Foster, A K Phillips Jr, J H Myer, J M Griffin, C E Hunter

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented an account of Free Lance for advertising & printing electric ticket amt'g to \$35.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, Chrmn presented and read the Annual Report of the Finance Committee, said report setting forth that the Committee had made the annual settlement with A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes and R W Adams, City Treasurer, that the Collections of Mr Rowe were entirely satisfactory and commending his efficiency in his department, that in the settlement of R W Adams, Treasurer account it appeared that the total amount expended by him including \$3180.50 balance due him last year was \$32,166.92 and the total amount received by him from all sources was \$29,803.88 leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$2,363.04

The Committee report no addition to the Sinking Funds, it remains the same as last year;

The City debt remains the same as last year Viz
consisting of 7% Bonds & certificates
and 6% Water Bonds
30,000

also \$2,500 of old 6% Bonds held by Mrs Alexander's Estate

The Committee calls attention to the fact that among the expenditures by the Treasurer is \$983.33 the last payment on Union House property, \$2335.08 for enlarging and improving the City Jail and \$1106 in payment of \$1000 old 6% Bonds and interest held by Mr Brockenbrough of Richmond County, Va [Page 86]

The Committee report that as against the apparent balance due the Treasurer of \$2363.04 he has in his hands the sum of \$6091.82 for Licenses for 1887-88 which will be sufficient to meet expenses until the general taxes are received in October next. The Committee recommend the reduction of taxes to \$1.20 on the one hundred dollars and have prepared the tax ordinance accordingly and recommend its adoption, the Ordinance is in the following words:

Tax bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1887-88.

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 1887-88 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay interests, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

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

50¢

- 2nd On all Real and personal property income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capital in any business Investments, bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies, on Every \$100 value thereof \$1.25
- 3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be The same as that fixed by the State
- 4^{th} A deduction of five per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15^{th} October next [Page 87]
- 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 Rowe, the ordinance of the Committee and the Ordinance imposing taxes for the year were unanimously adopted.

Present: H R Gouldman—councilman

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented the following ordinance making appropriations for the year 1887-1888; which is in the following words

Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Year 1887-88

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 1888 Viz;

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For Interest and Sinking Fund 7% Bonds	\$10,000
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% water bonds	\$2100
Public Schools	\$2500
Alms House	\$1200
Repairs of Public Property	\$600
Repairs of Streets	\$1000
Pumps	\$100
Gas	[Blank]
Park	\$150
Ordinances, Commerce & Navigation	\$50
Salaries	\$2950
Police	\$750
Contingencies	\$2000
City Water Works	\$1000
[Total]	\$24,400
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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, Mr Knox, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee presented the An'l Report of the Committee shewing amount expended for repairs of Streets and pavements \$1190.40, of which \$372.10 was for repairs of pavements charged to individuals to be collect, actual expenditure on Streets \$818.30, \$18.30 in excess of the appropriation which sum the Committee ask to be placed to the credit of the Committee to cover deficiency.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pump Comm, submitted the An'l report of the Committee shewing amount expended on pumps for the year to be \$100.

The Report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Griffin, Chrmn [School Comm] presented the report of the Committee giving a statement of the number of scholars in the Public Schools for the Year as follows; 519 White and 300 colored, shewing a decrease of 91 as compared with 1885-86. No of Teachers employed 11; The High Grade School owing to the death of Prof Swartz was closed about a month before the close of the session.

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

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Mr Knox, Chrmn Water Comm submitted the An'l Report of S J Quinn, Supt City Water Works as the report of the Committee. The Superintendent reports the works in good condition, total number of taps 657; total receipts for Water Rents during the year \$3856.71; Total expenditures including \$1800 interest on Water Bonds \$3381.30; balance to credit of Water Works \$475.41

Calls attention to the condition of the Pump House Building, it being in constant motion when the pump is at work, causing an irregular motion in the machinery; the Supt regards the building as unsightly, too small and inconvenient.

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

Mr Myer, Chrmn Park Comm presented the An'l Report of the Committee shewing amount expended in keeping the Grounds for the year \$246.88; \$96.88 in excess of appropriation.

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and \$96.88 appropriated to cover deficiency.

The Council then adjourned J Hazard, Mayor R W Adams, Clerk [Page 90]

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday July 1st 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, J M Griffin, O D Foster, G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, J H Myer, E D Cole, J W Colbert, C E Hunter, H R Gouldman

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the first business in order was the election of Clerk of Council

The Salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at seventy five dollars per annum

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

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

The Compensation of Collector Taxes, Rents &c was fixed as follows, $2\frac{1}{2}$ percent on all taxes received up to 15^{th} October and 5 percent on all taxes received after that date

Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Collector of Taxes, Rents &c for the ensuing year.

