

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1833

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corp'n of Fredericksb'g at the Council Chamber Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 1833 in pursuance of a call from the Mayor

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Councilmen: Steph J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, George Co, William Warren, Bev'y R Wellford, C C Wellford, James Williams, A K Phillips

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid by the Chamberlain viz,

William T Murren's amounting to	\$7.03
Lindsay Pullen's amounting to	\$5.00
Will M Blackford amounting to	\$7.00

Present Geo Rothrock

James D Harrows a/c amounting to	21.84
Jesse Pullens amounting to	.75
William S Williams amounting to	8.48
S J Blaydes amounting to	.38
James Cooke Agt amounting to	10.00
William T Murren's amounting to	4.50
William Allens amounting to	.69
Geo Rothrock & Son amounting to	2.87½
John S Rollow amounting to	2.00
Edward Debaptiste amounting to	5.31

Dr Wellford presented the following preamble & resolution which were passed.

Whereas the late John M Shepherd did on the [blank] day of March 1832 on behalf of the Corporation of Fredericksburg rent the following property of the Corporation to the following persons viz,

The Hay scales to John H James for	\$1.20
The wharf to David Donaldson for	\$21.50
Stall No 1 to George Rowe for	\$20.00
Stall No 2 to Geo Alor for	\$20.00
Stall No 3 to Alex'r Sorrell for	\$15.00
Stall No 4 to John Staylor for	\$15.00
Stall No 5 to Granville Gilman for	\$10.00
And the Cage to B R Hillyard for	\$12.00

Who gave their several bonds for such rents payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Mar 1833, and whereas it seems such bonds have been lost or mislaid. Therefore, Resolved that John S Caldwell be and he is hereby authorized to collect the amount of the loans aforesaid for and on account of the Corporation and grant receipts for the same which shall be good & sufficient discharge in law & equity for the amount of the bonds aforesaid.

Ordered that the amount of \$140 be refunded to the [Page 44] Female Charity it being the amount over assessed by the Commissioner of the Revenue on the rents of their property

Ordered that the sum of twenty five dollars be paid to each of the constables for their salaries as police officers for the last six months

Robert Dickey, George Cox & A K Phillips were appointed a committee to examine & settle the accounts of the Serg't of the Corp'n & the Chamberlain and to report to a Council to be held on Monday morning at 9 O'clock

On Motion the Council adjourned till 9 O'clock Monday Morning.

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Chs Goodwin, Clk

Monday Mar 18<sup>th</sup> 1833, The Council met pursuant to adjournment

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen: A K Phillips, Robert Dickey, S J Blaydes, George Cox, C C Wellford

The following reports from the Committee to examine the acc't of the Chamberlain & Sergeant of the Corp'n were read and on motion received and ordered to be recorded.

"In obedience to an order of the Council of the date of March 15<sup>th</sup> 1833 we have examined the account of Charles Goodwin as Chamberlain of the Corporation and find the charges all supported by proper vouchers, the statements correct and leaving a balance in his hands of one hundred & sixty dollars sixty nine cents"

Signed, Robert Dickey, George Cox, Alex K Phillips—Committee

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1833

"In obedience to an order of the Council of the date of March 15<sup>th</sup> 1833, we have examined the account of John S Caldwell as collection of the taxes for the Corporation find the statements correct, the charges supported by proper vouchers, and the monies received by him to the date of that account to have bee all paid by him to the Chamberlain."

Signed, Robert Dickey, George Cox, Alex K Phillips—Committee

March 18<sup>th</sup> 1833

Present B R Wellford, Councilman

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This being the day appointed by law for the election of twelve men to serve as Common Councilmen until the 3<sup>d</sup> Monday in March 1834 and until others shall be elected in their stead, a poll was opened for that purpose and the freeholders & housekeepers of the town having been duly notified of such election, met at the Council Chamber and deposited their ballots, and upon counting the same the highest number of votes were found to be give for the following persons, to-wit;

Stephen J Blaydes	65
John H Wallace	63
Robert Dickey	63
Thomas Goodwin	61
John Goolrick	61
Beverly R Wellford	60
George Cox	58
Alexander K Phillips	58
George Rothrock	55
Charles C Wellford	48
James Williams	39

Who were declared duly elected Common Council men of the Town of Fredericksburg  
Chs Goodwin, C C

Tuesday, March 19, 1833

This day Stephen J Blaydes, John H Wallace, Robert Dickey, John Goolrick, B R Wellford, George Cox, Alex K Phillips, George Rothrock and Chas C Wellford met at the Council Chamber and severally took the oath of a common councilman

On motion, Resolved that the Salary of the Mayor for the present year be four hundred dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Mayor by ballot, when Thomas Goodwin was unanimously re-elected Mayor for the present year, who appeared and took the oath of office and of a Justice of the Peace for the Corp'n of Fredericksburg before Hugh M Patton a Justice of the Peace for the County of Spotsylvania.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of Thomas Goodwin Mayor, when Will'm Browne was elected

