

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1888

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday January 20th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, to whom was referred the account of J M Smith presented an itemized account shewing the amount of same \$28 and recommended that the sum of \$17.50 be allowed Mr Smith in full of his Services for Surveying &c to this date.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the Treasurer was directed to pay the account of Mr Smith amt'g to \$17.50.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented an account of G W Wroten for drawing plan &c for Fire Department amt'g to \$18 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Gas Committee, reported verbally upon the application of Citizens for light at the Corner of Sophia and Hanover Streets that it was the sense of the Committee that no change could be made in the present System of lamps to accommodate the wishes of the petitioners.

Mr Hunter presented a Petition from the Mechanics Building Fund Assn asking the Committee to grant the Association the use of the Mayor's Office in which to hold their meetings.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the application was referred to the Mayor.

Mr Hunter moved that the use of Mayor's office be granted the other Building Associations of the town in which to hold the meetings, seconded, and on motion [Page 113] Mr Knox the same was referred to the Mayor.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to enquire of the Church authorities of the Baptist Church what steps if any they are taking to secure a building and when they will be ready to vacate the Court House.

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr Terrace McCracken as a member of the Council for the Lower Ward.

On Motion, Mr Myer the resignation of Mr McCracken was accepted.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance, stated that he had the official Bond of S J Quinn, Supt Work Works in the penalty of \$2000 with George Gravatt, E D Cole, as securities; the Bond was approved and directed to be deposited in Natn'l Bank of Fred'g for safe keeping.

The Mayor presented a communication from the members of the Fire Department asking at the hands of the Council the re-election of T McCracken as Chief of the Fire Department.

Mr Myer, asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr J H Myer

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Council proceeded to the election of Chief of Fire Department.

Capt T McCracken was nominated, balloted for, and unanimously elected Chief of Fire Department for the ensuing year.

The Mayor presented and read a memorial from the Fire Department asking the Council to provide the Department with a new light reel, 350 feet additional hose, 2 nozzles, also Gum Boots for the use of the members in time of fire or service in the Department.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to purchase 350 feet hose and [Page 114] light two wheeled Reel, capable of carrying 350 feet hose, and two check nozzles and gum boots of the Fire Company, at the lowest possible rates, and also the Committee be instructed to advertise for bids according to plan and specifications heretofore furnished and paid for, for building a Fire Tower and house, and also that they be instructed find out and report back to this Council what is the best alarm bell to be had and whether it can be conducted by the Electric Light Co.

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 17th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, stated that the Committee was in correspondence with parties in reference to the purchase of Hose & Hose Carriage, but had nothing definite to report at the present meeting. Mr R also stated that the Committee as directed advertised for bids for the building of a House for the Fire Department and received bids from the following parties, Viz

A J Bowling for the sum of	\$1600
A M Garner for the sum of	\$1570
John Hancock for the sum of	\$1497
J J Heflin for the sum of	\$1473.50

Mr Heflin being the lowest bidder the Committee recommended that the contract for building be awarded to him.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman.

Resolved that the bid of Mr J J Heflin for building the house & tower for the Fire Department be accepted and that the contract for building same be awarded to him.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented a communication from Mrs J S Berryman asking the privilege of erecting a porch in front of his residence, corner Caroline and Princess Elizabeth Streets.

On Motion, the Communication was referred to the [Page 116] Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Commerce & Navigation reported that statistics of the Commerce of Fredericksburg had been prepared and forwarded to Colo Abert of the Engineer Bureau at Washington and our Representative in Congress Hon T N Browner.

Mr Rowe presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas his Excellency Grover Cleveland, President of the United States will pass through Fredericksburg on Tuesday the 21st Inst and

Whereas this body desires to shew a proper and becoming respect to the head of the Nation;

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor to wait on the President and ascertain at what time the train bearing the President will reach Fredericksburg, and that said Committee be directed to invite him and the distinguished parties accompanying him to stop and view the battlefields, visit the Tomb of Mary, the Mother of Washington, accept the freedom of the City and afford our Citizens an opportunity to greet him and pay their respects, and report the result to a called meeting of this Council body.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Rowe, Cole & Hunter as the Committee.

Mr Griffin presented the following which was adopted

Whereas for many years the appropriations made for Streets have been expended without any permanent improvement being made thereon,

Therefore be it resolved that the Street Committee be and they are hereby authorized to enquire into the cost of and feasibility of paving the Streets of the town with granite or other materials and report the same at some future meeting of this Council.

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On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Street Committee was instructed to ascertain at what the Boxley House and lot on Wolf Street could be purchased for and report to Council.

The Mayor presented the Certificate of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural & Mechanical Society for 100 shares of Stock of said Society, subscribed and paid for by the Corporation.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, The Mayor was appointed to represent the Corporation in all meetings of the Stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society.

The Mayor presented and read a communication from Mr W A Little Jr, counsel for Shiloh Baptist Church, stating that the suit now pending in the Circuit Court would not be decided until the May terms and asking the Council to let the Church occupy the Court House until a suitable house could be procured.

On Motion, Mr Cole,

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to notify Shiloh Baptist Church that they can occupy the Court House until 1st June next, they paying all expenses for fuel & light and to vacate after that time without further notice.

The Mayor presented and read a circular from J L Bass, Sec'y [blank] Assn at Atlanta asking a contribution of \$15 to defray expenses of the Assn.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Myer moved to go into election of the Councilman in place of T McCracken, resigned, which was seconded & whereupon

Mr Foster, moved that the election of Councilman in place of Mr T McCracken be postponed until next meeting which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted.

