

## Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1877

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Benj'n Bowering, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, J B Ficklen Jr, W P Conway, Charles Wallace, J W Sener, C E Hunter

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Public Property Committee who were prepared to report, under the Resolution adopted at the last meeting in regard to the Vault of the Court House

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee submitted the following report

To the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg:

Gentlemen

Your Committee on Public Property begs leave to submit the following report in regard to the Court House vault.

After a careful examination of the same the committee had come to the conclusion that if the Court House should burn with the vault in its present condition, most if not all of the Records would be destroyed, if not be fire by attempting to remove them to some place of supposed safety

Considering the possibility of such a disaster, both to the Town and the County, your committee recommends the following plan to prevent the destruction or loss of the Public Records.

1<sup>st</sup> Remove the wooden door and frame, replacing them with a strong iron door & frame.

2<sup>nd</sup> Remove one of the wooden windows frames replacing it with Iron shutters and iron frame and bricking up the other window in the vault.

3<sup>rd</sup> Support the arch with Iron girders and columns to prevent it from being crushed [Page 2]

4<sup>th</sup> Remove so much of the floor over the vault as will admit of filling the space between the floor and top of arch with bricks and cement.

The above plan, if properly carried out the committee believes will make the vault secure against fire

Respectfully submitted

Signed,

Benj'n Bowering

J G Hurkamp

J H Myer

January 9<sup>th</sup> 1877

The Mayor and Council on motion of Mr Conway, repaired to the Court House for the purpose of inspecting the vault

Absent: The Mayor & Council, the clerk remaining

After visiting the Court House and examining the vault, the Mayor and Council returned to the Council Chamber and resumed their seats at the Board.

On Motion of Mr Sener, The report of the Committee was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes

Present: Mr W A Little

On Motion, Mr Ficklen

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be requested to have placed in the Court House vault three additional rods of Iron, have the end window next to the Court Room closed with bricks, fill the crack in the top with cement, also replace with an iron door and frame the present wooden door and frame outside of the

vault, and double the present Iron windows, letting the wooden window remain, also to have Iron rods placed from end to end of the vault; and to use such cement and brick as may be necessary to strengthen the arch; 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 January 23<sup>d</sup> 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

Mr A Little, J H Myer, Chas Wallace, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented and read a letter received from Hon J D Cameron, Sec'y of War in which he states that the President had directed the expenditure of the \$10,000 appropriated by the last Congress of the US for the improvement of the Rappahannock River

The following accounts were presented by the Chrmn of the Finance Committee, Mr Conway Viz

J H Kelly amt'g to \$23.75

R B Merchant amt'g to \$3.75

The Mayor submitted a communication received from our Senator Hon Charles Herndon, stating that application had been made by Hon B T Johnson for a Charter for a Rail Road from Richmond to Washington, and requesting the Council to take such action in reference to the Matter as they deemed best for the interest of Fredericksburg.

Whereupon Mr Little presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted

Resolved 1<sup>st</sup> That the Common Council representing the Mechanical, Manufacturing, & Commercial interests of the City of Fredericksburg do cordially endorse the movement of Gen'l B T Johnson in [Page 4] reference to an application to the Legislature of Virginia for the Charter of a Rail Road from Richmond through Fredericksburg to Washington and will cheerfully co-operate in his effort to that effect, or in any lawful measure to emancipate our community from the injurious, restrictive and obstructive policy of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Rail Road Co, whereby our Manufacturing industries are crippled and the Natural advantages of our position are seriously impaired

2<sup>nd</sup> That our Senator Hon Charles Herndon and our Delegate Hon A W Wallace be requested to vote in favor of an act for the Construction of a rail road from Richmond to Washington via Fredericksburg that shall be built and worked separate and distinct from the present road, Viz, the Richmond, Fred'g and Potomac, which now extends to Quantico.

Provided that said Rail Road shall have inserted in its charter that the charges for both passengers and freight from all points North and from Fredericksburg to all points North shall not be greater per mile than to Richmond Va, also that said Rail Road shall establish at Fredericksburg a Depot and Freight house for the accommodation of passengers and freight and,

Provided, further that the local rates for passengers and freight to and from Fredericksburg to points on the line of said Road shall not be more than twenty percent in excess of the through rates from Fredericksburg to Richmond and Alexandria & Washington.

On Motion, Mr Wallace the Clerk was directed to forward copy of the resolutions to our Senator Hon C Herndon & Delegate Hon A W Wallace at Richmond.

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 Thursday Feb'y 8, 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, J H Meyer, Chs Wallace, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, J W Sener, J B Ficklen Jr

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of several members for the purpose of Memorializing the Congress of the United States for an appropriation for removing the obstructions and deepening the channel of the Rappahannock River

On Motion, Mr Little

Resolved, That a Memorial be signed by the Mayor and Council be addressed to the Congress of the United States soliciting an appropriation of \$100,000 for the purpose of improving the Navigation of the Rappahannock River, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to our senators & Delegate in Congress and to MR L D Karns, President of the Royal Land Co of Va requesting their aid in furthering the measure

Mr Conway submitted the following Report and Resolution which were adopted

The undersigned members of the Finance Committee respectfully report that they have issued within three hundred dollars of the \$120,000 of Bonds which they are authorized to issue under the Act of Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1876 and there still remains sundry old bonds of the Town unsettled and outstanding. It is therefore in the opinion of your Committee necessary to apply to the Legislature for authority to issue a few more [Page 6] of our new 7% Bonds, say for an amount not to exceed \$10,000, which your Committee consider will be ample to meet all the outstanding old debt of the Town, we report a Resolution for the adoption of the Council to effect said object Viz:

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby requested to procure an Act of the Legislature of Va authorizing the issue of 7% Bonds by the Corporation to an amount not exceeding \$10,000 to carry out and complete the funding of the old debt of the Town as per Act of Jan'y 3<sup>d</sup> 1876

The Mayor presented the Resolutions of the Trustees of the Town of Orange at a Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1877, tendering the hospitalities of the Town to the officials of Fredericksburg on the proposed excursion by the Royal Land Co to Orange.

