

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1889

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday January 18th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Present: W E Bradley—councilman

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of J W Adams amt'g to \$4.90, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pub Prop Committee, reported that the Committee had examined the apparatus &c of the Fire Department and found same in very bad condition. The Committee at once took steps to have the property put in as good condition as possible and employed hands for the purpose.

Mr Cole of the Pub Prop Committee, also spoke of the condition in which the Committee found the apparatus of the Fire Department and recommended that a Janitor be appointed to take charge of the property of the Department and that an ordinance be framed regulating and governing the Fire Department.

On motion Mr Willis, the subject was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report a suitable ordinance for the government of the Fire Department.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, reported the New Street in rather bad condition owing to the large number of teams passing over it, and its being new made earth. Main & Commerce Streets he reported in fine condition about 1500 loads of dirt had been removed from same and a number of loads of gravel put upon Commerce and Main Streets.

The Mayor presented and read a letter from Maj E P D Myers, Supt R F & P R Rd with a report from Engineer W F Gordon [Page 166] in regard to drainage about the Depot of the Rail Road Company Property.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the letter of Maj Myers, with the report of Engineer Gordon was referred to the Street Comm for report.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, presented the official bond of S J Quinn, Supt Water Works in the penalty of \$2000 with Geo Gravatt and E D Cole as securities, which was approved by the Council and turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mr Willis, reported in writing the cost of the new reservoir \$3487.33.

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

Mr Willis stated the Committee on Water recommended that Mr Quinn be allowed \$100 for extra duty in building the new Reservoir.

On motion, the sum of one hundred dollars was allowed Mr S J Quinn for extra services in building the new Reservoir.

Mr Colbert presented the following which was adopted.

Whereas with the view of promoting, and to the end of securing an appropriation by Congress a fund to be expended in the cleaning out and perfecting the navigation of the Rappahannock River, the same being in a distressing state for that purpose, and to that end, that proper representations of the matter may be communicated to our Representative in Congress, Hon Bayley Brown.

Therefore, be it Resolved that this Council appoint a Committee of five composed of two members of the Council and three Citizens of this City who shall confer with Mr Henry Williams, Agent of the Weems Line of Steamers running between this point to Norfolk, Baltimore, and other cities and the captains of the respective Steamers as to the extents and character of the improvements in said River necessary and such information as they may gather from other sources of value concerning the same and that [Page 167] upon the accumulation of information they will represent the grievances touching the same, to the Hon Bayley Broan and urge him to use his best endeavors in Congress to secure the required amount necessary to perfect the bed of the said river and thereby further its facilities for navigation and that the said Committee will report to the Council the result of their work at the next meeting of the Council.

Mess'rs G W Wroten, and J M Griffin of the Council and W K King, Charles Wallace and W D Scott of the Citizens were appointed as the Committee.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Light Comm, reported that the Committee had ordered a light to be placed at the foot of Rocky Hill, on Sophia Street.

Mr Griffin, Chrmn, School Committee, presented and read a communication from the Trustees of Public Schools in response to the resolution passed by the Council October 19th 1888.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the communication was received.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded.

Resolved that it is the opinion of the Council that the course of study in the Coloured Schools ought to be extended so as to include branches taught in the grammar grades as well as the primary, thereby conforming to the law which requires that Colored Schools shall be under the same rules as to general management, usefulness and efficiency as the white schools, and that the school board be requested to submit to the Council with the least possible delay a practicable plan and estimate of the cost of introducing the grammar grade studies into the Coloured Public Schools, Whereupon,

Mr Myer, moved that the resolution be laid on the table, which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes, and lost by the following vote,

Ayes Mess'rs Colbert, Gouldman, Myer 3

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Foster, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Knight 9

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution [Page 168] offered by Mr Knight and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was lost, as follows

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

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Myer 7

Mr Foster not voting.

Mr Willis asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr M G Willis

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Committee, reported 24 inmates at the Alms House, also that the claim against the County of Caroline had been turned over to the Commonwealth Atty for collection

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Health Committee, submitted and read letters from Drs Martin, Doggett, & Herndon in regards to the Mill race of Ray & Pettit and its bearing upon the health of the City.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded

Resolved that the Committee on Water be requested to place a hydrant on the corner of Hanover & Sophia Streets.

The Resolution was referred to the Committee on Water.

A Communication from the Washington Memorial Temple Association asking the Council if it would consent to the location of the Temple on the North East Corner of the Court House Square and upon what terms.

On Motion, Mr Wroten, the communication was referred to the Pub Prop Committee for report.

A communication from Dr L Ashton, asking the Council to grant him the privilege to erect poles for a Telephone along Sophia St to Lewis Drug Store, Corner Main & George Sts.

Mr Cole moved that the application be granted, the poles to be placed under the supervision of the Street Committee, which was seconded, Whereupon,

Mr Bradley moved that the application be laid on the table for 30 days which was also seconded put to the vote and lost.

The vote was taken upon the motion of Mr Cole [Page 169] and it was adopted.

On motion Mr Knight, the Public Property Committee was requested to sell the old Engine belonging to the Corporation to best advantage.

The Mayor reported fines since last report \$9.50 paid over to the Treasurer.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday January 25th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

O D Foster, E D Cole, J H Myers, J W Colbert, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, M G Willis, J T Knight, A J Phillips Jr, W E Bradley

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Pub Prop Committee who would state the object of the call.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm stated that the Committee had been called on by the School Authorities in regard to depredations committed by parties the night before by breaking open the school room in the Court House and perpetrating outrages in the room and the Committee wished to know if the Armory was under the Control of the Pub Prop Committee.

Capt T McCracken was present and on motion was heard. Capt McC stated that the Military Co was in the habit of giving balls and other entertainments at the Armory for the benefit of the Company and he was satisfied that the Company was in no way responsible for the depredations committed upon the school house or had an knowledge of it. He further stated that the Company had made an arrangement with Prof Lauber of Richmond for the use of the Armory for a dancing class for 3 months and he would

be glad if the Council would allow the arrangement to be carried out as no other room in the City could be had for the purpose.

After considerable discussion in which nearly every member of the [Council] engaged.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded.

Resolved that the Fredericksburg Grays be [Page 171] allowed the use of the Armory as an Armory and for the purpose they have been using it, with the understanding that they allow no damage to the property, Provided that Permission is obtained by the Public Property Committee from the insurance agent for using the same for any other privilege than that of an armory, Whereupon

Mr Bradley moved that the whole matter be referred to the Pub Prop Committee with the request that the Commonwealth Attorney be consulted as to the right of granting the privilege under the contract of the Corporation with the Fredericksburg Hall Association, and report, which was also seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Colbert, Foster, Bradley, Willis, Cole 5

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, Knight, Myer 6

The Question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Knight another discussion arose as to the power of the Pub Prop Committee over the Armory, when Mr Knight made the following addition to the resolution offered, and seconded

Provided further that the Public Property Committee shall at all times have supervision of the Hall and that there is no conflict in said privilege with the contract now existing between the Fred'g Hall Association and the Corporation.

The vote was then taken upon the resolution of Mr Knight as amended and it was adopted unanimously.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday February 13th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that he convened the Council in order that it might take such steps as deemed proper to pay the last tribute of respect to our late esteemed fellow Citizen Joseph W Sener, long a member of this body and for four years Mayor of the City, who died at his home this morning.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas it has pleased the Creator to take from our midst Jos W Sener, a former member of this body and Ex-Mayor of this City:

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions in regard to his death and report the same to this body.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bradley, Phillips & Gouldman as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday February 15th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to receive the report of the Committee appointed on Wednesday last to draft suitable resolutions in respect to the memory of our late fellow J W Sener

Mr Bradley submitted the following which on Motion, Mr Cole, was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Your Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the feeling of the Council at the death of Hon Jos W Sener, beg leave to submit the following:

While submitting with humility to the decrees of the Almighty we deeply mourn the sudden taken off our friend Joseph W Sener, who for a long period of years was a useful member of this Body.

As Mayor of the City, Recorder, Councilman and in every station of life, public and private he discharged his duties with fidelity, honesty of purpose and to satisfaction of the Public.

In the private station he was devoted husband, kind father, faithful friend, honest and upright in all his dealings.

Our City has sustained a great loss in the death of Mr Sener; his acquaintances & neighbors a faithful friend and true man, his Church a consistent, devoted and useful member and the various orders to which he belonged a worthy and highly respected member and official.

We recommend that the Council had in session [Page 174] together with all surviving ex-Mayors, ex-Councilmen, City and State Officials attend the funeral in a body, and we furthermore recommend that the Mayor request all business houses to close and suspend business during the funeral as a mark of respect to the deceased, and afford all employees the opportunity to attend the funeral and thus show their respect and sympathy.

We also recommend that a copy of this report be sent the family of the deceased and the newspapers of the City with the request that they publish the same.