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 Thursday March 1st 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of the Ordinance Committee, the Committee desiring to submit the ordinance prepared concerning the proposed Street Railway.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance which was read: Whereas by Act of the General Assembly of Va approved April 11th 1887 the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company was incorporated and given power and authority to construct, equip, maintain, and operate a Street Railway along the Streets of the City of Fredericksburg, with the consent of the Common Council of said City, and into any adjoining County on the County roads of said County with the Consent of the County Court of said County; and said company hath applied to the said Common Council of Fredericksburg for permission under said act, to construct and operate a Street Railway along certain Streets of the said City; now therefore be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of said City, that said Company be and they are hereby granted permission to construct and operate a Street Railway, along the following Streets, Viz; Sophia or Water, Caroline or Main, Princess Ann, Charles, William or Commerce, and such other of the present Streets of said City parallel to said William or Commerce Street as said Company may select as necessary to make connections for a continuous [Page 119] circuit subject to the following restrictions and conditions, to wit:

1st The construction of said Railway shall be made under the supervision and direction of the Street Committee of the Council, of such other authority or Agency as may be substituted by said Council, and said Railway and the moving of the cars over the same shall be at all times subject to the Police regulations and control of said City of Fredericksburg.

2nd The tracks to be laid shall be of uniform width and of Standard gauge, so that vehicles of the usual and customary width may travel along the same.

3rd Said Railway shall be constructed so as not to impede or obstruct the flow of water on any Street or in the gutters of any Street, and it shall conform to the existing or future grades of the Streets through which it passes; and after being built, should any change be made in the grade of any Street along which said Railway passes, such Railway shall be altered and made to conform to the grade to which such street is made by said City at the expense of said Company.

4th Upon all the Streets of the City which said Railway may be laid, it shall be the duty of said Company to keep in repair that portion of the Street which lies between the rails of the track and one foot beyond each of the rails, and should the said City at any time pave or macadamize any of said Streets, or any portion of the same, on which said track is laid, it shall be the duty of said Company to pave or macadamize at its own cost all that portion of such Street lying between the rails of its track and one foot beyond each of said rails under the supervision [Page 120] and direction of said Street Committee or such other agency as the Council may appoint.

5th Said tracks shall be laid as nearly level with the surface of the Streets as possible, and as near the centre of the Street as practicable, so as not to interfere with any sewer, gas or water pipes already laid or which may hereafter be laid by order or permission of the City.

6th Said Company shall have authority to use horse, electric, or cable power to propel its cars.

7th The permission hereby given shall vest in said Company the exclusive right to erect, build and operate a Street Railway upon and along the Streets of said City as heretofore named; provided that if said Company shall fail to begin substantially and in good faith the work of constructing said Railway within four years from the passage of this ordinance, or it shall fail to complete at least one mile of said Railway within the period of eight years from the passage of this ordinance then all the rights and privileges hereby granted shall be and are hereby declared forfeited.

8th The City reserves the right to fix the maximum rate of speed for the running of the cars of said Company in the City, and the Maximum fare to be charged upon the same shall be five cents.

9th Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the City from at any time imposing such charges in the way of license taxes or otherwise, upon said Company for the privilege of transporting freight or may in the judgment of the Council be just and proper to equalized the charges for like privileges imposed on Carts, Wagons, Drays and other vehicles.

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On Motion Mr Knox, the rule was suspended for the purpose of acting upon the ordinance.

Mr Wroten moved that the word “four” in the 7th section be stricken out and the word “three” inserted instead, which was seconded, Whereupon

Mr Hunter moved that the ordinance be amended by striking out in the 7th Section the word “Four” and inserting the word “three” also by striking out the word “eight” in the same section and inserting the word “six” which was also seconded and put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess’rs Knox, Wroten, Colbert, Griffin, Hunter, Myer

Noes Mess’rs Foster, Rowe, Phillips, Gouldman

On Motion Mr Knox, the ordinance as amended was adopted.

The Mayor presented a communication from Major E F D Myers, Supt R F & P Rail Road asking that a fine recently imposed upon the Company be remitted.

Mr C C Cox, Ag’t of the Company was present and permitted to be heard; Mr Robinson, Police Officer was also heard, both making their statements as to the speed of the cars, at the time the fine was imposed.

Mr Hunter moved that the fine imposed upon the Richmond, Fred’g & Potomac Rail Road Co be remitted which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost.

Ayes Mess’rs Wroten, Colbert, Rowe, Hunter, Myer 5

Noes Mess’rs Knox, Gouldman, Foster, Phillips, Griffin 5

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 March 16th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm in response to the resolution passed at the last council reported that in a conference with the owner of the Boxley property, he was willing to relinquish the land through which the extension of Wolfe Street passes provided the Corporation would remove the house from its present location in a line with the Street and place the same in good tenantable condition, the Committee further reported that the house could be removed and put in good condition for \$200.

On Motion, Mr Rowe,

Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and that they be authorized to have the building removed at a cost of not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, reported adversely upon the Application of the Atlanta Association up for a donation of \$15.00

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented a bill of O D Foster & others Commissioners appointed by the Corpo Court amt'g to \$12.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm reported that the Reel and Hose and Gum boots had been purchased and had arrived and been paid for [Page 123]

Mr Wroten presented a communication from Shiloh Baptist Church asking the Council to grant the Church the privilege of erecting a building at the foot of Hanover St on East side of Sophia St; in which to hold their services of worship until further arrangements can be made by them for building permanently.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the application of Shiloh Church was refused.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm, reported that two of the Electric Lights had been removed, the one from the old Fair Grounds to near the P F & P R Rd Depot, the other from the Pickle Factory to the two bridges at the lower end of the New Street.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of City Water Works, submitted a written report from S J Quinn, Supt City Water Works, which was read.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the committee on Water be instructed to enquire as to the most eligible site for a reserve reservoir, its necessary dimensions and the probable cost of constructing it and report at a meeting of the Council to be called for the purpose of considering said report.

Resolved that in prosecuting this work the committee is authorized and empowered to employ an expert to make the necessary surveys and estimates of cost.

The Mayor presented a communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y of Trustees Public Schools informing the Council of the expiration of the term of Service on 4th April proximo of H M D Martin from the Upper and C L Cole from the Lower Ward, as trustees of Public Schools and requesting that their successors be elected at the present meeting for the term of three years.

