

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1891

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Monday January 13th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called to consider among other matters set forth in the call, a communication from Lieut Col G B Dandy, Deputy Gr M Gen'l USA in regard to the proposed roadway to the National Cemetery, near Fredericksburg.

The Communication of Colo Dandy was read in which he states that it is necessary to establish a uniform width of 60 feet for the roadway; that at present the width within the City Limits is only 45 feet, and asks the Council to take the necessary steps in the premises in order that work may be commenced on the road at an early day.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the communication of Colo Dandy was referred to the Street Committee to confer with the owners of the property through which the road will pass and ascertain the probable cost to the City of land &c necessary for the purpose indicated in the communication and report at the next meeting of the Council.

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The Mayor presented the report of the Commissioners Mess'rs H F Crismond, H S Doggett, Isaac Hirsh & W S Embrey, appointed by the Corpo Court to consider and assess damages upon the property of W K Howard in opening Fauquier Street. The damage is assessed at \$400 which would give a street of 80 feet width but the Commissioners recommend that the Street be opened according to the Plat of Kenmore Property made in 1859 and dedicating a Street 40 feet wide from the point to the north of where Fauquier Street strikes the rear of the Howard lot, running between the lots of Mr Howard and the lot recently owned by Judge W S Barton and sold to White & Botts and which is a continuation of Fauquier St. The condemnation of the Howard property the Commissioners regard as an unnecessary expense in view of there being already reserved a Street of 40 feet width in the plat and hence they refer the subject back to the Council for action.

On Motion, Mr Knox,

Resolved that the Council adopt the recommendation of the Commissioners in regard to opening Fauquier Street any wider than at present laid out on the Map of the Town.

A Communication from Maury Camp of Confederate Veterans inviting the Mayor and Council to participate in the proposed parade of the Camp and other organizations on Monday next the 19th January, it being the birth day of Gen'l Robert E Lee, was read.

Mr Willis presented the following which was adopted unanimously.

Whereas, the General Assembly of Virginia has made the birth day of Gen'l Robert E Lee, the 19th of January, a holiday in the State; and

Whereas, Maury Camp of Confederate Veterans has resolved to celebrate it in the town by a Street parade and a public address and has [Page 313] respectfully invited the body to unite with it in said celebration; therefore

Resolved that we accept the invitation so courteously tendered and that we unite with Maury Camp on said occasion.

Resolved that our Mayor be requested to issue his proclamation calling attention to this laudable movement of Maury Camp, requesting the Citizens to observe the day, and that all business hours and

Manufactories be closed at 11 o'clock AM until the parade is over, to allow employees to take part in the proper observance of the day.
The Council then adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor
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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday January 16th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Pub Prop Committee, reported that the Committee had had some repairs done on the Court House which were very much needed.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee, reported that the Committee had conferred with the property holders owning property on the proposed Avenue to the National Cemetery, and obtained from them the following propositions; From Mr A K Phillips, I will release and make deed to the Corporation of Fredericksburg for a depth of 15 feet all that piece of ground beginning at a point adjoining the property of John Minor on the west being located on the south side of Frederick Street extended and running due west to the County road supposed to contain about 1112 feet, for the purpose of widening the present street for a macadamized roadway. It is understood that for the above consideration the Corporation of Fredericksburg is to removed the present fence and place upon the new line a fence 5½ feet high of clear oak fencing boards 16 feet long, 6 inches wide and one inch thick in panels of 8 feet boards to be not less than 3 inches a part, substantial cedar posts are to be used, and the same to have a cap and front slab thereon, all to be done in a workmanlike and durable manner, and it is further agreed that the tenement house on the southwest corner of Frederick and Willis Streets shall be set back [Page 315] to the proper depth (15 feet) free of cost and left in as good condition and repair as before moved, all old material in the present fence shall belong to me and be delivered by the Corporation within its limits. In the construction of the roadway it is understood that the pavement along the above frontage shall conform to the grade of the roadway and be made and maintained as a good side walk with proper curbing.

Signed,

A K Phillips Jr, Attorney

From John Minor

Provided I am put to no expense whatever and the City of Fredericksburg will remove my dwelling house back on my lot fifteen feet putting it in as good condition as it is now, and on the grade of the Street in front of it and erect a good new fence in front of my dwelling, I am willing to make a good and sufficient deed to the City of Fredericksburg to the front of my said lot on Frederick Street running back a depth of fifteen feet in said lot.

Witness my hand & seal, this 15th day of January 1891

Signed, John Minor

Witness Thomas Buckannan

From Wm A Little Jr, trustee for Rixey Laws property.

I Wm A Little Jr, Trustee for the Rixey Laws Property adjoining the property referred to within (John Minor's Property) by and with the consent of John Minor, the beneficiary in said deed agree that the Corporation may have 15 feet of said lot of the Laws Estate upon the same terms and conditions as set forth herein in regard to Minor individuals lot. Witness our hands & seals this 15th day of January 1891
Signed Wm A Little Jr Trustee (seal)
John Minor (seal)
Test W A Little

Mr Wroten reported verbally that Mr R W Adams would donate 15 feet of his lot of the same terms of the other owners along the avenue.

On Motion, Mr Bradley the report of the Street Committee was approved and adopted and the [Page 316] Committee authorized to proceed with the work necessary in the premises.

Mr Willis, Chrmn City Water Works, reported the works in good condition. The Supt was not ready with his annual report, but it would be furnished in a few days and be reported to the Council. Mr W called attention of the Council to the importance of providing an Iron safe for the safe keeping of the Books of the Superintendent in case of fire.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the matter of providing a safe for the City Water Works officer was referred to the Committee on Water with power to act.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, reported that the alley from Weedon to Fair Streets had not been opened. The owners of the property had only to define the lines and it would be opened. The matter of marking Streets and numbering houses was being looked into.

Mr Griffin, Chrmn Alms House Comm, reported favorably upon the condition of the Alms House, number of inmates fifteen.

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm reported favorably upon the Department and in commendation of the members.

The Mayor reported that the police had discharged their duties faithfully for the past quarter ending December 31st 1890. Also amount of fines \$101. One half to the Corporation \$50.50. Also amount of Licenses for Dog collars \$348.50.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the sum of 15¢ each was allowed the Mayor on the Dog Licenses issued by him and the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 31st December 1890.

The Mayor stated to the Council that at the last meeting of the Northern Neck Railroad Co held at Warsaw, Va a resolution was adopted pledging the various counties through which the road will pass and the City of Fredericksburg for subscription of \$200 each for a survey of the proposed road and that he pledged the sum of \$200 for Fredericksburg's portion and he asked that his action be sustained by the Council.

On Motion Mr Bradley,

Resolved that the action of Mayor Rowe, in the [Page 317] last meeting of the North Neck Rail Road Company in pledging a subscription of \$200 on the part of Fredericksburg for a preliminary survey of the proposed Rail Road be and is hereby approved and that said subscription be paid when the counties of King George, Westmoreland, Northumberland, Richmond and Lancaster each shall have subscribed and paid a like sum.

On Motion, Mr Willis the Council proceeded to the election of Superintendent of City Water Works for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the salary of Supt City Water Works was fixed at \$600 per annum.

Capt S J Quinn was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Supt City Water Works for the ensuing year.

A Communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y Board of School Trustees was read requesting the Council to elect a Trustee for the Upper Ward in place of Mr H J Eckenrode, deceased.

On Motion the Council proceeded to the election of a school trustee for the Upper Ward, and Mr C L Cole was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Trustee of Public Schools for the Upper Ward for the unexpired term of H J Eckenrode, deceased.

Mr Knight presented a communication from R L Jefferson and others of the Fire Department asking a re-election of Mr H McCracken to the position of Chief of the Department for the ensuing year, which was read.

Mr M H McCracken was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected chief of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

A Communication from Capt L G Gilmer of the Garfield Light Infantry asking the council for an appropriation of \$96.00 for the purpose of paying rent for an Armory for the Company.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the sum of \$96 was appropriated for the purpose of rent for an Armory for the Garfield Light Infantry, the appropriation made on same condition as last year.

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Mr Willis from the Bridge Construction committee reported that the new Bridge across the Rappahannock was nearly completed and would soon be ready for use.

Mr Myer presented the following, for the regulation and management of the Bridge and schedule of tolls which was seconded.

Whereas The new Bridge being now about completed it is important that rules and regulations together with a tariff of tolls be formulated for the management of same. Therefor be it resolved that:

1st The new highway crossing the Rappahannock River at Commerce Street shall take its original name and be known as Chatham Bridge.

2nd A Committee consisting of four members of the Council, two of which shall be from the Upper Ward and two from the Lower Ward shall be elected by the Council and designated "The Chatham Bridge Committee" whose term of service shall be the municipal period of two years unless by some cause removed in which case the Council will elect from its members to fill the vacancy, it being understood that the Committee shall at all times consist of four, the Committee will choose its chairman.

3rd It shall be the duty of said Committee to act as trustee and custodians of the Bridge and all property pertaining thereto, subject to the will and action of the Council. They shall report to the Council at every regular meeting [page folded, and not readable]

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Mr Bradley stated that the paper offered by Mr Myer was an ordinance and on his motion the rules were suspended in order to act upon it at the present meeting.

Mr Wroten moved that the ordinance or resolution offered by Mr Myer with the schedule of tolls be adopted which was seconded, Whereupon Mr Wallace offered the following as a substitute which was also seconded.

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that until further action, no tolls be exacted for the use of the Iron Bridge recently erected by said City over the Rappahannock River. Resolved that the ordinance offered by Mr Myer together with the amendment, substitute resolutions and all other matters connected therewith be referred to the Bridge Construction Committee and they be and are hereby requested and empowered to take charge of the Iron Bridge over the Rappahannock River recently erected by the City of Fredericksburg and do everything in their opinion necessary for its proper management for the period of six months form January 1st 1891.

The vote was taken upon the substitute offered by Mr Wallace by Ayes & Noes which resulted as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Wallace, Myer 6

Noes Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, King, Knight 6

There being a tie the Mayor cast his vote in the affirmative and the substitute of Mr Wallace was adopted.

Mr Griffin offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Bridge Construction Committee are prohibited from the further expenditure of any money looking to the building of a bridge keepers house

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor,

R W Adams

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday February 20th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented an account of *Free Lance* Co amt'g to \$9.75 which was ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee reported bids from Mr J W Cox for numbering houses in the City at 8¢ pr figure and 25¢ pr board for painting the names of the Streets. He also stated that Mr Erricken had made a verbal bid for the same work at lower rates; The Committee had done nothing towards removing houses on the proposed roadway awaiting the arrival of the engineer to fix the grade &c.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Lights Comm submitted and read a communication from Judge Souther Presdt of E L P Co stating that the Company had been charging the City for the past three years for one more light than had been used, making the overcharge for the time \$141.10 which the Company proposed to refund or allow the same in additional lighting if desired.

On Motion, the matter was left with the Light Committee.

The Mayor submitted in write the following recommendations Viz

An increase in the Police forces by putting on another all night policeman which would be one for each ward to serve from dusk until daybreak.

That when Mr Gore recovers, Mr Robinson be required to continue as a day and night policeman in addition to Officer Gore and at the same salary both to be on duty until Midnight and then one in [Page 321] in each ward until day break.

That a new ordinance be framed requiring that building permits be first obtained from the Council before the erection of any new buildings in the future.

That all parties owning property in the Corporation having streets running through their premises that are now closed should be required to lay them open at once;

That when a City Surveyor is appointed if he finds fences or buildings encroaching upon any of the streets that he be requested to lay off the line of the Streets, at the expense of the owners and they be notified to have the same moved off the Streets at once.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the recommendations of the Mayor, except that referring to the policemen were adopted and the recommendation as to policemen was referred to the Police & Fire Department Committee.