Signed; W E Bradley, A K Phillips Jr, H R Gouldman, Committee

The Council then adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday February 15th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

No Councilmen being present and no quorum 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 Chambers on Friday February 22nd 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

<i>Free Lance</i> amt'g to	\$5.50
M C Grasty	\$4.14

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pub Prop Committee reported the apparatus of the Fire Department had been overhauled and put in good condition, He also reported that the Commonwealth Atty had adversely to the Armory being let for any other purpose than an armory under the contract with the Hall Assn, but that Mr McCracken had gotten the Consent of the Hall Assn to allow the Gray to use the Armory as heretofore, and Mr Myers and himself had agreed to the arrangement. Mr Foster also stated that he was requested by the Washington Memorial Temple Association to withdraw the application presented to the Council on 18th Jan'y last.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee present the following report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the letter of Major Myers with the report of Engineer Gordon respectfully state that they have given the matter due consideration and report that the suggestion of Engineer Gordon as to conducting the water through Ray & Pettit's trunk should be entertained by the Council.

That the paving in the vicinity of Dignums should be at the expense of the Rail Road Company. If the Company should construct a brick culvert from Dignums to the River the Corporation is not to bear any of the cost.

Signed, G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, J H Myer

On Motion the report was referred to the Street Comm

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A communication from Mr Jos McCracken, Agt of the Cable Postal Telegraph Company was presented asking the Council to grant the Company the privilege of erecting poles on Main Street to Charles St down Charles Street to Sophia Street down Sophia to Commerce, up Commerce St to the Company office, thence out Commerce to the Southwestern Corporate Limits.

On Motion Mr Willis, the application was granted, the Poles to be erected under the supervision of the Street Committee.

Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted.

In regard to the resolution offered at the last meeting of the Council and referred to the Committee on Ordinances with the request that they bring in an ordinance defining the duty of a Janitor to be appointed for the Fire Department respectfully report;

That after having thoroughly considered the present ordinance passed October 19th 1884 regulating the Fire Department and the Power and duty of the Chief, beg to state that they are unanimously of the opinion that the existing ordinance covered the ground and protects the property of the Town in charge of the Fire Department and the Committee are further of the opinion that instead of a Janitor, a standing Committee having Special Charge of the Fire Department and matters pertaining thereto would accomplish more than the election of a Janitor.

Signed, A K Phillips Jr, Jno T Knight, Jas S Knox.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the ordinance was requested to prepare an ordinance creating a committee on Fire Department and Police as one of the Standing Committees.

Mr Wroten for Comm on Commerce & Navigation, reported that the Committee appointed under the resolutions offered by Mr Colbert had met and selects Mr Chs Wallace as Chairman and Mr W D Scott Secretary, so far the Committee [Page 177] had done nothing, but would procure all the information possible and forward to Washington and do all in their power to get all the aid possible from the Government for the improvement of the Navigation of our river.

Mr Myer, Chrmn of Park Committee, stated that he had nothing to report save that the Park was infested with Hens, chickens &c damaging the grass and scratching the walks of the park and suggested that some steps be taken at once by ordinance or otherwise to rid the Park of these pests.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.
Whereas Mr Myer having reported damage done in the Park by fowls;
Resolved that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee for action.
Mr Bradley asked and obtained leave to retire. Absent: Mr Bradley

The Mayor presented and read a communication from Hon A W Wallace, Judge of Corpo Court calling attention of the Council to the indictments of the Grand Jury of the Mayor & Council for nuisances permitted in the Corpo and suggesting that steps be taken for abatement of same.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the Mayor and Street Committee were requested to examine into the matter of the indictments and report at a called Meeting of the Council.

A Communication from Citizens in the upper Ward in the vicinity of Fauquier & Main Streets asking the Council to have an electric Light placed in that part of the City
Present: Mr Bradley

On Motion, the communication was referred to the Light Committee.

Mr Phillips stated that he was requested by the Rappahannock Boat Club of this place to ask the Council for the use of the Council Chamber by the Va Amateur Oarsmen in which to hold their meeting on 1st March proximo
The application was referred to Pub Prop Comm.

Mr Griffin offered the following which was adopted;
Resolved that the City Treasurer be and is hereby directed to furnish the Council at the end of the fiscal year [Page 178] a Statement of all the Corporation funds paid out to whom paid and for what purpose.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted,
Resolved, that the Committee on Schools be requested to obtain from the Board of School Trustees a classified estimate as required of the amount of money needed for the public free schools for the Current Schools years which should have been submitted to the Council when the appropriation for Schools was asked for; and that the Committee report at the next regular meeting of the Council.
The Council then adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday March 5th 1889
Present A P Rowe, Mayor
H R Gouldman, Recorder
J H Myer, M G Willis, G W Wroten, A K Phillips Jr, J S Knox, J T Knight, E D Cole, W E Bradley

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called to consider the indictments by the Grand Jury against the Mayor and Council and the Matter of drainage of the lands along the Mill race.

Mr Wroten stated that he with the Mayor had investigated the indictments and found that the first indictment was the one on Prince Edward Street, where the land had been condemned by the Corporation and the land raised, which caused the lands on each side of the Street to overflow.

The Second indictment the Corpo had nothing to do with, as it was for a nuisance upon the lot belonging to the Estate of Forbes & Wellford which property had been sold for taxes and bought by the Commonwealth.

On Motion, Mr Gouldman, the Street Committee was requested to have the nuisance for which the Council indicted on Prince Edward Street abated at once.

On Motion, Mr Phillips, the Mayor and Chrnm of Street Committee were requested to appear before the Court and State that the Council had taken steps to abate the nuisance on Prince Edward St.

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

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.

It having been widely published through the public journals and otherwise that the grave of Mary the Mother of Washington and the unfinished Monument to her memory would be sold today at the Capitol of the United States, the Council and Mayor of Fredericksburg regarding the proposal as a scandalous reflection upon [Page 180] a civilized Community desire hereby to place upon their records the stamp of reprobation upon what would appear to be an attempt to make merchandise of those sacred and venerated relics, and it having been declared by a Mass Meeting of Citizens with the approval of the Judges of the Circuit and Corporation Courts there present, that the public authorities of Fredericksburg have an indisputable right and power to protect this sacred soil;

Resolved that the Council for the purpose of preventing any further desecration of this Spot, deem it peculiarly proper at this time to assert that right and to exercise that power and therefore instruct the Committee on Streets to cause a suitable enclosure to be erected around the said grave and monument, and to ascertain the necessary cost of opening the avenue and Street leading thereto

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday March 15th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

M G Willis, E D Cole, J H Myer, J S Knox, J M Griffin, J T Knight, W E Bradley, J W Colbert, A K Phillips Jr—councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Committee presented the ordinance levying the License tax for the year 1889-1890 being in word and figures as the ordinance of 1888-89, which on his motion was adopted
On Motion Mr Willis, the subject of publishing the license ordinance in pamphlet form to extent of 200 copies was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Willis, Chrnm Water Committee stated that the banks of the new Reservoir was being seriously injured for the want of rip rapping with tone to prevent further washing, the work ought be commenced at as early a day as possible and finished by or before 15th May; a fence ought also be placed around the reservoir but not until the rip rapping was finished, the Committee thought that the cost of the work would be about \$750.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded.

Resolved that the Committee on Water advertize for proposals for rip rapping the new reservoir and report to the Council the cost, at its next regular meeting or a special called meeting.

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

Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Committee submitted the following which was adopted
Resolved, that Chapter page 119 and the amendment and re-enactment of the same passed at the meeting of the Council in June 1888 be and it is hereby amended in the Section relating to Standing Committees so as to add “a Committee on Fire Department and Police”
Resolved that Chapter 52 page [blank] be amended by addition Section 18. That on and after 20h day of March 1889 it shall not be lawful for fowls caught within the Park enclosure.

Mr Griffin, Chrmn School Committee presented a communication from A B Bowering, President of the Board of Trustees Public Schools dated Feb’y 28th in response to the resolution of the Council passed Feb’y 22nd stating that the resolution would be placed before the board at the next regular meeting.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm, submitted the report of the Superintendent of the Alms House, shewing number of inmates at this time, 25, viz 9 Whites and 16 Colored

A Communication from S J Quinn Sec’y School Trustees was read informing the Council that the term of O D Foster from the Lower and Isaac Hirsh from the Upper Wars would expire on 4th April next and requested that their successors be elected at the present meeting.
On Motion, Mr Cole, the Council then proceeded to the election of School Trustees in place of Mess’rs Foster & Hirsh, whose terms of office expire on 4th April next.

Mr O D Foster & Mr J T Knight were nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted in the [Page 183] election of Mr O D Foster, who was declared elected Trustee of Public Schools for the lower ware for 3 years from 4th April next, Mr Knight receiving one vote
Mess’r Isaac Hirsh and B S Herndon were nominated & balloted for as Trustee of Public Schools for the upper ward and the ballots being counted resulted as follows
For Isaac Hirsh 6
For B S Herndon 4
Mr Hirsh having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected School Trustee for the Upper Ward for 3 years from 4th April next.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the Condition of the Canal or raceway leading to Ray & Pettit’s Mill and stated that from personal inspection he was of the opinion that the health of the City would be imperiled unless something was done at once to remove the mud out of the Canal as well as other obstructions.