The Council proceeded to the election of two trustees to succeed Mess'rs H M D Martin and C L Cole and the ballots being counted resulted in the [Page 124] re-election of H M D Martin for the Upper and C L Cole for the Lower Wards, as Trustees of Public Schools for the term of three years, from the 4th of April 1888.

The Mayor presented and read a communication from Mr A H H Bernard, asking the Council to do certain work to improve the drainage of his pavement &c.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the Communication was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Rowe, Chrnm Special Committee appointed by the Council to wait on the President of the United States and invite him to stop at Fredericksburg on his trip South, reported that the Committee had performed that duty and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the President in their interview with him, the President regretted that he could not visit our City at the time, but stated that he wished to do so in the near future and the Committee thinks the prospect of a visit from the President is very good during Summer or Fall.

The Mayor reported the Police Officers had performed their duties faithfully during the past quarter, and recommended that their salaries be paid.

On Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

Mr Rowe, Chrnm, Washington Monument Comm, reported that matters were progressing favorably in regard to the appropriation asked for from Congress.

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 April 20th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Wroten, Chrnm Street Committee, reported that he had contracted with James Johnson for the removal and repair of the Boxley House in accordance with the instructions of the Council for the sum of two hundred dollars. He also reported that the parties on Prussia St whose lands had been condemned had not yet removed their fences to the line of the Street, and that Mr T McCracken declined to accept the damages awarded him by the Commissioners, viz \$55 (fifty five dollars).

Mr Knox, Chrnm Water Committee offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the sum of twenty five hundred dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated for the purpose of building an additional Reservoir at or near the pump house, the work upon said reservoir to be done under the Supervision of the Water Committee or by Contract as may be determined by said Committee on Water.

A Communication from C E Hunter and others owning the Opera House was presented and read asking the council to fix the license tax upon the Opera House at \$100 for all performances during the Year.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

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Mr Knox, Chairman Finance Committee presented the Ordinance imposing License Tax for the Year 1888-89 being in words and figures explained to voters the same as the ordinance of 1887-88 except that

the tax on the Opera House, corner of Caroline & William St is fixed at \$100 for the year to include all performances, Sections 52 & 54 not applying to said Opera House.

On Motion the ordinance imposing License tax for 1888-89 was unanimously adopted.

Mr Hunter offered the following

Resolved that Section 1 of Chapter 38 of the General Ordinance of the City be so amended as to relieve the Opera House Co from payment of fees to the Mayor for performances during the year 1888-89.

On Motion, Myer, the rule was suspended for the purpose of acting upon the amendment offered by Mr Hunter.

The vote upon the amendment to Sec 1, Chapter 38 offered by Hunter was taken by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Foster, Myer, Gouldman 5

Noes Mr Griffin 1

Mr Hunter not voting.

The Mayor reported \$27.50 fines collected since last report

The Council then adjourned

J Hazard, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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An Ordinance Imposing taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for the Year ending April 30th 1889 for the support of the City Government, the payment of the interest on the City Debt and for other expenses and for providing for the collection there of

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 1888 and ending on the 1st May 1889.

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

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 \$5.00

3rd On every Agent for the sale of Books, or Maps or canvassing for any book, map &c \$10.00

4th On every Agent for copying pictures \$10.00

5th 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 the tax upon whom shall be \$10.00

6th On every Agent for hiring labor \$10.00

7th On every Mercantile Agent or Reporter \$25.00

8th On every Agent for the sale of Real Estate residing or keeping an office in the City \$30.00

9th On every Attorney at law, Physician, Conveyancer, Dentist, Surveyor, [Page 128]

The gross amount of whose professional receipts for the year ending Apl 30 1888
Was less than \$1000 \$10.00

\$1000 and less than \$2000 \$15.00

And where such receipts are over \$2000 \$20.00

10th On every general auctioneer \$45.00

11th On every license permitting a Billiard or pool Saloon \$25.00

12 th On every Bagatelle, Jenny Lind, or Dexter table	\$10.00
13 th On every license permitting a bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley, on each alley	\$10.00
14 th On every Bill Poster	\$5.00
15 th On every Butcher	\$10.00
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
18 th On every person keeping a Hotel	\$20.00
(But this license shall not cover the right to sell wines, spirituous or Malt liquors)	
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
Or \$1.50 per quarter	
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)	
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24 th On every Corn Cancer, Eye or other itinerant Doctor or Optician	\$10.00
25 th On every Daguerian 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, and February	
28 th On every Ice Dealer	\$10.00
29 th On any person trading in any kind of second hand articles, junk, old metals, rugs,	
Or other like commodities	\$35.00
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,	\$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
but when the person sells only Malt liquors by retail the tax shall be	\$15.00
When the liquors mentioned above are sold to be drunk where sold, bar room License must be taken out in addition	
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 liquor [Page 130] 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 the tax shall be	\$1.00

on a dog or puppy, 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 1888 did not exceed the sum of \$1000 The tax shall be	\$10.00
where the purchases for the year ending May 1 st 1888 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 or quack 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 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 Agent of some Rail Road Company 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
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

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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 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	

A discount of five percent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before the May 15th 1888.

A Commission of two and one half percent shall be allowed the collector on all licenses by June 1st 1888.

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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 18th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

M B Rowe, Recorder

G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, J M Griffin, H R Gouldman, C E Hunter, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Gouldman submitted an ordinance amending the ordinance regarding the appointment of Standing Committees after 1st July next, which was read and laid over for 30 days under the rules
Present: J H Myer, J S Knox, E D Cole—councilmen

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop, presented a proposition in writing from Mr Heflin to build the house for the Fire Department entirely of brick for the additional sum of \$397.85. Mr Rowe stated that the Committee had decided to have the house located twenty feet nearer the Masonic Hall than at first determined upon, in consequence of the building occupying too much of the Court House Yard as would have been the case under the original location.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the subject was referred to the Pub Prop Committee with authority to make a new contract with Mr Heflin for the change in the work not to exceed the sum of \$397.85.