The Salary of Clerk of Market was fixed at Seventy five dollars per annum.

Mr W C Smith was nominated, and unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year. Mess'rs R W Hart & W C Littrell were nominated & balloted for as Weigher & Measurer of Coal, Salt &c and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For R W Hart 7
For W C Littrell 4

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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 were nominated & balloted for as Measurer of Lumber, Wood &c and the ballots being counted, Mr Hart received 10 and Mr Littrell 1 ballot; Mr Hart was declared elected Measurer of Lumber, Wood &c for the ensuing year.

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

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

Mr W N Tansill was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward for 12 months from 1st of September next.

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

On Motion, Mr Knox the Council proceeded to election of two night & day and one day policeman fixing their salaries at \$300 for night and \$150 per annum for day.

C A Gore, M Cahill, L J Jefferson, J H Robinson were balloted for as night policemen and the ballots counted resulted as follows

For C A Gore 10 For M Cahill 9 For L Jefferson 2 For J H Robinson 1

Mess'rs C A Gore and M Cahill having received a majority of the ballots cast were declared elected Night & dag policemen for the ensuing year.

Mr J H Robinson was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected day policeman [Page 92] for the ensuing year.

A Communication from members of Shiloh Baptist Church was read, asking the Council to allow the Church to occupy the Court House a while longer, they paying for Gas and proportion of the expense for new Matting,

On Motion, the Communication was referred to the Mayor.

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 15th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

G W Wroten, J M Griffin, J H Myer, H R Gouldman, C E Hunter, J S Knox, A K Phillips Jr The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the following on respect to the application of the Street Railway Company.

"Recommend the Council to allow the Fred'g Street Railway Co the right to lay tracks and turnouts on Main and Commerce Streets with branches from Main St to the wharf and the two depots, the City Council to instruct the Ordinance Committee to frame an ordinance governing said Street Railway, laying tracks, paving &c, also the time for the work be commenced and finished"

Mr W S White being present was by consent of the Council heard in behalf of the Street Railway Co

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report of the Committee was referred back to the Committee to confer with the Railway Co and report at next meeting.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Committee stated that owing to the absence of a member of the Committee the Committee was unable to report at the present meeting upon the subject of a contract for lighting streets for the year, and asked for further time. Further time was granted the Committee

Mr Griffin presented a communication from Mr J T Knight which was read asking the [Page 94] Council to remit a fine of \$5.00 imposed upon him for violation of the license ordinance. On Motion, Mr Knox, the application of Mr Knight was rejected.

Mr Hunter presented the following ordinance as a substitute for Section 54 of the License Ordinance. "On every license to a theatrical performance of any kind whatever, professional Juggler, Necromancer, or any other exhibition of a like kind whether money or another other thing is charged therefor or not, the tax on each exhibition or performance by day or night shall be \$2.50 and for one week the tax shall be \$10.00. No license shall be granted without a permit from the Mayor which shall be given without charge and he is hereby clothed with the authority to revoke said license at any time for good cause. When such exhibition, performance, or lecture is held or given for any charitable or literary purpose within this City, and the net proceeds actually applied or bestowed within this City to such Charitable or literary purpose, the Mayor shall have power and authority to give a permit for license for such exhibition, performance, or lecture free from all tax or charge and every license included in the clause shall be granted only upon the permit of the Mayor, and each exhibition shall pay the city Collector the sum of Seventy Five cents for collecting, provided however that said Collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection, such license tax shall be paid to the City Collector before any exhibition is held.

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On Motion, Mr Rowe the rule was suspended for the present meeting for the purpose of acting on the Ordinance offered by Mr Hunter.

Mr M B Rowe, Recorder in the Chair, the Mayor vacating,

Mr Knox offered the following as a substitute for the ordinance officer by Mr Hunter which was seconded That Section 54 of the License ordinance be so amended as to reduce the tax for each performance to \$2.50 and that a license shall be issued for a week's performance if required by the applicant for which the tax shall be \$10.00.

The vote was taken upon the substitute offered by Mr Knox and it was adopted.

The Mayor asked to be heard and after some remarks by him, in reference to the receipts &c of the Opera House, the Council, on Motion, 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 Friday July 26th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J S Knox, G W Wroten, J H Myer, E D Cole, J M Griffin, C E Hunter, J W Colbert, O D Foster, H R Gouldman, A K Phillips Jr

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of the Gas Committee, the Chairman of which would state the object of the Call

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the Report of the Committee as to the proposition of the Thomson Houston Electric Co for lighting the Streets of the City.

