

Fredericksburg City Council Minutes 1875

At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday January 26th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W A Little, P McCracken, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, L O Magrath, H G Thorburn, J H Myer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Present J S Knox, Recorder

Mr Conway, Chrm'n of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the application of Magrath & Chesley and Pittman & Brown to be relieved of the payment of the license tax imposed upon them as Ice Merchants, reported in favour of the applicant and on motion

It was ordered that the license tax assessed against Magrath & Chesley, Pittman & Brown and R T Knox & Bro as Ice Merchants for the year 1874 be remitted and the Treasurer is hereby directed to pay to the parties the amount paid by them respectively for such tax.

The Mayor presented the petition of Father H J McKeefrey asking the Council to exempt from taxation the dwelling used by him as a Rectory for the Catholic Church, as the parsonages & rectories of the other Religious denominations are exempt. The petition was on Motion referred to the Finance Committee for report at the Next Meeting

Present Josiah Hazard

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The Mayor presented and read the petition of Fred'k Bauman praying that the Council would reduce the tax upon exhibitions held in Citizens Hall as the tax now charged operates to prevent parties using the Hall for exhibitions which is detrimental to his interest as owner of the Hall and a tax payer

On Motion,

Ordered that hereafter the tax upon exhibitions at Citizens' Hall shall be two dollars and fifty cents for each exhibition instead of five dollars as now charged.

Mr Little presented the following which was seconded

Resolved; That on this petition of Chas F Barlosius leave is granted to him to open his barber shop for the use of his guests on Sunday morning without incurring the penalties of an ordinance said to have been passed by the Council on the 25th of August 1874 forbidding the opening of Barber Shops on Sunday.

Mr Conway moved to the lay the resolution on the table which was seconded and put to the vote, and it was lost.

The question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Little, the Mayor decided the Motion or Resolution out of order from which decision Mr Little appealed and the Council by vote sustained Mr L

The vote was then taken by Ayes & Noes and the resolution was adopted by the following votes

Ayes: Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Hazard, Thorburn, Magrath, McCracken

Noes: Mess'rs Conway, Knox, Myers

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On Motion, Mr Knox; Resolved; That the ordinance passed on 25th August 1874 forbidding the closing [?] of Barber Shops on the Sabbath day be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr Conway presented the following (which came after some remarks by M W H Fitzhugh (who was permitted to be heard) on the part of the Gas Company) was adopted

Whereas at a recent sales of all the works and property of the Fredericksburg Gas Company J Lee Smith and others become the purchaser thereof and have subsequently obtained from the Circuit Court of this County a Charter of Incorporation under the named of the Citizens Gas Company of Fredericksburg, Virginia, for the purpose of public and private illumination and whereas the said Company has made application to the Mayor and Town Council of Fredericksburg for permission to open the streets, lanes, alleys & sidewalks and public square of the Town for the purpose of laying new and relaying old pipes required in the distribution & delivery of Gas:

Resolved that the said "Citizens Gas Co. of Fredericksburg, Va and its assigns be and are hereby authorized to use & open the Streets lanes, alleys, side walks and public squares & grounds of the said Town for the purpose of furnishing and distributing Gas subject to all the conditions, provisions, restrictions & liabilities imposed upon such companies by Chapter 33 of the General Ordinances of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in relation to Gas & Water Pipes, and that the Company and its assigns be and are hereby clothed with all rights [Page 319] powers and privileges, and declared to be entitled to the benefits of all existing laws and ordinances for the protection of their works and property which the Mayor and Council can legally confer upon or afford to such Companies Chartered for the said purpose of public and private illumination in said Town

A petition signed by a large number Citizens of the Town asking the Council to contract with the Citizens Gas Co for lighting of 30 or more of the lamps of the Town, upon conditions set forth in the petition was read.

Mr W H Fitzhugh, being present was on Motion heard upon the subject of the petition

On Motion: Mr Conway

Resolved that a Committee of three members of this Council be appointed to confer with the Citizens Gas Co in reference to lighting the streets of the Town of Fredericksburg and to take the whole subject under their consideration, said Committee to report to a subsequent Meeting of the Council for the action in the premises.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Little & Bowering as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday February 23rd 1875

Present: L B Rose, Mayor, L O Magrath, W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, G B Scott, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, P McCracken, W P Conway

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrm'n of the Finance Committee having reported favourably upon the application of Father McKeefrey, on Motion this tax upon the two house & lot occupied by Father McKeefrey as a parsonage or rectory for this year was remitted

Present H C Thornburn, Josiah Howard

A Communication from J B Winston, Treasurer of the Richmd, Fred'g & Potc R R Co was read stating that the Company had been improperly taxed upon their Depot building & Office for the years 1873 & 1874 and asking the Council that the same be corrected

On Motion the Collector of taxes was directed to make the Correction in the tax bills of the R F & P R R Co for the year 1873-1874, deducting there from the tax on the Depot and Offices of the Co. exempt by Law from taxation and the Commissioner of the Revenue is instructed to drop the same from the Property Books of the Town

An application of the Singer Sewing Machine Co to be relieved of the License tax against said Co was read and on motion referred to the Finance Com, for report at the meeting

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Present J S Knox, Recorder

Mr Conway, Chr'mn of the Committee to confer with the Citizens Gas Co in reference to the lighting the Streets with Gas reported that the Committee had had in conference with the Director of the Gas Co and the Company agreed to light and extinguish not less than 30 lamps at \$35 pr lamp and submitted a paper at the board setting forth the terms upon which the Company would contract which was read.