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

A petition from Mess'rs Collton & Hills & others was presented and read, asking the Council to allow all hackmen and two porter from each Hotel to stand on the South side instead of the [Page 133] north side of the Depot as is now the case and that they remain in that position until the train leaves the yard. The motion was referred to the Mayor with power to act.

Mr Griffin offered the following amendment to Section 8, Chapter 6 of the General Ordinance of the City viz.

If any person shall roll any handcart on wheel barrow or ride any bicycle or tricycle on the footway of the City, he shall forfeit and pay fifty cents for each offence.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the amendment was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

An invitation from the Stonewall Jackson Monument Association was read by the Mayor inviting the Mayor and Council to attend the unveiling ceremonies on 13th June next.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the invitation and to say that as many as could would attend the ceremonies.

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 Monday June 11th 1888

Present Jos Hazard, Mayor

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of a Committee of the Jackson Monument Association who would lay before the Council matters in connection with the ceremonies to take place on 13th inst.

Mr J L Marye and G W Shepherd, the committee appeared before the Council and on Motion were heard in behalf of the Assn. Mr Marye stated that the Assn had not more than sufficient means to pay for the Monument and expenses incident to the Ceremonies and that Gov Lee and other distinguished men had

been invited to attend they asked the Council to appropriate \$100 in order that the invited guests might be entertained in a manner creditable to the City

Mr R B Merchant was also present and was heard in behalf of the Assn.

Present: E D Cole—councilman

On Motion, Mr Knox the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the purpose of entertaining the guests of the Jackson Monument Association.

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

Mr Hunter, Chrmn of Health Committee submitted a written report, giving at length the Committees views in regards to the condition of the Canal conveying the water to Ray & Pettit's Mill and suggesting that the Canal be cleaned out by those who are required to do so and there prevent the further accumulation of rubbish [Page 135] which may possible cause disease.

On Motion, Mr Knox, so much of the Committees report as referred to Commerce, Hanover and Charlotte Streets was referred to the Street Committee to co-operate with Mess'rs Ray & Pettit in such work of cleaning the Canal as devolved upon the City.

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 15th 1888

Present Josiah Hazard, Mayor

G W Wroten, H R Gouldman, J H Myer, J W Colbert, C E Hunter—councilmen

A quorum not be present the Council stood adjourned

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 June 29th 1888

Present J Hazard, Mayor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Present: C S Hunter, J W Colbert

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the annual report of the Committee which was read. The Committee reports that the collections of A P Rowe Jr Tax Collector were good as was shewn by his report to the Committee, his accounts were all in proper shape and the amount of his collections paid to the Treasurer.

The Account of R W Adams Treasurer was settled by the Committee, the Treasurer received from all sources during the year \$78, 213.20 and paid as pr vouchers during the same time ending balance due the Treasurer \$1238.39.

The Sinking Fund remains as at last report \$ [blank], but the Committee recommend that the fund be regularly added to yearly at least one percent of the debt until its maturity, the debt of the City is \$147,920 consisting of \$117920 of 7% Bonds and \$30,000, 6% Bonds, also \$2500 old 6% Bonds belonging to the Estate of Mrs Alexander.

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

Mr Knox presented the ordinance making appropriations for the year 1888-89 which was read and is in the following words [Page 137]
[Blank]

On Motion the ordinance was unanimously adopted
Mr Knox also presented the ordinance levying taxes for the Year 1888-89, which was read and is as follows.
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On
Motion, Mr Myer, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the An'l Report of the Committee shewing the expenditures for repairs of Streets for the year to be \$980.90
On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pump Comm presented the report of the Committee shewing amount expended for keeping pumps in order for the year to be \$96.75.
The report was received and ordered to be filed.
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Mr Griffin, Chrmn School Committee presented the An'l report of the Committee which was read and reported all the Schools white and Colored in a flourishing condition, all the teachers competent and faithful in the discharge of their duties and the Scholars progressing in a good degree in their studies.
On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Ordinance Comm, presented the following amendment to Section 8 Chapter 16 of the General Ordinance of the City.
If any person shall roll and hand cart or wheelbarrow or ride any bicycle on the footways of the town, or any part of them, he shall forfeit and pay fifty cents.
On Motion, Mr Knox, the amendment was adopted.

Mr Gouldman, Chrm Ordinance Comm. [blank]
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Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Committee presented the annual report of the Committee, the year shewing the cost of supplying the poor \$1120.60, number of inmates 18; Whites 8, Colored 10.
On Motion Mr Wroten, the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Myer, Chrmn Park Committee, presented the An'l Report of the Committee shewing amount expended for keeping Hurkamp Park \$150.00.
On Motion, Mr Knox, the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knox, Chrmn City Water Works, presented the report of the Supt Water Works (Capt Quinn) as the report of the Committee, the Superintendent reports the works in good condition. The supply of water kept up, but complains of the excessive use of the water for sprinkling and watering gardens which prevents a good supply of clear water being kept up; the receipts for Water Rents for the Year amount to \$3418.83
The running expenses for the year amt to \$792.72.

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

Present: M B Rowe, Recorder

Mr Griffin, Chrmn Schools Committee, presented a communication from Trustees of Public Schools giving the status of the Public Schools of Fred'g and asking the Council to provide a building in the lot of the Union House School for the Schools now in the Court House building and for the High Schools.

The Communication was read.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Chairman of the Schools Committee was permitted to withdraw the communication which was done.

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Mr Phillips presented the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg has found in Mayor Hazard an able efficient and courteous presiding officer, who has faithfully and impartially discharged his duties, and Whereas it is with profound regret that the Council is about to sever relations so pleasant.

Resolved that the thanks of the Council be extended to Mayor Hazard for the able and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties and for his find and courteous treatment of its members.