Mr Cole presented a communication signed by M B Rowe, B Bowering & W H Hurkamp Extr which was read, asking the Council to have the water in the Mill Race turned off at an early day, so that the condition of the Canal could be examined along its whole length and suggesting that if the race was thoroughly cleaned and kept cleaned annually the land adjacent would soon be drained and become as Market gardens.

Mr Knox offered the following which was seconded,
Resolved that the Mayor be requested to notify Mess’rs Ray & Pettit that the condition of the Mill race is such as to imperil the health of the town and that they must take steps at once to remove the mud in the race and other obstructions, and thus afford a clear channel for the flow of the water.
The vote was taken upon Mr Knox resolution by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted by the following vote,

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Cole, Bradley, Myer and the Mayor 6
Noes Mess'rs Griffin, Phillips Gouldman, Willis, Knight 5
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On Motion Mr Knox, the communication of Mess'rs Bowering & other was laid on the table.

The Mayor having reported favorably on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their Salaries for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

Fines collected since Jan'y 1st \$41.00 one half paid to police officer and balance \$20.50 paid over to the Treasurer.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday March 25th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering the communication of Mess'r Ray and the subject of drainage.

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

The Mayor called the Recorder to the Chair

Mr H R Gouldman, Recorder in the Chair

By consent of the Council the Mayor presented the following communication from Mess'rs Ray & Pettit Fred'g April 21st 1889

To the Hon A P Rowe Mayor & the Common Council of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen,

We have rec'd your communication of the 18th Inst together with Copy of your resolution passed at the regular meeting of your body, requiring us to clean out the "mill race" and in reply state that we are informed that the Grand Jury of the Corporation Court of this City under the instruction of Judge Wallace recently made a most thorough examination of all the lands appurtenant to this Mill race and of the cause of the alleged nuisance and found indictments against both the Hon A P Rowe, Mayor & the Common Council for creating a nuisance by filling up said Mill Race, and with the whole matter before them and a most earnest attempt to place the entire responsibility upon us the Grand Jury declined to find an indictment against us and yet you the Mayor & Common Council both under indictments for the nuisance undertake in derogation of the Court action [Page 186] and usurping the prerogatives of the Court to shift your own responsibility and attempt to indict us by the action of your body by an equally divided vote and the casting vote of the Hon A P Rowe, Mayor.

We are advised by our attorney that this action is a contempt of the said Court and unless your ordinance is promptly repealed we shall apply to said Court to protect us and assert its jurisdiction and prerogative, We beg to be,

Very Resp'y Yr

Signed Ray & Pettit

The Mayor also read extracts from the records of the Corporation in relation to the Mill Race and the responsibility of parties owning same to keep the race cleaned out, he also gave his own views as to the importance of the race being cleaned out, in order to a proper drainage of the lands adjacent to it. The Mayor resumed the Chair; Mr Gouldman, vacating

Mr Bradley offered the following which was seconded,
Resolved, that as Mess'rs Ray & Pettit have been notified to remove the obstruction across the canal and to clean out the same as directed by the last meeting of the Council and have failed to do so that the Mayor be instructed to select and employ competent Counsel to represent the Corporation, and in the judgment of the Mayor and such Counsel a Civil Process by injunction is the proper remedy in order to abate the nuisance caused by obstructions in an across the canal that then the Mayor be authorized to proceed in the name of the Council to obtain such a remedy from the proper Court; Whereupon

Mr Knight offered the following which was also seconded;
Whereas, it is the opinion of this Council that this run or mill race is the property of Citizens of this place and the Grand Jury of the Corporation [Page 187] Court of Fredericksburg having already indicted the Mayor & Council and a number of Citizens owning land in the vicinity of said race for nuisances and failed to indict the owners of said mill race;

Resolved that it is deemed injudicious to take any action until these cases now before the Court are disposed of, and that the resolution of the Council passed at its last meeting relative to this matter is hereby repealed.

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

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

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Foster, Griffin, Gouldman, Willis, Knight	6
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Cole, Bradley, Myer	4

The Mayor presented an a/c of A B Botts & late J W Sener amt'g \$14.45, Mr Botts alleging that the blankets charged in the bill were purchased by Mr Sener when Mayor for the use of the Corporation. On Motion, Mr Willis, the account was referred to the Finance Committee

A communication from Mr Jas B Guild of New York City was read soliciting information as to the status of Mary Washington Monument.

On Motion, Mr Knox, The Mayor was requested to reply to the communication of Mr Guild and forward all the information to be obtained in respect to the Monument

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday March 29th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at the request of the Water Committee that the bids for rip rapping the reservoir might be submitted.

Mr Willis Chrmn Water Committee, submitted specifications for the work in the reservoir and also the following bids for the work

J M Coates	\$1025.00
W F Downs	\$890.00
J W Mills	\$824.50

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars or so much thereof as is necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Committee on Water for the purpose of rip rapping with stone the new reservoir, the work to be done by our own Fredericksburg labour under the Supervision of the Superintendent of Water Works and the Committee on Water.

The vote on the resolution of Mr Knight was taken by Ayes & Noes and it was adopted.

Ayes	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Foster, Griffin, Phillips, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Knight, Myer	10
Noes	Mess'r Gouldman	1

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

Mr Willis , Chrmn Water Comm stated that the proprietor of the Woolen Mills wished to know at what price the water would be furnished for a two inch pipe for fire purposes, all expenses for conducting the water to the Mills to be [Page 189] paid by the Woolen Mills Co

On Motion Mr Wroten the appn was referred to the Water Comm, with power to act.

Mr Willis also stated that he had an application from Mr Brulle wishing to know the cost of supply his residence (White Plains) with water

On Motion, Mr Bradley the appn was referred to the Water Committee.

The Mayor announced the following Committee on "Fire Department and Police"

Jno T Knight
M G Willis
W E Bradley

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday April 19th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of the *Free Lance* office amt'g to \$3.75 which was ordered to be paid. He reported that the Committee recommended the payment of the a/c of A B Botts vs late J W Sener amt'g to \$14.75.

On Motion the account of A B Botts vs J W Sener for blankets ordered by him for extinguishing a fire of 1882 amt'g to \$14.75 was ordered to be paid.

The rule was suspended for the present meeting.

Mr Knox presented a communication from C S Hunter Pres't Hall Co asking the Council to revoke the present License tax upon the Hall of \$100 and place it at \$15.00 specific and \$2.50 for each performance as heretofore, which was read.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the petition of the Opera House owners be granted and that the License tax of \$100 per Annum for the year 1889-90 be revoked and that Sections 52 & 54 of the License Ordinance be re-enacted save and except that the tax on each exhibition or performance [?] of \$5.00 shall be \$2.50.

Present: J M Griffin, Councilman

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, reported that the indictment against the Council had been settled and the costs in the case paid, the indictment in the lot case, Forbes & Wellford with which he thought the Council had nothing to do remained unsettled.

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Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm reported that the Supt of Water Works had been searching for stone for rip rapping the reservoir and found that an ample supply could be had at Dr Taylor's and cheaper than elsewhere, but the stone would have to be brought down the Canal, but the Committee did not think proper to interfere with the gate on the Canal which was in very bad condition and in the event of a freshet might be of serious consequences to the town and the Committee would be glad to have instructions from the Council before taking further steps if stone is to be gotten from Taylor's it will be necessary that a new gate be put in.

After considerable discussion, Mr Knox presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on Water confer with Ms J R Clarke owner & Mr Robt Smith agent of the Water Power Co as the removal of the gate at the Dam at the head of the Canal and ascertain what proportion of expense if any should be borne by the Corporation in substituting a new gate in place of the old one.

Mr Griffin presented and read a report from the School Trustees giving a detailed estimate of the expense of the Schools for the year 1888-89 aggregating \$4221.78.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the communication of S J Quinn, Clerk of School Board be returned with the request that the school Board furnish a classified estimate showing the whole amount paid to teachers in their employ in addition to the \$2810.78 now reported and showing also what amounts are derived from the State Funds so that the Council may understand on what the Board bases its estimate of the amount needed from the Corporation Treasury.

The vote upon the resolution of Mr Knight was taken by Ayes & Noes and was adopted as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Foster, Griffin, Willis, Cole, Knight & Bradley 8

Noes Mess'r Myer 1

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Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm submitted the report of the Supt Alms House shewing number of inmates as this time to be 28 Viz 19 Coloured, 9 White.

Mr Knight, Chrmn Committee Fire Department & Police submitted a written report giving the status of the property of the Fire Department and giving also the needs of the Department at present.

On Motion, Mr Knox the report of the Fire Department was received and the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the use of the Department to be expended as needed in supplies &c for the Department.

A communication from Mr W Key Howard was read complaining of cow running at large and asking the Council to take some action to prevent the same.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the communication was referred to the Ordinance Committee with the request that they bring in an ordinance with reference to the matter complained of

A communication from Mr G W Shepherd, Sec'y of the Agricultural Fair Assn, asking the Council to appoint a Committee to Co-operate with a Committee appointed by the Fair Assn, to wait on the President of the United States and invited him with Mrs Harrison & the Cabinet to attend the next annual Fair of the Assn.

On Motion, The Mayor appointed the following as the Committee to co-operate with the Fair Committee to visit Washington for the purpose named in the communication; O D Foster, J M Griffin, G W Wroten, M G Willis, J T Knight.