On Motion, The Mayor was requested to return the thanks of the Council to the authorities of Orange for the kind invitation and to cordially accept the same and that due notice will be given of the times of contemplated excursion

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 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W A Little, J W Sener, J Hazard, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J S Knox

The Mayor presented the application of Hon J B Jett asking the Council to be relieved of the license tax against him as an attorney at law.

On Motion, Mr Conway, the application of Judge Jett was respectfully refused

Mr Little presented the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved, that the Gas Committee be instructed to confer with the agent of the Gas Co and ascertain upon what terms a contract can be made for lighting the Street lamps for another year

Mr Doggett gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to Chapter 30 of the General Ordinance of the Town—concerning hogs

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 Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

W P Conway, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, B Bowering, J H Myer, Chs Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering an application for a license for wagon &c from Mr McCracken

On Motion, Rule 23 was suspended for the present meeting

On Motion, Mr Conway, The license tax on Drays, Carts, & Wagons for the year commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1877 was fixed as follows: On Drays & Carts at Four Dollars, Wagons at Eight Dollars

On Motion, Mr Ficklen

Resolved That a license be granted to Mr M McCracken for a two horse wagon until 1<sup>st</sup> day April 1878 upon the payment of the sum of ten dollars

On Motion Mr Little, the Mayor was authorized to grant license for Wagons to any applicant upon the same terms granted Mr McCracken

Mr Ficklen presented the account of W H Russell for telegrams sent from Rawley Springs and paid by him, amounting to \$18.53, and on motion the same was ordered to be paid.

Mr Doggett stated that Mr Stonebraker was present and desired to be heard in [Page 9] reference to a fine imposed upon him

Leave being granted Mr S, he stated at length the cause which led to the imposition of the fine and he asked that the same be remitted

Mr Conway, moved that the fine imposed upon Mr Stonebraker amt'g to \$4.00 be remitted which was seconded and the Ayes & Noes being called for the motion was carried by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Hurkamp, Bowering, Myer, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Doggett, Hunter, Ficklen 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 March 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present L B Rose, Mayor

H S Doggett, Recorder

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

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: Mr J S Knox

Mr Doggett stated that since the last regular meeting a number of Citizens interested in Hog raising in the City had called on him and presented strong reasons against any change in the ordinance concerning Hogs, which were satisfactory to him, and he should therefore not offer the amendment to Chapter 30, of the Gen'l Ordinance as he stated he would at the last regular meeting

Mr Little moved that Chapter 30 of the Gen'l Ordinance be amended by striking out all in the 1<sup>st</sup> section after the word except down to the word Corporation also to strike out entirely the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, which was seconded Whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the subject be referred to a committee of three to report an ordinance for the consideration of the Council at its next meeting, which was also seconded put to the vote and carried The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Wallace, Little & Doggett as the Committee

Mr Bowering (from the Gas Committee) in obedience to the Resolution adopted by the Council at the last regular meeting, submitted two propositions from the Citizens [Page 11] Gas Company for the lighting of the City with Gas for twelve months, which were read and after consideration of the two propositions and explanations by Mr D E Fleming, Supt, who was present and requested to be heard on the subject

Mr Doggett offered the following which was adopted

Resolved, That the Gas Committee be authorized to contract with the Citizens Gas Co for the lighting of the Street lamps, forty in number, nine hours each night for 300 nights for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars and to provide in the contract that the Company shall furnish the Gas at \$30 per lamp for any number in excess of forty lamps. The said contract to be for the term of one year from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1877

On Motion Mr Conway, The Gas Committee were authorized to establish four lamp posts at such points as they may deem best, provided that the citizens in such localities shall pay the cost of such posts.

Mr Doggett presented an application from John Woolfolk asking the Council to be relieved from a license tax for keeping a wagon yard, amounting to \$10.00

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the application was referred to a committee of three appointed by the Mayor consisting of Mess'rs Knox, Hurkamp, & Doggett to examine into the subject and report

Applications from citizens in the vicinity of Hawke & Charles Streets and Princess Ann and Frederick Streets for the establishment of Lamp posts in their several localities which on motion were referred to the Gas Committee

The 23<sup>d</sup> Rule was on Motion suspended for the present meeting.

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On motion, Mr Conway

Section 3 of Chapter [blank] of the Gen'l ordinance was amended by inserting after the word "eggs" in said section the word "fish"

The Mayor having reported favorably, the Treasurer (on Motion) was directed to pay the Police officers their salaries for the quarter ending the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Recorder

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Recorder

Wm A Little, J W Sener, Jos Hazard, C E Hunter, J H Myer, J G Hurkamp, W P Conway, J S Knox, Charles Wallace, J B Ficklen Jr

The Recorder stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of imparting to the body the sad intelligence of the death of Doct Laurence B Rose, Mayor of Fredericksburg and presiding officer of the Council, which took place on Tuesday night 10<sup>th</sup> Inst and after appropriate remarks suggested that the Council take such action as they deemed most appropriate for the mournful occasion, and in respect of the memory of the deceased

On Motion, Mr Conway, the Chair was requested to appoint a Committee of three of the Council to prepare and present suitable Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Mayor, Doct L B Rose, for the action of this body

The Recorder appointed Mess'rs W P Conway, W A Little & J W Sener as the Committee

