

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1883

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday Jan'y 19th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Chs Wallace, T McCracken, S J Quinn, W E Bradley, M B Rowe, Jos Hazard—Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr Wallace from the Pub Property Comm reported that the Committee had ordered the Hook and Ladder Truck in accordance with the instructions of the Council and that it was expected here in the course of six weeks, the Committee had not so far provided a house for its reception

Present: M G Willis, E D Cole, H R Gouldman

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Comm & Navigation reported that he had been in correspondence with our Representative in Congress, and from what could be learned he found that the appropriation for the improvement of the Rappahannock would not be as large as last year.

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of Gas Comm, reported that the number of Gas Lamps authorized by the Council having been taking the Committee had done nothing with the Application of Mr Scott for a lamp at the Bridge.

Present: Isaac Hirsh

Mr Wallace offered the following amendment to the Ordinance concerning weighing Hay &c which was adopted, as follows:

But this ordinance shall not apply to any resident licensed dealers of the Town who may be engaged in the purchase or sale of Hay, Fodder, Shucks, or sheaves oats packed in bales.

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

Mr McCracken moved to adjourn which was put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and lost

Ayes	Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Gouldman	3
Noes	Mess'rs Bradley, Quinn, Knox, Cole, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace	7

Mr Wallace moved that the Gas Comm be authorized to place a lamp post at the Bridge, Mr Scott paying the cost of same which was seconded,

Whereupon Mr Knox moved that the subject of the application of Mr C S Scott be referred to the Gas Committee with the request that they ascertain if any one of the present gas posts cannot be removed so as to meet the requirement of Mr Scott, which was seconded put to the vote and lost,

The question recurring upon the motion of Mr Wallace and the vote upon same being taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Bradley, Hirsh, Quinn, Cole, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace	7
Noes	Mess'rs McCracken, Knox, Gouldman	3

On Motion Mr Hazard, the Health Committee were authorized to procure suitable tents to be used in cases of infectious diseases occurring within the Corporation

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday Feb'y 16th 1883

Present J S Knox Recorder

M G Willis, S J Quinn, H R Gouldman, J Hazard, T McCracken, Isaac Hirsh, E D Cole

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, presented a petition from Catlett Lawson, asking the Council that he be relieved of certain taxes charged against him prior to 1873 which he alleges was paid to Mr Huffman late collector

On Motion Mr McCracken the petition was referred to the Finance Committee

Present: W E Bradley—Councilman

On application of Payne & Hawkins to be relieved of taxes on machinery for the year 1882 was referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Hook & Ladder would probably arrive here in the course of eight or ten days—a place had been provided for the same—Mr W called the attention of the Council to the large expense for gas at the Court House, and suggested that steps be taken to require parties using the Court House to pay for gas consumed by them.

A petition of S J Lawson asking to be relieved of the payment of a bond of \$20 for stalls rent in consideration of his having placed a rack at the stall at his own expense was presented and on Motion, Mr Hirsh, referred to the Public Property Committee

Mr Willis presented a communication from Rev'd R J McBryce asking the use of the Jury Room for the Young Men of the Town

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the Petition was referred to the Pub Prop Comm with power to act

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Present: J W Sener, Mayor

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Ordinance Comm, reported that the ordinances were not yet printed. Enquires were being made as the best and most economical manner of contracting for the work

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, presented the bills of the *Fred'g News* for advertising amt'g to \$4.00 which were ordered paid.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Comm on Poor, stated that as Mr Hooten was unable to do manual labor the Committee deemed it best to rent a port of the farm attached to the Alms House which they had done to a responsible party at a rental of \$100 pr annum

Mr Hazard read communications which had passed between him and Hon G T Garrison our member of Congress in reference to the roadway to the Federal Cemetery

The Mayor reported the sum of \$60 collected for fines since last report

The Mayor made a statement in reference to the use of the Court House, &c &c

Mr Quinn presented the following which was adopted

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Council that the Mayor in letting the Court House for any purpose, other than public meetings as authorized, should hold the party to whom let, personally responsible for any damage thereto, who shall pay all expense incurred for gas &c and clean the house after using it, and he is hereby requested not to let it to any person or persons who will not become personally responsible for such expense and who are known to him to be responsible for any contract made by them.

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday March 16th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

S J Quinn, M G Willis, Chs Wallace, H R Gouldman, E D Cole, I Hirsh, T McCracken, M B Rowe

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, reported that they had considered the application of Catlett Lawson and they felt they had no power to act in reference to the taxes which he claims to have paid to Mr Huffman

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, to whom was referred the application of Sam'l Lawson, reported that they had considered the same, and they could not recommend that he be relieved from his bond, Mr Lawson had the right to remove the property he placed in the Stall, the Committee had gotten Mr Roach to make enquiry as to the value of the Old Engine and nothing definite could be ascertained—the Hook & Ladder Truck had arrived and placed in the Department provided for it—As yet no person has been appointed to take charge of it

Mr Hirsh, from the Pump Comm, presented a petition from a member of Citizens of the upper ward asking the Council to erect a pump at the Corner of Hawke & Princess Ann streets for the comfort and convenience of Citizens in the locality named.

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the petition was referred to the Pump Committee

Mr McCracken, from the Gas Committee, presented a written report in reference to the resolution of the Council passed September 15th 1882—the report was read and the Committee demonstrated by [Page 391] figures that the City was not getting gas much gas for the Street Lamps as it pays for—the Committee asked to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

On Motion Mr Wallace, the report was received and the Committee requested to ascertain the best terms that a contract could be made with the Gas Co for lighting the Streets for the ensuing year

On Motion, Mr Wallace,

Resolved that the Clerk be requested to communicate in writing with the Superintendent of the Gas Co and request him to furnish the Council as soon as possible an itemized statement of how much gas has been furnished the Corporation each and every night in the last twelve months, and that the Gas Committee be requested to investigate and ascertain if there is any contact between the Corporation and the Gas Co and if so what that contract is

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the ordinance imposing a license tax for the year 1883-1884 which was adopted and is as follows

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg in the manner following that is to say, there shall be assessed an annual license tax assessed and paid by all persons and firms in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, possessions, and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning on the 1st day of May 1883 and ending on the 1st day of Mary 1884

The License tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the first day of June 1884

1 st On every license to a Steamboat, Steamship or other transportation Agencies, (other than [Page 392] Express Companies)	\$50.00
2 nd On license for renting houses, farms or other real estate for compensation	\$5.00
3 rd On every agent for the sale of books or canvasser for any book, periodical or picture	\$10.00
4 th On every agent for copying pictures	\$10.00
5 th On every agent for each insurance Co; but this shall not apply to agents of accident Insurance Cos which shall be	\$10.00
6 th On every agent for hiring labour	\$10.00
7 th On every mercantile agent or Reporter	\$25.00
8 th On every agent for the sale of the real estate	\$30.00
9 th On every attorney at law, physician, conveyance, dentist, surveyor, civil engineer, The gross amount of whose professional receipts for the year ending Apr 30 1883	
Was less than \$1000	\$10.00
\$1000 and less than \$1500	\$15.00
\$1500 and less than \$2000	\$20.00
\$2000 and over	\$25.00
10 th On every general auctioneer	\$45.00
11 th On every billiards or Pool Saloon	\$25.00
On each additional table	\$10.00
12 th On every bagatelle, Jenny Lind or Dexter table	\$10.00
13 th On every bowling saloon or ten pin alley, on each alley	\$10.00
14 th On every bill poster	\$5.00
15 th On every butcher	\$10.00
16 th On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing Confectionary	\$10.00
17 th On every person keeping a boarding house	\$7.00
18 th On every person keeping a Hotel	\$20.00
19 th On every person keeping an eating house	\$16.00
20 th On every person selling upon the street or other public places snacks and Such like eatables (or \$1.50 per quarter)	\$5.00
21 st On every private banker	\$25.00
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22 nd On every pawn broker	\$25.00
23 rd On every person trading in horses, mules, cattle, hogs, and sheep Butcher buying for their own trade shall not be subject to this tax	\$15.00
24 th On every corn carrier, eye, or other itinerant doctor or optician	\$10.00
25 th On every dauguerrean or photographic artist	\$20.00
26 th On every Express company	\$30.00
27 th On every Huckster (payable quarterly on 1 st May, August, November, February)	\$10.00
28 th On every Ice Dealer	\$10.00
29 th On every person trading in Junk	\$35.00