Mr Bradley moved that the expense of the Committee in visiting Washington be paid, which was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote:

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Ayes	Mess'rs Cole, Bradley, Myer	3
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Foster, Griffin, Willis, & Knight	6

The Council then adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday May 17th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

<i>Free Lance Co</i>	\$12.25
City Cemetery Co	\$5.00

Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Comm submitted the following amendment to Chap 20 of the Gen'l Ordinance which lays over under the rules

Sec 5. It shall not be lawful for any person to herd cows in the Street or lanes of the City under a penalty of one dollar.

Mr Knight Chrmn Fire Dept & Police Committee submitted the following which was read.

The Committee on Fire Department and Police would respectfully offer the following recommendations:

1st That the Police Officer be required to wear [Page 194] the regulation Police uniform while on duty on or after the 1st July next.

2nd That all reports made by Police Officers to the Mayor of an official Character shall be submitted in writing.

Signed, Jno T Knight, M G Willis, W E Bradley.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the report of the Committee was referred back to the Committee for further report.

Mr Knox presented the following paper prepared by Judge Wallace, which met his hearty approval and on his motion was unanimously adopted.

It being reported from authentic sources that "Paul Key" who is charged with the Commission of an offence has been arrested and as he will be brought here to trial, the Mayor and Common Council earnestly request and appeal to the good citizens of the Community to maintain their reputation for respect to the majority of the law.

The laws of the Commonwealth are adequate for the punishment of the crime charged, and the authorities have full confidence in the officers entrusted with the execution of the law.

It is the sworn duty of every officer of the State from the Governor down to see that this man is tried according to law, and the Mayor and Common Council earnestly appeal to all good citizens by counsel, advice and every other means in their power to assist the officers in the performance of their duty.

There is no doubt that this man will receive the full punishment for his crime, therefore there is no occasion to injure the fair frame of the City of Fredericksburg.

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A communication from Cotton & Hill was read asking the Council that all porters be allowed to stand on the South Side of Princess Ann St not on the side walk but in the Street, so as to place the porters of all the Hotels on an equal footing.

The communication was referred to the Mayor to act as he thinks best in the premises.

The Council then adjourned,

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Monday June 10th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated the Council was called at the request of the Committee on Water, and the Chairman of the Committee would state the object of the Meeting.

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Water Comm, stated that the Committee deemed it advisable to have the Council convened in order to lay before the body the matter of Water Supply of the City. He stated that at present there was on about four feet of water in the Reservoir with no prospect of its being increased for some time and the Committee would like the Council to determine whether this limited supply shall be furnished to the citizens or keep in case of fire.

Mr Phillips offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Water Committee be requested to continue the supply of water to the Citizens until the supply in the Reservoir is exhausted.

Mr Willis stated that it was not known when the dam would be repaired but he was informed that Mr Clark would have an Engineer here tonight who may be able to give some information as to the time the water can be turned into the Canal.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Water Committee consult with the Engineer and Mr Clark or his agent and if in their judgment anything should happen will [Page 197] justify them in calling the Council together to adopt some plan to get water for the town, they are requested to do so.

The Council then adjourned,

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday June 21st 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor presented and read a communication from Prof Wm Nelson inviting the Mayor and Council to attend the Commencement exercises of the High School to be held at the Court House tonight.

The Council thanked Prof Nelson for his kind invitation, but the press of business compelled the body to respectfully decline the same.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of the *Free Lance* Co amt'g to \$7.00 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee presented the annual report of the Committee showing the amount expended for repairs and opening Streets and repairs of bridges for the year \$1387.60. The report was received and ordered to be filed and the sum of \$146.40 was appropriated to cover the deficiency.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee, presented the annual Report of the Committee showing amount expended \$828.71, about \$116 [Page 198] of the amount having been expended on the pumps of the City.

Mr Willis also presented the Annual report of S J Quinn, Supt City Water Works, showing total receipts from rents \$4079.29 and reporting delinquent rents amt'g to \$1686.90 from 1885 to 1889 inclusive.

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

Present: Mr A K Phillips Jr

Mr Griffin, Chrmn School Committee, presented a communication from S J Quinn, Clerk of Board of Trustees of Public Schools giving a classified statement of the amount required for running the Schools for the ensuing session; the whole amount needed is \$5611.00, of this amount the board expects to receive from the State and from other sources \$2931.35 and asks an appropriation from the Council for the balance needed say \$2676.65.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the communication was laid over until next meeting.

Mr Bradley, presented an account of Chs Williams for digging well on lot owned by Forbes & Wellford by order Mayor & Street Committee amt'g to \$9.50 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Health Comm presented a petition signed by many citizens calling attention of the Council to the condition of many cellars and lots of the town as calculated to produce sickness and asking that steps be taken at once to have the property properly cleaned.

On motion, Mr Knox, the petition was referred to the Mayor.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, stated that the Committee had made an examination of the canal &c with a view of getting water as quickly as possible and employed Prof Nelson to make Survey &c; and the Committee have to report that they see no chance of getting water except [Page 199] in the usual way. The report of Prof Nelson was read.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the sum of \$10.00 was allowed Professor Nelson for his services in making survey for the Water Committee.

Mr Knight, Chrmn Fire Department & Police Comm presented the following which was adopted.

The Committee on Fire Department & Police make the following recommendations:

1st That the Police officers be furnished by the Corporation uniforms by which they may be designated as such and said Police officers be required to wear said uniforms while on duty.

2nd That all Police Officers in making reports to the Mayor of an official character shall be required to submit said reports in writing.

Signed, Jno T Knight, W E Bradley, M G Willis.

Two petitions were presented to the Council each signed by many citizens. One asking the Council to approve at once the ordinance presented by the ordinance in regards to cows running at large in the day time, the other praying that the ordinance as it now stands may not be changed. Both petitions were read and on motion were laid on the Table.

The Amendment to Chap 20 of the Gen'l Ordinance in regard to herding cows &c presented by the Ordinance Committee was called up and on Motion Mr Cole was laid on the table.

Judge Goolrick was present and was permitted to be heard and addressed the Council in behalf of the Physicians and also of the Counsel of Paul Key and asked the Council to make an appropriation to pay the Physicians as they may not be paid by the State and also the Counsel as the State had refused to pay the amount allow him by the Court,

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On Motion the matter of allowance to Physicians & Counsels referred to by Judge Goolrick was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

A communication from Western Union Telegraph Co was read, asking an abatement in the License tax upon the Co of \$25.00.

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

The Mayor stated that about two weeks since he received a telegram from the Relief Committee at Washington asking if the sufferers here by the flood need aid to which he replied, thanking the Committee and stating that no aid was needed that our people could not supply; he also stated that he received \$8.00 from a Lady at Washington asking him to bestow the same upon any sufferers by the flood, which he said would be distributed where most needed; all of which was approved by the Council.

The Mayor reported Fines \$21.50

Dog Licenses \$12.50

Since last report

On Motion the Council adjourned until Friday next 28th Inst 8 O'clock PM
 A P Rowe, Mayor
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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday June 28th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor having reported favorably, on motion, The Treasurer was directed to pay the Salaries of the Police Officers for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, to whom were referred the application of the Western Union Telegraph Co for reduction in the License tax upon the co to \$25, reported adversely upon the same and unanimously recommend that the tax remain as assessed by the Council Viz \$50.00

The Committee recommend that a fee of \$10.00 be allow Mr A H Dickinson for his services in Court in the Paul Key case.

On Motion the report of the Committee was adopted.

An Account of R B Merchant amounting to \$19.50 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox presented the Annual Report of the Finance Committee, which is as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1889. The usual Annual settlement of the account of the Collector of Taxes and City Treasurer has been made. The Collection of Mr A P Rowe Jr tax collector have been quite satisfactory. His report which is herewith submitted and made part of this report embraces receipts from taxes, licenses, rents &c during the year and shows payments made by him to the Treasurer within the same period. The Account of R W Adams, City Treasurer have been examined and found correct and all payments made by him are supported by proper vouchers.

At the date of the last ann'l report there was due the Treasurer	1238.39
Since that time he has paid as per vouchers	28, 420.32
Making a total of	\$29, 658.71

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There has been paid the Treasurer since the last report the following amounts, to wit

By the Mayor, A P Rowe

For Fines to date	57.75	
For Dog Licenses to date	341.00	398.75

By E D Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm

For sale of 1 calf	6.00	
For rent of Alms House land	70.00	
Amt rec'd for warrant from Caroline Co	35.84	111.84

O D Foster Chmn Pub Prop for sale of old Engine	32.25
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S J Quinn Supt Water Works to May 1889 inclusive	4099.59
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A P Rowe Jr Collector of tax &c at sundry times less his comm'n for taxes for years to 1887 inclusive	1216.41
Licenses 1888 including Drays	6127.34

For Rents of Market Stalls, hay scales Town Hall &c for 1888	250.10
Balance due the Treasurer	1495.91
	\$29,658.71
Balance due the Treasurer	\$1495.91

As against the apparent balance due the Treasurer the Treasurer has in hand the money so far collect on a/c of the Licenses for 1889-90. There has been paid out of the Treasury this year a considerable sum of money on a/c of the New Reservoir (rip rapping the same, land damages, which is not nearly complete and though we have such demands for that work and for new Streets &c, the amount due the Treasurer is now only \$1495.91, when at the start of the Fiscal year we were in his debt \$1238.39. In view of the facts as stated, the Committee recommends that the tax remain the same as last year and will present the bill at this meeting.