Mr Little from the Committee appointed by the Recorder presented the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas the announcement just made of the death of the presiding officer of this Council; the Mayor of this Town, our Friend and Fellow Citizen, Doctor L B Rose has fallen with startling suddenness and cast a gloom of sadness upon this community—its suddenness appalls, this sadness affects us [Page 14] to the heart. But a few days ago we have all seen him on our Streets, in apparently his usual health and occupied about his official duties, we learn today that he is not more, Truly "in the midst of life we are in Death", his faithfulness and impartiality as our Mayor, his attention and courtesy as our Presiding officer, his uniform kindness of hearth and gentle bearing as a Friend and Fellow Citizen have long endeared him to his brethren of this body and this whole community, and his loss will long continue to be remembered as a public calamity to Fredericksburg and its Citizens

Resolved that this Council express the unanimous voice our feeling of this community in grief for a loss so deplorable to themselves and their heartfelt sympathy with his afflicted family in their sad bereavement. That we attend the funeral in a body and wear the usual badge of mourning to his memory for thirty days. That we recommend to our businessmen to close their houses of business and our public schools to adjourn to unite with us in attending the funeral.

On Motion, Mr Wallace, a copy of the resolutions was directed to be sent to the family of the deceased The Recorder was, on Motion, requested to confer with the Masonic order and others in arrangements for the funeral and to appoint pall bearers from this body and to direct the police officers to request the citizen to close their places of business during the hours of the funeral

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On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved that as an additional mark of respect to our late presiding officer and Mayor, Dr L B Rose, that the Mayor's office be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days, the same to be done under the supervision of the Recorder

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Recorder

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held on Tuesday, April 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

Wm A Little, J W Sener, Charles Wallace, W P Conway, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, J Hazard, W H Russell

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of electing a Recorder and for other purposes A communication from the Hon J T Goolrick was read stating that he had appointed H S Doggett Esq Mayor of the Corporation to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late L B Rose, said appointment to expire on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1877, and that he would issue a writ of election on fourth Thursday of May next, also that he had appointed M H Russell, Councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the appointment of H S Doggett Mayor, this appointment also expires on 1<sup>st</sup> July next, also that he had appointed Dr B S Herndon, Physician of the Corporation Jail in place of L B Rose, deceased, also suggesting that the Council petition the Legislature of Va to amend the law so as to give the Council the power to fill all vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise, the communication was ordered to be filed.

Present: J S Knox

The Council then proceeded to the election of Recorder, when Mr Jos W Sener was nominated and unanimously elected for the unexpired term of H S Doggett, the late incumbent.

Mr Sener qualified according to law before Mayor Doggett and took his seat as Recorder at the board.

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On Motion, Mr Conway, Rule 23<sup>d</sup> was suspended for the present meeting

Present: J B Ficklen Jr

An application from the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Co through J Honeycutt, Agent asking permission of the Council to erect telegraph poles &c through the streets of the City under the supervision of the Street Committee was read

On Motion, Mr Little

Resolved that the privilege of putting up Telegraph poles in such streets of the Town as may be deemed proper by the Street Committee of this Council be granted to the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co and that said Committee be requested to have such poles located so as to interfere as little as possible with the shade trees of the Town; This privilege is granted subject to the direction and control in future of the Common Council of this Town.

On Motion, Mr Sener

The Public Property Committee was requested to have the grave of the late R B Semple in the Fredericksburg Cemetery properly care for at the expense of the Corporation

A Petition signed by S C Kearsley, J F Thompson and others was read calling attention of the Council to the House & lot occupied by Mr M B Rowe as a Slaughter House and asking that said premises be abated as a public nuisance

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that a committee of three of the Council be appointed, with the Corporation Physician to examine the premises complained of and report at the next meeting.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W H Russell [Page 18] C E Hunter & J S Knox as the Committee

The Committee to who was referred the ordinance concerning Hogs, report through their Chairman, Mr Wallace, that they had given the ordinance proper consideration and they had no change to recommend.

On motion, Mr Conway, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged.

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Jos Hazard, J H Myer, Chas Wallace, W A Little, W P Conway, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Wallace suggested that the Mayor issue his proclamation to the people at an early day in May requesting their lots, cellars &c cleaned

Present: J S Knox

A Petition from MR R R Howison, asking to be relieved of the license tax imposed upon him by the Corporation as an attorney at law was read, and on motion, Mr Conway, the application of Mr Howison was respectfully declined

Present Mr W H Russell, J B Ficklen Jr

Mr Russell from the Committee appointed at the last meeting to examine the Slaughter House of Mr M B Rowe reported in writing to the effect that the premises referred to could not be considered a nuisance

On Motion, Mr Conway, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged

Mr J L Marye Jr, by consent of the Council presented an application of the Washington Woolen Mills Co and Fredericksburg Water Power Co [Page 20] asking to be relieved of taxes erroneously assessed upon said companies.

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, the subject of taxation of the Washington Woolen Mills Co and Fred'g Water Power Co was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report

Mr Little presented the following,

Whereas Robert B Semple formerly Mayor of this Town died in its public service at the City of Richmond nearly a quarter of a century ago, and

Whereas at the time of his death the then council of the Town placed on record its highest appreciation of his life and services in its behalf, and purchased a lot in the City Cemetery of this place wherein to inter his remains and



Whereas his remains are unmarked by any memorial stones and this Council believing that not only the Citizens who were contemporaries with him, earnestly desire that his grave should be properly marked, but that all of our people recall with just pride the history of this faithful public servant, and recognize the fitness of the following action, therefore be it resolved

That for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial stone over the grave of R B Semple there be appropriated a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty five dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Public Property Committee, said memorial stone to have such inscription as they shall deem suitable

On Motion, Mr Conway, the preamble and resolutions were laid on the table  
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On Motion, Mr Ficklen

Resolved that a committee be appointed to invite the authorities of Orange to be present at a banquet to be given by the Citizens of Fredericksburg on 3<sup>d</sup> May next to the Citizens of Orange, Green, Madison & Culpeper counties

Mr Ficklen moved that the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated towards defraying the expenses of the proposed banquet to be given but the Citizens of Fredericksburg to the Citizens of Orange, Green, Madison & Culpeper which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Conway, moved the following as a substitute, which was also seconded, That this Council pledge itself to appropriate a sum not exceeding fifty dollars from the City Treasury for the purpose of defraying the expense of the proposed banquet by the Citizens of the Town to the Citizens of Orange & other Counties, should said appropriation be needed, after proper efforts have been made to collect a sufficient sum from our peoples for the purpose.