Mr Magrath submitted a proposition from Chas Wallace & H H Wallace to light with Kerosene oil 30 lamps for the sum of \$592.50

Absent Mr G B Scott

Mr Little submitted the following which was seconded:

Resolved that the proposition of the Citizens Gas Co reported by this Committee of which Mr Conway is Chairman be accepted by the Council in behalf of the Town and that a Committee be appointed by the Mayor to execute a Contract on behalf of the Council to carry said arrangement into effect

The Ayes & Noes being called for Mr McCracken asked to be excused from voting and on Motion Mr McCracken was excused; the vote then being taken it resulted as follows

Ayes: Mess'rs Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Knox, Hazard, Thornburg, Myer 8

Noes: Mr Magrath 1

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Little, Conway and Bowering as the Committee

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Mr Little offered the following which was adopted;

Resolved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Mayor who shall be a permanent Committee on Gas for this Council and that they be instructed to carry into effect the arrangement with the Gas Co. for lighting the streets with gas and to take charge of the whole subject

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bowering, Hurkamp & Hazard as the Committee

Mr Bowering, Ch'm Pub Prop Com reported that the South wing of the Town Hall formerly occupied by Mr Sener had been rented to Mr S J Quinn at a rent of \$50 pr annum.

On Motion: Mr Conway; Resolved that the arrangement entered into sometime since with Mr Jesse White for the use of the North Wing of the Town Hall be annulled and that the pub Prop Committee be requested to take charge of this same and rent it out

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the insecure state of the Jail and on Motion the subject was referred to the Public Property Committee

The Council adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday March 23d 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

W A Little, P McCracken, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, L O Magrath, H C Thorburn, J Hazard, W P Conway

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present Benj'n Bowering

Mr Conway Chrmn of the Finances Com; reported adversely upon the application of the Singer Sewing Machine co for relief from license tax

An account of R B Merchant amt'g to \$3.00 was read and ordered to be paid.

Mr Little, Chrmn of the Committee appointed by the Council to Contract with the Citizens Gas Co for lighting the Streets with Gas reported that a contract had been made with the Citizens Gas Co for lighting thirty lamps, and submitted a copy of the Contract, which was approved and ordered to be filed

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of Pub Prop Committee to whom was referred the subject of the insecure condition of the Jail, submitted a written report which was read and on Motion Mr Conway; The Report of the Committee was received and ordered to be filed and [Page 324] and the Committee discharged from further consideration of the subject

On Motion Mr Conway; The License tax on Drays, Carts & wagons for the years commencing April 1st 1875 was final as follows:

On Drays & Carts \$5.50

On Waggons \$11.00

The Mayor having reported favourably upon the duties of the Police officers for the present quarter, on Motion it was ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay the Police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st March 1875

Present J S Knox, Recorder

The Council is adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday April 27th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J G Hukamp, Benj'n Bowering, L O Magrath, H C Thorburn, W P Conway, P McCracken, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented a Communication from the Board of Trustees of Public Schools, asking for the appointment of a Committee on the part of the Council whose duty it shall be to visit the Schools for the purpose of informing themselves in regard to the management of the same, the proficiency of the pupils, and the success of the system of instruction recently introduced into the schools.

On Motion of Mr McCracken, the Mayor was authorized to appoint a Committee in accordance with the request of the School Trustees, who shall visit the public schools and report to the Council as to the management of the same.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs McCracken, L O Magrath & H G Thorburn as the Committee

The Mayor presented a Communication from the Hon. J T Goolrick, enclosing an order of the Corporation Court for the establishment of a chain gang

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Resolved that the communication of Judge Goolrick and the order of the Court be referred to a Committee of three of the Council to consider the whole subject and report at an early day

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Magrath & Bowering as the Committee

A memorial signed by many citizens was presented asking the Council to appoint a Committee to accompany the proposed excursion to New York in 13th May ensuing

On Motion of Mr Hurkamp; The Mayor was authorized to appoint a Committee of three members of the Council and also to endorse any Citizen who signified his intention of going on said excursion and who desired to be accredited

Mr Conway gave notice that at the next regular or Called Meeting he should present the following

Resolved that any by-law of this Corporation which may prevent the Common Council from laying the taxes for 1875 before the expiration of their present term of service be and the same is hereby repealed

Mr Conway presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that R W McGuire (now engaged) in the Collection of the unpaid taxes of 1873 & 1874 be hereby authorized and empowered to continue to collect the said taxes and all the Collections already made by the said R W McGuire since the death of James McGuire who was the Collector [Page 327] of taxes for the said years are hereby confirmed. Provided that the securities on the official bond of the said James McGuire consent in writing on the back of an attested copy of this resolution, the remain bound as fully as if this resolution had not been made

On motion the committee to consider the Communication of Judge Goolrick and order of Court was increased to five

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Little and McCracken the additional Comm;

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday May 25th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

W A Little, J H Myer, G B Scott, Benj'n Bowering, P McCracken, Jos Hazard, W P Conway, H C Thorburn, L O Magrath

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The resolution submitted by Mr Conway at the last meeting providing for the repeal of any ordinance preventing the Council from laying the tax before their term of service expired was on Motion of Mr Little laid on the table

Mr Conway from the Committee appointed by Council at the last meeting to consider the subject of Chain Gang stated that the Committee had not yet had a meeting owing to various causes and asked for further time in which to make their report; On Motion further time was granted the Committee

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of the Committee appointed by the Council to visit the Public Schools submitted a written report giving interesting information respecting the working of the Schools, the efficiency of the teachers and proficiency of the scholars

On motion the Report was received and ordered to be filed

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid. Viz

C A Gore am'tg to \$2.50

J E Stone am'tg to \$2.50

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The application of W P Arnold for relief from erroneous taxation in the year 1874 was presented and after Mr Aler, late Assessor & Comm'r of the Revenue was heard on the subject on motion the application was referred to the Finance Committee for settlement and report.