John H Wallace was unanimously re-elected Recorder and took the oaths of office and of a justice of the Peace for the Corp'n of Fredericksburg before Hugh M Patton a member of the quorum of the County of Spotsylvania

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On motion, Resolved that the salary of the Clerk of the Council for the present year be fifty dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Clerk by ballot, when Charles Goodwin was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, Resolved that the salary of the Chamberlain of the Corp'n for the present year be one hundred dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Chamberlain, when Charles Goodwin was unanimously re-elected and took the oaths of office of Clerk & Chamberlain before the Mayor.

On motion, Resolved, that the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue for the present year be sixty dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Commissioner of the Revenue and John Metcalfe was unanimously re-elect.

On motion, Resolved, that the ordinance relative to Police officers passed Mar 20, 1832 be and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion, Resolved that the ordinance passed Oct 20, 1827 be and the same is hereby re-enacted.

On motion, Resolved that the salary of the Police Officers for the present year be one hundred dollars.

John Metcalfe took the oath of Commissioner of the Revenue before the Mayor.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Police Officer, when John S Caldwell was unanimously elected and took the oath of office before the Mayor.

John Goolrick was elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the present year.

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Samuel Phillips was elected Inspector and measurer of lumber for the present year.

On motion Resolved that the salary of the Clerk of the Market for the present year to be one hundred dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Clerk of the Market for the present year when William T Williams was unanimously re-elected, and took the oath of officer before the Mayor.

Robert Parrott Jr was elected guager of spirits &c for the present year, and took the oath of office before the Mayor.

On motion of Dr Wellford it was Resolved that the measurer of salt &c be allowed one deputy whose duty it shall be to perform or assist in performing the duties of that officer, when the measurer is prevented by sickness or other unavoidable cause from attending to the said duties in person.

Resolved that the appointment of deputy measurer shall not be legal until approved by the Council.

Lindsay Patton was elected measurer of Salt &c and took the oath of office before the Mayor.

On motion, resolved that the salaries of the constables for the present year be one hundred and fifty dollars.

The following were appointed by the Mayor viz;

On Public Property—Jno H Wallace, Jno Goolrick, Robert Dickey & William Browne

On the Streets—S J Blaydes, B R Wellford, Geo Rothrock & C C Wellford.

On Pumps—Geo Cox, William Warren, Jas Williams & A K Phillips

Ordered that the sum of fifty dollars be allowed the Jailor for the present year.

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On motion it was resolved that the same commission be allowed for the collection of Taxes & Rents as heretofore.

John S Caldwell was unanimously elected Collector of Taxes & Rents for the present year.

On motion, Resolved that the Salary of Bellman for the present year by fifty dollars.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Bellman, when Jesse White was elected.

On Motion, Resolved that the Committee on Public Property enquire into the right of the Corporation to lease or dispose of the vacancy ground on the Court House Square and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Ordered that the Council do now adjourn  
Thos Goodwin, Mayor  
Chs Goodwin, Clk

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1833

Pursuant to a summons from the Mayor the Council met this afternoon at the Council Chamber  
Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

John H Wallace, Recorder

Councilmen: S J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, Geo Rothrock, Geo Cox, Jas Williams, B R Wellford

The following Preamble & Resolution were passed.

Whereas a resolution of the Board of Public Works relative to the Rapp'k Navigation Company adopted on the 25 day of April 1833 has been this day presented for the consideration of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg in Council Assembled

Therefore, Resolved that the Mayor & Council fully concur with the Board of Public Works in the resolutions above referred to

The annual communication from the Mayor was read and order to be filed.

The Chamberlain's bond with E H Carmichael and Wm Jackson Jr as securities was approved and ordered to be filed.

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B R Wellford, Geo Cox & J H Wallace were appointed a committee to enquire into the expediency of building a new Engine House to report to the next meeting of the Council.

An ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1833 was read and passed as follows; Be it ordained by the Mayor that the Taxes on Persons & Property of the Town aforesaid for the year 1833 shall be as follows, viz; on all houses & lots at the rate of three and a half dollars for every one hundred dollars yearly rent or annual value thereof; on every white person above the age of sixteen years one dollar & fifty cents; on every slave above the age of twelve years one dollar and fifty cents; on every free Negro & Mulatto above the age of sixteen years one dollar & fifty cents; on ever riding & pleasure carriage of every description, Jersey Waggon, Phaeton, Gig, Chair or Cariole of less value than one hundred dollars, one dollar; above the value of one hundred dollars, one percent on the value thereof; on every horse, mare & mule one dollar and fifty cents; on every dray & cart license five dollars and on every wagon license eight dollars. The ordinance shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

On motion of Dr Wellford so much of the Mayors communication as related to the Public Property was referred to the Committee on Public Property, so much as relates to the Streets, to the Committee on Streets and so much as relate to the pump to the Committee on pumps.