And the vote being taken by Ayes & Noes upon the substitute of Mr Conway, it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Hunter, Wallace 5

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Knox, Sener, Hazard, Ficklen, Myer 6

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Ficklen and the vote taken it was adopted

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Conway, Little, Myer, Sener, Hunter, Wallace, & Hurkamp as the committee under Mr Ficklen's resolution [Page 22] On Motion, Mr Conway, the Mayor was added to the Committee as Chairman of the same

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 22<sup>d</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J B Ficklen Jr, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, Jos Hazard, C E Hunter, W H Russell, W P Conway

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Comm to whom was referred the application of the Washington Woolen Mill Co and Fredericksburg Water Power Co to be relieved of erroneous taxation (as they claim) upon their property reported verbally that the Committee had carefully considered the subject and they recommend that the petition be not granted

On account of Dr Doggett & Herndon for post-mortem examination of the body of Jesse Wright by order of Coroner Rose amounting to \$30 was presented by Mr Conway, and ordered to be paid

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 June 26<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Charles Wallace, J S Knox, W H Russell, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, Jos Hazard, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr J S Knox, Chrmn of the Street Committee submitted the report of the Committee shewing the expenditure for repairs of Streets for the year to be \$706.51

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

Present: W P Conway

Mr Jos Hazard, Chrmn of the Pump Committee submitted the report of the Committee shewing the expenditure during the year for repairs of pumps to be \$95.75.

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

On Motion, Mr Conway, The Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges and Clerks of Election for their services at the election on 24<sup>th</sup> May last, the same allowance heretofore made for such service.

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that when the Council adjourns it adjourn to meet on Friday next 8 O'clock PM

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee submitted in writing the report of the Committee upon the applications of the Washington Woolen Mills Co, and Fred'g Water Power Co, to be relieved from alleged erroneous taxation—recommending that the relief [Page 25] asked for be not granted

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

The Mayor having reported favorably in writing on motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> Inst.

On Motion, Mr Conway, the vote upon the resolution for the adjournment of the Council to 8 o'clock PM Friday next was reconsidered

On Motion the Council adjourned until Friday next 29<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 M

H S Doggett, Mayor

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, Chs Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J B Ficklen Jr, C E Hunter, W H Russell, J H Myer, Jos Hazard

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Mr Bowering Chrmn of Public Property Committee submitted the report of the Committee shew'g the expenditures of the Committee on Public Property for the year to be \$702.43 and for Gas Lamps \$30.25 On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hurkamp presented the report of the Park [Page 26] Committee shewing the amount expensed on the City Park for the year to be \$433.36  
On motion, the report was received and ordered to be filed

Present: Mr J S Knox

Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the written report of the Committee which was read, said report shewing the receipts and expenditures of the City for all purposes for the year ending June 30, 1876, embracing settle with J J Young, Collector of Taxes and with R W Adams, Treasurer and also an ordinance levying taxes for the year 1877-78

Mr Ficklen, Moved that so much of the Report of the Finance Committee as refers to the financial condition of the City, and to the settlements with J J Young Collector and R W Adams Treasurer be received, rejecting the ordinance levying taxes for 1877-1878, which was seconded  
Whereupon Mr Sener made as an amendment, that action upon the report of the Finance Committee be postponed until Saturday next at 8 o'clock PM, which was also seconded put to the vote and adopted

On Motion, Mr Sener, The Mayor was requested to have 25 or more copies of the Report of the Finance Committee printed for the use of the Council

The Council then on Motion adjourned until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> inst 8 O'clock PM

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg, held at the Council Chamber on Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Report of the Finance Committee presented at the last meeting and printed according to order of the Council at its last meeting was again presented and on Motion of Mr Sener, the same was unanimously adopted. The report is in the following words, to wit,

To the Mayor and Council of Fredericksburg, The undersigned Finance Committee respectfully report that they have settled the account of John J Young, Collector and find an uncollected balance of Taxes &c to be accounted for by him of \$3189.45; of this sum your Committee regard more than \$2000 as good, the greater portion of which will soon be collected and passed on to the Treasurer,

Your Committee takes pleasure in stating that the Clear and Satisfactory manner in which Mr Young presented his accounts for settlement and the promptness with which he paid the receipts (as collector) to the Treasurer (accounting to our ordinance on the subject) well deserve special notice and commendation.

Your Committee have also settled the accounts of R W Adams, Treasurer to date and find the City indebted to him as of this [Page 28] as will be seen by the following statement

To balance due Treas'r on last settlement

1151.02

Amt paid by him per vouchers	\$22,551.32
	\$23,702.34
By cash rec'd by him from all sources	\$23,241.76
	\$ 460.58

The Treasurer exhibited to your Committee Satisfactory vouchers for all payments made by him as above including Bonds & Certificates for the Sinking Fund under the ordinance for funding the debt of the Town

Your Committee report that the whole amount of New Bonds and Certificates issued under the funding Act and ordinance amounts to \$125,849.16 and the whole amount of the old Bonds & interest & Coupons cancelled and destroyed amounted to \$183386.42

Of the old Bonds, none are known to be in existence except about \$2,500 belonging to Miss Alexander which have not been funded because a decree of Court is necessary, but it is understood they will be, The Books shew between \$3,000 & \$4,000 outstanding which have probably been lost, a very small amount for the time and amount issued.