And for each canvasser	\$15.00
30 th On every keeper of a Livery Stable	\$30.00
31 st On every two horse hack, phaeton, omnibus, or other carriage used for hire	\$8.00
On every buggy used for hire	\$4.00
On every one horse wagon, dray, or cart used for hire	\$4.00
32 nd On every person selling by wholesale, wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors	
Or any mixture thereof	\$160.00
But where a person sells only Malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be	\$25.00
33 rd On every person who sells wines & liquors by retail	\$80.00
But where a person sells only Malt liquors by retail the tax shall be	\$15.00
When the Liquors mentions above are sold to be drunk where sold bar room	
License must be taken out in addition	
34 th On every bar room keeper	\$80.00
But this license shall not cover the right to retail liquor not to be drunk where sold	
35 th On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits	\$25.00
Manufacturing Malt liquors	\$10.00

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36 th A wholesale liquor dealer desiring to sell liquors may do so by paying one half Specific tax on a retail liquor license, but a retail liquor dealer desiring to sell Liquor to be drunk where sold may do so by paying one half specific tax on a bar room license	
37 th On every rectifier	\$25.00
38 th On every dog or puppy running at large	\$1.00
On every bitch	\$1.50
39 th On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm the tax the tax to be paid shall be graduated as follows	
Where the amount of purchases for the year ending May 1 1882 did not exceed \$1000.00	
The tax shall be \$10.00; where the purchases for the year ending May 1 1882 did not exceed \$2000 the tax shall be \$15.00	
On all purchases over \$2000, the tax shall be 50¢ on the \$100 of said purchases and upon all purchases over \$10,000 and less than \$25,000 there shall be paid a tax of 30¢ on the \$100 of said purchases	

40 th On every commission merchant	\$45.00
41 st On every agent for the sale of musical instruments, sewing machines, fertilizers or Other articles	\$20.00
42 nd On every person retail tobacco, snuff, or cigars	\$5.00
43 rd On every person selling patent or quack medicines or any other articles by auction	
On the street, or exhibiting the same or otherwise \$2.50 for each day or night the Same may be done	
44 th On every person selling oysters or fresh fish (other than duly licensed merchants)	\$5.00
45 th On every person selling patent rights	\$10.00
46 th On every peddler	\$25.00
47 th On every person buying or selling rail road tickets other than the duly authorized agent	
Of some rail road company with a depot in this city	\$10.00
48 th On every proprietor of a revolving swing, flying tournament or machine of like nature	\$5.00
49 th On every person selling upon the streets or other public places fancy articles, plaster Figures &c \$5.00; when a sale is made from a street stall or stand	\$10.00

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50 th On the proprietor of every shooting gallery	\$5.00
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51 st On every person keeping a stallion or Jack to be let to mares for hire	\$5.00
52 nd On every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building for theatrical Or other exhibitions	\$15.00
53 rd On every show, every Circus, and on the exhibition of a menagerie \$50.00 per day Outside shows whether attached thereto or not \$5 each	
54 th On every license to a theatrical performance of any kind whatever, the tax shall be \$5 on each performance day or night	
55 th On every telegraph company having an officer the City	\$50.00
56 th On every person or firm keeping a wagon yard \$10 upon each yard for each year or Fractional part thereof	
57 th On every person or firm keeping a wood yard the tax shall be \$10.00 for each yard For each year or fractional part thereof	

A Commission of 2¢ percent shall be allowed the Collector for receiving and paying over to the Treasurer the license under this ordinance.
A discount of five per center will be allowed on all licenses paid on before the 15th day of May 1883
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On Motion Mr McCracken, Section 23 of the License ordinance relating to dealers in Cattle &c was referred to the Finance Committee

On Motion Mr Quinn, the application of Catlett Lawson for relief from payment of certain taxes be referred back to the Finance Committee for settlement

Mr Hirsh presented a communication from the Fredericksburg Hall Company which was read, the Hall Company states that they are contemplating the erection of a public hall in the City and asks the Council if their enterprise is carried out, that the building erected be exempt from City taxes for the period of ten years and also that after said building is erected and ready for occupation that the Council by ordinance refuse the use of the Court House for all exhibitions, theatricals, lectures &c of every kind.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the communication was referred to the Finance Committee

A Memorandum signed by many citizens was presented and read asking that George Street be opened to the Rappahannock River.

On Motion Mr McCracken, the memorial was referred to the Street Committee

On Motion, Mr Willis, the petition of Sam'l Lawson was referred to the Finance Committee

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the Council proceeded to the election of a suitable person to take charge of the Hook & Ladder truck

Mr Wallace nominated Mr W J Moon and he was unanimously elected chief of the Hook & Ladder truck Mr Moon was requested to organize a company sufficient in his judgment to take charge of and work the truck.

The Mayor reported that Mess'rs Stone and Gore, police officers had discharged their duties [Page 397] during the past quarter, he referred his report with respect to Mr Gately.

On Motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay Mess'rs Stone & Gore their salaries for the quarter ending March 31st 1883.

On Motion, Mr Wallace, the Pub Prop Comm was directed to sell the old engine to best advantage
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
on Wednesday March 28th 1883
Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox Recorder
J G Hurkamp, W E Bradley, S J Quinn, T McCracken, Jos Hazard, Isaac Hirsh, Chs Wallace, M B Rowe,
H R Gouldman—Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering the case of Mr J Gately,
police officer, whom he suspended for cause on the 21st Inst

A communication from Mr J Gately was read acknowledging his short comings and asking to be restored
to his duty, promising a faithful discharge of duty for the future.

On Motion, Mr Wallace
Resolved, that the action of the Mayor suspending Mr J Gately, Police Officer, be and the same is hereby
endorsed.
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
on Friday April 6th 1883
Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox Recorder
H R Gouldman, Chas Wallace, Isaac Hirsh, J G Hurkamp, W E Bradley, M G Willis, T McCracken, M B
Rowe, E D Cole

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of allowing the Gas Committee to make
their report in reference to the resolution passed at the last regular meeting.

On Motion Mr Wallace, the rule was suspended in order to take up any other business that might be
offered.

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Comm, to whom was referred the Communication of the Hall Co
presented and read a communication from Mr John G Mason, Commonwealth Attorney, in which he
states that he is of the opinion it is in the power of the Council to exempt the property referred from
taxation

On Motion Mr McCracken, the communication of Mr Mason was ordered to be filed.

Mr Cole Chrmn of Street Comm to whom was referred the petition of Citizens for opening George Street
to the river reported verbally that in the opinion of the Committee the cost of opening the Street would be
about \$125 and the Committee could not recommend the work being done the cost of opening Hanover
Street to the river would be about \$40.

On Motion Mr Wallace, the report was received and laid on the table

Mr Willis, Chrmn Pub Prop Comm, reported verbally that the Hook & Ladder Truck had upon trail [Page 400] proved defective, some of the material having been found to be rotten; the contractor had applied for payment which the Committee declined until the apparatus was put in perfect order according to the contract.

Present: Mr J Hazard

The subject for which the meeting was called viz the report of the Committee upon the resolution concerning the Gas Contract &c

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Committee reported verbally that there was no written contract with the Gs Co. but that the Streets were being lighted under a verbal contract to light 60 lamps at \$25 per lamp and in his judgment so far as he knows the contract was complied with

Mr Fleming, Supt Gas Co being present was on motion heard on the subject

The matter was discussed at length and not action taken.