Mr Rowe read the report of the Committee which stated that the Committee requested bids from the Citizens Gas Co and Thomson Houston Electric Light co, The Gas Co submitted a bid of \$1464 for lighting 60 lamps, but declined to bid for 85 lamps as suggested by the Committee.

The Thomson Houston Co proposed to light 30 lamps in portions of the City to be designated by the Gas Committee for the sum of \$1800 per annum for the term of three years and the Committee recommend the acceptance of the proposition.

Mr Knox moved that the report of the Committee be received and filed which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Foster, Phillips, Hunter, Myer 7

Noes Mess'rs Colbert Rowe, Gouldman, Cole 4

Mr Knox presented the following which was [Page 97] seconded

Resolved that the Gas Committee be requested to offer the Gas Company \$100 per month for 12 Months to light the 60 lamps for the same length of time as former contracts average of 6 hours per night.

The vote being taken by Ayes & Noes on the resolution of Mr Knox it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Myer, Hunter 3

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Phillips, Rowe, Cole, Gouldman 8

Mr Wroten offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the Gas Committee be instructed to make a contract with the Thomson Houston Electric Company to light the City as per agreement with said Company,

Whereupon Mr Myer moved as a substitute that the Gas Committee be requested to contract with some responsible party for lighting the Streets with Coal Oil at not exceeding \$1000 per annum, which was also seconded put to the vote and lost.

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

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Rowe, Cole, Gouldman 7

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Phillips, Hunter, Myer

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 Friday August 5th 1887

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

C E Hunter, J H Myer, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, O D Foster, J W Colbert—councilmen

A Quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday August 19th 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

C E Hunter, O D Foster, G W Wroten, E D Cole, J H Myer—councilmen

A Quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday August 22nd 1887

Present J Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J M Griffin, A K Phillips Jr, G W Wroten, E C Hunter, O D Foster, E D Cole, J S Knox—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to consider an application for the Colonial Beach Telegraph and Telephone Company of Washington D C for the privilege of entering the City and locating the poles & wires of the Company in such streets as they may designated. The application of the Company was read and on motion of Mr Cole the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the application of the Colonial Beach Telegraph and Telephone Company be granted, that the placing of the poles shall be on such streets as the Street Committee may designate and under the Supervision of the said Committee, provided that the Company shall be required to remove said poles at the pleasure of the Council

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

Mr Rowe Chrmn Pub Prop Comm stated that the room at the North end of the Town Hall was now vacant, and needed repairs, which would cost \$30 or \$40, that Mr Bowering, Commr Revenue, had made application for the Room as an office and the Committee recommend that the room be repaired and turned over to the Comr Revenue and Tax Collector as an office.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Pub Prop Committee was authorized to have the room at the north end of the Town Hall repaired and turned over to the Commissioner of the Revenue and Tax Collector as an office. [Page 100]

Present: J H Myer

Mr Rowe Chrmn Gas Comm presented and read the contract entered into by the Committee with the Thomson Houston Electric Light Company for lighting the Streets of the City; said contract shewing the cost of lighting the streets to be \$1800 per annum payable monthly.

Mr Rowe presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Park Committee be and they are hereby authorized to place three additional gates at the Park at such points as they may designate, provided the cost of said gates shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr Hunter presented the following ordinance amending Section 1, Chapter 38 of the General Ordinance which was seconded

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Section 1 of Chapter 38 of the book of Ordinances on page 1024 be amended and readopted so as to read as follows; No person or persons shall within the limits of this town exhibit play or perform any theatrical or show, or dramatical performance, entertainments or show or public exhibition for gain, without a license for the purpose obtained from the Commissioner of the Revenue and no License shall be issued for any such performance, entertainment, show or exhibition without a permit from the Mayor.

And the amount of tax shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Corporation in accordance with the ordinance levying taxes for that year, but no tax shall be required on a performance from a lecturer or a literary or Scientific subject, or from a Mechanic or Artist exhibition, a work of painting or sculpture, or a work of production of his own invention or art or a model illustrating such invention or art, [Page 101] And the Mayor in his discretion may dispense with the tax in the case of a performance, exhibition, or show for a religious or charitable purpose and he may in his discretion refuse license, or revoke the license of any improper theatrical or dramatical performance, entertainment, exhibition or show.