Your Committee are gratified in being able to report the Tax bill unanimously passed by your body with an increased deduction for prompt payment which materially lessens the burdens on the people whilst we believe that with an economical administration of our municipal government it will yield sufficient revenue. We recommend the elimination of the tax on Dogs from the regular tax bill, and that subject provided for by special ordinance.

The ordinance for the imposition of taxes for 1877 accompanies this report

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By order of the Finance Committee

Signed W P Conway (chrmn) W A Little, Chs Wallace

June 29 1877

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg that the following taxes on persons, property, licenses, and all other subjects of taxation shall be assessed levied and paid for the year 1877-78 for the support of the Municipal Government for the Public Free Schools, for the Poor, and to pay interest on and provide a Sinking Fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz

1 <sup>st</sup> On every Male person over the age of 21 years, not legally exempt	50¢
2 <sup>nd</sup> On all real and personal property, Incomes, Toll Bridges & Ferries, Monies, Capital in any business, Investments & Bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies on every \$100 assessed value	1.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> On all licenses or Brokers (to include either or both)	160.00
Wholesale liquor dealers	160.00
Retail liquor dealers (with privilege)	80.00
Retail liquor dealers (without privilege)	60.00
Commission Merchants	45.00
For sale of Manufactured Tobacco	5.00
Junk Dealers	35.00
Attorneys at law	14.00
Physicians and Dentists	12.00
Livery Stables	15.00
For sale of Horses and Cattle &c	15.00
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On Wagon Yards	10.00
On Eating Houses	18.00

On Houses of Private Entertainment	5.00
On Public Halls	16.00
On Billiard Tables	25.00
On Bagatelle Saloons	8.00
On Photograph artists	20.00
On Agents for Sewing Machines	16.00
Each Life or Fire Insurance Company (doing business in the Town)	18.00
On Land Agents	25.00
On Pedlars	25.00
On Book Agents	10.00
Agents for the sale of Patent Rights	10.00
Livery Stables	15.00
Auctioneers	45.00

4<sup>th</sup> All merchants, including Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Drugs, Confectionary, Millinery, Tin Ware, Stoves, Coal, Wood, Lumber, Butchers, Green Grocers, Saddlers, Jewelry as follows

Not exceed \$5	9.00
Over \$5 and not exceeding \$15	18.00
Over \$15 and not exceeding \$45	30.00
Over \$45 and not exceeding \$105	60.00

5<sup>th</sup> On any property or business taxes by the State and not included in the foregoing clauses of this ordinance the tax shall be the same as that fixed by the State (except Theatrical and other Exhibitions which are taxes by special ordinances)

6<sup>th</sup> A deduction of 15 percent shall be made on all taxes which shall be paid on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October next, of 10 percent on all [Page 31] sums paid after that date and before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November next and of 5 percent on all sums paid after that date and before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December next.

7<sup>th</sup> On all taxes remaining due on and after the 15<sup>th</sup> December next, there shall be added 5 percent and interest from that date until paid and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same as in the modes prescribed by law and the ordinances of this Town.

8<sup>th</sup> The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in the National Currency of the United States and in the Coupon of the 7% Bonds of the Town to mature on 1<sup>st</sup> day of November next, at their par or face values in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

Mr Sener asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr J W Sener, Recorder

Mr J E Tackett being present asked and obtained leave and did address the Council upon the subject of excessive or erroneous taxation upon the Fred'g Water Power Co & Washington Woolen Mills Co, heretofore complained of

The Council then adjourned, sine die

H S Doggett, Mayor

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The Common Council elect of the Town of Fredericksburg at the election held in accordance with law on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 1877 met pursuant to call of the Mayor elect, H S Doggett, in the Council Chamber on Monday July 2<sup>d</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

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

Joseph W Sener, Charles E Hunter, Josiah Hazard, Benj'n Bowering, Wm H Russell, Jas S Knox, Charles Wallace, W P Conway, Jno G Hurkamp, Jno B Ficklen Jr, Jno H Myer

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that the first business in order was the election of a recorder

Mr Chs Wallace nominated Mr J W Sener who was unanimously elected Recorder for the ensuing year

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

R W Adams was nominated and unanimously elected Clerk of the Council of the ensuing year

The Compensation of Collector of Taxes & Rents was fixed as follows:

A Commission of 2½ percent upon all taxes received by him up to 15<sup>th</sup> December next and of 5 percent upon all sums received after that date

Mr John J Young was nominated and unanimously elected Collector of taxes and rents for the ensuing year  
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Mr James G Read was nominated and unanimously elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year

The Salary of the Clerk of Market was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum

Mess'r Roy Jones and Sam'l Beale were nominated and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For Mr Roy Jones 6

For Mr Sam'l Beale 5

Mr Roy Jones have received the majority of the votes cast was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

Mess'rs R W Hart and Morris Montgomery were nominated and balloted for the office of Weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt, Grain &c and the ballots being counted result in the unanimous election of Mr Hart as Weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt, Grain, &c for the ensuing year

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

On Motion of Mr Conway, the number of police officers was fixed at three and their Salaries at \$250 each per annum

The following persons were nominated and balloted for as police officers of the Corporation

J E Stone, C W Edrington, C A Gore, J H Robinson, C Van Duerson

And the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For J E Stone 7

For C A Gore 7

For C W Edrington 9

J H Robinson 4

So [Page 35] Mess'rs J E Stone, Chs A Gore, and C W Edrington having received a majority of the votes cast were declared elected Police Officers for the Corporation for the ensuing year

The Mayor announced the following Standing Committees

On Finance, W P Conway, W A Little, Chs Wallace

On Public Property, Benj'n Bowering, J G Hurkamp, J H Myer

On Streets, J S Knox, J B Ficklen Jr, Chs E Hunter

On Pumps, Josiah Hazard, J W Sener, W H Russell  
On Gas, Benj'n Bowering, J W Sener, Jos Hazard

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the expediency of purchasing scale and standard weights for the weighing of grain &c and also for fixing the fees for weighing said grain &c for the purpose of reimbursing the City for the purchase of said scales &c and report

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

On Motion Mr Ficklen, The Public Property Comm were requested to examine the Room adjoining the Mayor's office and report upon the suitability for a Council Chamber and the probable cost of fitting up the same for the purpose.