The Council then adjourned,

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday April 20th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, M B Rowe, S J Quinn, Chs Wallace, T McCracken, J Hazard, E D Cole, H R Gouldman—
Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, presented bills of *Fred'g News* amt'g to \$12.75 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm, stated that upon the application of Mess'rs C Wallace & Bro the Committee gave them the privilege of erecting a Horse rack on Commerce St near the Store with the understanding that the same was to be removed at the pleasure of the Council

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn Pump Comm, presented a written report recommending the location of a pump at the corner of Princess Ann & Hawke Streets to meet the wants of the people in that vicinity and asking an appropriation of \$100 in order to commence and complete the work

Present: M G Willis

Mr Rowe moved that \$100 be appropriated for the purpose of erected the pump asked for by the citizens in vicinity of Hawke and Princess Ann Sts., which was seconded

Whereupon, Mr Wallace moved that the subject be laid on the table for the present which was also seconded, put to the vote and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs McCracken, Quinn, Knox, Willis, Cole, Gouldman, Wallace 7

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, Hazard, Rowe 3

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Mr Hazard, Chrmn Gas Comm, reported that the Gas Company were willing to continue the present contract for lighting Street lamps until 1st July

On Motion Mr Knox,

Resolved that the Gas Committee be requested to continue the present contract with the Gas Company for lighting the Street lamps until 1st July

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Poor Comm, reported that for the past 6 months the expenses of the Alms House had not bee over \$85 pr mo making cost of each pauper about \$4.35 pr mo, shewing the expense of keeping the poor to be about one half that under the former arrangement.

Mr Wallace called the attention of the Council to the piles in the River at the Rail Road Bridge left there by the Company after building the bridge during the past year and thought the Company should be required to remove them.

Mr Hazard also called the attention of the Council to the dilapidated condition of several of the wharves and suggested that the owners should place them in a condition not to interfere with the navigation

Mr McCracken, Chrmn of Comm on Commerce & Nav, stated that the matter should have had attention.

Mr Hirsh called up the petition of the Hall Co, presented at the previous Council and after a discussion of the subject relieving the Co from taxation for 10 years upon the proposed building, Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Ordinance Committee be instructed to prepare an ordinance exempting all buildings in excess of \$ [blank] in value, that may be erected in this town in the next ten years to be used as public halls

Absent: Mr J W Sener, Mayor [Page 403] Mr J S Knox, Recorder in the Chair

Mr Hazard offered the following which was seconded

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg that the Committee on Streets be and are hereby requested to furnish the City Council at its next regular meeting with an itemized report as follows:

1st Kind, Quality, Quantity &c of all material purchased by said Committee for and on account of the Corporation and used or be used by said Committee on said Streets from whom purchased and price paid for same.

2nd Number of laborers employed, character of employment; time employed, and wages paid per day for such labor.

3rd Number of horses, Carts & Drivers employed, character of employment, days employed and amount paid per day for such service.

Mr Wallace moved that the resolutions offered by Hazard be referred to the Street Committee with the request that the[y] furnish the account as far as they can, also that all the Committees furnish similar accounts at the close of the years, which was seconded.

Mr McCracken moved that the resolutions be laid on the table which was also seconded

Whereupon Mr Rowe moved to adjourned which was seconded put to the vote and carried,

So the Council adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday May 4th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

T McCracken, W E Bradley, J G Hurkamp, J Hazard, S J Quinn, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, Chs Wallace, M G Willis—Councilmen

The Mayor stated that he had received a communication from Hon [blank] Hall stating that about 50 members of Legislature of Pennsylvania would visit our city on Monday next for the purpose of viewing the late battlefields &c and that in conversation with several members of the Council and Citizens he concluded to convene Council in order that they might taken such steps as they thought proper on the premises

Mr Wallace offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to inform himself when the visiting delegates from Pennsylvania visit our City at what hour it will be agreeable for them to receive the Mayor and Council and so to inform the Council who will call on them in a body and cordially welcome them to our City

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the rule was suspended for the transmission of any other business that might be brought before the Council

Mr Hurkamp presented the following which was seconded:

A Plan for supplying the City of Fredericksburg with water

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved Mary 28th 1879 the City [Page 405] Council of Fredericksburg was authorized and empowered to build or otherwise provide suitable works for an adequate and sufficient supply of water for the said City and was authorized to issue bonds to raise money for this purpose and

Whereas many plans and schemes have been submitted to the Council and

Whereas the simplest and most feasible plan is to dig or construct an aqueduct or reservoir on the hill above the City of Fredericksburg commonly known as the Poor House Hill and to force water or pump water into the same from the canal at a point at or near the site of the old Paper Mill, with a pump or ram, and from thence to distribute the water through the city by means of pipes or mains and plugs;

It is therefore resolved that in pursuance of the provisions of said Act of March 28th 1879 the said Water Works shall be built upon the general plan as above set forth under the more particular specifications and management of a competent engineer or engineers and subject to such changed of location of said reservoir and the means of pumping or forcing water into the same as may be hereafter determined on That upon the ratification of this scheme or plan by the qualified voters of the City of Fredericksburg in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act of March 28th 1879 and its amendments the Council shall appoint a Committee whose duty it shall be to take all such steps as may be necessary for the erection and completion of the said water works.

Mr Wallace moved to amend by inserting after the words “determined on” the words “at a cost of not exceeding sixty thousand [Page 406] dollars, which was also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes and adopted by the following vote

Ayes Mess’rs Hurkamp, Willis, Gouldman, Hazard, Rowe, Wallace 6

Noes Mess’rs Bradley, Hirsh, McCracken, Quinn, Cole 5

The vote was then taken upon the adoption of the paper presented by Mr Hurkamp as amended by Mr Wallace and it was adopted

On Motion, Mr Wallace, The Mayor was requested to have the plan &c for the water works published in hand bills form for circulation among the citizens

Mr McCracken presented the following which was adopted

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly approved April 22 1882 it was enacted that after the City Council of Fredericksburg “shall have matured and adopted a scheme or plan for supplying said City with Water as aforesaid, it shall submit such scheme or plan to the qualified voters of said City at such time and in such manner as said Council may prescribe”

And Whereas a scheme or plan has been matured and adopted by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg pursuant to the provisions of An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 28th 1879 for supplying the city of Fredericksburg with water:

It is therefore resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the question of building public water works shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of Fredericksburg at the next ensuing election to be held on the 4th Thursday of May 1883 in the manner prescribed by the aforesaid act and amendments,

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It is further resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the Sergeant of the City of Fredericksburg be and is hereby instructed to open or cause to be opened a poll at each voting precinct in the City of Fredericksburg on the day aforesaid to ascertain the sense of the qualified voters upon the said question of building public water works, and the amount appropriated therefor in and under the provisions of the said Act of the General Assembly approved March 28th 1879.

That at the said election all who are in favor of building said water works and appropriating said money as prescribed by said Act of March 28th 1879 shall vote a ballot or ticket containing the words “For Public Water Works”, that all who are opposed to the same shall vote a ballot or ticket containing the words “Against Public Water Works”

That at the closing of the said polls the Judges of Election shall count and ascertain said vote and return a tabulated statement thereof pursuant to the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly of April 22nd 1882 to the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg to be by him returned to the City Council to be canvassed.

On Motion Mr Wallace,

Resolved the City Sergeant be directed to furnish the Judges of Election at each precinct a list of the free holders of the Town who was qualified to vote

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday May 8th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

S J Quinn, M B Rowe, W E Bradley, Isaac Hirsh, Chs Wallace, T McCracken, J Hazard, E D Cole

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Committee on Ordinances for the purpose of considering an ordinance prepared by the Committee in obedience to the resolution of the Council passed 20th April

Mr Wallace, Chrnm Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance prepared by the Committee which was read and is in the following words;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, that all Public Halls which may be erected within two years from the date, and which shall be hired or used for Theatrical performances, public exhibitions, concerts, operas, entertainments or other like purposes shall be exempt for ten years from the erection from City Taxation as real estate; and to this end it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue annually in listing the real estate for City taxation where said public hall is situated to deduct from the assessed value of the entire lot and buildings as ascertained by the State aforesaid, the value of that portion of the same which is used as a public hall; but nothing in this ordinance shall be understood as in any way exempting the owners or parties used said Public Hall from the License tax and laws of the City,
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Mr Wallace also presented the following ordinance or Contract at the request of the Hall Co, prepared by Judge Goolrick which was read and is as follows:

Whereas the Fredericksburg Hall Association, an incorporated and chartered organization has presented an application and petition to this Council praying and requesting that a Public Hall and improvements to be erected by said association on the lot at the Corner of Commerce and Main Streets, Fredericksburg, shall be exempted, discharged and released from all taxes, levies, and assessments by or to this Corporation for the period of ten years commencing May 1st 1883, and this Council after having carefully considered said application and appreciating the benefits that will accrue to this Corporation from the building of said Hall, and realizing the need and necessity for said Hall to this Community, and for these reasons being of opinion that said application and petition is reasonable and proper hereby resolves, enacts and orders that the Public Hall and improvements on the lot at the corner of Commerce and Main Street Fredericksburg to be erected by said Hall Association shall in consideration of the erection of the same be exempted, discharged and released from all Corporation levies, assessments and taxes for and during the time and period of ten years commencing May 1st 1883.