The Mayor presented a communication from Mr W J King, asking a rebate upon a bill for work done grading pavement &c of his property.

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

The Mayor having reported favorably the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 20th Inst;

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, Presented the An'l Report of the Committee, shewing amount expended for the year \$1723.19 which included purchase of Reel &c for the Fire Department, also payment on the Engine House now being built.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report was received and \$123.19 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Gas Comm, presented An'l Report of the Committee shewing amount expended for lighting public buildings and streets \$1513.16.

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

The Mayor responded in appropriate [Page 142] terms to the resolution offered by Mr Phillips and adopted by the Council and after a review of the action of the Mayor and Council for the past four years the Council on Motion 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 21st 1888) met pursuant to call of Mayor-elect A P Rowe at the Council Chamber on Monday July 2nd 1888
Present A P Rowe, Mayor

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

J S Knox, G W Wroten, J W Colbert, J M Griffin, O D Foster, A K Phillips Jr, M G Willis, E D Cole, W E Bradley, J T Knight, H R Gouldman, J H Myer

The Mayor addressed the Council in a few appropriate remarks after which he stated that the first business in order was the election of Clerk of Council and fixing his salary.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at \$75.00 per annum
R W Adams was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of Council for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, Mr J S Knox was requested to cast the vote of the Council for H R Gouldman as Recorder, which was done and Mr Gouldman declared elected Recorder for the ensuing year.

Om Motion, Mr Knox, the compensation of Collector Taxes &c was fixed at 2½ percent on all taxes collected prior to 15th October and 5 percent on all taxes collected after that date.

Mess'rs A P Rowe Jr & Jno J Young & J Hazard were nominated, balloted for, and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Mr A P Rowe Jr 8

For J J Young 4

Mr A P Rowe Jr having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected collector [Page 144] of taxes, rents &c for the ensuing year.

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

Mess'rs W C Smith, R W Bozel, J W Perry Jr and Walker Howard were balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

W C Smith 10

W Howard 1

J W Perry Jr 1

Mr W C Smith having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year.

Mess'rs S H Beale, J W Stone, E P Roney, W C Littrell, Anthony Patton, J S Taliaferro were nominated, & balloted for as weight of coal, Salt &c and upon the eleventh ballot the votes being counted resulted as follows

For S H Beale 5

For Anthony Patton 7

Mr Patton having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected weigher of Coal, Salt, Grain &c for the ensuing year

Mr Anthony Patton was balloted for and unanimously elected Measurer of Lumber, wood &c for the ensuing year.

The Salary of Superintendent of Alms House was fixed at \$100 per Annum

Mess'rs A Hooton & W C Smith were balloted for as superintendent fo Alms House and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For A Hooton 10

For W C Smith 2

Mr Hooton having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected Superintendent of Alms House for the ensuing year.

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Mr Jno P Rodgers & G W Hicks were balloted for as Scavenger for the Lower Ward, and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of Mr Rogers and he was declared elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for the ensuing year. The vote was as follows for J P Rodgers 10, G W Hicks 2.

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Council decided to elect two night & day policemen and one day policeman and their salaries fixe at \$300 for night & day policemen and day policeman at \$150 for day policeman pr annum.

The council proceeded to the election of day policeman, applications having been read from Mess'rs Jos Hall, Jno Larkin, Larkin Jefferson, M Gately, W H Walker, Jas A Stone, J T Deatley, Filmore Dye, J H Robinson, C A Gore, & M Cahill for the position of day or night policeman.

Mr J H Robinson was balloted for and unanimously elected day policeman for the ensuing year.

The Council then proceeded to ballot for two night policemen, and the ballots being counted resulted as follows.

For Martin Cahill	7
For Chs A Gore	9
For Larkin Jefferson	5
For M Gately	1
For J B Larkin	2

Mess'rs Martin Cahill and Chs A Gore having received a majority of the votes cast were declared elected night policemen for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of the Treasurer of the City was fixed at \$300 per Annum

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of Commissioner of the Revenue was fixed at \$250 per annum.

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The Mayor stated that the next business was fixing the Salary of Mayor and then called the Recorder to the Chair and retired.

Mr H R Gouldman, Recorder in the Chair

On Motion Mr Cole the Salary of the Mayor was fixed at \$350 per annum, after which vote the Mayor returned and took the Chair: Mr Gouldman, Recorder vacating.

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees

On Finance, Mess'rs J S Knox, E D Cole, H R Gouldman

On Pub Property, Mess'rs O D Foster, J H Myer, E D Cole

On Streets, Mess'rs G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, J H Myer

On Water Works, Mess'rs M G Willis, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin

On Ordinances, Mess'rs A J Phillips, J S Knox, J T Knight

On Commerce & Navigation, Mess'rs J W Colbert, G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr

On Light, Mess'rs H R Gouldman, W E Bradley, J S Knox

On Public Schools, Mess'rs J M Griffin, J W Colbert, O D Foster

On Poor, Mess'rs E D Cole, J T Knight, M G Willis

On Hurkamp Park, Mess'rs J H Myer, O D Foster, J W Colbert

On Health, Mess'rs W E Bradley, J M Griffin, G W Wroten

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

On Motion, Mr Bradley, The Commonwealth Attorney was allowed to place a desk in the office occupied by the Collector of Taxes and Commissioner of Revenue and occupy the same in the discharge of his duties.

On Motion the Council Adjourned,
A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Monday July 9th 1888
Present A P Rowe, Mayor
G W Wroten, J T Knight, M G Willis, W E Bradley, A K Phillips Jr, J M Griffin, O D Foster, E D Cole, J H Myer, J S Knox—Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of a Committee of the Agricultural Fair Assn for the purpose of soliciting the co-operation of the Council in an invitation to the president of the United States & Mrs Cleveland to visit the next annual Fair to be held in September next.’

The Clerk read the resolution adopted by the Fair Association requesting the Council to appoint a Committee to act in conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Fair Assn to wait upon the President and extend an invitation to him and Mrs Cleveland to visit the next fair to be held in September next.