Mr Griffin moved to lay the ordinance on the table which was seconded put to the vote and lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Cole 4

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Foster, Rowe, Hunter Myer 5

The question recurring upon the adoption or rejection of the ordinance, the vote being taken by Ayes and Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Foster, Hunter 3

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Phillips, Rowe, Cole Myer 6

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 16th 1887

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

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

A Quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

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 21st 1887

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

Geo W Wroten, H R Gouldman, J H Myer, J S Knox, C E Hunter, O D Foster, E D Cole, A K Phillips Jr—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten Chrmn Street Comm presented an application from Mr E T D Myers, Supt P F & P R Rd Co asking the privilege of laying an additional track across Main Street

On Motion, Mr Knox, the application of Supt Myers was granted, the laying of the track to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Poor Comm reported number of inmates at the Alms House at last report as follows; 9 White, 11 Colored; whole number 20, since there has been expelled 2 Colored, and 1 white left leaving at present 8 White and 9 Colored

On Motion, Mr Knox,

Resolved that the Street Committee confer with the R F & P R Rd Co as to the feasibility of proper drainage of that part of the City on the locality of R F & P R Rd Depot and report the result at the next Council.

On Motion, Mr Knox, Rule 1 was so amended as to make the hour of Meeting of Council hereafter 7½ O'clock PM until otherwise ordered.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm stated that the Commissioners appointed by the Court had made their report as to damages in fixing the boundary of Frederick Street extended, he would present the report at next Council.

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On Motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was authorized to remit the fines against Mess'rs Stephens & others for transporting passengers to and from the Fair Grounds during the recent fair

Present: J M Griffin—councilman

Mr A Pollock was by permission heard in reference to a fine imposed upon him for carrying a passenger from Scotts Bridge to Stafford and asked the Council to remit the fine.

On Motion Mr Wroten,

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to remit the fine imposed against Mr A Pollock.

The Mayor reported fines received by him since last report \$41.50 for licenses \$70.00

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk of Council

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday October 21st 1887

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

J H Myer, G W Wroten, O D Foster, C E Hunter, J S Knox, E D Cole, J M Griffin—councilmen The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the report of the Committee appointed by the Court to condemn the land of different parties in widening and extending Prussia Street; said report awards the following parties damages:

John Hartman \$80 James H Roy \$116 Terrance McCracken \$55

Mr Wroten also presented the accounts of the Commissioners amt'g to \$15 and J M Smith, Surveyors a/c amt'g to \$17.50

Present: H R Gouldman, Councilman

Mr Knox moved that the amount necessary to pay the land damages as reported by the Commissioners and the Commissioners and Surveyors bills say \$283.50 be appropriated, which was seconded, Whereupon, Mr Cole, moved that the amount necessary to pay the land damages and Commissioners bill be appropriated which was also seconded and put to the vote and adopted.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the account of Mr Smith, Surveyor was referred back to the Street Committee for an itemized bill and further report.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of the Gas Committee reported that the Contract with the Electric Light Co for lighting the Street had been accepted and the lighting commenced on the 18th Inst, the Committee ordered one additional [Page 106] light making 31 in all, and ask the Council to approve same

Mr Knox moved that the report of the Committee be received and adopted and the sum of \$1860 be appropriated for lighting the streets for the year ending 18th November 1888, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and carried

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Foster, Rowe, Cole, Gouldman 7

Noes Mess'rs Hunter & Myer 2

The Mayor laid before the Council an order from the Circuit Court requiring the windows in the Court Room to be so fixed as to afford proper light for the transaction of the business of the Court in the day time.

On Motion, the subject was referred to the Pub Prop Committee with power to act.

An Application from Mr Tree, Supt of Western Union Telegraph Co was presented asking the privilege of placing seven poles on Sophia and the Corner of Sophia and Hanover Streets.

Mr Walstron, an operator of the Company was present and permitted to be heard on the subject Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the application of the Western Union Telegraph Co for permission to put up seven additional poles and thereby connect the present wires of the Southern Telegraph Co with their office be referred to the Street Committee for their consideration and they report back to a called meeting of the Council.