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On Motion, Mr Conway, The Mayor was authorized to procure suitable badges (6) to be worn by the Police officers at as moderate cost as possible.

The Council then adjourns

H S Doggett, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present, H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W H Russell, Chs Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, C E Hunter, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Bowering from the Comm appointed at the last meeting in reference to standard weights &c asked and obtained further time for the Committee to make their report

The Public Property through their Chairman Mr Bowering stated that they were unable to report upon the subject of Mr Ficklen's resolution at the present meeting

Present: J H Myer

Mr John Howison, Supt of Public Schools being present, was on motion, heard on the subject of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg, he represented the Schools in good condition, the average attendance not so large as the past year, the falling off being greater in the Colored Schools, Mr H further stated that the sum of \$3000 would be required of Fredericksburg for the support of the schools the present scholastic year and he asked that this sum be appropriated by the Council for the purpose

Present: J S Knox

Mr Conway, moved that the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the public schools of Fredericksburg for the ensuing year, which was seconded [Page 38]

Mr Ficklen moved as a substitute that the sum of twenty seven hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the Public Schools in Fredericksburg for the ensuing year and should the average attendance of scholars be equal to that of 1875, then the amount to be three thousand dollars, which was also seconded and the voted taken by Ayes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Ficklen, Wallace 3

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Russell, Sener, Hunter, Myer 6

Mr Ficklen moved that the Council do now adjourn which was seconded put to the vote and lost

On Motion of Mr Wallace, the subject of appropriation for the support of the Public Schools was postponed until the next meeting by the following vote

Yeas Mess'rs Knox, Bowering, Russell, Ficklen, Wallace 5

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Sener, Hunter, Myer 4

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday August 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, W A Little, J G Hurkamp, Benj'n Bowering, Chas Wallace, W H Russell, C E Hunter, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr, J S Knox

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the instance of members for the purpose of considering the appr of the Trustee for an appropriation for the support of the Public Schools for the ensuing year

On Motion, Mr Conway, Rule 23 was suspended for the present meeting

The following accounts presented by Mr Conway, Chrnm of the Finance Committee were passed and ordered to be paid

Mr J W Adams amt'g to \$9.12

J J Berrey & C amt'g to \$8.13

C A Gore (for amt pd passage of Layton & wife to Richmond) \$5.10

Mr Conway moved that the sum of three thousand dollars be appropriated for the support of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg for the ensuing year which was seconded

Mr Wallace moved as a substitute that the sum of twenty six hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the Public Schools for the [Page 40] ensuing year, which was seconded by Mr Ficklen (he having accepted the amount named by Mr W in place of \$2700 and proposed by his motion and withdrawn by him)

And the vote taken by Ayes & Noes, it was carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Little, Hurkamp, Russell, Knox, Ficklen, Wallace 6

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener, Hunter, Myer 5

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present, H S Doggett, Mayor



J W Sener, Recorder

W P Conway, J S Knox, Chs Wallace, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, J B Ficklen Jr, J H Myer  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The following accounts presented by Mr Conway, Chrmn of the Finance Committee were passed and ordered to be paid Viz

*Fred'g News* for advertising &c \$ 5.75  
Roy Jones for Board of the late Thos H Lipscomb \$15.00

The Mayor presented in writing the resignation of James G Read, Corporation Surveyor which was read and on Motion Mr Conway the resignation of Mr Read was accepted

The Mayor reported that the sum of \$15.75 had been received for fines from the 1<sup>st</sup> of July last to this date

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Committee appointed by the Council in reference to standard weights &c asked and obtained further time for the Committee to make their report

Mr Bowering, Chrmn of the Public Property Committee reported verbally that the cost of fitting up the Room now used by Mr Quinn for the Bulletin Office, as a Council Chamber would be about \$200 and that the Mayor's office needed plastering, papering, painting &c [Page 42]

On Motion Mr Sener, The Public Property Committee was requested to proceed at once to have the Bulletin Office fitted up for the use of the Council, and also to have the Mayor's Office and adjoining room put in proper repair at as low a cost as possible

The Mayor suggested to the Council the appointment of a Board of Health to whom matters concerning the health of the Town might be referred

No action was taken

Mr A Kishpaugh being present was on motion of Mr Wallace permitted to be heard in reference to complaints of Citizens of the offensive smell produced by the Fertilizer stored in his warehouse

On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to take no notice of the complaints made against Fertilizers stored in the Town at present

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Charles Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, W H Russell, Jos Hazard, J H Myer, J B Ficklen Jr, W P Conway

The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Mr A B Bowering, Commr of the Revenue having placed into the hands of the Treasurer, the Land and Property Books and list of Licenses for the year 1877, on motion of Mr Conway, the salary of the Commissioner amounting to Two Hundred and Fifty dollars was ordered to be paid.

Mr Conway stated that Maj E M Braxton was presented and desired to be heard on a matter of interest to a large portion of the Community, On Motion, Maj B was permitted to be heard.

Maj Braxton stated that he appeared before the Council in behalf of the Congregation of St Georges Episcopal Church as well as those of the Presbyterian, Methodist & Catholic Churches in reference to the taxes assessed the present year for the years 1874, 1875, 1876, upon the Parsonages of the several churches, and asked that the tax for the years named be released.