And Whereas the said Fredericksburg Hall Association has presented a further application and petition to this Council praying the Court House Hall and other property belonging to this Corporation shall not be let or used for any purpose for which said Hall is to be created and the Council in view of what is before stated and in view of the great cost and expense that the said Hall Association will [Page 410] necessarily bear and contract for and in the erection of said Hall, and in view of the need and necessity to this Community, that said Hall shall be erected, it is hereby resolved, enacted, and ordered that on and after the erection of said the Court House Hall and all other Corporate buildings and property shall not be let or used for any fair, festival, concert, entertainment or other purpose where an admittance fee is asked or charged at the door or where any collection or contribution is taken up, asked or volunteered in said Hall or where said Entertainment of any kind is given for a pecuniary consideration.

And this Council in view and in consideration of the premises and in consideration of the erection of the Hall and improvements on the lot aforesaid to be erected and built by said Hall Association, hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of this City for and in behalf of this Corporation to enter into and execute an agreement and contract with said Fredericksburg Hall Association, whereby in consideration of what is herein stated and the erection and building of said Hall and improvements as aforesaid, this Corporation shall contract and covenant to exempt release and discharge the said Hall, buildings, and improvements to be erected on the lot aforesaid by the said Hall Association from all taxes assessments and levies to or by this Corporation for and during the period of ten years commencing May 1st 1883, and by which this Corporation shall contract and covenant that the Court House Hall and all other buildings belonging to this Corporation shall not be let or used for any concert, entertainment or other purpose where an admittance fee is asked or charged at the door or any contribution or collection shall be taken up or asked for in said Hall or building.

But nothing herein contained shall be [Page 411] construed into exempting or releasing the lot at the Corner of Commerce and Main sts from all levies, taxes and assessments to this Corporation but only the

buildings and improvements to be erected thereon, nor shall anything herein contained by construed from exempting the said Hall Association from the assessment and payment of the License tax on said Hall Association, nor shall anything herein contained be construed into prohibiting or preventing the use of the Court House hall and other Corporate buildings for public meetings of the Citizens of the town for public purposes.

Judge J T Goolrick being present was on motion heard in reference to the application of the Hall Co On Motion, Mr Hazard, the words three years was inserted in the ordinance offered by Mr Wallace in place of two years.

Mr Hirsh moved that the ordinance or Contract prepared by Judge Goolrick be adopted, which was seconded

Whereupon Mr Wallace moved that the ordinance prepared and presented by the ordinance Committee which was also seconded and the vote taken by Ayes and Noes, and it lost by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Quinn, Hazard, Wallace	3
Noes	Mess'rs Bradley, Hirsh, McCracken, Knox, Cole, and Rowe	6

The question recurring upon the ordinance or contract offered by Mr Hirsh and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Bradley, Hirsh, McCracken, Cole, and Rowe	5
Noes	Mess'rs Quinn, Knox, Hazard, Wallace	4

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday May 18th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

S J Quinn, Chs Wallace, W E Bradley, E D Cole, J G Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, J Hazard, T McCracken, M B Rowe

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Comm, presented bills amt'g to \$4.00 for advertising *Fred'g News*, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr M B Rowe

A discussion arose around the board respecting the plan and location of the proposed water works participated in by Mess'rs Knox, Wallace, Hurkamp, Bradley & others; preceding which Mr McCracken moved to adjourn which motion was seconded and the vote on same taken by Ayes & Noes it was lost by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Hurkamp, McCracken	2
Noes	Mess'rs Bradley, Quinn, Knox, Cole, Gouldman, Hazard, Wallace	7

There appearing no business the Council on Motion adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 15th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

S J Quinn, Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, W E Bradley, Jos Hazard, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, M B Rowe—
Councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Present: T McCracken

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

R B Merchant for advertising &c amt'g to	\$52.60
<i>Fred'g News</i> for advertising amt'g to	\$19.75
<i>True Standard</i> for advertising amt'g to	\$28.50

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, presented and read the Annual Report of the Comm, shewing the whole amount expended by the Comm to be \$787.82, \$427.50 of said amount was for purchase of Hook & Ladder Truck balance for repairs and other expenses incident to Pub Prop

The Report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm, presented and read the an'l Report of the Committee. The Report shews that the whole amount expended by the Committee for repairs of Streets for the year ending June 30 as \$917.10, the Committee recommends an appropriation of \$1000 for the ensuing year

The Report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hirsh, Chrmn of the Water & Pump Comm presented and read the annual Report of the Comm, shewing the total amount expended by the Comm \$288.13 for the year. The Comm recommended an app'n of \$300 for the ensuing year.

The report was received and ordered to be filed.

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Mr Bradley from the Comm on Comm & Navigation presented and read a report giving the condition of the various wharves of the City and recommending that steps be taken to compel the owners of the same to repair the property so as to prevent any injury to the navigation.

The Report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Hazard, Chrmn of the Gas Committee submitted the report of the Committee, shewing the total expenses for Gas & repairs to be \$1545.15.

The report of the Committee was received and ordered filed

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the sum of \$45.00 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Gas Comm to cover the excess expenditure by the Committee

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Committee on Schools, reported that the Committee had visited the Schools and found them in excellent condition, Teachers all attentive to their duties and scholars making good progress in their studies. The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$2500 for the support of the Schools the coming year. The Report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn of the Committee on Poor, submitted the annual Report of the Committee, shewing am't expended for add'nl buildings \$2,745.62; \$282.87 for furniture &c for the Alms House property \$79.12 for work on the farm and \$1424.62 for keeping poor; including \$519.31 for keeping poor in the

City; whole expenditure \$4532.22. The report was received and ordered to be filed. The Committee recommend an appropriation of \$1200 for ensuing year.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Comm on Health reported verbally that the health of the City was never better, and the Committee had not occasion to spend over \$10 during the year. The Report was received.

The Mayor laid before the Council a tabulated statement of the vote of the Freeholders of the City furnished by the Judges of Election upon the question of establishing Water Works in the City, at the election held on 24th May last, also the ballots in sealed packages.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Quinn & Bradley to count the ballots and they did so in the presence of the Council and the result was as follows.

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Whole number of votes cast, one hundred and eighty nine

92 votes in upper ward

97 votes in lower ward

For "Public Water Works" 131

Against "Public Water Works" 58

The Mayor announced the result of the vote

Mr Gouldman moved that the Council now proceed to the election of a Committee in conformity with the resolution of the Council passed May 4th last for the purpose of taking the necessary steps towards building the public Water Works, which motion was seconded, put to the vote by Ayes & Noes & carried by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Rowe, Hazard, Gouldman, Cole, McCracken, Bradley 6

Noes Mess'rs Willis, Knox, Quinn, Hirsh 4

On Motion the number of the Committee was fixed at three

The Council then proceeded to the election of the Committee by ballot and the ballots being counted the result was as follows

For J S Knox 8

For S J Quinn 6

For T McCracken 6

For J Hazard 4

For W E Bradley 3

For M B Rowe 2

For Isaac Hirsh 1

Mess'rs J S Knox, S J Quinn & T McCracken having received the largest number of votes were declared elected as the Committee

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday June 29th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, E D Cole, Chs Wallace, W E Bradley, M B Rowe, S J Quinn, H R Gouldman, J Hazard, T McCracken—Councilmen

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the instance of the Finance Committee who desire to submit their Annual Report, also the Tax bill for the year 1883-4 and the appropriation ordinance

Mr Knox, Chrm from the Park Committee submitted the Annual Report of the Committee shewing amount expended from the year \$263.15

On Motion Mr Wallace, the sum of \$63.15 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Park Committee to cover the deficiency

Mr Rowe called attention of the Council to the fact of a weed growing in the Confederate Cemetery and on Kenmore lot owned by Mr G W Shepherd, known as “Canada Thistle” which if allowed to extend may prove injurious to cattle in many ways, and suggested that some action be taken by the Council to eradicate the pest.