On Motion Mr Bradley, the Mayor was requested to appoint an additional policeman.

Mr Knight offered the following:

Resolved by the Mayor and Council that the macadamized roadway commencing at the corner of Princess Ann & Prussia Streets and leading to the National Cemetery be and the same is hereby named the National Boulevard.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the resolution was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Phillips offered the following which was:

Whereas there is an increasing and growing sentiment among our citizens that the authorities of the City should take steps to add to the attractiveness of our already beautiful and healthful town by adopting some system by which our streets may be permanently improved and rendered less expensive annually.

Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to ascertain and report at an early day the probable cost of paving with what is known as Belgian Block, Main Street from the Gas House to [Page 322] to Myer & Brulles Mill and Commerce Street from the Bridge to Hurkamp Tannery.

Resolved that in the event of the Council determining after mature deliberations to have paved the streets named in the foregoing resolution, each property owner on said Street shall have the privilege of paying two thirds of the cost of paving in front of his or her property at his or her pleasure or in annual payments with interest for ten years and the property of the party so paying shall forever be exempt from levy for what may be hereafter called a paving tax.

Resolved that the Street Committee find out and report to the Council at what cost Main, Princess Ann and Commerce Street can be graveled or macadamized.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded.

Whereas the National Government is now constructing a macadamized roadway from the City to the National Cemetery, and

Whereas the National Mary Washington Monument Association having now determined upon erecting a suitable monument over the spot where lies the venerated remains of "Mary, the Mother of Washington" as a National tribute to her memory, therefor be it

Resolved by the Mayor and Council of Fredericksburg that a Committee consisting of four members of this body including the Mayor in conjunction with four citizens, namely Judge Henry Souther, Hon J S

Potter, R B Merchant, and Jno W Woltz be and the same are hereby appointed to visit Washington and petition and urge Congress to appropriate an additional amount sufficient say \$25,000 to build a macadamized roadway from the Mary Washington Monument to connect with the Roadway now being built leading to the National Cemetery—without expense to the City.

Mr Knox offered the following as an amendment.

That a Committee of three instead of eight be appointed by the Mayor consisting of Hon J S Potter, Judge H Souther, & the Mayor which was also seconded, put to the vote and lost [Page 323] the vote then taken upon the resolution offered by Mr Knight and it was adopted.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Knight, Willis, & Wrote the Committee from the Council

Mr Cole asked and obtained leave to retire, Absent: Mr E D Cole

A Communication from Mess'rs Landram & Morrison asking an exemption upon their plant from Corporation taxes for five years was read and on Motion, the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Knox offered the following resolutions which were adopted

Resolved that the franchise heretofore granted to the Fredericksburg Street Railroad Company be extended ninety days from March 1st 1891.

Resolved that the second section of that franchise be amended to read as follows:

“2nd The tracks to be laid shall be of uniform width and standard gauge.”

Resolved that the plant of the Progress Engine and Machine Works when moved here from Baltimore be and is hereby exempted from Corporation taxes for a period of ten years.

Resolved 2nd That from this date for the next succeeding then years the plants of all manufacturing enterprises moved or to be located here in the Corporate limits be and the same are exempted from Corporation taxes.

Resolved 3rd This said exemption shall only apply to enterprises in manufacturing, but shall not extend to dwelling houses, tenant houses, and stores connected with said manufacturing establishments.

Mr W S White was present and was heard in reference to the different gauges of Street Railways.

Mr Wroten presented the following which was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Resolved, By the Mayor and Common Council of the [Page 324] City of Fredericksburg that the Ordinance Committee are hereby instructed to prepare an ordinance and report to the next meeting of the Council, regulating building permits for all classes of buildings to be erected in said City.

Mr Knight presented a petition of the Fred'g Manf'g Co asking the Council to accept the New Street laid out by the Co in their plat, and called Daniel Street in honor of Senator Daniel of Va, and to open Wolfe St to Charlotte.

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

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Monday March 2nd 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called for the purpose of considering a communication from the Fredericksburg Development Company in regard to opening Washington Avenue to the width of 150 feet.

The Communication of the Fred'g Development Co was read, the Company proposing to donate to the City 90 feet in width along the line of their property on the avenue, provided the City will condemn so much property as may be necessary to open the avenue through to Commerce St with the width of 150 feet.

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded;

Resolved that a Committee of the members of this body be appointed to ascertain and report to this Council

1st Whether any portion of Washington Avenue and if so how much has been dedicated to the public by the proper owners of the Kenmore property.

2nd Whether it is expedient for the Corporation to have this avenue 150 feet wide.

3rd What will be the probable cost to the Corporation of making this avenue 150 feet wide and also the cost of making it 60 feet wide so that it will in either event be a straight avenue from Commerce St to or near the Monument, the Committee to make their report if possible at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr Gouldman in the Chair

Mr Willis offered as an amendment, that [Page 326] Washington Avenue be made 60 feet wide.

The Mayor addressed the Council on the subject;

Mr Knox offered the following as a substitute for the resolution of Mr Knight, and the amendment of Mr Willis, which was seconded;

Resolved that the proposition of the Development Company be referred to the Street Committee to look over the ground and recommend some plan within the means of this Corporation, in regard to straightening or making a de tour, if necessary from Lewis Street to Washington Avenue.

The vote was taken upon Mr Knox's resolution and it was adopted.

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

The Mayor stated that no provision had been made for paying the expenses of the Committee sent to Washington by the Council and that he borrowed the money for the purpose, as he did not like to ask any of the Gentlemen composing that Committee to take the trip without their expenses being paid. The amount expended was \$29.65 and he hoped that the Council would make the necessary appropriation in the premises.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the sum of \$29.65 be appropriated to pay the expenses of the Committee who were sent to Washington by the Council looking to an appropriation from the Government for macadamizing Washington Avenue to National Boulevard.

Mr Cole asked the Council in behalf of the Agricultural Fair Assn that the pump near his store on Commerce St be removed to the Fair Grounds for use on the grounds, the same to be paid for if necessary.

Mr Griffin offered the following, which was amended by Mr Phillips and adopted.

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Resolved that the Collector of City taxes be and is hereby directed to report to the Council at its next regular meeting a list of the Delinquent tax payers with the amounts due by each and that he further report what steps if any have been taken looking to the collection of same.

Resolved that the Commissioner of the Revenue be requested to furnish an estimate of the assessed value of the property along the proposed line of paving as offered in a resolution by Mr Phillips at the last regular meeting of this body.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee, submitted the following report. Your Committee to whom was referred the opening of Wolf Street through the land of A K Phillips and G W Shepherd and in accordance with plat and survey made by Mr Randall, and presented to the Council by Mr Knight, would respectfully make the following report.

1st The land of A K Phillips and Geo W Shepherd will have to be condemned and paid for by the City of Fredericksburg. [pencil note in margin "adopted see page 329"]

2nd The majority of the Committee agree to accept the plat and survey made for Wm A Little and others of the Hartman property and presented to the Council by Mr Knight.

3rd Your Chairman disagreeing, Mess'rs Myer & Bradley the other members of the Committee, claims that the survey and map made for the City by Mr Grabill and adopted by the Council with Streets and lots as shown on said Map is a part of the record of the City and cannot be changed or altered without the consent of the Council and that all other Streets should be made to conform to same.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed G W Wroten, Chrmn Streets.

Mr Willis moved the adoption of the report which was seconded, whereupon

Mr Bradley presented the following as the Majority report and moved its adoption.

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council, we the undersigned members of the Street Committee to whom [Page 328] the petition of the Fredericksburg Manufacturing Co was referred respectfully report that on Saturday the 28th Feb'y your Committee to the plat of the Hartman Property and walked over the ground and made a thorough investigation of the whole matter in regard to opening Wolfe Street westwardly and your Committee are satisfied that Wolf Street should be extended and opened from its present terminal in the Manner requested by Said Company on their petition.

It will run through a narrow strip of low land belonging to A K Phillips and a similar strip belonging to G W Shepherd which should be condemned at once and said Street then would run some 400 and odd feet through the Hartman Property which the said Manufacturing Co have agreed to give to the Town for the said purpose. It is the judgment of your Committee that the only proper course for said Wolf Street to take is the one set forth in said Map. It would then be parallel with Charlotte Street leaving proper distance between for a City Square and the said Manufacturing Co offer to the City in consideration of opening said Wolf Street the entire Daniel Street 50 feet wide and about 1200 feet long as set forth in their petition. We respectfully recommend that said Daniel Street be accepted and Wolf Street be opened as

requested, as the manner in which these two streets are laid out will make the Squares regular and uniform and it is in our judgment the only proper to lay out the land in portion of our City.

Respectfully submitted

Signed, W E Bradley, J H Myer

Mr W A Little Jr was present and on Motion was heard in advocacy of the report presented by Mess'rs Bradley & Myer.

The Vote was taken by Ayes & Noes on the report of Mess'rs Bradley & Myer and it was lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Bradley & Myer 2

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Phillilps, King, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Wallace 9

Mr Knight not voting.

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The vote was then taken upon the minority report offered by Mr Wroten and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, King, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Wallace 9

Noes Bradley & Myer 2

Mr Knight not voting

Mr Griffin offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the request of MR Cole relating to the disposal of a pump to the Agricultural Society be referred to the Water Committee.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday March 20th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee submitted the following, which on motion was adopted.

To the Hon'l Mayor and Common Council:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report and recommend the adoption of the License tax for the year beginning May 1st 1891 and ending April 30th 1892.

They recommend that the License tax for the ensuing year be the same as last year, with the same discount for prompt payment Viz 5% and same time for final payment May 15th 1891

All parties paying on or before the 15th May 1891 will be entitled to a discount of 5% after which time 5% will be added for penalty and interest charged.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm stated that the Committee were unable to report upon the cost of paving Main & Commerce Sts at the present Meeting. He submitted a written report stating that the Committee had given the matter of opening Washington Avenue 150 feet wide consideration and as they were unable to determine the rights of the Corporation in the premises, recommended that the Street Committee be

authorized to employ counsel to examine the records of the Court and report as to the title or ownership of the avenue in question.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Mr Wroten submitted a plan prepared by Mr J W Cox for marking the various Streets and numbering the houses of the City.

Mr Phillips offered the following which was adopted.

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Resolved that the report of the Street Committee in regard to lettering and numbering the Streets and houses of the City be referred back to that Committee and they be instructed to ascertain the cost of numbering and lettering the said Streets and houses after the cheapest, simplest and most improve manner.

Mr Phillips, Chrmn Ordinance Comm, submitted an ordinance amending Chap 21 of the General Ordinance of the City requiring all parties before erecting buildings on the Street to obtain a permit from the Street Committee before do so under a penalty of not more than \$10.00, the ordinance was read and layd over under the rules.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Light Comm, presented a petition of Citizens asking the Council to have placed at the Corner of Princess Ann & Canal Sts an Electric Light for the benefit and comfort of Citizens in that locality.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the petition was referred to the Light Committee.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, Reports the Water Works in good condition and everything moving well. Supply of water at present good, and ample for all purposes at present, but increased demand for parties erecting new buildings might necessitate the discontinuance of the use of water for machinery &c

Mr Cole presented an account of Dr A C Doggett amt'g to \$5.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm, submitted the following;

Your Committee on Police & Fire Department to whom was referred the recommendation of the Mayor that the Police force be increased endorse said recommendation of his honor and would respectfully recommend the election of an additional member of the Police force; the force thus increased would number four, two day and night as designated now, and two as night police officers.