On Motion, Mr Bradley

Resolved that a Committee of four be appointed by the Mayor to act in conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Fair Assn in extending an invitation to the President of the United States and Mrs Cleveland to the next annual Fair of the Association to be held in September next.

The Mayor appointed Mess’rs Phillips & Griffin from the Lower Ward and Mess’rs Knox & Bradley from the Upper Ward as the Committee

Mr Myer, moved that the expenses of the Committee in visiting Washington be paid, which was seconded, put to the vote and lost.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Friday July 20th 1888
Present A P Rowe, Mayor
H R Gouldman, Recorder

J H Myer, W E Bradley, M G Willis, J S Knox, G W Wroten, O D Foster, J M Griffin, J T Knight, J W Colbert, E D Cole

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved.

Mr Knox Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the official bond of A P Rowe Jr, collector of Taxes, in the penalty of \$10,000 with M B Rowe, E D Cole, and Z M Honey as sureties, which bond was approved by the Council and turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mr Foster, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Fire Department was nearing completion and the work so far done in accordance with contract, he stated that the Alarm Bell would have to be purchased and put in place before the Tower was closed.

Mr T McCracken, Chief of Fire Department was present and was heard upon the subject. He stated that a bell weighing 1200 to 1500 pounds would suit and which cost about \$350.

On motion, Mr Wroten, the subject of procuring a bell for the Fire Department was left with the Pub Prop Committee.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee reported that the Canal had been cleared out.

Mr Wroten submitted the following amendment Section 4, Chapter 8 in General Ordinance

That during the passage through or across the tracks of any locomotive or any train of [Page 149] of cars it shall be the duty of the Company owning the railroad on which such locomotive or cars are running to cause the bell attached to such train to be rung, and a man with a flag stationed on Main Street whose duty it shall be to warn all persons of danger and for every failure to do so shall forfeit and pay ten dollars.

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

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, stated the Committee had determined to abandon all the pumps except those used for drinking purposes.

Mr Willis also reported that the new Reservoir was yet unfinished and that the appropriation of \$2500 was nearly exhausted and the Committee asked for an appropriation of \$1000 additional in order to complete the work.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated for the completion of the new reservoir.

On Motion, Mr Knox, The Committee on Water was authorized to purchase of Mr. M B Rowe, the ground on which the new Reservoir is built at a reasonable price, otherwise report to the Council.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Health Committee called the attention of the Council to the condition of the Canal to Ray & Pettit Mill and suggested that steps be taken to have same properly cleaned out.

Mr Foster, presented a petition from the Washington Memorial Temple Committee, asking the use of the room in the Court House formerly occupied by the Library Association in which to hold their meetings.

On Motion, the use of the Room was granted to the Memorial Temple Association, on condition that the same be vacated when notified by the Council.

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Mr Bradley offered the following (which lays over)

Resolved that there be added to the Standing Committees of the Council, one to be known as the Committee on Police and Fire Department which shall have general supervision of all matters relating to these departments, said committee shall consist of three members and shall be appointed as other Standing Committees.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, reported that the fences on the lines of the New Street had all been removed and the Street now opened and needed grading, which would involve an additional appropriation.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the matter was referred to the Street Comm for report.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the ordinance concerning Drays, Carts &c and stated that none of the Draymen had conformed to the ordinance requiring their drays & carts to be numbered.

On Motion, Mr Willis, The Mayor was requested to give the Draymen thirty days in which to comply with the ordinance before imposing fine.

Mr Wroten asked and obtained permission to let a lot of lumber remain in front of his shop on Wolf St.

The Mayor stated that he had written to the Supt of R F & P R Rd in reference to drainage about and around the Depot and read the letter he had prepared.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Friday August 19th 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

E D Cole, W E Bradley, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, J T Knight, O D Foster, J H Myer, M G Willis, J S Knox, J W Colbert—Councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved

Mr Foster, Chrmn of Pub Prop Committee, stated that the Committee was of opinion that the Tower of the Fire Department was not sufficiently strong, and they had done nothing towards procuring a bell to be placed therein.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee stated that the Committee had nothing to report as to the cost of grading the New Street and suggested that the present would be favorable time for working on the same as labor could be gotten on good terms, he through that \$200 would be sufficient for the present to put the Street in fair condition.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated for the purpose of grading the New Street.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee, reported that the new Reservoir was completed, the Committee had not agreed with Mr Rowe as the land damages and suggested that the Court be requested to appoint Commissioners to fix the damages.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the Water Committee was requested to have Commissioners appointed by the Court for the purpose of setting the damage of the new Reservoir.

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Mr Wroten presented an amendment to Section 4, Chapter 19 of the Gen'l Ordinance to require flagmen to be placed at the different streets crossed by rail roads, which was read.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the ordinance was referred back to the Committee on Ordinances for further report and requesting the Committee to take into consideration the having gates placed at the crossings.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the Committee on Commerce & Navigation was requested to examine & report upon the condition of the Wharves of the City.

Mr Colbert presented and read an ordinance proposing a change to the rates, making the time of regular meetings Monday instead of Friday.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, referred to the Ordinance Committee

The Ordinance Committee through Mr J S Knox reported adversely upon the resolution of MR Bradley to establish a Committee on Police and Fire Department as one of the Standing Committees.

An Application from W D Scott, Ag't of the Weems Line Steamers was read asking the Council to place a Fire Plug on the Wharf of the Company, and on motion the application was referred to the Committee on Water.

The Mayor reported Fines collected to date \$11.75.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to Chapter 19, section 5 and Chap 31 Sections 1 & 10 of the Gen'l Ordinances of the City and suggested modification of the fines.

On Motion the subject was referred to the ordinance Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Friday September 21st 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

O D Foster, J S Knox, W E Bradley, J W Colbert—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 Chambers on Friday August 28th 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, M G Willis, J S Knox, O D Foster, J M Griffin, J H Myer, J T Knight, G W Colbert, W E Bradley, E D Cole.