Mr Wallace moved that Mess’rs Rowe & Bradley be appointed a Committee to wait on the Authorities of the Confederate Cemetery and Mr G W Shepherd and request them to exterminate the “Thistle” if possible.

Mr Knox Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented and read the annual report of [Page 417] the Committee which is in the following words

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council, Gentlemen

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report

The Accounts of John J Young Collect have been examined by us and it gives us pleasure to state that for system and accuracy in the arrangement of his books and due regard for the interest of the City he deserved Commendation.

In the Settlement of your Committee with Mr Young in June 1882 there was left in his hands uncollected

Taxes for the Year 1876, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81-1882 6857.02

Full matured to which was added 5% penalty and interest 235.35

The Collector had paid to the Treasurer upon the taxes for the years 1876 to 1881

Inclusive the sum of 1837.92

Having Balance of uncollected taxes for the years named \$5254.45

There was placed in the hands of the Collector since June 1882 the tax accounts , rents &c for 1882-3 amounting to \$26417.65

To which was added penalty and interest 59.82

\$26,477.47

The Collector has paid to the Treasurer upon the taxes of the year 1882-3 \$23,290.40

Discount allowed for prompt payment 1086.87 \$24,377.27

Leaving balance uncollected taxes for 1882-3 \$2100.20

The unpaid taxes, or a large proportion of them will be collected, and the Collector will exert himself to reduce the balance to the smallest compass. Your Committee [Page 418] also examined the accounts of R W Adams, Treasurer and find them all correct and his disbursements supported by proper Vouchers

The Treasurer has disbursed during the past years July 1st 1882 to June 27, 83 \$24,835.02

There was due the Treasurer at our last settlement June 30, 1882 2,641.74

The Treasurer received during the Year from all sources the sum of \$24,674.33

Balance due the Treasurer 2,802.41

We have the account of the Treasurer in detail which is submitted as part of this report. All the coupons and Bonds paid for by the Treasurer and set forth in his account have been carefully counted and afterwards destroyed by us by burning.

It will be observed from the Treasurers account that we have made use of considerable money in permanent improvements, but for which our floating debt would have been cancelled.

Amount paid on Alms House property and	\$2745.62
Expended for Furniture	282.87
2 nd Payment of Alms House property purchased of F Beckwith	600.31
Amount paid for Hook & Ladder Truck &c	4056.30
The amount of Funded debt of the City at our last report June 27/82 was	
Consisting of 7% Bonds	120,000
Certificates bearing 7% Int	251
	\$120,251.00
There has been purchased during the last year Bonds \$1000, Certificates \$80	1,080.00
Total amount of 7% Bonded debt	\$119,171.00

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The two bonds purchased cost us \$113, the certificate about the same, there being about 7 years interest due on the certificates total cost \$1257.20

The Sinking Fund now amount to \$7235.49, There are also about \$3500 old 6% Bonds still due by the City as mentioned in previous reports

The Treasurer has in hands collected from May licenses, but not properly coming in this annual report- this amount \$6135.93, deduct amount due him on his settlement \$2802.41 leaves this amount in the Treasury \$3333.52 which will run the City until the Taxes are due on Real Estate and Personalty.

Your Committee in conclusion recommend adoption the Tax bill of last year which will be presented at your present meeting, all of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, James S Knox, Charles Wallace, J G Hurkamp

June 29 1883

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Committee presented the ordinance imposing taxes for the year 1883 which was read and is as follows:

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Tax bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1883-1884

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following taxes on persons and property (Real and Personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1883-84 for the support of the Municipal Government, public Schools for the Poor, to pay interest and to provide a Sinking Fund for the ultimate redemption of the City Debt viz:

- 1st On every male person over 21 years of age (not legally exempt) 50¢
- 2nd On all Real and personal property, income, toll bridges, ferries, monies capital in any business, investments in bonds in or out of state and stocks in incorporated companies on every \$100 assessed value thereof \$1.25
- 3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing the tax shall be the same as that fixed by the State
- 4th A deduction of 5 percent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th October next
- 5th On all taxes remaining unpaid on and after 15th day of October next, there shall be added 5 percent and interest from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law and ordinances of the City.
- 6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 per cent Bonds of the City, due on 1st November next without rebate in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

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On Motion Mr Hazard, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the ordinance making appropriations for the year 1883-84 which was read and on Motion Mr Rowe was unanimously adopted and is as follows

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th 1884 Viz

For Interest and Sinking Fund	\$10,500
For Public School	2,500
For Alms House	1,200
For Salaries	2,800
For Police	450
For Repairs of Public Property	750
For Repairs of Streets	1,000
For Repairs of Pumps	300
For Gas	1,500
For Park	200
For Ordinances	150
For Commerce & Navigation	100
For Contingencies	2,000
	\$23.450

2nd That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to paid any amount in excess of the appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting if any of these appropriations are exhausted, and not to pay any orders on him until further appropriations are made to meet the same.

On Motion Mr Bradley the rule was suspended for the present meeting.
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The Mayor stated that he had received by Express through Hon Franklin Hall, Chrmn of the visiting members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania who recently visited our City a Card of Thanks &c beautifully gotten up and handsomely framed, testifying in handsome terms their appreciation of the kindness shown by the Mayor, Members of the Council and Citizens during their stay here, also a letter from Mr Hall, which was read by the Clerk.

The Mayor brought the matter before the Council, that they might take such action as they deemed proper in the premises

Mr Wallace offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the thanks of the Common Council of Fredericksburg are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon Franklin Hall and others, members of the Legislature of Pennsylvania who lately visited our City for the beautiful testimonial received from them, and it is ordered that the same be placed in the Council Chamber over the Chair of the presiding officer, and the Mayor is respectfully requested to forward a suitable response to the kind donors and to assure them of our high appreciation of the sentiments expressed in the card and of our hearty good will for the Legislature and people of the grand old Keystone State.

After some appropriate remarks by the Mayor, the Council adjourned sine die
J W Sener, Mayor
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The Common Council elect of the City of Fredericksburg at the election held on Thursday May 24th 1883 met at the Council Chamber on Monday July 2nd 1883 pursuant to call of Mayor J W Sener

Present J W Sener, Mayor

The following councilmen elect were present and having qualified according to law took their seats at the board viz:

Josiah Hazard, Isaac Hirsh, J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken, E D Cole, C E Hunter, W E Bradley

The Mayor stated that the first business in order was fixing the salary and election of Clerk of Council

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

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

Mr J S Knox was nominated and unanimously elected Recorder of the Corporation for the ensuing year

On Motion, Mr McCracken

Present: M B Rowe

Resolved that the salaries and allowances of all the officers to be elected be fixed at the same as the past year.

Mr John J Young was nominated and elected Collector of Taxes and Rents for the ensuing year

Mr Chs F Shepherd was nominated and unanimously elected clerk of the Market for the ensuing year

Mr R W Hart was nominated and elected weigher and measurer of Coal, salt & grain for the ensuing year

Mr R W Hart was nominated and elected measurer of wood and lumber for the ensuing year

On Motion, Mr McCracken, the number of police officers to be elected was fixed at three,

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The following persons were nominated as police officers viz, J E Stone, C A Gore, M A Gately, J H Robinson, C D King, W G Ballard, W H Weaver, H Deane and balloted for and the ballots being counted resulted as follows:

For J E Stone 10

For C A Gore 8

For M A Gately 7

For J H Robinson 3

W G Ballard 2

Mess'rs J E Stone, C A Gore, M A Gately having received the largest number of votes cast were declared elected police officers for the ensuing year,

Present: S J Quinn, M G Willis

Mr A Hooten was nominated and elected Superintendent of the Alms House for the ensuing year

Mr J P Rogers was nominated and elected scavenger for the lower ward for the ensuing year

Mr S H Beale was nominated and elected Scavenger for the upper ward for the ensuing year

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Committee on Water Works and the number of the Committee was on Motion fixed at five

Mess'rs J S Knox, S J Quinn, T McCracken, C E Hunter, and W E Bradley were elected as the Committee

On Motion Mr Knox the sum of \$500 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Water Works