The following preamble & resolution officer by B R Wellford was unanimously adopted.

Whereas it has frequently occurred that persons elected as members of the Common Council have refused to accept the appointment, and

Whereas the Legislature of Va had in the Charter of the Town of Fredericksburg imposed a fine of twenty five pounds on every person so refusing, which it has not been customary heretofore to exact and this Council thinking it improper to do so, without first giving public notice of their intention.

Therefore, Resolved that the fine imposed by act of Assembly for refusing to serve as a member of the Council when legally elected shall hereafter be strictly enforced.

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Ordered that the Council do now adjourn

Thos Goodwin, Mayor

Chas Goodwin, C C

The Common Council of the Corp'n of Fred'g met at the Council Chamber June 8, 1833, pursuant to a summons from the Mayor

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor

Councilmen: S J Blaydes, Robert Dickey, Geo Rothrock, George Cox, A K Phillips, Wm Warren

John Goolrick Councilman elect appeared and took the oath of a councilman, Geographer & Surveyor of the Corp'n and took his seat.

Present B R Wellford, Councilman

Dr William Browne appointed a councilman to supply the vacancy occasioned by the election of T Goodwin Mayor begged leave to be excused from serving which was granted.

Ordered that the Town be laid off in six wards and that Inspectors be appointed by the Mayor, whose duty it shall be to visit the lots in their respective Wards and report all nuisances to the Police Officer whose duty it shall be to remove such nuisances forthwith.

Present: J H Wallace, Recorder

On motion It was Resolved that the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriate for repairs of the Streets the current year.

William H Fowler applied to the Council for Permission to give up the house at present rented by him in consequence of his inability to pay the rent without great inconvenience.

On motion of Dr Wallace, It was resolved that the Committee on Public Property release Mr Fowler from his engagement at the expiration of his second quarter July 26 next.

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The Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of erecting an additional building for the use of the Union Fire Company reported it inexpedient to erect such building and recommended the adoption of the following resolution viz;

Resolved that the Committee on Public Property be directed to confer with the Union Fire Company or a committee thereof and to make such alteration in the cage as will render it suitable for an Engine House for the use of said company to sell the iron now placed in front of the cage to defray the expenses of such alteration, and that the said committee be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the Chamberlain for any additional amount which may be necessary to complete the same.

On motion the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Absent: J H Wallace, Recorder

On motion, It was Resolved that an inspector Measurer of lumber be appointed whose duty it shall be to inspect and measure all wood plank scantling & tanning bark at to inspect and count all staves and shingles brought to this market down the canal for sale in the following manner. He shall divided all plank scantling & tanning bark into three classes, to be designated first, second, third quality and shall in like manner divide all shingles or staves into two classes to be designated first and second quality.

Present James Williams Councilman  
And then the Council adjourned  
Thos Goodwin, Mayor  
Chs Goodwin, C C

At a meeting of the Common Council of the Corp'n of Fredericksburg at the Council Chamber June 22, 1833.

Present Thomas Goodwin, Mayor  
John Goolrick, George Cox, Steph J Blaydes, C C Wellford;, B R Wellford, A K Phillips, Jas Williams  
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The Council proceeded to the election of a member to supply the vacancy occasioned by the non-acceptance of Dr William Browne when William Allen was elected.

Ordered that the Messenger of the Council do notify Mr Allen of his election  
Present: William Warren, councilman

On motion, It was resolved that the Mayor appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to visit all lots and streets in Liberty Town and report all nuisances to the Police Officer.

Bernard Cole was elected Inspector & Measurer of Wood plank, tanning bark, slaves &c and took the oaths of office.

The following ordinance was read and passed.

Be it ordained that the Inspector, Measurer of Wood plank, staves shingles, tanning bark &c shall demand and receive the following compensation for his services to be paid by the seller.

For inspecting measuring & marking plank and scantling at the rate of twenty five center for every thousand feet.

For inspecting & counting shingles at the rate of ten cents pr thousand

For inspecting & counting staves at the rate of twelve and a half cents pr thousand

For inspecting & measuring wood, six cents pr cord

For inspecting & measuring tanning back at the rate of ten cents for every cord

For inspecting & counting hoop poles at the rate of ten cents pr thousand

J M Whittimore & Jas McClure a committee from the Union Fire Company made application for permission to extend the cage to the front of the Market house which was unanimously refused.

Absent: C C Wellford, Councilman

On motion it was resolved that the inspector & measurer of Wood, plank staves &c shall attend in any part of the Corporation when required.

And then the Council adjourned  
Thos Goodwin, Mayor  
Chas Goodwin, C C  
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