The Mayor stated that as there was not a quorum at the regular meeting the Council was called for the transaction of the regular business.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

Mr Foster, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported that the building for the Fire Department was completed and the same turned over to the Chief of the Fire Department.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street, reported that the Committee had expended \$197.50 on the extension of Prussia Street; the committee suggest that the fence in front of Mr Hartman's house be removed, the land needed of Mr Hartman had not been condemned, but Mr H was willing to submit the amount of damage [Page 154] to any (3) members of the Council.

On motion, Mr Willis, the Street Committee was requested to confer with Mr Hartman as to the land damages and to purchase the land needed at a reasonable price.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee, reported that the new Reservoir was completed with a good supply of water and working well.

Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Committee reported in writing that it was inexpedient to have gates placed at the rail road crossings and recommended the adoption of the amendment to Chapter 19, Section 4, of the General Ordinances as submitted at the last meeting which is in the following words and figures: After the word ring in 5th line of Section 4, Chapter 19 insert the following. And have stationed at the railroad crossing on Princess Ann, Main, and Sophia Streets, a suitable person with a flag which he shall wave upon the entrance of every train into the City and who shall have authority to stop the passage of all vehicles during the passage of the trains across the said streets.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the amendment offered by the Committee was adopted and the Mayor requested to notify the R F & P R Rd Co of the same.

The Ordinance Committee reported adversely upon the resolution of Mr Colbert offered at the last Council to change the rule as to the time of meeting of the Council. They recommend no change in Section 5 Chapter 19., also recommend in Section 1, Chapter 31 that after the words "Chain Gang, in 12th line the words "or jail" be inserted, also in same Chapter, Section 10, 11th line after the words, "Chain Gang" the words "or Jail" be inserted.
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On Motion, Mr Cole, the report of the Ordinance Committee was adopted.

Mr Colbert, chrmn of Com & Nav Committee reported that the Committee had examined the wharves of the City and found the wharf owned by Pittman's Estate in a very dilapidated condition and the same had been reported to the Commonwealth Attorney.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the Condition of the culvert near the R F & P R Rd Depot and read a letter received from Major Myers in regard to sewerage.

On Motion Mr Willis, the subject was referred to the Street Committee and the Mayor for report.

Mr Cole Moved that Section 14, Chapter 8 of the General Ordinance, be so amended as to make the Market hours from daylight to 7 O'clock between 1st April and 1st September and from daylight to 8 O'clock from 1st September to 1st April, which was seconded.

Whereupon, Mr Gouldman moved to strike out in the amendment offered by Mr Cole, "Seven" and insert "Eight" strike out "Eight" and insert "Nine" which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote;

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Gouldman, Colbert, Knight 4

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Foster, Phillips, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Myer 8

The vote was then taken upon the amendment offered by Mr Cole and it was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on Schools enquire of the Board of School Trustees why no grammar grade is established in the Colored Schools, the same as in the White Schools and report at the next meeting of the Council whether such discrimination is according to law, or whether any and what sense exists therefor.

Mr Myer moved to lay the resolution on the [Page 156] table until next meeting of the Council which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote,

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Willis, Cole, Phillips, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Gouldman, Bradley, Knight 5

Mr Foster not voting.

The Mayor desired to know what disposition to make of the fines, as to the proposition to be allowed for Police Officers.

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

The Mayor reported that the Police Offices had discharged their duties faithfully and on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Water be requested to ascertain and report to this Council at its next regular meeting the amount of arrearages now due this Corporation for water, and what means if any have been adopted for the collection of same.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on Light ascertain if they can make arrangement with the Electric Light Company so that they can place a light on Sophia Street in place of the lights now in the Council Chamber, if not, to place a light on said Street at lowest cost.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Friday October 19th 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Geo W Wroten, M G Willis, W E Bradley, J T Knight, J H Myer, O D Foster, E D Cole, A K Phillips Jr, J M Griffin—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee submitted a written report of the Supt Water Works shewing the amount delinquent for water rents for years 1885-86; 87-88, to be \$1477.19; Mr Willis stated that the amount due would be largely reduced as parties were paying up and the Supt was doing his best to bring the amount to the lowest point.

On Motion Mr Foster, the report was received

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Lights Committee reported that the Committee had contracted with the Electric Light Company to place two lights on Sophia at different points, one at the corner of Hanover St and the

other at the Corner of Commerce St, near Scott's Bridge at a cost of \$8 pr mo for the two lights. The Committee deemed it best to contract for two lights, as the cost was not much more than for one and both lights were badly needed.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the action of the Committee was approved.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee reported that the Committee had arranged with Mr John Hartman for land damages near his residence in the extension of Prussia St and the amount was fixed at \$25.00 which the Committee considered reasonable.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated for the purpose of paying land damages to Mr Hartman, the amount to be paid on the order of the Street Committee.

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Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Committee to whom was referred the matter of proportion fines to Police Officers, submitted the following the Committee recommended its adoption.

Resolved that until otherwise ordered the Police Officers be allowed one half of the fines in cases as heretofore, and that they be required to make their settlements to the Mayor who shall pay over the same to the Treasurer.

On Motion Mr Willis the resolution was adopted.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee stated that the Supt of Water Works had made an examination and reported that it would cost about \$205.00 to connect the water to the Wharf of the Steamboat Co; The Committee think that if the Company wishes the water they should pay the expense of conducting it to their property and a fair rent in addition.

On Motion, Mr Cole the subject was referred back to the Committee with power to act.

Mr Phillips asked and obtained leave to retire. Absent: Mr A K Phillips Jr

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Committee, reported favorably upon affairs at the Alms House one of the inmates discharged since last report.

Mr Bradley called up the resolution offered by Mr Knight at last meeting which was read and is as follows.