The Mayor announced the following standing committees Viz

On Finance Mess'rs J S Knox, J G Hurkamp, T McCracken

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On Public Property Mess'rs M G Willis, M B Rowe, J H Myer

On Streets Mess'rs E D Cole, M B Rowe, C E Hunter

On Water & Pumps Mess'rs J Hirsh, J Hazard, W E Bradley

On Commerce & Navigation Mess'rs T McCracken, W E Bradley, S J Quinn

On Gas Mess'rs J Hazard, E D Cole, J S Knox

On Schools Mess'rs M B Rowe, C E Hunter, J Hirsh

On Ordinances Mess'rs W E Bradley, S J Quinn, J S Knox

On Poor Mess'rs S J Quinn, E D Cole, M B Rowe

On Park Mess'rs J G Hurkamp, M G Willis, J H Myer

On Health Mess'rs M B Rowe, C E Hunter, T McCracken

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday July 20th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

M G Willis, S J Quinn, C E Hunter, J H Myer, Isaac Hirsh, T McCracken, J Hazard, M B Rowe, W E Bradley

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm presented an account of *Fred'g News* for advertising amt'g to \$4.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Present: E D Cole

Mr Hazard, Chrmn Gas Comm, stated that he addressed a letter to the Supt of the Gas Co asking him to name the lowest price at which the Company would supply the City with gas for the Street Lamps for the present year and received from him the following proposition; the Citizens Gs Light Co propose to light sixty lamps, extinguish the lights, keep the lamps clean and in order and make all necessary repairs for \$25 per lamp, the gas to be lighted at dusk or dark and burn until one o'clock, when they would commence extinguishing them, except when the moon shines brightly. Any additional lamps that may be erected to be supplied at same rate say \$25 pr lamp.

On Motion Mr Hirsh

Resolved that the proposition of the Citizens Gas Light Co for supplying the City with Gas for Street Lamps be accepted

Mr Cole, Chrmn of the Street Committee, reported that in compliance with the petition of a number of citizens George Street had been [Page 428] opened to the River and at smaller cost than reported to a previous Council. The Committee recommends that Prince Edward Street be opened to the Narrow Gauge Depot, and that Wolfe Street be opened from Princess Ann to Prince Edward Street.

On Motion, Mr Quinn, the following resolution was adopted

Resolved that the report be referred back to the Committee with instructions to apply to Hon Judge of the Corporation Court for the appointment of Commissioners to assess the land damaged and that the Committee ascertain all the expense attending the opening of said streets and report at next meeting.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn of Ordinance Committee reported that the ordinances were ready for publication but the historical sketch of the City was not completed but was promised within thirty days.

On Motion, Mr Hazard, the Committee was instructed to have the ordinances printed at the expiration of thirty days, without the historical sketch if same should not be ready in time

Mr McCracken called the attention of the Council to the fact that the P F & P R Rd had changed and raised its grade near the depot and causing the water over flow or back up upon his lot and suggested that some action be taken in the premises; the matter after discussion was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Willis from the Park Comm, stated that at the request of Mr Roach of Lodge No 4 of Masons, he desired the Council to appoint a Committee to confer with the Lodge in reference to No 63 burying ground to be added to the Park.

On Motion Mr McCracken, the Park Committee was requested to confer with the proper parties in regard to the No 63 burying ground as an addition to the Park

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday August 17th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

E D Cole, T McCracken, M B Rowe, C E Hunter, J Hazard, M G Willis, Isaac Hirsh, W E Bradley, S J Quinn—Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Mayor presented the resignations in writing of P V D Conway and R F Knox as members of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools

On Motion Mr Rowe the resignations of Mess'rs P V D Conway & R F Knox as members of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools were accepted.

Present: J H Myer—Councilman

The Council then proceeded to the election of Trustees of Public Schools to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of PVD Conway and RF Knox

Mess'rs H M D Martin was nominated for the Upper Ward and A B Bowering for the Lower Ward; and balloted for and the Ballots being counted resulted as follows

For HMD Martin 8

For AB Bowering 9

For J S Knox 2

For C E Hunter 1

H M D Martin was declared elected for the Upper Ward and A B Bowering for the Lower Ward as members of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools for the unexpired term of Mess'rs RF Knox and PVD Conway resigned.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented account of *Fred'g News* for advertising amt'g to \$2.50 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Street Comm stated that the Committee were unable to report in regard to land damages and cost of opening Prince Edward [Page 430] and Wolfe Streets at the present meeting as asked for further time

The Committee through Mr Cole reported verbally upon investigation they could find nothing on the records of the Court or of the Council to shew that the P F & P R Road Company had any right whatever to encroach upon the Streets of the City. In the opinion of the Committee the only rights of the P F & P R Rd Co are those granted them by their charter.

On Motion Mr Howard,

Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to notify the Piedmont, Fred'g & Potomac Rail Company to remove at once the obstructions on Prussia St placed there by said Company.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn of the ordinance Committee reported that a bid had been made by the True Standard Co, to print the ordinances without the Historical Sketch for the sum of \$96, with the Historical Sketch for the sum of \$118. The ordinance to be ready within 60 days

The Committee submitted and recommended the adoption of the following ordinance

Dogs

1st It shall be the duty of the Mayor on the first day of September in every year to give public notice for thirty days by hand bills printed and posted in town, that all persons owning or intending to keep any animal of the dog or canine species to come forward and take out a license for the same from him. After the expiration of the time in said notice mentioned all persons found with a dog or dogs or harboring one or more dogs on his, her or their premises, without the requisite license shall be fined five dollars for every dog so owned, kept or harbored, one half of which fine shall go to the informer, and in case of the refusal or omission to pay said fine the offender shall be committed to the Chain Gang for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

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2nd Every resident of the Town owning or in the possession of a dog or dogs shall apply to the Mayor with thirty days from the first day of September in each year for a license to keep said dog or dogs and it shall be the duty of the Mayor upon such application and payment of the amount tax imposed by law upon the particular kind of dog for which a license is asked, to issue and deliver to the applicant said license to expire on the 30th day of September next succeeding its date.

3rd It shall be the duty of every resident of the town who shall come into the possession of a dog or dogs within ten days after coming into such possession to apply to the Mayor and obtain from him a license to keep such dog or dogs, which license shall be granted to him as the same manner, upon the same terms, and to expire at the same time as prescribed in the foregoing section.

4th Every resident of the town who shall knowingly permit any dog to remain on his or her premises for fifteen consecutive days shall be considered the owner or possessor of said dog within the meaning of this ordinance

5th It shall be the duty to the Mayor on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October in each year to pay to the Treasurer all taxes and fines received by him virtue hereof, and to take his receipt therefor, and it shall be his duty to lay before the Council at the October meeting in each year an account of said taxes and fines showing when, from whom, and how much received by him during the year.

6th It shall be the duty of the Mayor to procure and furnish to all persons taking out a license as herein prescribed at the time of issuing the same, a brass medal marked [Page 432] C F and bearing the year in which the license was issued in figures, and a leather collar to be worn by each dog so licensed and the Mayor may in addition at any time at his discretion by proclamation declare that all of said animals as above licensed shall be properly and securing muzzles and if any such animal of the dog kind shall be found running at large during the continuance of such proclamation without the required muzzle the

owner thereof shall be fined one dollar and failing to pay the fine and to muzzle the animal it shall be killed.

7th The Mayor shall keep a book in which shall be entered the names and residences of the owners of each dog licensed and the amount of tax paid by each, and the date of payment, which book shall be open to the inspection of the public.

8th Any person or persons who shall forgo, counterfeit, imitate, or falsely use any license, certificate, or brass medal issued or provided by the mayor for the purpose of this ordinance shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars, one half of which shall go to the informer.

9th All animals of the dog kind which shall be found running at large in the town, upon which the license tax has not been paid shall be seized by any police officer and killed, and one dollar shall be allowed said officer in each such case.

10th If the Mayor shall have sufficient proof that any dog in the town has bitten any person, or any dog has annoyed person or persons by running after them in the Streets in a vicious manner he shall order such dog to be immediately killed by a police officer, whether the license has been paid on said dog or not; and if the owner of [Page 433] such dog shall conceal or cause it to be concealed so that the order of the Mayor cannot be executed, such owner shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every day such dog shall be kept concealed, and failing to pay said fines such person shall be sent to the Chain Gang for a term of not less than thirty nor more than sixty days.