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday Morning June 16th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

H C Thorburn, Jos Hazard, W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened for the purpose of taking such action as they might deem most appropriate upon the death of their friend & fellow Councilman Patrick McCracken, Esq'r who died on Monday Night last 14th inst; whereupon M Conway after some appropriate remarks submitted the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted

Resolved that this Council has heard with regret and concern of the death of Mr Patrick McCracken a member of our body who for many years past has been a well known and useful Citizen of Fredericksburg, and a member of its municipal Council

That we cheerfully bear this public and united testimony to his public spirit as a citizen, his efficiency and usefulness as a member of this body and to the serious loss our whole community has sustained in his untimely death.

That we will attend his funeral in a body and that these resolutions be published in the City papers and a copy be furnished the family of the deceased.

The Council then adjourned

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday June 22^d 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, W P Conway, H C Thorburn, L O Magrath

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway from the Committee on respecting the establishment of a Chain Gang asked that the Committee be allowed further time to make their report; Granted

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges & Clerks of Election Six dollars each for their Services in the late Municipal Election

On account of J G Read, Surveyor, amt'g to \$27.00 was presented by the Mayor and on Motion the same was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Street Com'e submitted a verbal report of the expenditures of the Committee for this year for repairs of Streets stating the amount expended to be \$606.50; \$12 of which was expended for repairing the pavement of Mrs Roberts, Mrs Pittman, M W H Revere & others.

Mr Conway moved that the council now proceed to the election of the councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death [Page 332] of Patrick McCracken which Motion was seconded and put to the vote and adopted

Mess'rs H S Doggett, Mr Sener, & J A English were severally nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted results as follows

For H S Dogett 5

For J A English 2

So Mr H S Doggett having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected a member of the Common Council of Fredericksburg to fill the unexpired term of P McCracken deceased

On Motion the Council adjourned until Tuesday next 29th inst 8 O'clock P M

L B Rose, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday June 29th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, Josiah Hazard, H S Doggett and H C Thorburn

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr H S Doggett councilman elect to fill the unexpired term of P McCracken deceased took the oath of office before Mayor Rose and took his seat at the board

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of Public Property Com presented a written report of the expenditures of the Committee for the present year to be \$499.30. The report was received and ordered to be filed

Present L O Magrath

Mr Hurkamp, Chrmn of the Pump Committee presented a written report of the expenditures upon the Pumps of the Town for the year stating the amount expended to be \$421.37. The report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finances Com presented the following report

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee of the City of Fredericksburg respectfully report that the Collector [Page 334] of City taxes has settled in full for the taxes, Licenses &c for the year 1873-4 by payments to the Treasurer of all monies received by him less his commission & the insolvent list of

personal property and all delinquents on Real Estate were returned and accepted by your Committee, so that the collector and the securities on his official bond are entitled to be considered absolved from responsibility for the said years.

Your committee has also settled with the said Collector of City Taxes, Licenses &c for the Year 1874-5 in part and finds that there is due by the Collector for uncollected taxes, licenses &c for the said years as of the 28th inst, the sum of \$2844.40.

Your Committee has also settled the account of Robert W Adams, Treasurer of the Corporation to this date and finds that after charging him with all his receipts and crediting him with all the payments made by him the City is indebted to him the sum of \$578.61.

Your Committee bear willing testimony to the neatness and accuracy with which the Treasurer's account are kept and all his vouchers are numbered and filed. The gross amount of the Treasurers receipts from all sources in cash & coupons for the year was \$26,323.82. The amount paid in cash pr vouchers was \$12,032.86. The payers in coupons 14,869.57 [totaling] \$26,902.43

Bal's due Treas'r as stated \$578.61.

Your Committee taken care to state that the Treasurer has paid during the past year \$1200 of the Bonds of the Corporation [Page 335] and \$14,869.57 of the past due coupons & Interest certificates (upon Registered Bonds of the City) all of which Bonds, Coupons & Interest Certificates after being carefully counted, were burnt by your Committee

Respectfully submitted

Signed W P Conway, Chrmm

W A Little

On Motion, Mr Magrath; Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and that the same be published in the City Papers at a cost of not exceeding of \$375 to each paper.