Resolved that the Committee on Schools enquire of the Board of School Trustees why no grammar grade is established in the Colored Schools, the same as in the White Schools, and report at the next meeting of the Council, whether such discrimination is according to law, or whether any and what reason exists therefore

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Mr Griffin asked and obtained leave to retire. Absent: Mr J M Griffin

Mr Bradley moved that the resolution offered by Mr Knight be adopted which was seconded,

Put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Gouldman, Bradley, Knight 4

Noes Willis, Cole, Myer 3

Mr Foster not voting

The Mayor reported, Dog collars sold to 1st October 173 Male & 22 Female; amt'g to \$206 which amount had been paid to the Treasurer.

On Motion Mr Cole, the Mayor was allowed the usual fee of 15¢ each for issuing Dog collars

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, 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 Chambers on Friday November 16th 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

O D Foster, W E Bradley, M G Willis, J S Knox, M H Myer, E D Cole, J M Griffin, G W Wroten, J W Colbert—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

Free Lance Office amt'g to \$8.00

R B Merchant amt'g to \$27.00

Mr Knox also presented a communication from J B Sener asking the Council for a rebate in the taxes against the property belonging to Alexander Sorrell's Estate

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the communication of Mr Sener was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Griffin, Chrmn School Comm, stated that he addressed a communication to the School Board with a copy of the resolution passed at the last Council and received from MR Bowering, Pres't of the board a reply stating that the resolution would be laid before the Schools at its next meeting.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Committee, reported Alms House in good condition and matters moving along well.

He also reported that Mrs Malone and daughter were not now at the Alms House, the Mrs M was so refractory and positively refused to conform to the rules of the Alms House and the Committee refused to allow her and her daughter to return.

Rev'd J G Shackleford was present and on motion was heard in behalf of Mrs Malone & daughter

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Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the request of Rev'd M Shackleford in regard to Mrs Malone & daughter be referred to the Committee on Alms House and if in their judgment it is to interest of the Alms House and the Public to grant the same, the Council will sustain them in their action in this special case.

The vote was taken upon the resolution of Mr Knox and it was lost.

Mr Foster stated that he wished to offer a resolution and moved a reconsideration of the vote by which Mr Knox's resolution was lost, which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Foster offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the sum of Eight dollars per month be appropriated for the support of Mrs Malone & Daughter the same to be paid to Rev'd J G Shackleford monthly for the purpose named.

The Mayor reported fines received \$10.50 and the same paid over to the Treasurer.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

[Page At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday December 21st 1888

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J H Myer, O D Foster, J W Colbert, M G Willis, G W Wroten, E D Cole, W E Bradley, A K Phillips Jr—
councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Cole, from the Finance Committee stated that the Committee had not yet had a meeting and no report could be made at the present meeting in regard to the application of Mr J B Sener for rebate on Taxes against Sorrell's Estate.

Mr Cole Chrmn Alms House Committee submitted the report of the Supt of the Alms House which was read, the number of inmates at this date is 22; 9 white, 13 colored.

Mr Cole reported that the claim of the Corporation vs Caroline County was still unpaid amount of same \$35.86.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the claim against the County of Caroline was placed in the hands of the Treasurer for collection and if not paid to be turned over to the Commonwealth Attorney.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Health Comm, stated that the matter of the Canal to Ray & Pettit's Mill had been brought to the Grand Jury.

Present: J M Griffin, Jno T Knight, J S Knox—councilmen

A Communication from R L Jefferson & others of the Fire Department was read stating that Capt T McCracken would not be a candidate for re-election to the office of Chief Fire Department and recommending M H McCracken for the position

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On Motion Mr M H McCracken was unanimously elected Chief of Fire Department for ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Willis, The Public Property Committee was requested to enquire into and report as to the matter of employing a suitable person to take care of the apparatus &c of the Fire Department.

A Communication from the Garfield Guards (Colored) was read asking an appropriation of \$96.00 for the purpose of paying the rent of an Armory for the Company.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the sum of Seventy five dollars was appropriated for the purpose of paying rent for an Armory for the Garfield Guards Light Infantry.

A Communication signed by a number of Citizens of the Lower Ward asking the Council to place an Electric Light at the corner of Sophia and Dixon Sts, near the old Store house of S Phillips & Son was read and on Motion, Mr Foster, the communication was referred to the Light Committee with power to act

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the Hydrant in front of the Mayor's Office and suggested that it be removed to the curb so that the wash water would pass off into the gutter instead of on the pavement as at present.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the subject was referred to the Water Committee with authority to act.

Mr Knox stated that the Council had to elected a Superintendent of Water Works at the present meeting and he moved that the salary of said officer be fixed at \$600 per annum which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Bradley moved that the salary be fixed at \$700 per annum, which was seconded put to the vote and lost. The vote was then taken upon the Motion of Mr Knox to fix the salary at \$600 and it was adopted.

A communication from Mr S J Quinn was read asking at the hands of Council a re-election as superintendent of City Water Works.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Superintendent of City Water Works and the ballots being counted [Page 164] resulted in the election of Mr S J Quinn, he having received all the votes cast save one, and he was declared elected Superintendent of City Water Works for 12 months from 1st January 1889.

Mr Wroten moved that the sum of \$10 be allowed Mr Quinn for extra services in building the new Reservoir which was seconded; whereupon

Mr Foster moved that the subject be referred to the Water Committee, which was seconded, put to the vote and carried.

The Mayor stated that some parties in the Upper Ward had called on him in regards to appointing Special Police for a while, as it was deemed necessary in their locality owing to some troublesome characters at large.

Mr C A Gore, policeman was heard in reference to the arrest of Mr Dye.

The Matter was left with the Mayor.

The Mayor reported fines since last meeting of \$5.50 paid over to the Treasurer; total dog tax to date \$341; whole number of collars sold to date 318.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the matter of securing a place for confining cows running at large at night was referred to the Pub Prop Comm.

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

A P Rowe, Mayor

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