On Motion, Mr Conway

Resolved that the taxes against the Episcopal , Presbyterian, Methodist & Catholic Churches, upon the Parsonages of said Churches for the years 1874, 1875, & 1876 be and the same is hereby remitted [Page 44]

A communication from A W Garber, Gen'l agent of the Hartford Railway Passenger Assurance Co was presented and read and on Motion, the Clerk was directed to state to Mr G that his communication was respectfully considered but that the Council declined to make any change in the License tax upon Insurance, the amount Viz \$18 being deemed low enough.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg stating that all their arrangements for carrying on the Schools in the present scholastic year predicated upon an appropriation of \$3000 from the Council and they now asked that the Council to add \$400 to the appropriation already made, declining to do which they tendered their resignation in order that their successors might be appointed

Mr Conway presented the following which was seconded

Resolved the sum of four hundred dollars be added to the appropriation already made for the support of the Public Schools, making the sum three thousand dollars, provided this if the Trustees shall receive any aid from the Peabody fund during the year so much of the sum donated shall be returned to the Corporation to the extent of four hundred dollars,

Whereupon Mr Ficklen moved that the subject be postponed until Tuesday next Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 11 o'clock AM which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Russell, Hazard, Ficklen & Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener, Myer and the Mayor 5

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The question recurring upon the Motion of Mr Conway, Mr Wallace rose to a point order under the 19<sup>th</sup> Rule,

The Mayor decided that the point was not well taken

Mr Wallace appealed from the decision of the Mayor and called the Ayes & Noes and the vote being taken, the decision of the Mayor was sustained by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Sener, Myer 4

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Hazard, Ficklen, Wallace 4

The vote was then taken by Ayes and Noes upon the resolution of Mr Conway and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes: Mess'rs Conway, Bowering, Russell, Sener, Myer 5

Noes: Mess'rs Hazard, Ficklen, Wallace 3

The mayor having reported favorably on motion Mr Conway, The Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> Inst

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, Hon J L Marye was heard in behalf of Fred'g Water Power in reference to taxes erroneously assessed for the year 1876

Mr Russell asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent M Russell

On Motion, The collector of taxes was directed to collect from the Cane Fiber Co such portion of the tax assessed against the Water Power Co as was due by them, giving the Water Power Co credit for the same.

Mr Sener, Moved that the Council do now adjourn, which was seconded put to the vote and lost  
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Mr Wm L Slaughter was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Surveyor of the Corporation in place of Mr J G Read, resigned

On motion, The Treasurer was directed to have the account of the Corporation, with the late Mayor L B Rose prepared for settlement  
The Council then adjourned  
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> 1877  
Present H S Doggett, Mayor  
J W Sener, Recorder  
W P Conway, W A Little, J B Ficklen Jr, J S Knox, W H Russell, Charles Wallace, J H Myer, B Bowering, C E Hunter  
The Mayor called the Council to order

Mr Little stated that the Council was convened for the purpose of considering the petition of Mr Levi S White in behalf of himself, H H Chase and J R Clarke, praying to be released from the tax in excess of \$10,000 imposed upon the Washington Woolen Mills Co for the years 1876-1877; The petition was read by Mr Little and the subject of its duly considered after which Mr Little presented the following [Page 47] which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the prayer of the petition of Levi S White in behalf of himself & others be granted and that the tax of 1876 & 1877 on the Woolen Mills Property in excess of \$10,000 be remitted and that said property be taxed hereafter under the ordinance of 1872 as amended by ordinance Jan'y 25<sup>th</sup> 1876

The Council then adjourned  
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday October 23<sup>d</sup> 1877  
Present H S Doggett, Mayor  
J W Sener, Recorder  
J G Hurkamp, W H Russell, C E Hunter, B Bowering, J Hazard, J B Ficklen Jr, W A Little, W P Conway  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved  
Present: J S Knox, J H Myer

Mr Bowering Chrmn of the Special Committee appointed by the Council, made a partial report in reference to Standard weights and asked for further time to make a full report, which was granted.

Mr Conway presented the following which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote; the members of the Pub Prop Com not voting;

Resolved that the thanks of this body be and they are hereby tendered to the Public Property Committee and especially to [Page 48] Mr Benj'n Bowering their active agent in the matter for the very handsome and convenient Council Chamber we now occupy, and that we cordially testify to our appreciation of the exquisite taste exhibited in the furniture and arrangement of the room.

On Motion Mr Conway, Ordered that 11/12<sup>ths</sup> of the license tax assessed against the late firm of Mills & Goodrick for the year 1876 be and the same is hereby remitted

The Mayor presented the application of Mr M C Hall for the privilege of use of not exceeding four feet of the pavement in front of his property on Commerce Street for the purpose of improving the same

On Motion, Mr Conway, The application of M C Hall to occupy not exceeding four feet of the side walk on Commerce Street and corner of Princess Ann Street for the improvement of his building there is granted, the occupation of the street to be under the supervision of the Street Committee

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the subject of "Tramps" and suggested that some place be provided for their lodging

The matter was discussed and for the present the Mayor was requested to act as he deemed best in providing lodging for the Tramps.

Complaint having come to the Mayor of the water at "Gunnery Spring" on Motion the Pump Committee were requested to investigate the matter and do what is necessary to remedy the complaint  
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On Motion, Mr Ficklen

Resolved that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a new Charter for the City to be presented at the next Legislature of Va for their action.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs W A Little, J B Ficklen Jr & Mr Sener as the Committee

The Council then adjourned  
H S Doggett, Mayor

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

Wm A Little, C E Hunter, Chs Wallace, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, J H Myer, W P Conway, W H Russell, J B Ficklen Jr

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of taking such action as they deemed appropriate in regard to the passage of the president of the United States through Fredericksburg to Richmond on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Inst

Mr Little offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that this body will meet at the Council Chamber to morrow morning (Tuesday at 11 O'clock AM and proceed to the Depot to meet and welcome President Hayes in his passage through Fredericksburg to

Richmond and that the Hon E M Braxton [Page 50] be requested to deliver an address of welcome on the occasion

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

J G Hurkamp, Chs Wallace, W A Little, C E Hunter, Benj'n Bowering, J S Knox, W P Conway, J B Ficklen Jr, Jos Hazard, W H Russell

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: J H Myer

Mr Bowering from the Special Committee appointed by the Council to take into consideration the subject of procuring stand weights for the Corporation submitted a written report setting forth the probable cost of same, also the difficulty of testing weights & platform scales and suggesting that the matter was impracticable

On Motion of Mr Wallace, the report of the Committee was received and the Committee discharged

Mr Wallace gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move to repeal the ordinance concerning the weighing of grain.