The Mayor having reported on writing that the police officers had discharged their duties faithfully during the quarter, On Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay to Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst

The being no further business the Council adjourned Sine die

L B Rose, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg at the election held in accordance with Laws on Thursday May 27th 1875 Met pursuant to call of the Mayor, L B Rose in the Council Chamber on Thursday July 1st 1875

Present L B Rose Mayor

The following Councilmen elect having qualified according to Law appeared and took their seats at the Board, viz

W A Little, Charles Wallace, Jos Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, H C Thorburn, J S Knox, J H Myer, H S Doggett, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway

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

On Motion the salary of Clerk of Council was fixed at Seventy five dollars per annum.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Clerk when R W Adams was nominated, balloted for, unanimously elected; Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year

The Council next proceeded to the election of a Councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr Patrick McCracken, whereupon Mess'rs J W Sener and L O Magrath were severally nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted the result was as follows:

For J W Sener 6

L O Magrath 4

So Mr J W Sener having received the largest number of votes was declared elected a member of the Council in place of Mr Patrick McCracken deceased

The Council next proceeded to the election of Recorder when Mr H S Doggett was nominated and unanimously elected Recorder of the Corporation for the ensuing year

Mr Conway submitted the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the Police officers to be elected have included in their duties alternatively, the supervision of the Chain Gang under the direction of the Mayor

The Compensation of the Tax Collector was fixed as follows: Upon all taxes received up to the first day of December 1875 two and a half percent, and upon all sums received after this first day of December 1875 five per cent

Mess'rs W McGuire, Jno J Young & Albert Hooten were severally nominated for the office of Tax Collector; and balloted for and the ballots being counted there was no election, the voting showing as follows:

For R W McGuire 5
Jno J Young 3
Albert Hooten 2

Necessary to a choice 6

The council then proceeded to a second [Page 338] ballot with the following result

For R W McGuire 7
J J Young 3

So Mr R W McGuire having received a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected Collector of Taxes, Rents &c of the Corporation for the ensuing year

On Motion the election of Mr McGuire was made unanimous

Mr James G Read was nominated and unanimously elected surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year

The Salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum. Mr Roy Jones was nominated and unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

On motion the election of Weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt &c was postponed until the next meeting

The Salary of police officers was on Motion fixed at two hundred and fifty dollars each per annum and the be elected three.

Mess'rs C W Edrington, James E Stone, C A Gore, James A Taylor and J S G Timberlake were nominated and balloted for, and the votes being counted the votes stood as follows; Edrington 9, Stone 10, Gore 9, Taylor 2 [Page 339] So Mess'rs C W Edrington, James E Stone and Charles A Gore having received a majority of the votes cast they were declared elected police officers of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

Mr R W Hart was nominated and unanimously elected Measurer of Lumber, wood &c for the ensuing year

On Motion the Salary of Mayor was fixed at \$400; Commissioner of the Revenue at \$250 and Treasurer at \$300 per annum.

The salary of overseer of Poor was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum

Mr Edwin Carter was nominated and unanimously elected overseer of the poor for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following standing committees

On Finance Mess'rs	W P Conway W A Little Charles Wallace
Public Property	Benj'n Bowering J H Myers J G Hurkamp
Streets	J S Knox H C Thorburn J B Ficklen
Pumps	Jos Hazard H T Doggett J W Sener
Gas	Benj'n Bowering J W Sener Jos Hazard

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Mr Conway moved the following, which was seconded

Resolved that the Gas Committee be authorized to contract with the Citizens Gas Co for lighting the remain six street lamps on such terms as may be agree upon, not exceeding the terms of the former contract

Mr Doggett moved that the subject be postponed until the next meeting which was seconded and put to the vote and the motion was decided in the negative

The Question recurring upon the Resolution Mr Conway and the votes being taken it was adopted

Mr J W Sener councilman elect appeared and took the oath of office before Mayor Rose and took his seat at the boards.

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday July 27th 1875

Present L B Rose Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, J B Ficklen, J H Myer, Charles Wallace, J S Knox, H C Thorburn, Jos Hazard

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Council proceeded to the election of weigher and Measurer of Coals, Salt, Grains &c when Mess'r E E Rollins, J K Anderson, and Morris Montgomery were nominated and balloted for and on the third ballot the vote stood as follows

For Morris Montgomery 6

E E Rollins 3
J K Anderson 2

So Mr Morris Montgomery having received a majority of the votes cast, he was declared elected weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt &c of the Corporation for the ensuing year

Mr Conway, Chrnm of the Finance Committee submitted the following report which on motion of Mr Wallace was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Council

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned members of the Board of Finance for the year ending the 30th June 1875 and who are still members [Page 342] of the said Board respectfully report that on the 8th day of June 1875 the Treasurer of the City (R W Adams) received of the Executors of W S Caldwell the legacy of five thousand dollars bequeathed to the municipal Corporation by the fourth clause of the will of the said Caldwell (a copy of which said fourth clause if herewith presented)

Your Committee acting in accordance with what was understood to be the unanimous wish of the Council directed Mr Adams to invest the said Money in the Bonds of the Corporation at the lowest price at which they could be bought in the Market which he had done to the amount of \$4548.40 for which sum he has purchased Ten thousand eight hundred dollars of the Bonds of the Corporation at sums or prices ranging from 40 cents in the dollar (the lowest price paid to 42½ cents in the dollar (the highest price paid for the Bonds) There is still in the hands of the said Treasurer a balance of the said legacy of \$451.60 which your Committee propose to invest in the same bonds when they can be had at the prices paid for those already purchased which will sink upwards of seven hundred dollars annually of interest and reduce the debt of the Corporation about twelve thousand dollars.