Respectfully submitted

Signed, Jno T Knight, H H Wallace, Geo W Wroten.

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On Motion, Mr Willis, the report was adopted.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the Council proceeded to the election of an additional policeman

The Salary of Night Policeman to be elected on Motion Mr Knox was fixed at \$300 pr annum.

Mess'rs M A Gately & J B Larkin were balloted for as night policeman and the ballots being counted resulted as follows

For M A Gately 7 ballots

For J B Larkin 5 ballots

Mr M A Gately having received a majority of the ballots cast was declared elected night policeman to serve as such until 1st July next.

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm, submitted a written recommendation of the Committee that the Ordinance Committee prepare an Ordinance for the establishment and governance of a chain gang, who shall work on the Streets of the City under the Supervision of the Street Committee, for the arrest of Tramps, Vagrants &c; The recommendation was read and on Motion, Mr Bradley referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The Mayor reported in writing that the Police Officers had discharged their duties faithfully the past quarter and on motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay the salaries of the police officers for the quarter ending 31st Inst.

Mr Willis from the Bridge Construction Committee reported that some slight damage had been done to the embankment on the Stafford side by the late freshet, but the same would soon be repaired.

A Petition signed by a number of Citizens asking the Council to have opened at once Prince Edward St across P F & P Rail Road to the Hazel Run road, was read.
On Motion the petition was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr King presented the following which was adopted.

Whereas It appears the cost of illuminating gas in this City is such that Consumption has been reduced to the lowest point at which it is possible to maintain a plant and a continuance of present charges or decay of the works seems inevitable and,

Whereas, It is reasonable that a liberal reduction in [Page 4] present existing rates would create a sufficient demand to enable the manufacturing of Gas for illuminated, heating and power purposes at prices within reach of all desiring its use, and

Whereas It is believed to be the duty as well as the interest of this City to provide works and supply gas at rates that will compare favorably with those enjoyed by other communities, Therefore,

Resolved that a Committee of five members of this body be appointed by the Mayor to consider the matter, to ascertain the cost of providing a complete plant for the manufacture of Gas; the probable cost per 1000 feet when made to obtain information connected with the subject, and report fully in writing to the Council as early as practicable.

A communication from Mr John Rodgers, Scavenger, was read stating that he had received notice from the owner of the ground upon which he had been depositing the night soil to discontinue doing so, and he had now no place whereon to deposit and asking the Council what was to be done in the premises.
On Motion, Mr Phillips the communication was referred to the Health Committee.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance, presented and read a report from Mr A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes giving a Statement of tax collection to date and also submitting a report of delinquents in response to the resolution passed by the Council also a statement from Mr A B Bowering Comm Revenue giving the value of Real Estate on Commerce and Main Streets.

Mr Griffin offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the reading of the report of Delinquent tax payers be deferred for sixty days.

A communication from S J Quinn, Clerk of School Board enclosing the resignation of Mr J M Griffin as a member of the Board of Trustees was read.

On Motion Mr Willis the resignation of Mr Griffin as a member of Board of Trustees of Public Schools was received.

On Motion, Mr Cole the Council proceeded to the election of school trustee in place of Mr Griffin.
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Mr R B Merchant was nominated, balloted for and elected trustee of public schools for the lower ward for the unexpired term of Mr J M Griffin, resigned.

The Mayor reported fines to date \$30.35.

Mr T F Stonebraker was present and by permission heard and asked the Council to grant him the privilege of erecting a shed at the upper end of Prince Edward St near the basin.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the application was referred to the Street Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Thursday April 9th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J H Myer, W E Bradley, G W Wroten, H H Wallace, J S Knox, W I King, M G Willis, E D Cole, J T Knight

The Mayor stated the Council was called for the purpose of considering a communication from Hon A W Wallace, judge, enclosing a communication to him from Commonwealth Attorney J T Goolrick.

The communication of Judge Wallace was read which is as follows;

To The Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen

Enclosed I forward to you're a communication received today from Judge J T Goolrick Commonwealth Atty, As I am the Judge of the Corporation Court before whom the account mentioned in Judge Goolrick's note is to be [Page 6] I make no recommendations or suggestions as to its contents,

Very respectfully,

Signed, A W Wallace.

The Communication of Commonwealth Atty, J T Goolrick to Judge Wallace was next read and is as follows

To Judge A W Wallace,

The Case of the Commonwealth of Va vs Thomas J McCracken is a very important one, involving in my opinion the good name and morals of this community. While I think I can prosecute this case successfully, yet I think it a case requiring extraordinary precaution.

I therefore ask you to suggest to the Common Council of Fredericksburg that I shall have additional Counsel and also that an appropriation shall be made for some expert witnesses; this is necessary for a vigorous prosecution of the case; but it must be understood that I shall have charge and management of this case.

With Much Respect, Yours Truly

Signed Jno T Goolrick

Mr Bradley presented the following which was adopted.

Whereas Commonwealth Attorney John T Goolrick has applied for an assistant to prosecute the case of the Commonwealth against T J McCracken, now under indictment in the Hustings Court of Fredericksburg for the Murder of Michael McCracken.

Resolved that a Committee of three members of this body be appointed by the Mayor and they be authorized to employ counsel for the purpose set forth, if said Committee deem it necessary.

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs Bradley, Knox & Willis as the Committee.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk.

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At a regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday April 17th 1891

Present H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn of Street Committee submitted the following report.

Your Committee to whom was referred the opening of Washington Avenue would respectfully report that they deemed it necessary to employ counsel to examine and search the records and give his written opinion as to the true ownership of the Washington Avenue and lots of Geo W Shepherd, J G Hurkamp, and others sold off the 150 feet Avenue as shown on a Map drawn by Wm Slaughter for the Kenmore, herewith submit a paper drawn by Wm A Little Jr as his opinion.

Mr W A Little Jr was present and by consent the paper referred to in the report of the committee was read by him, giving a history of Washington Avenue taken from the records of the Corporation Court, and that it is his opinion "that said Avenue 150 feet wide is one of the public thoroughfares of the City of Fredericksburg.

On Motion Mr Willis, Resolved that the report of the Committee with the accompanying papers remain in the hands of the Committee for further report.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee, reported in writing that the Committee had removed the mud from Main Street and Commerce and now engaged in gravelling the same, the cost of same would be about \$40 to each square and as this work could not be done with the present appropriation he wished to know if the Committee should continue the work.

Mr Knight offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the sum of \$600 be place to the [Page 8] credit of the Street Committee, to be used for placing gravel on the Streets.

Mr Wroten stated that in a conference he had with Mr J W Cox, he did not think the cost of lettering the Streets and numbering the houses would be over \$150.00

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, reported that in consequence of laying of new pipe on Lewis St to Washington Avenue and some change and repairs that would have to be made, the Committee asked for an appropriation of \$267.69.

On Motion, Mr Bradley, the sum of \$267.69 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Water Committee.

Mr Willis also reported that the cost of supplying water for machinery was greater than the Corporation was charging or receiving for same and he was of the opinion that at the proper time all industries using the water should be required to pay such a rate as would afford a reasonable profit to the City for the same.

Mr Knox presented the report of the Commissioners appointed by the Court to condemn land for opening or extending Winchester Street; said Commissioners award damages to Mr W K Howard fixing the amount at \$200

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report of the Commissioners was approved and accepted and the Treasurer was directed to pay the amount awarded as soon as Deed for land was presented.

Absent: Mr Phillips.

Mr Wallace, Chrmn Health Comm, submitted the following report.

Your Committee have given the request asked by the Scavenger due consideration and do not think that the lower wharf is the proper place to deposit night soil.

Respectfully Reported

Signed H H Wallace, W I King, J S Knox—committee

Mr Willis from the Bridge Committee reported that the damage to the embankment on the Stafford side had been repaired and the Bridge was all right.

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A communication from S J Quinn, Sec'y of Board of Trustees Public Schools was read informing the Council of the expiration of the terms of G A Walker & C E Hunter as members of the Board on 4th Inst and requesting the election of their successors at the present meeting.

On Motion the Council proceeded to the election of two trustees of Public Schools for the Upper and Lower Wards, Mess'rs G A Walker for the Lower and C E Hunter for the Upper Ward, were balloted for and elected, Mr G A Walker for the lower and Mr C E Hunter for the Upper Ward as trustees of Public Schools for the Term of three years from 4th April Inst.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday May 15th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J S Knox, W I King, E D Cole, M G Willis, H H Wallace, W E Bradley, J T Knight, J H Myer, J M Griffin—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of three members for the purpose of receiving the report of the Special Committee appointed by the Council to consider the question of supplying the City with Gas.

Mr King Chairman, special Committee submitted the following report which was read.

The Gas Committee respectfully reports that in compliance with the resolution adopted by this Council on Friday, March 20, a meeting was held on the following Tuesday, at which time question of city gas was freely discussed and deliberately considered. It was apparent from the beginning that the amount by the charter was inadequate for the purchase of a suitable site and erection of new works, including the laying of main and smaller piping; providing meters and the many incidentals necessary for putting into operation a complete plant. The purchase of the works now in operation here was then considered, and it was decided to apply for an option on them, and if granted, during the interval, to have a thorough examination made by experts in the interest of the city. Subsequently the option was prepared and forwarded to the owners at Newark. This option was refused and returned. It was then evident if an option could be obtained at all it could only be had by a personal interview with the President, and accordingly, he, in company with Mr. Fleming, the present Superintendent, proceeded to Newark, which resulted in securing a ninety day option, dating from the 6th day of April, 1891, at twenty thousand dollars, net cash for the plant, including all fixtures and appurtenances, rights and franchises.

This being accomplished, your committee called to their assistance Captain Quinn, who made a thorough examination of the main and found them in an excellent state of preservation, in fact, nearly as good as when laid, even the service pipes, from which not much was expected were good. The main would require caulking at the points, which it is estimated can be done for about \$300 over the entire route of five miles. His Honor, the Mayor of Richmond was written to, and requested to name an expert on examination of gas works. Mr W C Adams, the efficient superintendent of the gas works of that city was recommended. This expert was engaged to meet your committee, which he did by appointment, when a close inspection of the works was made. Mr Adams pronounced them in good working order, and when asked us to their value named a sum just double the amount at which the option is held; the retorts, five in number, will have to be renewed, but at present only one is used in making the quantity of gas now consumed; the cost of removing retorts range from one hundred and sixty-five to two hundred dollars for each, and they have to be replaced every two or three years. This plant is capable of supplying a city of fifty thousand inhabitants, is well located, and its product is equal in quality to the best made anywhere, and two men, in addition to the Superintendent, constitute the present force employed to conduct the business including labor, office work and collection of accounts. It seems only a larger consumption is wanted to insure success, and it is the opinion of your committee that a proper reduction in price will more than double the quantity now consumed.

If this can be done our citizens can be supplied at something like half the present rate, and the works be not only self-sustaining, but if desired, yield a revenue. Your committee express themselves as being most favorably impressed with the importance of the city owning its gas works and urgently recommend the purchase of those now in operation here, believing them be in every way desirable and best adapted to the city's wants and circumstances.

W I King

M G Willis

J S Knox

W E Bradley

John T Knight.

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On Motion Mr Cole, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Mr King offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

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Resolved, that the report of the Gas Committee this day presented by the Chairman Wm I King be and the same is hereby accepted and approved and ordered to be spread upon the records of the Council.