On Motion the rule was suspended for the purpose of acting on the ordinance and amendment proposed by the Committee

Mr Hazard moved that the ordinance be recommitted to the Committee to report at next meeting, which was seconded put to the vote and lost, the vote was taken by Ayes & Noes upon the adoption or rejection of the ordinance and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley, Quinn, Cole, Hunter, Rowe, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Hirsh, McCracken, Knox, Willis, Hazard 5

The Committee on ordinances presented the following as an amendment for Chapter 24 of the General Ordinances which on Motion was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Streets shall have the authority to prune and trim any and all trees now planted or set out in the streets or on the sidewalks of the town or that may be hereafter planted or set out and cut down or remove any such tree that may be by them regarded dangerous or an obstruction, and no tree shall hereafter be set out in the street of the town without the permission of said Committee first obtained.

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Mr Rowe, Chrmn Comm Public Schools, Presented the resolutions of the Public Schools Trustees adopted at a meeting held on 14th Inst requesting the Council to authorize the Trustees to purchase the lot in Fred'g know as the Walker lot for the purpose of erecting a building thereon for the accommodation of the Coloured Schools; also Resolution &c of the same Board recommending the Council to authorize the Board of Trustees of Public Schools to purchase a suitable lot and erect thereon a building large enough to accommodate four white schools, the Board giving it as their opinion that the total cost of both lots and buildings would be about \$6200; the Board intimates that in the event of certain contingencies of an additional building (for the accommodation of the White schools, which would cost about \$2800, making the whole cost for lots and buildings of all the schools white & coloured about \$9000.

Mr W H Cunningham, being present a member of the Board of Trustees also Gen D Ruggles, Supt of the Board of Trustees being present were both heard on the subject,

Mr Quinn offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Communication be referred to the Committee on Schools with the request that they investigate the needs of the Schools, their plans of buildings suggested and cost thereof and report to a subsequent meeting of this body with a recommendation as to what action the Council should take in the matter.

Mr Cole presented a communication from A W Taylor, Sec'y of Garfield L J Guards asking the Council to make a donation to aid them [Page 435] in entertaining the three Military Companies (Colored) who will visit the City on Monday next.

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

A Communication from W G Layton, mail contractor was read asking the Council to grant him the privilege of using his wheel barrow on the pavements of the City in carrying the mail to & from the depot to the Post Office.

On Motion, Mr Myer, the petition of Mr Layton was granted.

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday August 28th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

T McCracken, E D Cole, J H Myer, M B Rowe, S J Quinn, Isaac Hirsh, C E Hunter, J Hazard, M G Willis

The Mayor stated that the Council was convened at the instance of the Committee on Public Schools, who desired to make their report in response to the resolution at the last meeting.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Committee on Public Schools submitted a written report setting forth at length the present status of the property now occupied by the School Trustees for School purposes and recommending an appropriation of \$9500 for the purpose of purchasing lots and erecting thereon suitable buildings for the accommodation of all the Schools of the City; after the reading of the report,

On Motion of Mr Knox, the same was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Cole offered the following, which was seconded,

Resolved that the sum of nine thousand five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing lots and the erection thereon of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the public schools of the City, Whereupon Mr Knox offered as a substitute the following which was also seconded

Resolved that the sum of \$3500 be appropriated for the purchase of the Walker lot and the erection of a suitable building for the Coloured Schools [Page 437]

The vote was taken upon the substitute offered by Mr Knox and it was lost; the question recurring upon the resolution offered by Mr Cole for the appropriation of \$9500 and the vote taken upon same it was adopted.

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the rule was suspended for the present meeting for the purpose of taking up any business that might be offered.

Mr Cole stated that it was known to many members of the Council that not long since that a tramp who was hurt upon the R F & P R Rd had been left here, the R Rd Company agreeing to pay one half the expense of taking care of him; the Committee on Poor declined to have anything to do with the case, but Mr Quinn assumed the payment of the other half, or the expense and has paid the same, and he brought the matter to the notice of the Council without consulting Mr Quinn

The amount paid by Mr Quinn is \$16.10

On Motion Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay to Mr S J Quinn, the sum expended by him in the care of the Tramp hurt on the R F & P R Rd

The Council then adjourned,

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday September 21st 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J Hazard, S J Quinn, M G Willis, J H Myer, T McCracken, W E Bradley, M B Rowe, C E Hunter—
councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Comm, presented an account of J W Adams amt'g to \$5.20 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe from the Street Comm, reported that notice had been served on the P F & P R Rd Co to remove obstructions on Prussia St and that the Superintendent asked for a short time on which to look into the matter, the Committee also reported that they had employed Mr Smith, County Surveyor to examine the lines & bounds of Prussia St, which he had done, and furnished a plat of the Street (which was exhibited to the Council) and by which it could be seen that no encroachment upon Prussia St by the Rail Road Co had been made.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn Public Schools Comm, reported verbally that the Committee had purchased the Walker lot, paying for it the sum of \$500 and were now getting plans for a suitable building to be erected on the lot. Mr Rowe also reported that the Committee had offered \$2500 for the property know as the Union House, and expected it would take several days before the owners could be heard from as they lived in different sections of the State.

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Mr Quinn reported that the Comm on Water had made no progress towards the work but the matter was having due attention and is not permitted to sleep.

The Mayor reported the police officers had discharged their duties for the past quarter and on Motion the Treasurer was directed to pay the salaries of the said officers for the quarter ending 30th Inst

The Mayor reported that he had for good and sufficient cause suspended C F Shepherd, Clerk of Market Mr Rowe asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent Mr M B Rowe

The resignation of Mr J W Sener as a member of the Board of Trustees Public Schools to take effect on 1st November next was presented and read and on Motion the resignation of Mr Sener was accepted

The Mayor reported that a/c to the present time he had licensed about 81 dogs
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
on Friday October 5th 1883
Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox, Recorder
J G Hurkamp, M B Rowe, Isaac Hirsh, C E Hunter, J H Myer, E D Cole, T McCracken, W E Bradley

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Public Schools Committee for the
purpose of submitting their report

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of Comm on Schools, submitted the following report
Your Committee finding that the Union House property could be purchased deemed it best for the interest
of the City to purchase, rather than build. The House is large and by a reasonable expenditure can be
placed in a condition to accommodate at least six white schools; the lot is large and will afford all that is
needed for play ground for the pupils in recess; after hearing from the owners of the property that our
offer of \$2500 had been declined and that they were willing to accept \$3000 for the property and to make
the terms accommodating to the City, your Committee at once to purchase and have bought the property
named for the sum of \$3000, subject to the Confirmation of the Council, the lot on the River being
included in the purchase.

On Motion, Mr McCracken,
Resolved that the report of the Committee be received and filed that the purchase of the property referred
to be confirmed, that terms of payment for same be referred to the Finance Committee for arrangement.
The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber
on Friday October 19th 1883
Present J W Sener, Mayor
J S Knox, Recorder
M G Willis, J H Myer, C E Hunter, J Hazard, E D Cole, Isaac Hirsh—councilmen
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrmn of Finance Committee presented accounts of *Fred's News* for advertising &c amt'g to
\$11.00 which were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox offered the following which was unanimously adopted
Resolved that upon the execution of a proper deed the Mayor and Treasurer be and they are hereby
authorized to execute notes or Bonds for \$2500 inclusive payable at one, two and three years with 6%
interest in settlement of the deferred payments of the purchase of the Union House Property and the faith
of the Corporation is pledged for the prompt payment of said Bonds with interest at maturity.

Mr Willis, Chrmn of Pub Prop Comm, reported that the Court House and Jail were being repaired.

Mr Cole, Chrmn of Streets Comm, stated that the Comm had made no progress in ascertaining cost of opening Charles & Wolfe Sts and asked for further time.

The Council then proceeded to the election of School Trustees in place of HMD Martin and A B Bowering whose term of office would expire in November, next, and also to fill the vacancy occurring on 1st November next by the resignation of Mr J W Sener resigned

Dr HMD Martin was nominated, balloted for and elected a member of the Board of Trustees [Page 442] of Public Schools for the upper ward and A B Bowering was also nominated, balloted for and elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools from the Lower Ward for 3 years from November next

Mr R B Berrey was nominated, balloted for and elected a member of the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Mr J W Sener, whose resignation takes effect on 1st November next.