The Sinking Fund remains as last reported.

Of 7% Bonds of the City \$8873.71

Owing to money required water works and other necessary [Page 203] expenses, Fire Department, Jail &c the Committee has been unable to add to the Sinking fund as required by law, but hope to do so next year.

The Debt of the City now is as follows:

7% Bonds	117920.00
6% Water Bonds	30000.00
Est of Mrs Alexander old 6% bonds	2500.00

Signed J S Knox, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, committee

On Motion, Mr Willis, the report of the Finance Committee was adopted.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance, presented the Ordinance levying taxes for the support of the City for the year 1889-1890 which was read and is as follows.

The bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the Year 1889-90

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 1889-90 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay the interest, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

- 1st On every male person over 21 years of Age (not legally exempt) 50¢
- 2nd On all Real and personal property income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capital in any business investments, bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies, on every \$100 value thereof \$1.20

- 3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be The same as that fixed by the State

- 4th A deduction of 5 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th October next

- 5th On all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of October next there shall be added 5 per cent and interest from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the

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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 Willis, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox, presented the ordinance making appropriations for the year 1889-90 which is as follows.

- 1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending Jun 30th 1890

For Interest and Sinking Fund 7% Bonds	\$10,000
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% water bonds	\$2100
For Alms House	\$1200
Salaries	\$3600
Police	\$750
Repairs of Public Property	\$450
Repairs of Streets	\$1000
Electric Light	\$2000
Park	\$150
Ordinances	\$25
Commerce & Navigation	\$50
Public Schools	\$1500
Water	\$500
Health Committee	\$25
Fire & Police Committee	\$150
Contingencies	\$2000
Redemption of Bonds held by Mr Fitzhugh for benefit of Estate of Mrs Alexander	\$2500
[Total]	\$28,000

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 [Page 205] are made to meet the same.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the ordinance was adopted.

Mr Foster, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, presented the Annual report of the Committee shewing amount expended on Pub Property for the year \$2249.48, which sum includes \$1561.95 paid balance contract for building Fire Department house.

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

Mr Griffin called attention of the Council to and read an article in the *Free Lance* alleging that a proposition had been made to the Water Committee by which water could be pumped into the reservoir on the hill at a cost of \$600.

Mr G stated to the Council that no such proposition had been made to the Water Committee and he pronounced the statement false.

Mr Willis, corroborated the statement of Mr Griffin, and stated that if such a proposition had been made he would have opposed it as the limited quantity of water in the lower reservoir would not justify any such expense as \$600 to place it on the hill, with no immediate prospect of any additional supply.

Mr Gouldman, Chrmn Light Comm, reported the cost of lighting the City with electricity for the year \$1878.19.

On Motion the report was received.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm, presented and read the report of the Committee showing amount expended for support of the Poor for the year \$1218.09, excess of appropriation, \$18.09.

On Motion, the report was received and \$18.09 appropriated to cover deficiency.

Mr Knight, Chrmn Fire & Police Comm, presented the report of the Committee, shew'g amount expended for the Fire Department \$58.50.

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

Mr Myer, Chrmn Park Comm, submitted the Annual Report of the Committee, showing amount expended on the Park for the year \$150.

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On Motion Mr Knox, Section 5 of the License ordinance was amended by inserting in the third line, after the word accident the words "or live stock" so as to read "But this shall not apply to the agents of accident or live stock insurance companies doing business in the City , upon which the tax shall be \$10.00

Mr Phillips presented a communication from Mess'rs Ray & Pettit which was read informing the Council that the use of their mill race by the City to run their pump at the Water Works was without their authority and that hereafter they should expect the Corporation to keep the race in order and take care of the waste water that flowed from the pump house wheel.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the communication was referred to the Water Committee.

The Council then adjourned until Monday July 1st 8 O'clock PM

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Monday July 1st 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of the Clerk of Council was fixed at \$75 per annum.

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the compensation of Collector of taxes, rents &c was fixed at 2½ per cent on all taxes paid by or before 15th October and 5 per cent on all sums paid thereafter.

Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated, balloted for and elected collector of taxes, rents &c for the ensuing year.

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

Mr W C Smith was nominated, balloted for and elected Clerk of Market for the ensuing year

Mr Anthony Patton was nominated, balloted for and elected weigher of Salt, Coal, and Grain for the ensuing year.

Mr Anthony Patton was nominated, balloted for and elected Measurer and inspector of Lumber, Wood &c for the ensuing year.

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

Mr A Hooton was nominated, balloted for and elected Superintendent of Alms House for the ensuing year. Mr W C Smith received one vote.

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

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

The Council next proceeded to the election of one day policeman & two day & night policemen to serve for the ensuing year.

The Salary of day policeman was fixed at \$150 and of night policemen at \$300 per annum.

Mr J H Robinson and R L Jefferson were balloted for as day Policemen and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of Mr Robinson as day policeman for the ensuing year. Mr Jefferson received one vote.

Mess'rs C A Gore, Martin Cahill, & R L Jefferson were balloted for as night & day policemen and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of Mess'rs Chs A Gore and Martin Cahill as night and day Policemen for the ensuing year. Mr Jefferson received four votes.

The resignation of Mr O D Foster as member of the Council from the Lower Ward was presented and read.

On Motion Mr Knox, the resignation of Mr Foster was accepted.

On Motion Mr Gouldman the election of a person to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Foster was postponed until the next regular meeting.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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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 19th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last regular and called meetings were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, presented an account of the Free Lance amt'g to \$2.00 which was ordered to be paid, he also presented the official bond of A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes, with M B Rowe, Z M Honey, & E D Cole sureties in the penalty of \$10,000 which was approved by the Council and order to be turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee, presented the following proposition from Mess'rs Ray & Pettit The undersigned make the following proposition to the Committee on Water of the City Council as a solution of the question of the city rights to use the Mill race belonging to us and running from the old Paper Mill site on the Canal to our Flour mill on the Rappahannock River.

That the Committee on Water take charge of and clean out when necessary and keep in order the Mill Race above mentioned from the old Paper Mill site to the Mouth of the Trunk of the Race, about 150 feet below Prince Edward Street Crossing without charge or trouble to us.

That this shall be the compensation in full to us for the City's use of the race for conveying the water from the Turbine wheels of the City Water Works to the river and for sewerage purpose to the to the Waste gate at Prince Edward Street Bridge, the Committee or its agents to [Page 210] regulate the flow of water down said race, provided that we shall not be deprived of our full head of water where there is sufficiency of water in the Canal. This provision to apply to the use of the race heretofore and for the future by the City.

That in the event there shall be a need for so doing, the City through its proper officers or Committees may widen or deepen said race from the Paper Mill Site to the Waste gate at Prince Edward Street bridge free of any charge or compensation to any person or persons, the same as we could do under purchase rights.

That this agreement shall be binding on ourselves, our heirs, administrators, and assigns so long as the City shall use said race as aforesaid.

Signed Ray & Pettit.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the whole matter be referred back to the Water Committee with instructions to enquire as to the Corporations legal rights in the premises and if necessary to employ counsel to determine them.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Water Committee was authorized to clean out the sand bars in the Canal at the Several Street crossings.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Health Committee, called the attention of the Council to the filthy condition of the Street near Hunter's Foundry as calculated to breed sickness and suggested that steps be taken at once to improve the condition of the street.

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

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm, reported that the Police Officers had been provided with uniforms in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the Council proceeded to the election of a councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr O D Foster.

Mr Colbert nominated Capt T McCracken and [Page 211] the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Capt T McCracken 9

For J G Mason 1

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Capt Terrence McCracken was declared elected councilman for the lower ward for the unexpired term of Mr Foster, resigned.

Mr Colbert presented and read an ordinance for the appointment of a Street Commissioner and defining the duties of the same.

On Motion Mr Myer the Ordinance was laid over until the next regular meeting.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.

Whereas by the record flood the approaches to the City of Fredericksburg across the Rappahannock River have been swept away, and the only means of crossing the said river is by ferries, at high rates of tolls, and whereas the Citizens of the Community view with serious apprehension the inevitable diversion of a large and valuable portion of the trade of the counties of Stafford and King George unto other channels and whereas it is of vital importance to this City that the people of the neighboring Counties shall have easy and free access to our markets. Be it resolved.

1st That in the judgment of the Common Council it is proper and necessary that the City of Fredericksburg should take active steps at once looking to the rebuilding of Scott's Bridge, or such other means of approach across the Rappahannock River as may be best for the interest of the Town.

2nd That a committee of three be appointed forthwith by the Mayor to ascertain and report to an adjourned meeting of this body what steps if any should be taken by the Corporation looking to the rebuilding and reopening of a free bridge over the Rappahannock River of the site of Scotts bridge or elsewhere.