It will be observed that the object of Mr Caldwell was to provide a fund for the “relief of the Poor” of his native Town, a duty devolved upon the Municipal authorities by the Laws of the United States and the ordinances of the City and your Committee can conceive of no better mode of carrying out the humane & philanthropic objects of the benevolent donor than by reducing the [Page 343] burthens resting upon the citizens and thus enabling them annually to supply the means necessary to provide for the poor amongst us

We respectfully suggest that proper entries in this subject be made on our records and that the Bonds purchased and to be purchased as aforesaid be numbered and listed and be burnt or destroyed by the present Finance Committee of the Council

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of July 1875

Signed W P Conway, Chrnm

Wm W Little

Mr Conway Chrnm of the Finance Committee stated that the Committee were unable to report upon the account of Mr Read at the present meeting

A petition signed by E B Jett & others – Butchers asking the Council to pass an ordinance or so change the present ordinance as to prevent persons selling Marketing on the Street during the Market hours was presented and read by the Mayor; no action was taken

A petition signed by a number of Citizens asking the Council to erect or locate a pump for the convenience of the people at some point on Water or Sophia St below Hanover Street was read, and on Motion of Mr Conway, the Petition was referred to the Pump Committee for report as to the need of a pump in the locality indicated, and the probable cost of same

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 20th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H T Doggett, Recorder

J W Sener, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, W P Conway, Chs Wallace, J S Knox

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that this Council was convened for the purpose of electing a Weigher of Coal, Salt &c in place of Mr M Montgomery who resigned in writing he read. On motion Mr Conway, the resignation of Mr Montgomery was accepted

The Council proceeded to the election of a weigher & measurer of Coals, Salt &c when Mess'rs R W Hart, E E Rollins, A A Hudson & J K Anderson were nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted results as follows

For R W Hart 5

E E Rollins 2

J K Anderson 1

So Mr R W Hart having received a majority of the votes cast was elected weigher & Measurer of Coals, Salt &c in place of Mr Montgomery resigned

Present J Hazard, H C Thornburn

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The rule restricting the Council to this transaction of business for which it was convened was on motion suspended for the present meeting

An Application of T McCracken for the privilege of laying a track from his spoke factory to connect with the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road was present and read. On motion of Mr Bowering, Resolved that the prayer of Mr T McCracken be granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee and subject to be removed at the pleasure of the Council

On Motion of Mr Wallace; Resolved that the order passed December 9th 1873 making provision for feeding and lodging travelers unable to pay for the for the same be and the same is hereby repealed

Mr Knox asked and obtained permission to retire

Absent Mr Jas S Knox

On Motion of Mr Sener; Resolved that a Committee of three of the Council be appointed who shall meet the Board of Trustees of Public Schools and confer with said trustees as to the management of the schools and also examine the accounts of the Treasurer as to the expenditures for support of said schools and report at the next meeting

The mayor appointed Mess'rs Little, Ficklen & Thorburn as the Committee

A memorial signed by a number of citizens of the Town calling the attention [Page 346] of the Council to the old burying ground between William and George streets and suggesting that the same be converted into a Park or Public Square

On Motion of Mr Conway the memorial was referred to the Public Property [Committee] who shall enquire as to the best plan & laying out the grounds and the probable cost of same and requesting a report at an early day

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 24th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J W Sener, Chas Wallace, H C Thorburn, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr, W P Conway

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee to whom was referred the memorial of Citizens relative to converting the Burying Ground between Commerce & George Streets submitted the following report

To the Mayor & Common Council,

Gentlemen, We the undersigned Committee appointed to examine into and estimate the cost of establishing a free park of the several lots Nos 127, 128, 129 & 140 known as the "Corporation Burying Ground" defer making a Report of the ultimate cost because of the impracticability of making estimate of while the ground or lots are in their present condition; Before making an estimate of the entire cost of establishing said Park your committee deems it advisable that the ground be cleared the walls repaired, in a portion of it taken down and rebuilt with new capping entered. Your committee also consider it advisable to take in the lots know us the Masonic & Methodist Burying Grounds (adjoining above lots on the S West) if said lots could be gotten possession of which addition in the [Page 348] would add greatly to the Park; both for usefulness and symmetry without additional cost

After the above work is complete, viz; cleaning the ground and repairing the walls, we can make an estimate of all other work such as planting trees, grading and graveling walks, drainage, sidewalks, gates &c &c

If though best to prosecute the work your Committee ask an appropriation of a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars an amount thought necessary to complete the work as specified above.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by Committee Benj'n Bowering

J G Hurkamp

J H Myer

Mr Sener moved that the Report of the Committee be received and adopted, which was seconded.

Whereupon Mr Conway moved that the report be laid upon the table for the present which motion was also seconded and the vote upon same taken by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote
Ayes; Mess'rs Conway, Doggett & Wallace - 3

Noes; Mess'rs Hurkamp, Bowering, Sener, Ficklen, Thorburn, Myer - 6

The question recurring upon the Motion of Mr Sener and the vote taken it was decided in the affirmative; so the report of the Committee was adopted

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Committee to whom was referred the communication of Judge Goolrick and order of Court establishing a chain gang in the Corporation submitted the following report

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The Committee appointed by the Council on the [blank] day of [blank] 1875 to take into consideration & report on the Communication of the Hon J T Goolrick dated Apl 26 1875 endorsing an order of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg of the 8th April 1875; respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and now be leave to express their assent to the establishment of the Chain Gang by the Court order the law as cited in the said communication and order of Judge Goolrick. Your Committee

cannot perceive that it is incumbent upon them to recommend any specific rules for the government of the Chain Gang established by his Honor Judge Goolrick. The Council has already provided that the Police officers are alternately to supervise it and nothing remains (in the opinion of your Committee) but that the Mayor shall confirm this action to the Law cited by Judge Goolrick.