Resolved further, That this Council hereby approve the plan and suggestion made by said Gas Committee that the city of Fredericksburg purchase from the Citizens' Gas Company the property and plant of the Gas Works at Fredericksburg and the franchises of said company, as per the proposition and option signed by the President and Secretary of said Gas Company to Wm I King, chairman, dated April 6, 1891, and filed with said report, and to that end borrow money and issue and negotiate bonds of said city for the same to an amount not exceeding \$25,000.

Resolved further, That the said plan of supplying the city of Fredericksburg with gas being hereby adopted under the provisions of the act of General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "an act to allow the city of Fredericksburg to supply gas for the use of said city and to issue bonds of the city to effect said purpose," approved March 4, 1890, it is ordered that the said plan be submitted to the qualified voters of said city in pursuance of said act at an election to be held for said purpose on the 28th day of May, 1891, for their ratification or rejection.

And the said election shall be held at the usual voting places in the Upper and Lower wards in the city of Fredericksburg, in conformity to law by the last legally appointed judges of elections, who shall conduct said election and close the polls in such manner as is provided by law in other elections.

And at said election, each qualified voter, who shall approve the said plan to supply the city with gas, shall deposit a ticket or ballot, on which shall be written or printed the word "Gas," and each voter who shall oppose said plan, shall deposit a ticket or ballot, whereon shall be written or printed, "No Gas."

And each ballot shall be endorsed with the name of the voter, which shall be inspected by the officer or officers conducting the election at the respective voting places.

The Judges of election at the several voting places shall immediately after the closing of the polls at each of said places, count the ballots deposited, and shall within two days after said election make return to the presiding officer of the Council of the number of votes cast "For Gas," and the number of votes cast "Against Gas," and shall return to and deposit with the Clerk of Council in separate sealed packages the ballots for and against gas, and the said presiding officers of this Council shall appoint four citizens of the city, who, with the Clerk aforesaid, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners who duty it shall be, within two days thereafter, to meet at the Council Chamber with said Clerk, and having taken an oath before him faithfully to discharge their duty, open the said packages of ballots, count the same, correct the return, if needed, and ascertain how many of the said ballots were cast by free holders, and how many by non-free holders, for and against gas respectively, which said report signed by a majority of said board shall be entered upon the record books of this Council.

Resolved further, That notice of the time and manner of said election be duly given by publication for at least ten days in the two newspapers published in Fredericksburg and by handbills posted therein, in pursuance of said act of assembly of March 4t, 1890.

The option is as follows:

Wm I King, Esq., Chairman of the Gas Committee, Fredericksburg, Va.:

Dear Sir,--This Company hereby offers to sell to the city of Fredericksburg, for the price of \$20,000 in cash, the property and plant of the Gas Works at Fredericksburg and the franchises of this Company, the transfer to be made by the transfer to the city or to whomsoever the city may direct all the shares of the capital stock of this company, it being understood that no commissions are to be paid or expense of any kind borne by this company.

This offer is to hold binding till after the vote of the people on the question of "Gas," or "No Gas," and the Council shall have time to act formally in the matter, but no longer than ninety days from this date.

Respectfully,

The Citizens' Gas Co.

Eugene Vanderpool, President

C W G Lockwood, Treasurer.

Mr Knox presented and read the notice of advertisement [Page 12] and on his motion the Mayor and Clerk were directed to sign the same and return to the Committee for publication; The following is a copy. NOTICE!

Special Election May 28, 1891

“GAS or NO Gas?”

FOR THE

City of Fredericksburg.

In pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed on the 4th of March 1890, entitled “an act to allow the city of Fredericksburg to supply Gas for the use of said city, and to issue bonds of the city to effect said purpose,” The Common Council of said city, at a meeting held on the 15th day of May, 1891, by resolution having matured and adopted a plan to supply said city with gas; to-wit, to purchase the property and plant of the Citizens’ Gas Company, consisting of the Gas Works at Fredericksburg and the franchises of said Company, and to that end to borrow money and issue and negotiate bonds of said city for the same to an amount not exceeding \$25,000; and resolve also, that the said plan be submitted to the qualified voters of said city in accordance with said act and resolution.

NOW, TAKE NOTICE!

That by virtue of said resolution, an election will be held on the

28TH DAY OF MAY, 1891,

At the usual voting places in the Upper and Lower Wards in the city of Fredericksburg, in conformity to law, by the last legally appointed judges of election, who shall conduct the same for said purpose aforesaid, and close the polls in such manner as it provided by law in such other elections.

And at said election, each qualified voter who shall approved said plan, shall deposit a ticket or ballot, on which shall be written or printed the word “GAS,” and each voter who shall oppose said plan, shall deposit a ticket or ballot, whereupon shall be written or printed “NO GAS,” and each ballot shall be endorsed with the name of the voter, which shall be inspected by the officer or officers conducting the election at the respective voting places; and the return shall be made of the result of said election to the presiding officer of the Council in accordance with said resolution.

By order of the Council.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

May 15, 1891

On motion, Mr Knox, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking up the regular business of the Council.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Finance Comm, presented a communication from Capt J N Barney stating that he had lost coupons amt’g to \$38.50 and asking that he be paid amount of same upon his giving bond to the Corpo for indemnification &c

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On Motion, Mr Willis, the communication was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm submitted the following report.

Your committee to whom was referred the moving of Houses and fences on Prussia St extended advertised for proposals in the City papers to complete the work of moving and said house and fences, failed to receive a single bid. A letter has been written to Colo Dandy by Mayor Rowe to ascertain if the roadway now being built 45 feet excluding side walks will be sufficient, if so, there will be no necessity

for moving more than one house, and all fences back say about 8 feet in a line with the other two houses, and as the contractors failed to put in a bid for the work Your Committee asked for further instructions.
Respectfully,
G W Wroten, Chrmn
May 15, 1891

On Motion, Mr Willis, The Committee was instructed to have the house and fence moved so as to provide a width of 60 feet.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that the appropriation recently made by the Council, with the regular appropriation had been about exhausted and more funds were needed to complete some works commenced by the Committee.

On Motion, Mr Knight,
Resolved that the sum of \$500 be placed to the credit of the Street Committee for the purpose of placing gravel on the Streets.

A Communication from Mr Chs Wallace, Prest of Fred'g Limited Improvement Co was read asking the Council to open the Streets on the Company's property from Hanover to Charlotte St as a number of the lots had been sold and the Company wished to have a drawing for division of same.

On Motion Mr Wallace,
Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to open and receive the Streets on the Kelly property at once as per resolution adopted by this body some months since
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Mr Wroten presented the following which was adopted
Resolved that the plat of the Mint Spring property situated on the National Boulevard, made by L R Grabill, Civil Engineer April 1891, and the Streets laid out thereon and the entire survey of the said property and divisions into lots be and the same is ratified and adopted by the Council as a part of the plan and subdivisions of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, and said plot is ordered to be recorded in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Lights Comm, reported that the Electric Light Company had returned to the City the amount overpaid for Light.

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm, reported the Fire Department in good condition and the company well organized; the usual summer uniform has been furnished the police force.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented the Report of A P Rowe Jr Collector of taxes showing status of Collections to date.

Mr Griffin presented the following which was adopted.
Resolved that the reading of the names of delinquent tax payers be postponed until the June meeting.
The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor
R W Adams, Clerk

I certify that the printed matter embraced in the foregoing minutes is a true copy of the original papers.
R W Adams, Clerk

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At a called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday June 5th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The Mayor stated that the Council was called at the request of Mr J G Mason who would present a communication from Maury Camp Confd Vets

Mr Knight suggested that as Mr Mason was not present and the Council would have other business before it that the rules be suspended in order to proceed to business. And on motion, the rules were suspended for the present meeting.

The Mayor laid before the Council a paper from the Corporation Court, signed by Newton Beckwith, Foreman Grand Jury alleging that disgraceful Corruption occurs in Fredericksburg on Election day, and the Grand Jury being unable to ascertain the guilty party and the Grand Jury recommends that the Council obtain from the General Assembly at the earliest possible moment such legislation as may be adequate in Municipal elections to at least remedy the evils.

After remarks by Mess'rs Willis & others, on Motion of Mr King, the paper was laid on the table. Mr J G Mason appeared before the Council and on motion was heard on behalf of Maury Camp CV. He presented and read a communication from the Camp asking the Council to make an appropriation to aid the Camp in entertaining the large number of visitors (C Veterans) expected here on the occasion of Memorial Services on 10th Inst. Mr M thought the sum of \$125 would be sufficient.

Colo R B Merchant was present and was heard in behalf of the Camp.

Mr Willis presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty five dollars be appropriated for the entertainment [Page 16] of Confederate Veterans on June 10th and that this sum be expended under the supervision of the Finance Committee of the Council.

Mr Cole stated that a gentleman would be in the City in a day or two for the purpose of decorating buildings and suggested that he be employed to decorate the Court House & Town Hall for Memorial occasion 10th Inst.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the matter of decorating the Court House and other public buildings was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented a communication from J B True, Supt W W S Co, complaining of the License tax against the Company and proposing to pay \$25 in settlement of same; also a communication from the Postal Cable & Teleg Co, asserting the illegality of the License tax against the Co and declining to pay the same.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the communications were referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

A communication signed by D S Forbes, V M Fleming and others asking the Council to grant them the privilege of laying a sewer pipe from Federal Hill on Hanover Street through said Street to the Rappk River.

On Motion, Mr Knight, The Communication was referred to the Street Committee with power to act, on condition that the sewer or pipe is to be taken care of by the petitioners.

Mr King, Chrmn Special Committee, laid before the Council the report of the Commissioners appointed to canvass the vote at the election of 28th May on the question of “Gas” or “Not Gas” which report was read and is as follows.

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg
Gentlemen

We the undersigned members of the Board of Commissioners appointed by the presiding Officer of the Council to count the ballots cast at the vote taken on the 28th day of May 1891, pursuant to the act of the General Assembly approved March 4th 1890 entitled “an act to allow the City of Fredericksburg to [Page 17] supply gas for the use of said City and to issue bonds of the City to effect said purpose” to correct the return if needed and to ascertain and report how many of said ballots were cast by freeholders and how many by non-freeholders for “Gas” and “No Gas” respectfully report that we met within two days after the ballots had been deposited with the Clerk of Council, on Monday June 1st 1891 at the Council Chamber, that two sealed packages of ballots were produced to us by the Clerk of the Council and were opened and counted by us and that we ascertained that one hundred and thirty seven (137) ballots were cast by freeholders for “Gas” and fifty nine (59) ballots were cast by freeholders for “No Gas” and that three hundred and twenty nine (329) ballots were cast by non-freeholders “for Gas” and that sixty nine (69) ballots were cast by non-freeholders for “No Gas”

We certify also that this report is signed by a majority of the Board and is made to the Common Council to be entered on the order book or proper record book of said Council pursuant to law.

Given under our hands this first day of June 1891.

Signed G W Shepherd, T McCracken, B J Marshall, W G Turner, R W Adams, clerk Council—
commissioners

I, R W Adams, Clerk of the Common Council of Fredericksburg do certify that the foregoing commissioners before opening the ballots above referred to and counting the same duly made oath before the Mayor that they would faithfully discharge their duty.