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The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Knight, Myer & Cole as the Committee

Mr Wroten offered the following which was adopted

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council now in session that so much of the lot known as the Gunnery Spring meadow shall be purchased by the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of widening the narrow street leading to the Gunnery Spring, making the Street say 60 feet wide including the present street and to take in that level portion of ground opposite the Spring better known as the Tan Yard lot for the purpose of beautifying the grounds and giving our citizens better facilities and more room in visiting the grand old spring.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the resolution was referred to the Street Committee for report.

A Communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y School Board enclosing the resignation of O D Foster as a member of the Board of Trustees was read.

On Motion the resignation of Mr Foster was accepted.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a School Trustee for the lower Ward in place of Mr Foster resigned.

Mr J M Griffin was nominated, balloted for and elected Trustee of Public Schools for the lower ward for the unexpired term of O D Foster resigned.

A Communication from S W Howard agent for Miss B J Clark, asking the Corporation to repair the side walk in front of the property owned by Miss C on Amelia Street.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the Communication was laid on the table.

Mess'rs A K Phillips & J W Colbert asked and obtained leave to retire. Absent Mr A K Phillips & Mr J W Colbert

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The Mayor stated that he received a telegram from Hon R G Banks, Mayor of Norfolk directing him to draw for \$210.81 which sum had been collected in Norfolk for the sufferers in Fredericksburg and vicinity by the flood. The Mayor stated that the telegram of the Mayor had been replied to, thanking the Citizens of Norfolk for the contribution which would be used properly, distributed, he also stated that the funds were in hand and desired to know what was to be done with the same.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was directed to turn the fund contributed by the City over to the Alms House Committee who would distribute the same as they deemed most judicious.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday August 2nd 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J H Griffin, J T Knight, M G Willis, A K Phillips Jr, T McCracken, J H Myer, J W Colbert, W E Bradley—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of Mr Jno G Mason, who informed him that a party of gentlemen were in the City and desired to submit a proposition in regard to the establishment of a Silk Mill Factory in Fredericksburg.

Mr Mason was present, with Mr G F Wheeler, Mr G W Wilder, and Mr J R Clarke and were permitted to be heard.

Mr Mason addressed the Council and stated that Mess'r Wilder & Co had in view the establishment of a silk Factory and would no doubt locate the same in Fredericksburg, provided such concessions were granted them in the way of Corporation taxes, and a suitable lot for their plant, as an inducement and he hoped the Council would look with favor upon the Proposition of Mess'r Wilder & Co and do all that could be done to bring the proposed industry to our town.

Mr Geo F Wheeler, on behalf of Mess'r Wider & Co next addressed the Council, stating that it was the object of Mess'r Wilder & Co to erect a silk Factory here which in the course of six months would give employment to about 200 hands, mostly girls from 15 years of age and upwards, and they asked of the Council a donation of a suitable lot on which to erect the Factory &c and to exempt the plant from Corporation taxes for a term of years. Mr Wheeler stated that the request Mess'r Wilder & Co make are such as would be granted by almost any City, especially in Western Towns and [Page 215] he hoped the Council would regard the application favorably as the Parties were favorably impressed with Fredericksburg and would no doubt locate here if the concessions asked for are made.

After discussion, Mr Willis moved that the application of Mess'r Wilder & Co be referred to a Committee of three to confer with the parties and report at an adjourned meeting.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Willis, McCracken, and Colbert as the Committee.

On Motion Mr Knight the Council adjourned until Friday next 4 O'clock PM

A P Rowe, Mayor

At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday August 7th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

M G Willis, J T Knight, J W Colbert, J H Myer, T McCracken, A K Phillips Jr, E D Cole—councilmen

Mr Willis, Chrmn Committee appointed at the meeting held on 6th Inst to confer with Mess'r Wilder & Co reported that the Committee had a conference with the gentlemen named and ascertained from them their views in regard to location of a silk Factory here, and obtained from them their wants in the following communication.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg
Gentlemen,

Your petitioners have under consideration the erection of a Silk Manufacturing establishment, a number of places are under consideration, but Fredericksburg is our preference, provided inducements and concessions (customary in other Cities) are granted us. Our petition is that your honorable [Page 216] body cede to us a suitable lot for our purpose containing one acre, and exempt our plant from Corporation taxes for a term of ten years.

On our part we propose to erect a suitable building on said lot and within six months thereafter furnish employment to two hundred girls and young women of 15 years of age and upward, of your City, and at as early a date as justifiable, enlarge our works to greater dimensions.

Very Respectfully Yours
Signed, Geo F Wheeler for G W Wilder & Co
Fredericksburg
August 7th 1889

Mr Willis also submitted the following proposition from Mr J R Clark as to the lot selected for the proposed Factory.

To the Mayor & City Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen,

I have been asked by the Honorable Committee of your body to name a price that I would sell the entire lot or square of ground known as Brick Yard lot for, I name three thousand for the entire lot.

Respectfully,

Signed, Jno R Clark

Mr Willis stated that the Committee submitted the communications of Mess'r Wilder & Co & J R Clark as their report and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the Council. The lot of Mr Clark is supposed to contain one and a half acres.

After some discussion, Mr Phillips submitted the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the report of the Committee appointed on August 6th to consider the proposition of Mess'r G W Wilder & Co in regard to the establishment of a Silk Plant be accepted and approved; and said Committee is authorized to take such steps as may be necessary, taking such precautions as they [Page 217] may deem necessary to secure the best interests of the Town.

The Mayor called attention of the Council to the fact of a warrant issued by J W Adams, JP, upon complaint of Miss B J Clark, who sues for \$100 damages to her lot of Amelia St. No action was taken
The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday August 16th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Geo W Wroten, J S Knox, J M Griffin, J H Myer, J T Knight, E D Cole, J W Colbert, T McCracken—
councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr McCracken, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, stated that he had no report to make as he did not know of his appointment to the Chairmanship of the Committee, he thanked the Council for the honor conferred upon him in electing a member of their body, a compliment which he appreciated.

Mr Knight, Chrmn Committee appointed by the Council on 19th July submitted the following report
To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

We the undersigned Committee of your honorable body recently appointed and instructed to enquire into and report to the Council as to the desirability and practicability of the City of Fredericksburg uniting with lower Stafford and Upper King George in building and maintaining a [Page 218] free bridge on the site of Scott's Bridge, or some other site and what steps should be taken to accomplish the same respectfully report.

1st That in the judgment of your committee it is of vital importance to the trade, business interests, and general prosperity and welfare of this community that a free bridge shall be built and maintained across the Rappahannock River at some point along the City front.

2nd Your Committee, after a full and free conference with leading citizens of lower Stafford and Upper King George are assured of and confidently rely in the Cordial cooperation of these sections.

3rd Your Committee are of the opinion, after a full consultation with prominent lawyers that the present legislation is not sufficient to confer with proper power upon the City to act in this matter and that before anything definite can be done in the matter, additional and proper legislation is needed.

4th Your Committee therefore suggests that a Committee be appointed and instructed, as soon as practicable to get such legislation was will confer upon the Corporation and the Districts of lower Stafford and Upper King George all legal power needed in the premises, embracing in such legislation a provision to submit this matter to a vote of the people in the manner provided by the previous act.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, J T Knight, E D Cole, J H Myer

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

Mr McCracken from the Committee appointed by the Council to confer with Mess'r Wilder & Co & Mr J R Clark stated that in the absence of Mr Willis the Chairman of the Committee he had no formal report to make but for the information of the Council he would state that the conference with these [Page 219] gentlemen was very pleasant and that an agreement had been entered into with them by the Committee for the establishment of a silk factory at Fredericksburg, a lot had been purchased at a cost of \$3000 containing 2 acres, one half cost of same to be paid by the Corporation all the papers concerning the matter were in the hands of Mr Willis and would be reported to the Council

Mr Colbert called up the ordinance presented by him for the appointment of a Street Commissioner which was read

Mr McCracken thought that the ordinance should be reported upon by the ordinance Committee and he moved that it be referred to that Committee which was seconded put to the vote and lost. The vote was then taken upon the adoption or rejection of the Ordinance presented by Mr Colbert and it was lost

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that the Committee were not prepared to report upon the cost of improving Gunnery Spring lots, but hoped to be able to do so at next meeting.

Mr Cole stated that on account of sickness the Committee had not distributed the "Norfolk" fund among the sufferers by the late flood, but would do so very soon.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted,
Whereas the City of Norfolk having contributed to the sufferers by the recent flood in this City the sum of \$210.81. Therefore be it
Resolved that the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered the City of Norfolk for their generous gift, and that the clerk of the Council transmit the same to the Mayor of Norfolk.
The Council then adjourned,

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Thursday August 29th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Geo W Wroten, J S Knox, J M Griffin, J H Myer, E D Cole, M G Willis, A K Phillips Jr—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of the Water Committee and the Chairman of the Committee, Mr Willis, would state the object of the Meeting.