The Mayor reported that he had issued 362 Dog licenses amt'g to \$388.88, expenses about \$75 paid over to treasurer \$284.75

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the filthy condition of the Market House yard and suggested that steps be taken to prevent horses, wagons &c being kept in the yard after Market Hours.

Mr Knox gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would offer an amendment to the ordinance concerning the Market House

Mr Myer moved that a fee of twenty five cents for each Dog license issued by him be allowed the Mayor which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Knox offered as an amendment that the sum of fifteen cents instead of twenty five cents be allowed the Mayor as a fee for issuing Dog licenses which was also seconded, put to the vote and adopted.

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday October 31st 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of the Finance Committee for the purpose of submitting matters concerning the purchase of the Union House

Mr Knox, Chrmn of the Finance Committee stated that the owners of the Union House had placed in his hands a copy of the Deed for the property which he had turned over to Mr J G Mason for inspection &c, the owners of the property required a deed of Trust for the deferred payments which Mr Mason was preparing and it was necessary that the Council should authorized the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the Deed and he presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Mayor, J W Sener, and Treasurer, R W Adams be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign and seal with Corporate Seal, execute and deliver a deed of trust conveying the property bought by the Corporation of Fredericksburg of Henry Taylor and others situated on the Corner of Caroline and Lewis Streets and on Sophia Street between Lewis and Hawke Streets to secure the deferred payments for said property as agreed in the contract of purchase.

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday Novem'r 16th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Josiah Hazard, W E Bradley, J H Myer—councilmen

There not being a quorum of the Council present it stood adjourned

R W Adams, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday Novem'r 20th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

J Hazard, M G Willis, J H Myer, W E Bradley, Isaac Hirsh, E D Cole, C E Hunter—councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Mr Knox, Chrnm of Finance Comm presented the following accounts which were ordered to be paid viz

Fred'g News for \$5.25

True Standard office for \$10.00

Present: M B Rowe, T McCracken

Mr Bradley, Chrnm ordinances Committee reported the ordinances all completed at a cost of \$118.75

He also presented a communication from R B Berrey asking compensation for extra service in compiling and arranging the ordinances.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the sum of seventeen dollars was allowed Mr R B Berrey for additional services in preparing the ordinances of the City for publication.

Mr Cole presented a communication from [Page 145] W J Moon Supt Hook & Ladder Truck asking the Council to furnish 24 leather buckets, 1 shingle pick and 1 crow bar, for the use of the Hook & Ladder truck, the same being absolutely necessary.

On Motion Mr Bradley the communication was referred to the Pub Prop Committee with power to act

Mr R B Berrey, assistant to J J Young in collecting taxes was on Motion heard in reference to the claims of several parties for remittance of taxes erroneously assessed.

On Motion Mr Knox, Resolved that the Council being satisfied that the Misses Thorn have been erroneously assessed for taxation for the year 1883 it is ordered that the collector J J Young collect from them the sum of \$27.62 in full of their Corporation taxes for the year 1883.

Mr Bradley asked and obtained leave to retire: Absent W E Bradley

On Motion, Mr Knox, the tax on Trinity Church standing in the name of J G Hurkamp was remitted for the year 1883

On Motion, Mr Hirsh, the sum of 62¢ was remitted Capt W C Laughton erroneously tax for 1883

On Motion, Mr Rowe, the sum of \$2.06 was remitted Mrs Marion M Scott erroneous tax on personal property for the year 1883.

Mr Rowe, Chrmn of School Committee reported that a contract had been entered with Mr A J Bowling for building the School House on the Walker lot for the sum of \$2950 to be finished by Christmas if possible. The Committee have employed Mr J Tongue, architect, to superintend the work

The Council then adjourned

J W Sener, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Saturday Decem'r 15th 1883

Present J W Sener, Mayor

J S Knox, Recorder

Isaac Hirsh, M G Willis, M B Rowe, T McCracken, S J Quinn, Jos Hazard, J H Myer—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the instance of Councilmen and citizens to consider the subject of memorializing the Congress of the United States to erect in Fredericksburg a Public Building for Post Office and other Government Purposes

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh being present was heard on the subject and urged immediate action by this Council. He stated to the Council that he had prepared suitable papers upon the subject which he read and recommended the adoption of the same.

The following prepared by Mr Fitzhugh was on Motion, Mr Quinn, unanimously adopted:

Whereas the business of the Post Office at Fredericksburg embraces not only the Mail Matter of the Citizens of the Town but the distribution of the Mails for a large and populous area of the State and the accommodations afforded by the Room rented by the United States Government for the Post Office here are wholly inadequate for the proper and convenient performance of the large business necessary to be transacted in this office, therefore it is resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg

1st That the representative from this First Congressional District in Congress and the Senators from Virginia are hereby requested to introduce and promote the passage by Congress of a bill for the erection at Fredericksburg of a [Page 447] Post Office building adequate and convenient for the proper dispatch of the large business of this office

2nd That the presiding officer of the Council do communicate an attested copy of this proceeding by the Council to the said representatives and Senators in Congress.

On Motion Mr Hirsh, the amount asked to be appropriated for the Public Building was \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars)

The following paper prepared by Mr Fitzhugh was offered by Mr Rowe and unanimously adopted.

Whereas the National Cemetery near Fredericksburg is being constantly visited by travelers who are viewing the scenes of historic interest near the City, and the access to said Cemetery is often hindered or made unpleasant by the bad condition of the dirt road leading from said City to the Cemetery, Therefore be it resolved that the Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia and the Senators in Congress from Virginia be and they are hereby requested to endeavor to procure the passage of a Bill through Congress appropriating sufficient money to macadamize the existing public road leading from the Rail Road Depot at Fredericksburg to the said Cemetery

2nd That the President of this Council is requested to communicate a copy of this proceeding of the Council to the said representative and Senators.

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On Motion Mr Quinn, the amount asked to be appropriated for the roadway to the cemetery was fixed at \$12,000.

On Motion Mr Rowe,
Resolved that Mr St G R Fitzhugh be requested to convey the Memorials to Washington and place the same in the hands of our Representative to be presented to congress and that his expenses be paid.

The Council then adjourned
J W Sener, Mayor
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber on Friday Decem'r 21st 1883
Present J S Knox, Recorder
S J Quinn, J G Hurkamp, J Hazard, J H Myer, W E Bradley, E D Cole—councilmen

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved
Mr Hurkamp of the Finance Committee presented account *Fred's News* for advertising amt'g to \$6.00 which on Motion was ordered to be paid

Mr Hazard, Chrmn Gas Comm, stated that the appropriation of \$1500 for lighting the Street lamps would only cover the cost of Lighting, an appropriation would be necessary hereafter to pay expense of repairs of Lamps.

Mr Hurkamp stated that he had been paying the tax on the lot sold by him to Trinity Church for the past three years and asked that the Council refund to him the tax paid by him for the years 1881 & 82.

Mr Bradley moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the tax on Trinity Church lot was remitted, and then moved that the motion be laid on the table until the next meeting, which was seconded put to the vote and adopted.

Mr Quinn, Chrmn Committee on Poor submitted a written report setting forth the working of the Committee in caring for the Poor at the Alms House for the past six months which was read, the total expenses for the time reported are shown to be \$619.89, the monthly expense about \$75, number of Paupers cared for 16, average for past six months 18½ expense per capita \$4.22 per month.
The report was received and ordered to be filed.
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Mr Quinn, from the Special Committee on Water Works presented the following which was adopted
Resolved that the Committee on Water Works be and are hereby instructed to petition the Gen'l Assembly of Virginia to so amend and re-enact an Act approved March 28th 1879 entitled "An Act to Authorize the City of Fredericksburg to provide for supplying the City with Water" so as to increase the maximum appropriation therefor to the sum of \$60,000 in accordance with the vote of the freeholders at the Municipal election held in May 1883, and to make such further changes in said Act as may be required to conform to the increased appropriation and the result of the vote of the Freeholders at the election above mentioned.

The Council then adjourned
R W Adams, Clerk