Resp'ly submitted

Signed W P Conway, Chrnm

On Motion, Mr Ficklen; the report of the Committee was adopted and the Committee discharged

The Finance Committee through their Chrnm W P Conway to whom was referred the claim of James G Read submitted the following report in which a motion was adopted

To Mayor & Common Council of Fred'g

Sirs,

Your Committee to whom the application of James E Read, Surveyor for payment of his account contracted [Page 350] by direction of the Mayor for survey fixing boundaries of Streets & alleys was referred respectfully report that the said account is no doubt correct and the Surveyor should be paid for his services, but that the ordinance on this subject especially provides that the costs of such a survey shall be borne by the party who by such survey shall be ascertained to be the trespasser upon the public streets and alleys and as in this case the survey does ascertain and find such trespass your committee think the proper course to pursue in collecting this is the indicated by said ordinance.

Respectfully submitted

Signed W P Conway, Chrnm

On Motion Mr Conway; Resolved that under the peculiar circumstances of the case the account of James G Read amounting to \$27 for survey & plot be paid and that the Mayor proceed to recover the amount from the trespassers, and that the parties trespassing be required to fix their lines to conform to the Survey (except the removal of houses)

Mr Conway, Chrnm of the Finance Committee submitted the following ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1875 which on Motion of Mr Ficklen was unanimously adopted

Be it Ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the taxes on personal property, licenses and all other subjects required to be listed and subject to state taxation and therefore subject to taxation by the [Page 351] town shall be assessed, levied and paid as follows, to wit;

1st on every male person over 21 years of age (not exempt by law 50¢

2nd on all real & personal property and incomes & toll bridges on every \$100 assessed value 150¢

3rd on all monies, capitals, employed in any business, investments and bonds in a out of state and the stock in Corporate Companies on every \$100 assessed value 50¢

This item shall include the National Bank of Fredericksburg the Aqueduct Co and the Gas Co; which shall be paid by the Cashier of the Bank and the Treasurers of the Aqueduct & Gas Cos

4th on all Male dogs 1.00

On all female dogs 2.00

5th on all stocks & Bill Brokers \$125.00

On all Private Bankers \$125.00

When any persons or firms shall take license as Private Bankers and Stock and Bill Brokers the tax shall be for both \$200.00

7th All Wholesale liquor dealers 200.00

All Retail liquor dealers 75.00

All keepers of Ordinaries 45.00

All Commission Merchants 50.00

All keepers of Billiard Tables 60.00

All Boarding Houses and Houses of Private Entertainment 5.00

All Eating Houses 20.00
 All Junk Dealers 40.00
 All Canvassers for purchase of subscriptions 10.00

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All Stallions 10.00
 All Livery Stables 15.00
 All sale of Horses & cattle 15.00
 Selling Manufactured Tobacco 5.00
 All Daguerean Artists 20.00
 All Auctioneers 50.00
 All Attorneys at Law 15.00
 All Physicians & Dentists 10.00
 All Wagon Yards 10.00
 All Agents selling machines 20.00
 All Public Halls 20.00
 All Land Agents 30.00
 Sales or Rater of Patent Rights 10.00
 All Book Agents 5.00
 All Common Criers 10.00
 All Bowling Saloons 10.00
 All Express Companies 25.00
 All Telegraph Companies 25.00
 Each Steamboat 50.00

8th On all merchants including Groceries, Drugs, Hardware, Confectioners, Dry Goods, Millinery, Tin Ware and Stoves, Coal, Wood, Lumber, Butchers, Green Grocers, Jewelers and saddlers where their sales do not exceed \$1000 10.00

Sales over \$1000 & not exceeding \$2000 15.00
 Sales over \$2000 & not exceeding \$5000 20.00
 Sales over \$5000 & not exceeding \$8000 30.00
 Sales over \$8000 & not exceeding \$10000 35.00

Sales over \$10000 the tax shall be 3/4th the tax assessed by the state

9th On every property, person or business in the City of Fredericksburg taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing classes of this ordinance the tax shall be the same as [Page 353] that imposed by the State (except theatrical and other exhibitions which are taxed by special ordinance)

10th One third of the said taxes shall be paid in National currency and two thirds in past due interest certificates of the Registered Bonds of the Town of Fredericksburg or the tax payer may ht his option pay the said two thirds of his taxes in National currency at the rates of sixty cents to the dollar

11th a dedication of 10 pr cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th of September next; at 5 pr cent on all payments made after that date and on or before the 15th of October next and of 3pr cent on all payment after that date and on or before the 15th of November next

12th on all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of November next there shall be added 5 pr cent an interest till paid, and the same shall be collected in the mode prescribed by Law and the Ordinance of the Town

Mr Sener submitted the following which was adopted

Resolved that there shall be added to the Standing Committees one on Public Schools, to consist of three members whose duty it shall be to consider and report upon all matters affecting the public schools of this City and also to report annually as to the Receipts and expenditures of the Board of Trustees of said schools