Mr Willis stated that the Council was called for the purpose of laying before the body the result of their investigations as to the responsibility of the City in the demand of Mess'rs Ray & Pettit for the taking care of and cleaning out the mill race owned by them; as the resolution of the Council in referring this matter to the Committee authorizing the employment of counsel in the investigation if necessary. The Committee deemed it best to employ Mess'rs Marye & Fitzhugh to look into the matter and get from them a written opinion as to the responsibility of the Town in the premises and he laid before the Council the written opinion of those Gentlemen, giving a lengthy review of the case and their opinion is clear that the City has nothing to do with taking care of the water from the wheel of the Water Works, or the cleaning of the race.

The opinion of Mess'rs Marye & Fitzhugh was read by the Clerk, and on motion, Mr Knox it was.

Resolved that the Report of the Committee be accepted and that the written opinion of Mess'rs Marye & Fitzhugh be left with the Clerk for safe keeping and reference.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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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 20th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J H Myer, J T Knight, A K Phillips Jr, J M Griffin, W E Bradley, Geo W Wroten—councilmen

The minutes of the last meetings regular and called were read and approved.

Mr Gouldman, Finance Comm, presented an account of Free Lance Office amounting to \$6.00 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Myer, Pub Prop Com, stated that the Trustees of Public Schools had made application for the use of the room in the South Wing of the Court House vacated by the Fire Department for School purposes.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the application of the School Trustees for the use of the room lately occupied by the Fire Department for Public School purposes was granted.

Mr Bradley moved that the rule be suspended for the present meeting, adopted.

Mr Phillips offered the following; that Section 1, Chapter 41 of the General Ordinance be amended by inserting in the third line of said section after the word "lot" the words "or Hurkamp Park" so as to read "It shall not be lawful hereafter for any horses, mules, cows, hogs, or other animals to trespass in the Corporation Burying Grounds or the Court House lot, or Hurkamp Park"

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the amendment to Chapt 41 sec 1 offered by Mr Phillips was adopted.

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the meeting of Citizens of the Northern Neck to be held at Colonial Beach, Westmoreland Co for the purpose of inaugurating a movement towards building a Rail

Road through the N Neck to the Bay and suggested that a delegation be sent to the meeting from Fredericksburg.

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Mr Phillips offered the following which was adopted:

Whereas the Citizens of the County of Westmoreland have called a meeting of Citizens of the Northern Neck at Colonial Beach on the 8th October for the purpose of initiating a movement looking to the building of a Rail Road from Fredericksburg through the Northern Neck to the Bay; and

Whereas the City of Fredericksburg has been invited to participate in the meeting; and

Whereas in the judgment of the Council it is much to the interest of the City of Fredericksburg that said Road should be built;

Be it therefore resolved that the Mayor is hereby requested to appoint forthwith a delegation of Citizens of Fredericksburg, consisting of six members of the Council and six other citizens three from each ward to attend said meeting at Colonial Beach.

2nd That said Delegation after a full Conference with similar delegations from the lower Counties, shall report back to the Council, the feasibility of building said road, its advantages to the City of Fredericksburg and whether in the judgment of said Delegation it is to the interest of the City of Fredericksburg to cooperate in this movement.

The Mayor appointed the following as the Committee on part of the Council from lower Ward: Mess'rs Phillips, McCracken & Griffin; on part citizens from lower Ward: Mess'rs H H Johnston, Jno T Knight & Jno G Mason; on part Council from upper ward: Mess'rs Cole, Knox, & Willis; on part citizens from upper ward Mess'rs W A Little Jr, C E Hunter, Chs Wallace, St G R Fitzhugh

On Motion Mr Gouldman, the Mayor was added to the Committee

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Mr Wroten presented a communication from Shiloh Baptist Church (new site) asking the Council to remit taxes on the property purchased of Roy & Wellford.

The Communication was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Griffin offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Committee on Water be and are hereby directed to report to this Council some more equitable system of water rents than now existing, said system if accepted to go into effect January 1, 1890.

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

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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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 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

E D Cole, J H Myer, J T Knight, M G Willis, A K Phillips Jr, J W Colbert

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Phillips from the Committee appointed by the Council to attend a meeting of delegates from the several counties of the Northern Neck of Va at Colonial Beach looking to the building of a Rail Road through the Neck to Fredericksburg stated that the meeting was well attended and the Delegates from the Neck seemed to be in earnest and were enthusiastic at the prospect of having a road [?] would do all they could to enlist Capitalists in the enterprise, he also stated that each Delegate was called on for a subscription of \$5.00 with which to pay preliminary expenses and he hoped the Council would appropriate the sum named for the purpose as the amount had been assessed and paid by one of the Fredericksburg delegation.

On motion, Mr Knox, the report was received and the sum of \$5.00 appropriated for the purpose named by Mr Phillips.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, stated that the Committee was not prepared to report upon the application of Shiloh Baptist Church. He presented the application of Rev'd J K Mason to have refunded to him the tax on \$300 Fred'g Bonds, assessed against him and asked the Council to consider the same at the present meeting.

On Motion, the treasurer was directed to pay to Rev'd J K Mason the amount of taxes on \$300 Fred'g Bonds erroneously assessed and paid by him.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Committee stated that the water works were now in running order and there was [Page 225] a good supply of water for all. He also stated that inasmuch as the people were without a supply of water for about three months owing to the breakage of the Water Power Co dam, the Committee thought it advisable to collect only nine months water rent on 1st Jan'y and on this he hoped the Council would take some action. The Committee was not prepared to report upon the subject of Mr Griffin's resolution not yet having had a conference in regard to it.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.

Whereas as a result of the flood of June 1st last the Water Works of the Town were rendered useless and subscribers to the Water could not be supplied for three months, therefor be it Resolved that a rebate of three months rate of water tax be allowed to all subscribers and that nine months tax be collected instead of twelve on January 1st 1890.

Mr Willis called attention of the Council to the washout or land slide on Hurkamp land, and on his motion the Street Committee was requested to examine into the matter and ascertain if it cannot be remedied.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Alms House Comm, stated that the amount voted by the Council about 12 months since for the support of Mrs Malone and daughter was still being paid. He also stated that some reports were in circulation as to MRs M's daughter which were not very favorable.

The Mayor reported fines for the past quarter \$54; one half of which was paid to the officers, balance to the Treasurer.

On Motion, Mr Cole

Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to examine into and report upon the feasibility of grading the side walk in front of Mr Moon's Store on Commerce St and report at the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that he was informed [Page 226] by Mr S W Howard that he intended to bring suit in Judge Barton's Court against the Corporation for damages upon Miss Clark's property.

Mr Cole offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the Water Committee be requested to report to the Council the probable cost of a new pump house.

The vote upon the resolution was taken by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes	Mess'rs Myer & Cole	2
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, Phillips, Gouldman, Willis Knight	6

Mr Knight moved that the Council go into the election of a Surveyor of the Corporation, which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Knight nominated Professor Wm Nelson, who was balloted for and unanimously elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

Mr Colbert stated that Mr J G Mason was present and desired to be heard on behalf of Mess'r Wilder & Co.

Mr Mason, on Motion, was permitted to be heard and he presented an application from Mess'r G W Wilder & Co asking the Council to grant them the privilege of digging a canal or raceway across Princess Ann Street in order to conduct the water from the present water power canal to their proposed Silk Mill lot, and thence across Main Street by tunneling or otherwise to Christy Spring lot

Mr Colbert presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that permission be and is hereby granted Mess'r G W Wilder & Co, or to Benj Bowering who has contracted with them, to dig a canal or raceway across the upper end of Princess Ann St to the Brick Yard lot, to conduct the water for use in the proposed Silk Mill to be built by said G W Wilder & Co on said Brick Yard Lot, and to Bridge said Canal or [Page 227] raceway, and that like permission be granted said parties to tunnel Main Street for the purpose of Conducting the water after use at said Mill to the Christy Spring lot according to the petition of said G W Wilder & Co, But all of said work is to be done with the co-operation and approval of the Street Committee, provided however that said G W Wilder & Co, their assigns and successors using said Canal and raceway across said Princess Ann Street and said Culvert or Tunnel under Main Street shall keep at all times said Canal and raceway and Bridge across Princess Ann Street and said tunnel under Main Street in good order, repair and condition.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday October 29th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

W E Bradley, E D Cole, J T Knight, J H Myer, A K Phillips Jr, M G Willis, J W Colbert—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering a circular received from the Mayor of Boston proceedings of a meeting of citizens of that City looking to the building or completion of the Mary Washington Monument at Fredericksburg. The Circular &c was read by the Mayor.

Mr Knight presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that a committee consisting of the Mayor and three members of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the Ladies Monument Association and report at a called meeting of this body at four O'clock tomorrow evening

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bradley, Phillips, & Knight as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday October 30th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J S Knox, J T Knight, M G Willis, T McCracken, W E Bradley, E D Cole—councilmen

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Committee appointed by the Council at the meeting yesterday, submitted the following which was adopted.

The Common Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia in special meeting assembled have heard with deep interest of the meeting held in the Old South Church, Boston on October 26th, presided over by Mayor Hart of that City, at which a movement was inaugurated looking to the restoration and completion of the unfinished Monument near this City to Mary the Mother of Washington and doth resolve:

1st That the Mayor be directed to telegraph the thanks of the corporate body in its own behalf and that of our whole people to the Mayor and Citizens of Boston for their effort in this particular movement.