The vote on the resolution being taken by Ayes and Notes it was adopted Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Foster, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman 7 Noes Mess'rs Rowe & Myer 2
The Council then adjourned J Hazard, Mayor R W Adams, Clerk [Page 107]

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday December 7th 1887

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

C E Hunter, J W Colbert, A K Phillips Jr, E D Cole, J S Knox, O D Foster, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Phillips from the Street Committee to whom was referred the application of the Western Union Telegraph Company for the privilege of placing seven poles on Sophia and Hanover Streets, reported in writing recommending that the privilege asked for be granted subject to the supervision of the Street Committee

Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the recommendation of the Street Committee, that the Western Union Telegraph Company be permitted to put up seven poles connecting the Southern & Western Union offices (as requested by them) be adopted. The Town reserving the right to order said poles removed whenever the Council think the interest of the Community demands it, Whereupon

Mr Hunter offered the following as a substitute which was also seconded,

Resolved the report of the Committee be so amended as to provide that any privilege granted to said Western Union Telegraph Company by which the poles and wires erected by the Southern Telegraph Co as well as by reason of the erection of additional poles shall extend to any company that may hereafter agree to open an opposition office to said Western Union Company, and that any other company shall have the privilege of stretching their wires upon the poles now [Page 108] granted to remain, and to be erected without the interference of said Western Union Company.

The vote on Mr Hunter's substitute was taken by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Rowe, Cole, Hunter, & Gouldman 4

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Phillips 5

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

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Phillips, & Gouldman 6

Noes Mess'rs Rowe, Cole, Hunter

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented an account of R B Merchant amt'g to \$13.75, which on Motion was ordereds to be paid

Mr Rowe presented a petition signed by many citizens from the corner of Sophia and Hanover Streets and to have the pavements on the East side of Sophia St repaired so as to admit of the passage of pedestrians travelling on said Street.

Also to restore the light removed from Sophia Street, either with Gas or Electricity

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Mayor was requested to notify to owners of the property referred to in the petition of Citizens to remove the debris and if not done that the Street Committee be directed to have it removed and also to have the pavement repaired.

Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the petition of Citizens on Sophia Street asking for more Electricity be referred to the Gas Committee, they to report whether in their judgment any of the existing lights can be changed so as to grant the request asked for, Whereupon,

Mr Rowe offered the [Page 109] following as a substitute which was also seconded put to the vote and lost.

Resolved that the Committee on Gas be directed to place an Electric light in addition to those already erected, at the intersection of Sophia and Hanover Streets.

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

Mr Rowe presented a Communication from the officers of the Garfield Light Infantry asking an appropriation of \$100 to pay the rent of the Hall occupied by the Company as an armory.

Mr Rowe, moved the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of paying rent for a Hall for the Garfield Light Infantry which was seconded, Whereupon

Mr Knox moved an amendment that the sum of \$75.00 be appropriated for the purpose named in the communication of the Garfield Light Infantry Co which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted

Mr Knox stated that the Superintendent of City Water Works had to be elected at the present Meeting and he moved that his salary be fixed at \$600, seconded

Mr Phillips moved that the salary be fixed at \$500

Mr Cole moved that the salary at \$700 and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Rowe, Cole & Hunter

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Griffin, Foster, Phillips, Gouldman

The vote was then upon Mr Phillips motion to fix the Salary at \$500 and it was lost by the following vote

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Ayes Mr Phillips

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Foster, Griffin, Rowe, Cole, Hunter, Gouldman 8

The vote was then taken by Ayes & Noes upon the motion of Mr Knox to fix the salary at \$600 and it was adopted by the following vote

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

Noes Mess'rs Phillips, Rowe, Cole & Hunter 4

Mr Knox nominated Mrs S J Quinn for re-election as Superintendent of City Works and the Council proceeded to the election by ballot and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For S J Quinn 6
For S H Beale 1
For G H Downing 1
Blank 1

Mr S J Quinn having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected Superintendent of City Water Works for the year commencing January 1st 1888.

On Motion, Mr Rowe,

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration all matters relative to the completion of the Mary Washington Monument.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Phillips & Griffin as the Committee

A Communication from W S White counsel for the Street Railway Co asking the Council to take action at once upon their petition presented some time since, asking the use of certain streets of the City for laying the track of the Rail way was presented and read.

Mr White being present was permitted to be heard on the subject.

Mr Rowe presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that the application of the Street Railway Company for laying track on the Streets specified therin be granted subject to the supervision of the Street Committee and future [Page 111] ordinances of the Council concerning said Company and its privileges.

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr W T Tomlinson as a member of this Council which on Motion of Mr Cole was received.

Mr Gouldman nominated Capt Terrence McCracken to fill the vacancy in the Council occasioned by the resignation of Mr Tomlinson

Mr McCracken as balloted for and unanimously elected councilman from the Lower Ward for the unexpired term of W T Tomlinson resigned.

The Mayor reported Dog collars sold amounting to \$302.

On Motion, Mr Knox, a fee of 15¢ each was allowed the Mayor for issuing dog collars.

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

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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