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On Motion of Mr Ficklen

Resolved that hereafter no new Ordinance or amendment of existing ordinances shall be considered until the next regular meeting after such ordinances or amendments may be introduced

A Communication from Gen Fitzhugh Lee, President of the Rappahannock and Potomac Immigration Co was read by the Mayor calling attention of the Council to the proposed excursion to New York in the interest of the Society on 1st September next, and suggesting that this Council appoint Delegates to represent Fredericksburg on said excursion;

Whereupon on Motion of Mr Wallace

The Mayor was authorized to appoint as delegates any members of this Council or Citizens who may signify their intention of accompanying the excursion and to furnish said parties with credentials, the Council approving the action of the Society over which Gen'l Lee presides

Mr Sener offered the following which was seconded:

Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Collector of Taxes for the Corporation of Fredericksburg to keep a correct account of all taxes commuted or paid in currency by each tax payer and also of the amount in coupons and report the same to the Council whenever called for by any two members

Mr Conway moved that this subject [Page 355] be indefinitely postponed which was also seconded and put to the vote and decided in the affirmative

On Motion Mr Conway; Resolved that the Mayor, Mr Bowering and Mr Ficklen be appointed a committee who shall make all necessary arrangements for the successful working of the Chain Gang at once

Mr John Howison, Supt of Public Schools appeared before this council (by consent) and stated that in consequence of the failure of the Trustees to receive an expected donation of \$600, from the Peabody Fund, the board was unable to pay the balance due the teachers and the deficiency would have to be met out of the appropriation this present year, and he was compelled to ask an appropriation by the Council for the support of the schools for the present scholastic year of three seven hundred dollars.

The Council on Motion adjourned until Friday next 27th inst 10½ o'clock A M

L B Rose, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday August 27th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, W A Little, H G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, J Hazard, H C Thorburn, J H Myer, Chs Wallace

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion of Mr Conway the times for the payment of the taxes of 1875 subject to a discount of 10 per cent was changed from 15th day of September to first day of October 1875

The Mayor announced the following Committee on Public Schools; H S Doggett, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer

Mr Little from the Committee appointed to confer with the Trustees of Public Schools and examine accounts of the Treasurer submitted a report setting forth the expenditures and receipts of the schools for the past year showing the expenditures to have exceeded the receipts in the sum of \$565.53
Present: J S Knox, J B Ficken Jr

On Motion Mr Conway; The report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged
Mr John Howison was heard in reference to the requirements of the schools for the present year
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Mr Ficklen moved that the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the public schools of the town for the next scholastic year which was seconded

Mr Myer moved as an amendment that the amount appropriated be fixed at thirty five hundred dollars which was also seconded and the vote upon the same taken by Ayes and Noes and it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes: Mess'rs Bowering, Sener, Myer 3

Noes: Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Doggett, Hazard, Ficklen, Knox, Thorburn, Wallace 9

The question resuming upon the motion of Mr Ficklen to appropriate three thousand dollars and the vote upon same taken by ayes & noes, it was unanimously adopted.

Mr Ficklen gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should submit an ordinance prohibiting the Collector of Taxes &c purchasing or dealing in Coupons or interest of this City Debt.

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Pump Committee reported favorably upon the memorial of citizens for locating a pump on Sophia St

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 31st 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H J Doggett, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, W P Conway, W A Little, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, Chs Wallace

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at the instance of several members of this council for the purpose of considering the Petition of citizens for the location of a pump on Sophia St and the report of the Pump Comm on same

Present: J S Knox, J G Hurkamp

Mr Conway offered the following which was seconded and the votes taken by Ayes and Noes and it was adopted

Resolved that the Pump Committee report of the Committee be adopted and that the Committee be authorized to erect a pump on Sophia Street at such point as they may deem best

Ayes: Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Doggett, Knox, Ficklen & Hurkamp 6

Noes: Little, Myers, Wallace 3

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday September 28th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Chas Wallace, J Hazard, J W Sener, J H Myer, J S Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of Mr H C Thorburn as a member of this body

Present: Mr W P Conway

Mr Sener moved that the resignation of Mr Thorburn be accepted which was seconded: Whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the resignation be laid on the table for the present which was also seconded and put to the vote and adopted

Mr Conway presented a communication from Mr Ennis Agt Western Union Telegraph Co. accompanied with a statement of the receipts & expenditures of the office at this place for the year ending Sept 1875 & asking the Council to remit or modify the license tax 1875 imposed upon the Company

On Motion, Mr Conway; Resolved that the license tax of \$25 imposed upon the W U Telegraph Co be and the same is hereby remitted

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An account of L R Boxley for the use of his well by the Citizens from the year 1873 to date amt'g to \$10 was presented; and on Motion Mr Conway the same was referred to the Pump Committee for settlement as in their judgment they may deem best

The following accounts were presented and ordered to be paid Viz

W A Little amt'g to \$3.75

W A Little amt'g to \$3.50

W A Little amt'g to \$2.50

The Mayor having reported in writing favourably on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending Septm'r 30, 1875

On Motion, the Council adjourned until Tuesday next 5th Inst

L B Rose, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 5th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Charles Wallace, W P Conway, J W Sener, J H Myer, Jos Hazard, Benj'n Bowering

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

On Motion Mr Conway, the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr A B Bowering the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, his salary as commissioner of the Revenues for the year 1875