The Mayor stated that his attention was [Page 51] called by a property holder of the Town to the fence across Charles Street immediately below the Fredericksburg & Richmond Rail Road and he was requested by the party to bring the matter to the notice of the council and to enquire by what authority the fence was placed there.

On Motion, Mr Sener, the subject referred to by the Mayor was referred to the Committee on Streets with the request that they would enquire into and report upon the same

Mr Conway stated that in the year 1870 certain property of the Corporation was sold to satisfy an execution against the City in favor of the late Jno F Scott, and that he became the purchaser, and subsequently several then members of the Council assumed and paid a proportion of the purchase money and as the property had been ever since in possession of and now is used by the Town, on his motion, It was ordered that the sum of \$11.50 with interest from 28<sup>th</sup> December 1870 be paid to Mess'r W P Conway, P McCracken, J H Myer, H S Doggett, J W Sener, M C Morrison, L B Rose, Dr J G Wallace, & Geo Gravatt, who purchased and paid for certain property of the Corporation sold by J A Taylor C C F 28 December 1870 to satisfy an execution vs the Corporation in favor of Jno F Scott

On Motion, Mr Ficklen, the Mayor was requested to enquire and report at the next meeting at what cost a correct map of the Town could be procured

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, 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 25<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present

The Mayor and every member of the Council absent—Christmas evening  
R W Adams, CC

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the Town of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup> 1877

Present H S Doggett, Mayor

J W Sener, Recorder

W A Little, W P Conway, W H Russell, Chs Wallace, J H Myer, Benj'n Bowering

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

An account of the *Fred's News* office for advertising amt'g to \$13.75 was presented by Mr Conway and ordered to be paid.

An application from E M McDowell, asking that the Council refund to him the amount paid by him for Ins to the Mutual Ass Co on the property purchased by him of the Corporation in 1871 was presented by Mr Conway.

On motion, the application was referred to the Finance Committee

A proposition from Mr E Julian Beale was submitted by the Mayor, offering to furnish [Page 53] a new map of the Town for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars

On motion, Mr Conway, the subject was postponed indefinitely

The Mayor presented and read a communication from G C McGhee complaining of having his wagon broken in a mud hole near Marye's Hill and wishing to know if he would not be remunerated for damages The Mayor was requested to reply to the communication informing Mr McG that it was a matter with which the Town Council had nothing to do, the breakage having occurred outside of the limits of the Town

A Communication from Jno Howison Esq'r, Supt of Public Schools stating that the time of service of Mess'r W P Conway & J J Young, Trustees of Public Schools expired on 1<sup>st</sup> November last and asking the Council to re-elected or appoint some other suitable persons was read.

Mess'rs Conway and Young declining a re-election; Mess'rs H B Hall and J B Ficklen Jr were nominated, balloted for and elected as Trustees of Public Schools for 3 years in place of Mess'rs J J Young & W P Conway whose term of service expired on 1<sup>st</sup> November last

Present: J B Ficklen Jr

On Motion, Mr Conway, The Treasurer was directed to pay the Judges and Clerks of election for their services at the election on November last, the sum of six dollars each being the amount allowed heretofore for such service.

The Mayor having reported favorably, on Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Police Officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31<sup>st</sup> Inst  
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The Mayor reported that the sum of \$11.25 had been received for fines from August 9<sup>th</sup> to date

Mr Ficklen moved the following which was seconded

That in consideration of services rendered by him that the indebtedness of the late Dr L B Rose to the Corporation amt'g to \$88.43 be remitted.

Whereupon, Mr Wallace, moved the following as a substitute which was also second and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes and adopted

That the indebtedness of Dr L B Rose to the Corporation amt'g to \$88.43 be remitted

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Russell, Wallace, & the Mayor 5

Noes Mess'rs Bowering, Sener, Ficklen, Myer 4

Mr Conway submitted the following which was seconded

Whereas James E Stone, an officer of this Corporation during the Fall of this year received a serious wound from which he has been suffering ever since. Justice to Mr Stone compels us to

Resolve that we are satisfied that Mr Stone in the case referred to did not transcend the proper discharge of his duty as a police officer of this town and that he is entitled to the thanks of this body for his course in this matter, and it give us pleasure to testify to his uniform efficiency and good conduct as a police officer of this town

Mr Wallace moved to amend by striking out all the preamble and resolution except the following which was also seconded

It gives us pleasure to testify to his (Mr Stone's) uniform efficiency and good conduct as a police officer of this town

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and the vote upon the same being taken it was lost

The question recurring upon the resolution of Mr Conway and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Conway, Little, Bowering, Ficklen and the Mayor 5

Noes Mess'rs Russell, Sener, Myer, Wallace 4

Mr Russell asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr Russell

Hon J L Mayre being present was by permission heard in reference to a claim for erroneous taxation of the Royal Land Rail Road for 1876.

On Motion, The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for settlement

On Motion, Mr Wallace

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to receive proposals for furnishing a complete and correct map of the Town and report the same to the Council

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Wallace, Sener, and Bowering, as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

H S Doggett, Mayor