Given under my hand this 1st day of June 1891

R W Adams, Clerk of Council

Mr King presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the report of the Board of Commissioners consisting of the Clerk of this Council and G W Shepherd, T McCracken, B J Marshall, and W G Turner, Citizens of Fredericksburg appointed by the Mayor under a resolution known as [Page 18] the Gas resolution passed at the last meeting of this Council be and the same is hereby approved and ordered to be entered upon the record books of this Council

And Further, It appearing from said report that more than one half of the qualified voters of said City of Fredericksburg, voting on the plan heretofore reported to supply said City with Gas favored said Plan and that said majority included a majority of the free holders of said City so voting;

Resolved that the said plan for Supplying said City with Gas, as heretofore reported and approved be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Resolved further that the bonds to be issued under the Act of the General Assembly approved March 4th 1890 known as the Gas Act, shall be Coupon Bonds, and shall be issued in the following denominations to-wit;

Ten bonds of \$100 each, Twenty eight bonds of \$500 each, Ten Bonds of \$1000 each

And shall bear interest at the rate of six percent per annum payable semi-annually to wit on the 1st day of July and on the 1st day of January of each year. The principal of said bonds shall be payable in accordance

with said Act of Assembly of March 4th 1890, to wit on the 1st day of January 1900, or upon the call of the Council of Fredericksburg at any time after January 1st 1900.

Resolved further that the Gas Committee of the Council of which W I King is Chairman is hereby continued and is hereby authorized to have prepared and lithographed upon the best terms the bonds of said City to the amount of \$25,000, in denominations as aforesaid, and in accordance with said Act of Assembly of March 4th 1890, and to negotiate and sell said bonds in such manner as in their judgment is deemed best of the interest of the said City, provided they be so negotiated and sold at not less than par.

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On Motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay the Commissioners the sum of \$3.00 for the services canvassing the vote upon the question of “Gas” or “No Gas” at the election on May 28th 91

The Mayor presented an invitation from Maury Camp CV requesting the Council to participate in the Ceremonies of the Veterans on 10th Inst.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the invitation was accepted with thanks,

The Mayor was requested (on motion Mr Cole) to issue his proclamation requesting the Citizens to close their business houses from 1 o'clock PM and during the hours of the Memorial ceremonies.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday June 19th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, presented account of *Fredericksburg Star* amt'g to \$32.50 and *Free Lance* amt'g to \$7.75, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, stated that the Committee had a force of hands with the Road machine and the work on the Streets was progressing well.

Mr Willis, Chrmn City Water Works Comm, stated that the Committee would need \$190.25 to clear their account, owing to increased number of taps, and other necessary expenses, the amount needed was larger than expected.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the sum of \$190.25 was directed to be place to the credit of the Water Committee

Mr Willis reported that the Committee recommended a change in the charge for those using the water for motors, and submitted the following circular addressed by Supt Quinn to those using motors, and recommended its adoption.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Committee on Water to say to you that in their opinion in order to arrive at a satisfactory, fair and just basis upon which to charge for the water to operate your motor it is necessary to use a meter. They therefore making the following two propositions.

The Committee will put in a meter and charge your 7½ cents per thousand gallons of water used by you, or, you put in the meter the charge to be 6 cents per thousand gallons. The control to commence on the first of July proximo, if approved by the Council.

The meter to be under the control of the Supt Water Works and the contract to continue for one year. Let me hear from you at your earliest convenience. Signed S J Quinn, Supt [Page 21]

Mr Knight offered the following which was seconded.

Resolved that the owners of the motors now using the City Water be requested to pay an advance of three hundred per cent for the ensuing year in excess the price named.

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

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Wallace, Bradley, Knight	4
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, Willis, Cole, Myer	7

Mr Knox moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, which was seconded put to the vote and carried.

Mr Knox presented an application of P McCracken & Bro asking the Council to refund the sum of \$40 erroneously assessed against them for Bar Room License in 1889.

Mr A B Bowering, Com Rev was present and gave the Council his version of the law and stated that Judge Wallace differed with him in his construction and had already refunded Mess'rs McC & Bro for the years 1890-91.

On Motion, the Appn was referred to the Finance Comm with power to act.

Absent by Consent: Mr A K Phillips Jr

Mr Knox stated that the Committee had given Capt J N Barney and order on the Treasurer for \$38.50 amt of lost coupons, which had been paid, Capt B having given Bond for indemnification. Also that the Committee had notified the two Telegraph Companies that the License tax must be paid without any reduction.

Mr Griffin presented an account of Mess'rs Marye & Fitzhugh for professional services by order Bridge Construction Committee amt'g to \$200, which on his motion was ordered to be paid out of any fund in the hands of the Bridge Committee

Mr Gouldman offered the following.

Resolved that the Mayor be requested to apply to the families of deceased ex-Mayors of this City for portraits of deceased Mayors; the same to be furnished by their families if willing to do so and the portraits when so furnished [Page 22] in suitable frames to be hung appropriately on the walls of the Council Chamber.

Mr Cole moved to amend by including all Mayors of the City living or dead, which was accepted by Mr Gouldman and the vote of the resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

Mr Gouldman offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on Streets be authorized to contract with Mr J W Cox for lettering and numbering the Streets and houses of this City according to plan submitted by the Street Committee at a previous meeting of the Council, the cost of said work not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

On Motion the Council adjourned until Friday, next 26th Inst 8 o'clock PM

A P Rowe, Mayor
R W Adams, Clerk

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At an adjourned Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday June 26th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Geo W Wroten, J H Myer, H H Wallace, W E Bradley, W I King, E D Cole, M G Willis, J S Knox, J M Griffin, J T Knight, A K Phillips Jr

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented and account J W Adams amt'g to \$4.35 which on motion was ordered to be paid. He also presented and read the annual report of the Committee which is as follows [inserted printed copy from a newspaper, transcribed here]

To His Honor, the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance submit the following report:

The Accounts of Mr A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes have been examined, and all found correct, and we take pleasure in saying they are kept systematically, and thus giving your committee no trouble in their examination.

We find that Mr Rowe has paid over to the Treasurer
at different times during the year the sum of

\$24,596.05

As follows:

On Account of Taxes for year 1876 to 1889, inclusive	\$1,957.27	
On Account of Licenses for years '90-'91	\$6,066.48	
On Account of Rents Town Hall, Hay Scales, and Market Stalls, '90-'91	\$194.02	
On account of Taxes for '90-'91	\$16,407.28	\$24,596.05

The payments made are exclusive of the usual rebate for prompt payment of taxes, and Mr. Rowe's commission for collection, the amount being net cash.

Mr Rowe has in his hands tax bills from 1867 to '90 amounting to

\$7,271.92

Delinquents on the books of 1876	\$148.75
Delinquents on the books of 1877	\$200.35
Delinquents on the books of 1878	\$183.72
Delinquents on the books of 1879	\$314.96
Delinquents on the books of 1880	\$238.95
Delinquents on the books of 1881	\$279.00
Delinquents on the books of 1882	\$320.78
Delinquents on the books of 1883	\$452.10
Delinquents on the books of 1884	\$448.38
Delinquents on the books of 1885	\$347.34
Delinquents on the books of 1886	\$887.18
Delinquents on the books of 1887	\$774.05
Delinquents on the books of 1888	\$707.36

Delinquents on the books of 1889	\$828.99	
Delinquents on the books of 1890	\$1,262.42	\$7,271.92
The Amount placed in Mr Rowe's hands for collection for 1890 was		\$18,932.39
By collections to Oct 15	\$15,824.18	
Add 5 per cent deducted	\$832.86	\$18,657.04
By collection after Oct 15	\$1,030.21	
Deduct penalty and interest	\$57.95	\$972.26
By bills returned to Treasurer by order Finance Committee		\$40.67
Leaving a balance due by delinquents	\$1,262.42	\$18,962.30

The accounts of R W Adams, Treasurer also have been examined and found correct; all charges supported by proper vouchers.

At the close of the last fiscal year there was due the Treasurer the sum of	\$531.42	
There has been paid by the Treasurer during the year to date	[can't read]	
There has been received by the Treasurer during the year from the following sources, Viz:		
From Mayor Rowe for dog collars	\$356.00	
From Mayor Rowe for fines	\$80.75	
For rent of Alms' House Farm	\$48.00	
From S J Quinn, Superintendent City Water Works for rent of water	\$3,641.56	
From A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes on account of Taxes 1876-1889	\$1,957.37	
On account of licenses for 1890-1	\$6,086.46	
On account of rents Town Hall and Hay Scales	\$194.02	
On account of taxes 1890-91	\$16,407.28	
Balance due the Treasurer	\$461.66	\$29,176.00
Balance due the Treasurer		\$461.66

The Treasurer has in hands about \$5,000 to meet current expenses, this sum belonging to the next fiscal year, arrive from licenses for 1891-92.

The debt of the city is as follows:

7 per cent Bonds and Certificates	\$117,620.00
6 per cent Water Bonds	20,000.00
6 per cent Bridge Bonds	25,000.00
Making a total of the present bonded debt	\$172,520.00

Besides which the town owes the estate of Mrs Alexander \$2,500.

Your Committee report the finances to be in a healthy condition, and with reasonable economy we can get through the coming year without an increase of taxes, the people's money has been judiciously expended by the various committees and in our judgment we are keeping abreast of the times, moving fully fast enough not to run on the rocks; steadily improving, not bearing heavily upon the people in the way of taxation, and the outlook for the future is bright and encouraging. Our Town is not standing still or responding from has its best foot forward, steadily and safely going ahead. All of the investments made in the town in the last ten years has been money well invested, and will bear the scrutiny or criticism. Our bonds demand high prices, and holders unwilling to sell out. The Finance Committee cannot get them for the sinking fund, which is an evidence of the high credit our town enjoys. Cautioning the various Committees to give close attention to the expenditures in their departments, in order that we may come through the year with credit under the present rate of taxes.

We most respectfully submit this as our report

J S Knox

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

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented the following ordinance levying taxes for the support of the City Government, paying Interest &c on the Bonds of the City &c &c for the year 1891-92.

Tax bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the Year 1891-92

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 1891 and 1892 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay the interest, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

- 1st On every male person over 21 years of Age (not legally exempt) 50¢
- 2nd On all Real and Personal property income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capital in any business investments, bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies, on every \$100 value thereof \$1.20
- 3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be The same as that fixed by the State
- 4th A deduction of 5 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th October next
- 5th On all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of October next there shall be added 5 per cent and interest from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law, and ordinances of the City
- 6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National Currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7% bonds of the City due on 1st November next (without rebate), in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

The ordinance on motion of Mr Knox was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox presented the ordinance making appropriations for the Year 1891-92, which is as follows:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th 1892

For Interest and Sinking Fund 7% Bonds	\$10,000
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% water bonds	\$2100
For Interest and Sinking Fund 6% Bridge Bonds	\$1750
For Alms House	\$1200
Salaries	\$3500
Police	\$1000
Repairs of Public Property	\$600
Repairs of Streets	\$1000
Light	\$2600
Park	\$150
Public Schools	\$2600
Water	\$1000
Commerce & Navigation	\$50
Contingencies	\$1300
Fire & Police Committee	\$100

Total \$28,850

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Cole, Chrmn Pub Prop Committee presented the An'l Report of the Committee shewing amount expended on Pub Prop and for other purposes \$685.15 being \$235.15 in excess of appropriation.

On Motion, Mr Knox, the report was received and the amount overdrawn was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee

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Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the annual report of the Committee shew'g amount expended for repairs of streets &c for the year \$2044.29 of which \$75.80 was for removing and repairing Phillips House on National Boulevard.

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

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, presented the An'l Report of the Committee shew'g amount expended by the Committee for extension of pipes &c & repairs for the year \$2007.94, and amount paid over to the Treasurer receipts from the Water Rents for the year \$3627.57. He also submitted the report of S J Quinn, Supt representing the Works in good order and giving in detail the amount of work done during the year in extending the water pipes and in repairs &c. The Supt thinks some repairs will be needed during the coming Fall on the Reservoir, and ere long a new Pump House will be necessary. Number of taps to date 837.

On motion Mr Wroten, the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Bradley, Chrmn Lights Comm, presented the An'l Report of the Committee shew'g amt expended for the year for lighting streets \$2121.84.

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

Mr Griffin, Chrmn Alms House Comm, presented the An'l report of the Committee shewing am't expended for the year in support of the Poor \$1270.00

Number of inmates eleven

On motion, the reported was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knight, Chrmn F D & P Comm presented the An'l Report of the Comm, shew'g am't expended for the year in support of Fire Department & Police, \$109.03.

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

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Mr Willis from the Bridge Construction presented the report of the Committee setting forth the cost Construction of the Bridge across the Rappahannock River with a detailed Statement of amount paid the Contractor for building, and other expenses incident to the Construction also showing amount derived from sale of the \$25,000 6% Bonds placed in their hands for sale and proceeds to be used in building said Bridges

Amount derived from sale of \$25,000 6% Bridge Bonds \$26,762.50

Amount from Treasurer by order of Council for purchase of Limerick Lot \$250.00

\$27,012.50

Amount paid for Construction of Bridge and expenses incident thereto and purchase of Scott's Site and lot of Limerick as pr statement \$25,544.96
Balance in hands of Committee \$1467.54

The Committee to be relieved from further responsibility and that they be direct to turn over the balance in their hands to the Treasurer.

On motion Mr Knox

Resolved that the report of the Bridge Construction Committee be received and filed and that the Committee be requested to turn over the balance funds in their hands to the Treasurer and also file with their report, the report of Engineer, T J Moncure.

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

Mr Willis offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that a permanent Committee of the members of the Council be appointed by the Mayor to take charge of the management of the Bridge and all matters pertaining thereto

The Mayor appointed Mess'rs M G Willis, E D Cole, & M I King as the Committee.

A communication from A B Bowering Comr Rev enquiring as to construction License tax on Hake & Wagons carrying passengers was referred to the Finance Committee.

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The Mayor reported favorably (except as to officer Gately whom he had to reprimand for using language unbecoming an officer) and then Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

I certify that the printed matter in the foregoing minutes is a true copy of the original paper.

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Wednesday July 1st 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J S Knox, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, A K Phillips JR, W I King, M G Willis, H H Wallace, E D Cole, J T Knight, J H Myer, W E Bradley—councilman

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Salary of Clerk Council was fixed at \$75.00 per annum.

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

On Motion, Mr Knox, the Compensation of Collector of Taxes, Rents &c was fixed as follows; on all taxes collected by or before 15th October the Collector shall be allowed 2½ per cent and upon all taxes collected after 15th October the Collector shall be allowed 5 per cent.

Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated, balloted and unanimously elected Collector of Taxes, Rents &c for the ensuing year.

Mr L R Grabill was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Surveyor of the Corporation for the ensuing year.

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

Mr Anthony Patton was nominated balloted for and unanimously elected Measurer of lumber, wood & for the ensuing year.

On Motion, Mr Knox the Salary of Superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at \$100 per annum. Mr A Hooton was nominated, balloted for and election Supt Alms House for ensuing year; Mr W C Smith received one vote.

H H Jackson was nominated, balloted for and elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward for the year commencing September next.

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Mr John P Rodgers was nominated, balloted and elected Scavenger for the Lower Ward for the year commencing September next.

The Mayor presented in the writing the following suggestions by the Mayor.

I would suggest that the four policemen to be elected be placed under the control of the Mayor to be designated by him as day & night policemen alternatively, instead of serving the whole year as day and night policemen as now in each case. If this is done two of the police would be required to go on duty at 6 AM and remain on duty until 10pm, the other two Officers would be required to go on duty at 6pm and to remain on duty until 6 AM at stated times alternately. In this way the whole force would be on duty from 6pm until 10 pm when most needed; for most of the disorderly conduct in the City occurs between these hours. I would also recommend that the custom of giving the officers one half the fines be restricted to those cases as now laid down in the Corporation ordinances, instead of in all cases is now the case and for which I can find no ordinance, This change could be very appropriately made now as the officer now furnished with suitable uniforms both summer and winter at the expense of the Corporation every two years which was never done before.

Signed, A P Rowe, Mayor

On Motion, Mr Knox, the number of Police Officers was fixed at four and their salaries the same as last year Viz \$150 per annum for Day policeman & \$300 per annum for Night & Day & Night Policeman

Mr J H Robinson was nominated, balloted for and elected Day policeman for ensuing year. J J Minor receiving 1 vote.

Mr C A Gore was nominated, balloted for and elected Day & Night Police man for ensuing year.

M A Gately, M Cahill & Jno J Minor were nominated & balloted for as night and night and day policemen and the ballots being counted resulted in the election of [Page 30] M A Gately and Martin Cahill, day & Night and night Policemen for the ensuing year.

Mr Wroten stated that Mr W S Embrey was present and desired to be heard in reference to opening Green Street to the National Boulevard.

On Motion, Mr Embrey was heard and asked that Green St be opened to the Boulevard, and stated that the contractors who are building the roadway would do certain necessary work in opening the Street without cost to the City.

On Motion, Mr Cole, the matter of opening Green Street was referred to the Street Committee with power to act, without cost to the Corporation.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Bridge Committee, stated that the Committee could not agree upon the matter of toll, or “No Toll” for the Bridge and it was deemed best to submit the question to the Council for its decision.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Bridge Committee be instructed not to collect tolls on the Bridge across the Rappahannock River belonging to the City of Fredericksburg until the next meeting of the Council when the question will be considered.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday July 17th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

W I King, J T Knight, G W Wroten, J M Griffin—councilmen

A quorum of the Council not being present it stood adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday August 21st 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Comm, submitted the official bond of A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes &c in the penalty of \$10,000 with M B Rowe & E D Cole as securities, which bond was approved by the Council and ordered to be turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe-keeping.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee, presented a communication from sundry property holders on the upper part of Fauquier Street asking that Fauquier be straightened, and binding themselves to pay the sum of \$200 towards the award for the condemnation of the land owned by W Key Howard for the said purpose. Mr W stated that the Committee unanimously recommended the straightening of the Street.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Street Committee be authorized to arrange with the Property owners on Fauquier Street for opening and straightening same at a cost of not exceeding \$200 to the City.

Mr Wroten, presented a communication from Mr W A Little Jr giving his view as to the rights of the Corporation to a 150 feet avenue on the Kenmore Property and suggesting to the Council that a friendly suit be instituted in order that the matter may be definitely settled. Also a communication from W S White, Sec’y Fred’g Development Co wishing to know what action would be taken in reference to the

proposition of the Company donating 90 feet of their property on the Washington Avenue on certain conditions.

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Mr Gouldman moved that the subject of the right of the Corporation to a 150 feet avenue on the Kenmore Property be referred back to the Street Committee with instructions that the matter be carried into Court for adjudication, if in their judgment they deem it necessary, which was seconded, Whereupon,

Mr Willis, moved that the avenue remain as it now is, a width of 60 feet, which was also seconded, put to the vote by Ayes and Noes and lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole, Wallace, Myer 5

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, King, Gouldman, Bradley, Knight 7

The vote was then taken by Ayes & Noes on the Motion of Mr Gouldman and it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten Griffin, Phillips, King, Gouldman, Bradley, Knight, & Myer 8

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole & Wallace 4

Mr Wroten presented a communication from Isaac Hirsh, Pres't of Hartman Syndicate Property with a plat as a part of the subdivision of the City.

On Motion, Mr Cole, Resolved that the plat of the Hartman property presented by Isaac Hirsh, President be accepted.

The matter of repairing the street near the Silk Mill was on motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, reported the works in good condition and collections for water rent better than ever before.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Bridge Committee, stated that certain work was necessary to be done for the security of the bridge and asked that the amount recently paid to the Treasurer be place to the credit of the Bridge Committee.

On motion, Mr Knox, the sum of \$1467 was placed to the credit of the Bridge Committee and the matter of repairs was left with the Committee to be done by contract or day labour as deemed best by the Committee.

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Mr Bradley offered the following which was seconded,

Resolved that the bridge across the Rappahannock River owned by the City of Fredericksburg shall be free from this date until July 1st 1892, whereupon

Mr King offered the following as substitute for Mr Bradley's resolution, which was seconded

Resolved that tolls be collected for the use of the new bridge, exempting only those residing or considering a licensed business within the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg, except on Sundays (when it shall be free to all persons other than business) within such hours as may be prescribed by the Bridge Committee, the Bridge Committee are hereby instructed to prepare a tariff of tolls, and submit the same to this Council at a called or next regular Meeting at which time it will be decided when such system shall go into effect.

Mr Wallace submitted the following as a substituted for Mr King's resolution, which was seconded,

Resolved that the Bridge across the Rappahannock River owned by the City of Fredericksburg shall be free until July 1st 1892 and that the next municipal election in May 1892 the question be submitted to the voters of Fredericksburg whether the bridge shall be free for two years from July 1st 1892 or not.

The vote was taken on the resolution of Mr Wallace by Ayes & Noes and it was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Willis, Cole, Wallace, Bradley, Myer 5
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Gouldman, Phillips, King, Griffin, Knight 7

The vote was then taken upon Mr King's substitute by Ayes & Noes with the following result

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, King, Gouldman, Knight 6
Noes Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Wallace, Myer 6

The question recurring upon the resolution offered by Mr Bradley and the vote taken by Ayes & Noes [Page 35] the vote stood as follows

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole, Bradley, Wallace & Myer 6
Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Phillips, Gouldman, King & Knight 6

There being a tied, the Mayor voted in the affirmative and so the resolution of Mr Bradley was adopted.

Mr King, Chairman of the Gas Committee submitted the following report;

[from newspaper]

The Gas Committee, in compliance with the several resolutions passed by the Council, relative to the gas matter, respectfully report that they closed the option, held by them, on the gas plant, and had the time of payment extended to September 1. In the meantime \$25,000 of bonds were executed and placed on the market, from the sale of which \$25,626 was realized. Your committee now ask that this sum be placed in the hands of the City Treasurer to the credit of the Gas Committee, subject to order of a majority of said committee, for the purpose of paying for the gas plant and for all repairs, improvements and expenses appertaining thereto and for operating the same: That authority be granted to them to employ a superintendent until January 1st 1892, by which time an ordinance shall be formulated; the office of Superintendent be created and filled by election through this Council, and your committee further ask that they be authorized to take charge of the works and operate them as in their judgment may best be for the interest of the city.

On motion, Mr Cole, the report was adopted.

Mr Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the bonds issued under the Act of the General Assembly of Va approved March 4th 1890 and by resolution of the Council passed June 5th 1891 known as Gas Bonds, to the extent or amount of \$25,000 be and they are hereby forever exempt from the City

A communication from Mr Chs Truslow was presented and read asking the Council to remit a fine of \$5.00 imposed upon and paid by him for hauling on the Streets without a license.

On motion, Mr Bradley, the communication was laid on the table.

A Communication from Mrs Mary A Mills was presented and read asking that the Street near her residence be opened &c.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Street Comm.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

I certify that the printed reported contained in the minutes of this meeting Aug 21, 1892 is a true copy of the original.

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Monday August 31st 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

H H Wallace, W I King, G W Wroten, J M Griffin, J T Knight, J S Knox, W E Bradley, E D Cole, M G Willis—councilmen

The Mayor stated that the meeting was called at the request of the Gas Committee.

Mr King, Chrmn Gas Committee, presented the following which on motion, Mr Cole, was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the printed circulars for proposals for the purchase of the Gas Bonds issued by the City of Fredericksburg, stated that said bonds were to be secured by Deed of Trust, and the Act of Assembly known as the Gas Act, approved March 4th 1890 authorized the Council of Fredericksburg, if it see fit to secure said bonds by Deed of Trust upon the Gas Plant when erected or purchased.

Resolved that the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg hereby agree and bind itself for said City to execute a proper Deed of Trust to secure the said Gas bonds of the amount of \$25,000 upon the Gas Plant rights and franchises purchased by the said City from the Citizens Gas Co. of Fredericksburg Va as soon as title to the said property and franchises is transferred to said City.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday September 18th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee presented account of *Free Lance* amt'g to \$12.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

On motion, Mr Knox, the sum of \$3.00 each was allowed Mess'rs W S Embrey, H S Doggett, H F Crismond, Isaac Hirsh, & C E Hunter and ordered to be paid for their services as Commissioners in assessing land damages W K Howard on Fauquier & Winchester Streets.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Committee, presented an agreement signed by E D Cole & others, agreeing to donated certain land on Fauquier Street to the Corporation on certain conditions.

Mr Knox presented the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Mayor and Clerk of the Council are instructed to sign the deed conveying the property on Fauquier Street to the different parties along the line of the said Street according to deed presented by the said parties, when Mr W Key Howard has made a satisfactory deed to the town of that part of his tract condemned by the Commissioners.

Mr Wroten, Chrmn Street Comm, presented the following report,
Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the opening of the Washington Avenue and whether a friendly suit to determine the matter would in their judgment be wise & proper, respectfully report that in the judgment of your committee the friendly suit as suggest is the only way in which the question as to the width of said avenue can be finally settled and this Committee asks the instruction of the Council in regard to it.

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Mr Wroten presented the following which was seconded.

Resolved that the report of the Street Committee in regard to the Washington Avenue presented tonight be and the same is adopted and the Council hereby directs and authorizes said Committee to employ counsel and proceed with the friendly suit as suggested in the name of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of reaching a judicial decision as to the proper width of said avenue.

The vote was taken upon the resolution by Ayes and Noes and it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Gouldman, Bradley, Myer, Knight	5
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Cole & Wallace	4

Mr Wroten stated that as soon as the logs contracted for with Hon M B Rowe were delivered the work of repairing damages to Street about Silk Mill would be pushed to completion.

Mr Willis, Chrmn Water Comm, that applications had been made for Water on Willis Street, also on Washington Avenue. For Willis Street it would require about \$125 and for Washington Avenue about \$250. He asked an appropriation of \$125 for conducting the water to Willis Street.

On motion, Mr Knight, the sum of \$125 was directed to be placed to credit of Water Committee to be used in conducting water to Willis St

Mr Willis called attention of the Council to the raceway at Commerce St and thought it ought to be cleaned out as its present condition interferes seriously with the work at the pump house, and on his motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee to ascertain and report the probable cost of same.

The Mayor reported favorably and on motion, Mr Knox, the Treasurer was directed to pay the police officers their salaries for the quarter ending 30th Inst.

The Mayor reported fines to date \$47.00

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday Oct 16th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

M G Willis, W I King, E D Cole, H H Wallace, G W Wroten, J S Knox, J T Knight, Councilmen

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chrmn Finance Committee, presented an account of R B Merchant amounting to \$24 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Present: J M Griffin

Mr Knox presented a communication from Mrs E A Pittman asking a remittance of penalties and Interest on Tax bills.

On motion, of Mr Willis, the matter was referred to the Finance Comm with power to act.

Mr Wroten from the Street Comm reported progress being made with repairs to the Street near the Silk Mill.

Mr Willis, from Water Committee, reported that \$250.00 would be required to extend Water lines to Washington Avenue.

On motion of Mr Knight the sum of \$250.00 was directed to be placed to the credit of the Water Comm for the above purposes.

On motion of Mr Knox the following amendment to Sec [blank] Chap [blank] Corporation Ordinances was [Page 40] adopted.

“but no building shall be erected without a permit from the Street Committee for the erecting of such building under a penalty of not more than \$10 for each offence”. The vote on its adopted being as follows

Ayes Knox, Wroten, Griffin, King, & Knight [5]

Noes Gouldman, Wallace, Cole, Willis, [4]

The Mayor presented the following letter from Hon J B Sener with a Crayon Portrait of his father Ex-Mayor, J W Sener, dec'd.

On Motion of Mr Knox the letter of Judge Sener was ordered to be filed.

Mr Knight from Comm of Police and Fire Department reported two alarms of fire since last meeting to both of which the FD promptly responded.

Mr Knight asked as to what steps had been taken in regard to numbering houses and lettering streets.

Mr Wroten stated that the contractor Mr Cox hoped to have the work ready by Spring.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

R W Adams, Clerk pr J M Griffin.

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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday Oct 30th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

J S Knox, M G Willis, W I King, H H Wallace, E D Cole, W E Bradley, J H Myer, and J M Griffin—
Councilmen

On motion of Mr Knox, John M Griffin was requested to act as Clerk pro tem.

The Mayor briefly stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of taking suitable action in regards to the death of the late Clerk & Treasurer, R W Adams Esq.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolutions which on motion of Mr Knox were unanimously adopted. [from Newspaper]

Death has again visited our small official circle and removed the recording officer of this body. Capt Robert W. Adams, our faithful clerk, was stricken down on last Wednesday, while on his way from his

office to his residence in a carriage, and his immortal spirit took its flight to the regions of light and life eternal. While his death was sudden, it was not unexpected by those of our citizens who knew his physical condition, yet it produced a shock to our entire community, as the sad news was borne from one to another.

For more than twenty years he had been a familiar form in the meetings of this body, while he recorded impartially and with accuracy the proceedings of the different Councils he has served, always ready to assist with patient labor or impart information on public affairs, of which he was so well informed. We shall see him no more, nor hear his voice again; he has “come to his grave in a full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season.”

In this dispensation we recognize the hand of Infinite Wisdom, and therefore we do not murmur. But while we bow with submission to the removal of our friend and fellow-citizens, we desire to place upon record our estimate of him as a man, officer, and citizen, therefore,

Resolved, that in the death of Robert W Adams this Council and city have lost a faithful citizen and upright Christian gentleman.

Resolved, that as a mark of respect to his memory we attend his funeral this afternoon in a body.

Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be furnished the family of the deceased, and the city papers be requested to publish the same.

On motion of Mr Willis, the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe Mayor,

John M Griffin, Clerk pro tem

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday Evening November 20th 1892 [1]

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, J S Knox, J H Myer, W I King, G W Wroten, M G Willis, E D Cole, W E Bradley, H H Wallace, J M Griffin, and J T Knight.

The Mayor called the Council to order and requested Councilman Griffin to act as Clerk pro-tem

The first business in order being the election of a Clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Captain Robert W Adams, a communication was read from Ro. B Berrey announcing his candidacy for the position of Clerk. There being no other nominations, the ballot was taken and Mr Berrey was unanimously elected.

On Motion, Mr Cole, was appointed to inform Mr Berrey of his election and invite him to the Council. Mr Berrey was then introduced to the council as Clerk-elect, and after being duly qualified as such by taking the prescribed oaths of Office, took his seat.

Present: A K Phillips Jr

On the call of the Committees

Mr J S Knox, Chairman, Finance Committee, presented two bills of the *Free Lance* aggregating sixteen dollars (\$16) for printing tax bills and publishing notice to tax payers, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chairman Street Committee, presented a report showing that his committee had [Page 44] finished the repairs to the roadway near the “Silk Mill” and this and other regular and special work the

committee had expended \$382.00 more than the amount allowed them for the year. He asked that this sum (\$382.00) be placed to the credit of the Committee to enable them to carry on the work on the Streets.

On motion of Mr Cole, the sum asked for (\$382) was placed to the credit of the Street Committee.

On Motion of Mr Cole; Ordered that a bill be made out against James R Clark for \$197.14 for expense incurred in repairs to the roadway near the Silk Mills, and that the same be placed in the hands of the City Collector for collection.

Mr Wroten from the Committee to whom was referred the matter of cleaning out the canal, reported progress. Some discussion then ensued as to the necessity for immediate action in this matter. Thereupon Mr Bradley offered the following resolution;

Resolved that the sum of Three hundred dollars be appropriated and placed to the credit of the Water Committee with power to use so much thereof as may be necessary to clean out the canal so as to give the water wheel at the pump house full power.

Which resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes	Mess'rs Griffin, Cole, Willis, Wallace, Bradley & King	6
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Phillips, Knight, and Myer	5

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Mr Knight, chairman, Committee on Police and Fire Department, reported that the police officers had been furnished with winter uniforms, and that every fire alarm cost the Corporation five dollars and in meeting these & other expenses, the Committee had expended more than the amount place to the credit of the committee for the fiscal year. He asked that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated to the Committee

On motion the amount asked for, \$50, was appropriated.

The following resolution offered by Mr Knox was adopted.

Resolved, that the Mayor and the Clerk of this Council be authorized to sign the Deeds for the forty feet of land to be conveyed to citizens living on the North side of Fauquier Street, whenever the parties are desirous of perfecting their titles to said frontage, they to have the deeds properly prepared, it being distinctly understood that such transfer or perfecting of the titles must be done free of expense to this Corporation.

A petition from John H Patterson, W D Patterson, W G Allison, J T Miller, Mrs E A Ellington &c asking that New Street be straightened and the lines properly designated, was on motion, referred to the Street Committee, with power to act.

Mess'rs W A Little Jr and H von Schon addressed the Council, by invitation, in reference to the acceptance by the Council of VonSchon & Garner's Map of the Hartman Syndicate Property, and the following resolution offered by Mr Willis was adopted.

Resolved that the Map of the property of the Fredericksburg [Page 46] Manufacturing Company constructed by VonSchon & Garner October 1891. Setting forth the subdivisions of the Hartman Brick Yard Property into lots and Streets, be and the same is accepted by this Council in lieu and stead of and as a substitute for a map of the same property made by E H Randall, surveyor, which was heretofore presented to this Council and accepted by it.

On motion of Mr Knox, the salary of A B Bowering, Commissioner of the Revenue, amounting to Two hundred & fifty dollars (\$250) was ordered to be paid.

Mess'rs St Geo R Fitzhugh & P V D Conway appeared before the Council as a Committee from the Chamber of Commerce and on motion, Mr Fitzhugh was invited to address the Council, which he did with his usual force & fervor.

He asked that the rooms in the Town Hall at present occupied by the Knights of Pythias be appropriated to the use of the Chamber of Commerce when vacated by its present occupants.

On motion of Mr Knox, it was unanimously agreed that the rooms asked for be turned over to the Chamber of Commerce, when vacated.

The mayor reported that he had issued 286 dog collars, for which he had collected \$308.

On motion, Mr Knox, the Mayor was allowed 15¢ for each collar issued.

On Motion the Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, clerk

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chambers on Friday night December 18th 1891

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J S Knox, J H Myer, W I King, E D Cole, H H Wallace, W E Bradley, Geo W Wroten, M G Willis, J M Griffin, and J T Knight—councilmen

The minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee stated that an examination of the books of Mr R W Adams, late City Treasurer, showed that there was due the Corporation the sum of \$4361.55, but that there were receipted tax bills amounting to \$347.00 and 2 checks of A K Phillips & Co amounting to about \$153.00 which would be a credit of about \$500 on the indebtedness names.

Mr Bradley, offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Ordinance Committee be directed to report at the next meeting of the Council after taking suitable legal advice, an ordinance requiring the City Treasurer to execute a bond with two suitable securities, conditioned to pay over and account for all monies that may come into his hands as the receiving and disbursing officer of said city and which he may receive otherwise than as for the State. The amount of said bond shall be fixed by said Council [blank] which after being freely discussed was on motion of Mr Gouldman, laid on the [Page 48] table by the following recorded vote

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Gouldman, Willis, Griffin, Cole, Knight, King and Myer 9

Noes Mess'rs Bradley and Wallace 2

The Mayor called the attention of the Council to the fact that a portrait of Ex-Mayor Semple had been procured for the Council Chamber, whereupon

Mr Knox, after some eulogistic remarks, moved that the sum of ten dollars be appropriated out of the City Treasury to pay the expenses of the same, which motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee of Fire and Police read a communication from the Fire Department informing the Council officially of the recommendation for re-election of the present Commander Chief M H McCracken, Mr McCracken was nominated, and unanimously elected, Chief of the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

Mr King, Chairman of the Committee on Gas and Gas Works presented the following Ordinance for the government of the City Gas Works, which on motion of Mr Cole was unanimously adopted; the rules having on motion of Mr Knight been suspended for the purpose of voting on its adoption, and is as follows Viz.

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Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

At the organization of the City Council for each new municipal term there shall be appointed by the Mayor a Gas Committee consisting of --- members, who shall have control and general management of the City Gas Works.

The Committee shall serve until their successors are appointed, and any vacancy shall be filled from the Council by the Mayor's appointment. Their meetings may be held at such times as they may appoint.

The Committee shall regulate the duties of the Superintendent, and they may authorize the employment of men about the works for any and all purposes and may regulate their wages. They shall prescribe what mains and service pipes be used, what extensions and repairs be made and what the charges are to be for service pipe, fixtures and labor when such work is carried beyond the curb by their order.

The Committee shall in June of every year make a report and account to the Council showing the following:

1st. Amount expended in construction, extensions, repairs, improvements and for interest on gas bonds.

2nd. Amount for current expenses.

3rd. Amount received from sales of gas and other products and articles, each separately, and from all sources.

4th. Net gain or loss for the past years, and impart to the Council any information in relation to the works which they may deem important or interesting.

The Council shall elect a superintendent in December of each year, who shall go into office on the first of January following, shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor is elected and qualifies, and shall be subject to the orders of the Committee.

The superintendent, before acting in office, shall give bond, with approved security, in the penalty of two thousand dollars, for the faithful fulfillment of his duties and for his accounting and paying over to the Treasurer all money that may come into his hands. All monies received by him for gas and other products or articles sold by authority of the Committee shall be deposited with the treasurer shall credit all receipts and charge all warrants to the account of the Gas Committee.

The Superintendent shall make no purchases or disbursements without authority from the Committee, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed; he may purchase materials, tools or other articles proper for carrying on the operations of the works; what may be so purchased shall be taken care of by him and used as required; all bills for the same shall be laid before the Committee and be paid from the gas fund by their warrant on the treasurer. In December of each year he shall present to the Committee an inventory of materials, tools and other articles on hand and make any reports in relation to his duties that the Committee may require.

The superintendent shall see to the laying of all mains and service pipes, and shall have supervision of the service pipes from the curb to the meter, although such piping may not be the property of the city. He shall prepare and preserve duplicate maps of the location of the mains, showing their course distance and size. When there is an extension of the mains the plan of such extensions and the size of the pipe shall be marked on the maps; a like showing of the service pipes shall also be made, as far as may be practicable and expedient. He shall keep a record of the quantity, description and cost of materials used in such extensions or in erecting any fixtures authorized by the Committee, and report the same to them when desired.

The superintendent shall keep account of the time of all employees, giving their names, the kind of service performed, the rate per day and the amount due each, in pay-roll form, made out so as to show what is chargeable to current expenses and what to construction in its several branches. He shall present the same to the Committee who will draw warrants on the treasurer in his favor and direct payment to be made; but for payments of the superintendent and the regular monthly hands separate warrants shall be drawn in each case which must be endorsed by the payee, and such warrants shall not be negotiable; all extra hands shall be paid when their services are ended or at the close of the week; the superintendent [I certify that the printed matter on this page is a true copy of the original. Ro B Berrey, Clerk]

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and regular hands at the close of each month. He shall, each day, enter in a book provided for that purpose the quantity of Coal and other materials used in making gas, and shall keep strict account of the gas passing into the gasometer and out of the gasometer into the mains; at the end of each month he shall make a report to the Committee, showing the quantity of coal and other materials used in making gas, the quantity of gas made, quantity passing into the mains and quantity sold, as ascertained by taking the state of all the meters and thus be able to show the loss sustained by evaporation, condensation and leakage.

The superintendent, with the advice and consent of the Committee, shall dispose of all products of the works, collect and deposit the proceeds with the treasurer, taking his receipt for the same in a book prepared for that purpose, and at the close of each month render an account of all sales and collections to the Committee, giving the kind and quantity of each sold and the names of the purchasers.

The income derived from the gas works shall be sufficient, after paying all expenditures, to pay the interest on the bonds issued for their purchase. Payment for gas shall be made monthly by all consumers except those who by the Committee may be required to pay oftener, and gas shall never be furnished without proper charge thereof.

For the protection of private consumers against unjust discrimination in charges and to relieve such consumers from the burden of supporting, at their expense, the City Gas Works, the city shall pay for all gas consumed in its public buildings, offices and streets the same rates as are paid by private consumers, and the charges shall be collected in same manner, through the proper channels, and deposited with the treasurer to the credit of the gas fund, and the value of any coke used by the city or contributed by the Council to charitable objects shall be paid for and deposited and credited in like manner.

All applications for supply of gas must be made in person or by duly authorized attorney or agent. A book shall be kept by the superintendent with a caption importing that the owners of property, whose names are undersigned, request that gas be introduced into the premises mentioned opposite their respective names upon the terms prescribed by the city ordinances. No person shall have the use of any gas at any house or other place who is delinquent for gas used by him at any other house or place, and the superintendent shall return no bills uncollected, unless it be that he can find nothing belonging to delinquents with which to satisfy the claim.

The Committee may, from time to time, make such rates and regulations for furnishing gas to private consumers as they may deem proper, to take effect when approved by the Council, and they or their authorized agents shall have the right of free access to premises, at seasonable hours, for the purpose of examining the whole gas apparatus or for removal of meter and piping, and they may cut off communication of service pipe, if they find it necessary to do so in order to protect the works against abuse or fraud.

The tenant of any premises shall give one or more days' notice when about to remove, that the gas may be stopped, or he will remain liable for any gas that may pass through the meter until notice be given.

The quantity of gas consumed will be ascertained by the meter, and in case of its being found defective, will be removed immediately; if it ceases to register, account will be taken by the average of another meter or by the amount charged during a previous corresponding period, at the discretion of the Committee, and the Committee may require payment in advance or security for payment to protect the works against loss.

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It shall be the duty of the superintendent himself and such other men as may be employed about the works who he shall from time to time designate to attend at places where from fire or other causes there is danger of a loss of gas by burning or waste with a stop cock key and pliers in hand to shut off the gas, remove meters, or do anything else proper for the safety of property belonging to the city, connected with the gas works. When deemed necessary stop cocks shall be placed where the service pipe connects with the mains, and in every instance stop cocks with suitable stop cock boxes of iron or other material with an iron cap marked City Gas, shall be placed at the curb. The superintendent shall at all times be in readiness to examine apparatus and premises of subscribers free of charge on receiving one day's notice.

If any person shall deface or injure any house, wall, lamp, or meter, or any other fixture connected with the gas works, or shall tie to a lamp post any horse or other animal, or any boat or vessel, or shall without authority climb any lamp post, or light a lamp, or open communication into, or remove any pipe or in any manner waste or consume any gas wantonly, every person so offending shall pay the whole cost of restoring the property, the amount to be assessed by the Committee and superintendent, and also pay a fine of not less than two nor more than ten dollars, the amount received to go to the credit of the gas fund.

If, however, any person shall accidentally injure; a street lamp, or other property of the gas works and shall voluntarily pay damages before being summoned before a magistrate he shall be exempt from further penalty than paying damages. Employees of the gas works shall report to the superintendent, or one or more members of the Committee violations that may come to their knowledge of this or any subsequent ordinance relating to the works and the Committee shall prosecute all who may violate.

The superintendent, subject to control of the Committee, shall have charge of all buildings, fixtures and pipes erected or laid down for the gas works and of the lands on which said buildings are erected. He shall have the works kept in proper operation and have due regard for the quality of the gas and for its being systematically supplied to the city lamps and buildings and to all persons entitled to its use. When city lamps are to be erected he shall see to the setting of them and to their being kept clean and in good order. The Committee are authorized to charge one dollar and fifty cents per thousand cubic feet for gas, and this price shall prevail until changed by act of the Council.

All service pipes and fixtures leading from the curb to the meter that were formerly distinctly the property of the Citizens' Gas Light Company have, since the 28th of May, 1891, by reason of the city's purchase, become the property of the city of Fredericksburg, and the city authorities reserve the right to remove such pipes and fixtures when they desire to do so, or to charge for them.

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A communication from the Garfield Light Infantry asking for the annual appropriation by the Council of \$96.00 for rent of an Armory was read and on motion of Mr Bradley the sum of \$96.00 was appropriated for the purpose asked for.

An application in writing from Mess'rs Chas A King and Jno M Griffin for the privilege of laying a terra cotta pipe from Main Street, between Wolfe and Charlotte Streets to the River was [Page 54] read and on motion was referred to the Committee on Streets.

Mr Bradley, after some explanatory remarks offered the following resolution and asked a suspension of the rules so that it might be acted on at once.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va.

1st That from and after January 1st 1892, there shall be elected annually by the City Council of said City an officer whose title shall be the City Attorney of Fredericksburg, Va, said officer shall be a practicing

attorney, resident of Fredericksburg.

2nd That the duties of said attorney shall be whenever required to advise the Mayor and Common Council, either orally or in writing, upon any legal matter, drawing legal papers &c, in reference to which said Mayor or Council shall deem his advice necessary for the Corporate interests of said City, and shall, as such attorney, prosecute and defend in the courts of the City of Fredericksburg, or before any justice of the Peace, any civil matters in which said Corporation of Fredericksburg shall be a party, plaintiff, or defendant.

3rd The said attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$200, payable quarterly which shall be in full for all services rendered in pursuance of this ordinance, and in no event shall any other compensation be asked for or paid said attorney for such services.

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On Motion the rules were suspended and Mr Knox moved that the resolution be referred to the Ordinance Committee, the vote being taken on the motion of Mr Knox, it was carried, and the resolution referred.

A communication from Capt S J Quinn, Superintendent of the City Water Works, asking for re-election for the ensuing year was presented and read.

Mr Knox, after paying a high compliment to Capt Quinn's efficiency, moved that the salary of the Superintendent of the Water Works be increased to \$750 per annum.

Mr King moved to amend the motion by making the salary \$900, after some discussion the vote was taken on the amendment and the same was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Willis, Cole, Bradley, King, Knight, Myer	7
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Gouldman and Wallace	4

The vote was then taken upon the application of Capt S J Quinn for re-election as Superintendent of City Water Works and resulted in his unanimous election.

On Motion the salary of the City Gas Works was fixed at \$900 per annum.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Superintendent of the City Gas Works for the ensuing year.

Mr Knight nominated Mr D E Fleming and the vote being taken Mr Fleming was elected, he receiving 7 votes [Page 56] and Mr William Hancock 4

The Mayor reported \$36.50 as the amount of fines collected for the quarter just ended.

The Mayor having reported in writing that the police officers had faithfully discharged their duties, on motion, their salaries were ordered to be paid.

And then, on motion, the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

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