Present: J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr

On motion Mr Sener: Resolved that the ordinances passed December 9th 1873 providing for lodgings and meals for needy travelers and repealed on 10th August 1875 be and the same is hereby re-enacted and that

the overseer of the poor be limited to the sum of twelve and a half cents for each meal in providing for feeding said travelers

Mr Ficklen present the following ordinance which was adopted

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg; That it shall not be lawful for any collector, deputy Collector, or other officer charged with the Collection of the public revenues of this Corporation to convert any moneys received by him into coupons directly & indirectly by [Page 362] purchase, exchange or otherwise, but such collecting officers shall account to the Treasury of the Corporation in money or by check or draft for money for all Revenue received by them in Money; nor shall it be lawful for any such collecting officers to purchase such coupons for the purpose of sale thereof; or to sell the same during his continuance in office;

Every such collecting officer shall preserve upon the books of his office a statement shewing the amounts received by him in such Coupons and the parties from whom received, which shall be open to the inspection of the Mayor, Treasurer, or any member of the Council to examine the same, and shall accompany every settlement made by him with a sworn statement of the aggregate amount collected by him in Coupons;

Every violation of this ordinance or the provisions thereof the officer or officers shall forfeit his office.

On Motion of Mr Wallace the resignation of Mr H C Thorburn as a member of this Council was accepted

The Council next on Motion of Mr Sener proceeded to fill the vacancy on the board occasioned by the resignation of Mr Thorburn; Whereupon Mr C E Hunter and Mr H B Hall were nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For	C E Hunter	5
	H B Hall	4

So mr Chs E Hunter having received [Page 363] a majority of the votes cast he was declared elected a member of the Common Council of Fredericksburg in place of Mr H C Thorburn, resigned

The Mayor informed the Council that the official Bond of R W McGuire collector of taxes in penalty of \$10,000 with J G Hurkamp, J H Myer and Swift & Cole as securities had been handed to him in due time and that the said Bond had been by him placed in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping

The Mayor appointed Mr C E Hunter a member of the Street Committee in place of Mr Thorburn resigned

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Tuesday October 26th 1875

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Charles Wallace, W P Conway, Jos Hazard, W A Little, Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

There appearing no business before the Council, on Motion it adjourned

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday November 23rd 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Charles Wallace, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, W A Little, W P Conway, J S Knox, J B Ficklen
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

A communication from John Howison Supt of public schools was read, stating that the term of officer of A B Bowering as a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools had expired and that it devolved upon the Council to elect his successor and recommending the re-election of Mr Bowering; on motion Mr A B Bowering was nominated and unanimously elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg

On motion of Mr Conway; the Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges and Clerks of election at this late election for their services six dollars each and the sum of five dollars for carrying the returns to Spotsylvania C H

Mr Little gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to the ordinance passed March 11, 1872 for the encouragement of manufacturing in the City
Present: Benj'n Bowering

Mr Ficklen offer the following which was unanimously adopted

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Resolved that a Committee of [blank] members be appointed to prepare an act of Assembly with the assistance of our Senator and Delegate to be passed as the Legislature about to meet, to provide for the funding of the old Bonds of this Corporation in new bonds upon such fair agreement and terms of Compromise with the Corporation creditors as can be obtained and that said committee report the proceedings to a future meeting of the Board

On Motion; Resolved that the blank in the resolution be filled with five

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs J B Ficklen, W P Conway, W A Little, H S Doggett, Chs Wallace as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday December 28th 1875

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Chas Wallace, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, J H Myers, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Jos Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J S Knox

Mr Wallace gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should offer the following amendment to Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinances of the Corporation

In Section 3; after Market hours in 1st line insert the words "within the Market House and lot"

In Section 4 after at Market in second line insert the words " or within the Corporation."

Mr Ficklen gave notice that at the next regular meeting he should offer the following as an additional Section to Chapter 8 of the Gen'l Ordinances of the Corporation

That the Clerk of the Market shall collect from each and every wagon feeding in the Market house yard the sum of twenty cents and for each and every cart & horse the sum of ten cents.

That this money and monies so collected shall be expended as far as necessary in keeping the Market House in good order and clean also yard attached thereto

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On Motion Mr Conway; Resolved that Chapter 8 of the Gen'l ordinance be referred to a committee of the Council who shall take the subject of revision of said Chapter into consideration and report at the next meeting

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs J B Ficklen, Chas Wallace and J G Hurkamp as the Committee

Mr Conway from this Committee appointed by the Council to prepare and act to be submitted to the Legislature in reference to the funding of the Debt of the Corporation; reported that an act had been prepared and passed by this Legislature giving the Council authority to fund the debt of the Town at a rate of interest not exceeding seven per cent.

Mr Doggett reported verbally that he with Mr Ficklen had visited the Public Schools and expressed themselves pleased with the system of instruction also with the good behavior of the scholars and the promptness and correctness with which they responded to the questions asked

On Motion Mr Ficklen; Mess'rs W A Little, J G Hurkamp & H S Doggett were appointed proxies to represent the Corporation Stocks in the Annual Meeting of the Fred'g & Gordonsville Rail Road

On Motion Mr Wallace; The sum of fifteen dollars was appropriated to indemnify Mr L D Brinkerhoff for loss sustained by him in taking care of servant girls burnt on his premises

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

The Council then adjourned

L B Rose, Mayor