2nd That a committee to consist of the Mayor and three members of this Council to be selected by the Mayor be appointed whose duty it shall be to take such steps in furtherance of this movement made at Boston which is hereby most cordially approved as in their judgment shall seem proper and if by them deemed best to do this by organized effort independent of the Council, then the said Committee are requested to formulate some suitable plan to accomplish this result.

And Whereas there exists in this City an Association known as the Mary Washington Monument Association of Fredericksburg,

Resolved that the citizens of Boston be [Page 230] requested to co-operate with the aforesaid Mary Washington Monument Association in this movement.

Resolved that this action be furnished the press of the Country for publication.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the vote by which the resolutions was reconsidered

Mr Bradley submitted the resolution reported by striking out all of the second section down to the word result, and on Motion, Mr Knight the preamble and resolutions as amended were adopted.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday November 15th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J H Myer, J S Knox, J T Knight, T McCracken, G W Wroten, J M Griffin—councilmen

A quorum not being present the council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk Council

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday November 29th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

W E Bradley, A K Phillips Jr, T McCracken, M G Willis, J S Knox, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, J W Colbert, E D Cole, J H Myer, J T Knight—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the request of three members of the Council and the object of the meeting would be stated by one of them.

Mr McCracken stated that he was one of the members who requested the meeting to be called, and the object was to take action in the matter of building a bridge across the Rappahannock River, as it was evident to all the no Stock Company could be raised for the purpose and if a bridge was to be had it would have to be built by the Corporation.

Mr Cole from the Committee appointed by the Council in July last, submitted a majority report in the shape of a Charter prepared by Judge A W Wallace which is in the following words.

An Act entitled An Act to authorize the City of Fredericksburg to build and operate a bridge across the Rappahannock River at Fredericksburg, and to purchase if desirable the rights and privileges owned by Charles S Scott.

Sec 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg when petitioned by fifty voters of the City one-half of whom shall be free-holders, to cause a vote of the said City to be taken at the next election for any of the City officers, or upon notice not to exceed thirty days, advertised by hand bills and by publication once a week in the *Fredericksburg Star*, and the *Free Lance*, upon the question of authorizing the Common Council of said [Page 232]

City to build a bridge across the Rappahannock River at some point between Fauquier Street and Prussia Street of said City, and, if desirable to purchase the rights and privileges owned by Charles S Scott incident to an appertaining to what is known as Scott's bridge. The entire cost of building said bridge, including the purchase of all rights and privileges above mentioned not to exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars. Such vote to be taken at the usual voting places in the Upper and Lower Wards in Fredericksburg, pursuant to Section 1224 of the Code of Virginia 1887, except that on the ballots used shall be printed or written "for the bridge" or "against the bridge" instead of "for the subscription" or "against the subscription" as provided by such section. If it shall appear that a majority of the qualified voters voting at said election, which shall include a majority of the free holders so voting are in favor of the building of said bridge and the purchase if desirable of the right and privileges above mentioned, provided the purchase price of said rights and privileges is not to exceed four thousand dollars.

Sect 2nd The Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg are authorized to issue bonds, and to create a loan in the name of and binding the City of Fredericksburg for the purposes mentioned in the first section of this Act to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, bearing interest at the rate of six percent per annum, redeemable in ten years and payable in thirty years, and to negotiate said bonds at a rate not lower than their par and face value. Said bonds to be secured by a mortgage on said bridge and on the rights and privileges mentioned in the first section if purchased. And said Common Council is hereby directed to levy a tax on the real and personal property of the said City of Fredericksburg not to exceed fifteen cents on said the one hundred dollars to pay the interest on said bonds, to [Page 233] provide for the expense incident to operating said bridge and to create a special sinking fund of five hundred dollars per annum to pay said bonds at maturity.

Sec 3rd Said Mayor and Common Council are authorized to operate said bridge, to make said bridge as free bridge or to charge toll at a rate not to exceed five cents each way for one foot passenger, ten cents each way for every man on horseback, and five cents a wheel each way for every carriage, wagon, or cart, or it may be made free to the Citizens of Fredericksburg City or to any portion of Stafford and King George Counties upon the payment of a specific sum of money annually to the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg, said sum to be agreed upon by said Common Council and by authorized parties of said portions of said counties.

Sec 4th The title to said bridge and all rights and privileges in this act mentioned if purchased shall be in the City of Fredericksburg.

Sec 5th This act shall be in force from its passage and all acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Mr McCracken moved the adoption of the report which was seconded, Whereupon

Mr Knight offered as a minority report the following amendment to the Act or report offered by Mr Cole, touching the location of the bridge.

In the upper or lower ward of said City as shall be determined by the qualified voters of said at the said election, which was also seconded and the vote on same taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, Knight 5

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, McCracken, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Myer 7

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr McCracken for the adoption of the majority report offered by Mr Cole and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Colbert, McCracken, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Myer and Bradley 8

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Knight 4

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Mr Phillips asked and obtained leave to retire, Absent: Mr Phillips.

Resolved that the Common Council having endorsed the bill this day presented before that body entitled An Act to Authorize the City of Fredericksburg to build a bridge across the Rappahannock River respectfully requests Hon W A Little Jr our Senator from this District, and Hon M B Rowe to see that this bill is presented and passed by this Legislature at the earliest possible moment. And the Council hereby directs the Mayor to appoint a Special Committee of three citizens and three member of the Council to be known as the Bridge Construction Committee, to take charge of all matters concerning the building of said bridge and to report from time to time to the Council.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that the Chairman of the Bridge Committee read the bills prepared by them for Stafford & King George counties.

Mr Colbert asked and obtained leave to retire, Absent: Mr Colbert

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

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

Whereas a recent disastrous fire has destroyed many of the manufacturing establishments of Lynn Massachusetts, and swept out of existence many of their industries,

And Whereas the people of this City have heard with profound regret of the loss and damage to Lynn, be it Resolved

1st That the Council of the City of Fredericksburg extends to the Citizens of Lynn the sincerest sympathies of this community in their calamity.

2nd That the Council invites the Manufacturers and others of the City of Lynn before re-building their factories to visit this City where a genial climate, fine water power, cheap labor and land at low prices and low rates of taxation offer many advantages not found elsewhere.

3rd That every facility will be extended parties [Page 235] desiring to examine the advantages of our section by the Council.

4th That public aid in the shape of exemption from taxation, the gift of a site or some other satisfactory aid will be given by the Council to reliable parties wishing to establish a plant here.

5th That this action of the Council be communicated to the people of Lynn

Resolved that a committee of two be appointed by the Mayor who shall prepare a suitable circular to be sent to each manufacturer in Lynn, containing the above resolutions and setting forth the advantages of Fredericksburg as a manufacturing centre, also that the resolutions be published in a Lynn paper, and a copy be sent to the Mayor of Lynn.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bradley and Knox as the Committee

On Motion, Mr Cole the rules were suspended for the present meeting.

Mr Knight presented a petition signed by many Citizens asking the Council to remove the light from Scott's Bridge to the corner of Main & Commerce Streets.

On Motion the petition was referred to the Light Committee with power to act.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

*The following is the Committee known as the Bridge Construction Committee appointed by the Mayor.

Mess'rs T McCracken, M G Willis, E D Cole—councilmen

Mess'rs Chs Wallace, W J King, J T Lowry—citizens

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday December 10th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

T McCracken, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, E D Cole, J H Myer, M G Willis, J S Knox, J W Colbert, J M Griffin, A K Phillips Jr, J T Knight—councilmen

The Mayor stated that this Council was called at the request of Mess'rs Knight, Gouldman & Colbert for the purpose of considering the Bridge question.

Mr Knight read a petition signed by many citizens asking the Council to amend the Bridge Charter so as to allow the people the privilege of voting upon the location of the bridge.

Mr Colbert presented the following which was seconded by Mr Gouldman

Whereas the Charter and bill as passed by the Council at its last meeting is very unsatisfactory to a large portion of the tax payers of the town,

Therefore be it resolved,

That all said action on the bridge question be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

The vote was taken upon the resolution by Ayes & Noes and the same was lost by the following vote,

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Colbert Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, Knight 6

Noes Mess'rs Knox, McCracken, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Myer 6

On Motion Mr Cole, the rules were suspended for the present meeting.

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Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted,

Resolved that nothing contained in the resolution passed at a former meeting of the Council held on 29th November authorizing the Mayor to appoint "The Bridge Construction Committee" shall be construed in any way to empower said Committee to locate the site of the contemplated bridge.

Mr Phillips moved that a Committee of three be appointed to investigate the report in circulation as to a change that had been made in the Bridge Charter sent to the Legislature, which was seconded put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Colbert, Griffin, Phillips, Knight 4

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, McCracken, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Myer 8

Mr Knight offered the following which on motion of Mr McCracken was referred to the Ordinance Committee,

Resolved that the privilege heretofore granted to the mail carrier for Fredericksburg of carrying the mails in a wheelbarrow on the pavements of this Corporation be revoked on and after Jan'y 1st 1890.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday December 20th 1889

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J H Myer, W E Bradley, E D Cole, T McCracken, M G Willis—councilmen

A quorum not being present the Council stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk