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The Common Council having been called its regular monthly meeting for Friday night January 15th 1892 at the Council Chamber for 7:30 O'clock PM

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen J S Knox, J H Myer, H H Wallace, E D Cole, and W E Bradley

There appearing no quorum at 8 O'clock PM the Major declared the Council adjourned until Friday night next 22nd Inst at 7:30 O'clock PM

A P Rowe, Mayor,

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening January 22nd 1892

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

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

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

Mr J S Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a bill of J W Adams

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For stationary amounting to \$5.35 which on motion ordered to be paid

The following resolution offered by Mr and seconded by Mr Knight was adopted viz.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee instructed to proceed at once to collect the amount due the City by the late Treasurer, by bringing suit against the legal representative of the Treasurer, and his sureties on his official Bond, either in the Circuit or Corporation Court, as in their judgment they may deem best and they are hereby authorized and empowered to employ counsel to carry out this resolution, if it becomes necessary so to do.

Mr Cole, Chairman Public Property Committee, reported the Court House as being sadly in need of repairs, particularly the Armory and complained that the property was loaned out with no restrictions as to its use, and but little caution as to its keeping, he suggested that the Public Property Committee should have control of the same and urged the necessity of thorough repair to the Court House.

Present: A K Phillips Jr

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Willis

Resolved that the resolution giving the Mayor control over the Court House [Page 59] be rescinded and the building be placed in charge of the Public Property Committee.

Some discussion disclosed the fact there was already an ordinance relating to this matter, whereupon on Motion of Mr Willis, the resolution was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Fire and Police Department, complimented the Fire Department and reported it as having answered to one alarm since last meeting. On motion of Mr Cole, The Committee on Fire Department was instructed to ascertain the cost of a suitable bell and report the same at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr Cole presented a lengthy communication from Mr J W Harris, complaining of the size of the gas bills rendered him for the use of gas at his store and going to show that there was great cause of complaint in this respect, Mr Knox replied defending the gas Committee stating that double the quantity of gas was manufactured now, than heretofore and was consumed hence the increase bills.

On Motion of Mr Gouldman, the matter complaining of was referred to the Committee on Gas.

The following resolution offered by Mr Bradley was seconded by Mr Willis and [Page 60] unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Mayor appoint a Committee of three, two from the Council and one from the body of Citizens, to act in conjunction with a Committee of one to be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to confer with our Representatives in Congress Hon Wm A Jones and ascertain when they could be heard by the Committee on River and Harbors, and when such opportunity is afforded to appear before said Committee and urge an appropriation sufficient to permanently improve the Rappahannock River.

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce and Navigation be earnestly requested, without delay, to procure and tabulate, for the use of said Committee, the trade statistics of Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock Valley for the past year.

And on motion the Mayor was added to the Committee, the Committee to be appointed and notice given them of their appointment.

Mess'rs St George R Fitzhugh and H Von Schon appeared before the Council as a Committee from the Chamber of Commerce and on motion, Mr Fitzhugh was invited to address the Council, and at his suggestion and on motion Mr Von Schon was invited to address the Council and read an [Page 61] able, carefully prepared and exceedingly interesting report in relation to our Water Power.

Mr Fitzhugh, in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce asked for an appropriation of \$100 for the purpose of having made a careful and accurate survey of the Canal of the Fredericksburg Water Power with a view of ascertaining the amount of power which can be developed.

On Motion of Mr Willis the sum asked for \$100.00 was appropriated to the Finance Committee for the purpose named.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening February 19th 1892

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

J H Myer, E D Cole, G W Wrotten, J S Knox, J T Knight, and M G Willis (councilmen)

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

The official Bond of Capt S J Quinn, Superintendent of the City Water Works in the penalty of \$2000 with E D Cole and M B Rowe sureties thereon presented [Page 62] by Mr Knox, was approved by the Council, and placed in the hands of the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

A Bill of John G Mason, Esq amounting to \$27.00 being for professional services in drawing deeds and for expenses incurred in relation to rights of Water Power &c, was read and on motion of Mr Knox was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox presented a communication from A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes, asking for instructions as to how he should proceed to collect the bill against J R Clarke Esq owner of the Water Power, for repairs to the roadway near the Silk Mill, said bill having been placed in his hands for collection and Mr Clarke having refused to pay the same.

On Motion of Mr Willis, the bill was referred to the Finance Committee for investigation and final disposition.

Mr Knox read the following communication from Commissioner of the Revenue Bowering, addressed to the Chairman of the Finance Committee,

I will thank you to authorize the Treasurer of the Corporation, if such authority is invested in your Finance Committee to furnish me with a list of all persons in the Corporation who hold Corporation Bonds, with the amount of Bonds owned by each

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I have reason to believe that there are holders of Fredericksburg City bonds who possibly believing them non-taxable, fail to give them in on their property list.

Therefore if the Commissioner of the Revenue is furnished with authentic information on the subject, proper remedies may be applied in case any such failures occur.

After the reading of the communication Mr Cole offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted,

Resolved That the Treasurer be instructed to give all the information in his possession to the Commissioner of Revenue in regard to owners of Bonds.

Mr Knox presented the report of Mr H Von Schon giving the result of a survey of the Canal, and an examination of the Dam of the Water Power Co accompanied by a Map, showing measurements &c and on his motion the report was received and with the Map ordered to be filed.

An enquiry from Mr Cole as to the Official Bond of the Superintendent of Gas Works which elicited from Mr Knox the promise that the same should be ready by the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Cole, Chairman Public Property Committee reported that he had had the Court room cleaned out and was about to commence needed repairs to the Court House building interior and exterior.

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Mr Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works, reported the same in good condition, and that the collections for Water rents were larger in January last than any corresponding period previously. He asked that the Committee be allowed to extend the Water Mains on Dixon Street from Bauman's Corner as had been requested by several property owners. The cost he thought would not exceed forty five (45) dollars which sum he asked the Council to appropriate, and

On Motion of Mr Knox the sum of \$45.00 was appropriated for the purpose named.

Mr Knight, Chairman on Fire and Police, reported two alarms of fire since last meeting. The Committee had made some enquires as to the Cost of a Fire Alarm bell and had ascertained that an alarm that could

be heard for two miles could be bought for a sum not exceeding \$100, On motion, Mr Cole, the Committee was authorized to purchase the alarm bell,

Mr Willis, Chairman Bridge Committee stated that while the Corporation was furnishing a free bridge to the travelling public he did not think the Corporation should be held responsible for any accidents that might occur on the bridge to parties using the same. He therefore asked that the Committee be authorized to have the following notice placed at each end of the Bridge.

Notice—All persons using this [Page 65] bridge free of toll are notified that its use is with the understanding and upon the consideration that the City of Fredericksburg is not to be held responsible for any damage to the person or property of persons so using the bridge.

On Motion the committee was authorized to have the notice posted.

Mr Knox from the Gas Committee stated that nothing had been done by the Committee with the communication of Mr J W Harris, presented at the last meeting of the Council.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets reported that the lettering and numbering of the Streets would be commenced at once, and finished in 30 days, as he was assured by Mr Cox, the contractor for said work.

In reply to enquiry from Mr Wroten the Mayor stated that his proclamation in regard to muzzling dogs, was issued at the request of several Citizens and for the period of one month.

Mr Wallace offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted,
Resolved that any survey which may be made by Mr H Von Schon, during the absence of Mr L R Graybill, Corporation Surveyor from the City, be recognized by the Council as a official survey provided it shall conform to the official [Page 66] map of the City made by L R Graybill.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening March 18th 1892

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Cole, Bradley, King, Myer, Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Knight, and Wallace (Councilman)

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

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee, presented two bills of the *Free Lance* for printing for printing Notice of tax payers and Mayors Proclamation, one for \$7.75 and one for \$2.25 making \$10 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

License Tax

Mr Knox presented the following resolution which was adopted [Page 67]

Resolved, That the license tax for the year 1892-1893 beginning May 1st 1892 and ending April 30th 1893 be and is hereby made the same in all particulars, as the license tax imposed for the year 1891-92, payable May 1st 92 to May 15th '92 a deduction of 5 per cent being allowed on all payments made prior to May 15th 1892, the printed license Ordinance being referred to as the guide save and except the amendments made thereto in regard to license of Opera House performances passed 1890

Gas Superintendent's Bond

Mr King, Chairman of the Gas Committee presented the bond of D E Fleming, Superintendent of Gas. The Bond is for \$2000 and is signed by the American Casualty Fidelity Company of which Mr A B Botts is the Fredericksburg Agent. The Mayor was instructed to place the bond in the National Bank for safe keeping.

The Mayor presented the following letter from Treasurer Knox.

Fredericksburg, Va, March 18th 1892

To Hon A P Rowe, Mayor and Honorable Councilmen of the City of Fredericksburg,
Gentlemen

It have reached my ears that I am unwilling to give bond as Treasurer, I wish to say that this statement now going the rounds of this City is not true, but as there are now about two months before the election of a Treasurer takes place and for which office I will be a candidate, I desire to say I [Page 68] stand ready to do whatever the Council requires, give bond or not for the next two months. There is at present not much over \$2000 in my hands belonging to the City.

Awaiting your decision, I remain

Yours Respectfully

Rob't T Knox, Treasurer

Mr Knight from the Ordinance Committee presented the following amendment to Chapter XXVIII of the General Ordinance in relation to the use of the Court House, by permission of the Mayor, so as to read. "The permission in writing of the Public Property Committee" which amendment on motion was adopted.

Mr Wallace from the Health Committee presented a report in writing in regard to the condition of the Canal, accompanied by a legal opinion in writing of Messrs Marye & Fitzhugh, which was read for information of the Council, and thereupon the report of the Committee was adopted and is as follows Viz The Health Committee was called together at the request of his Honor the Mayor. His Honor fearing the health of the City might be endangered by the standing water on the lots along the Canal that conducts the water to Mr Chas H Pettit's Mill. The Committee respectfully report to your Honorable Body that after walking along the Canal and examining the Canal and lots adjoining, [Page 69] they are of the opinion that the \$300.00 appropriated by your Honorable Body will clean out the race, so as to drain all of the lots west of Hanover Street. Of the lots East of Hanover Street, four or five of them are drained by a trunk under the Canal, the remaining lots, it will be impossible to drain unless the canal is dug out two or three feet deeper than it is at present. It is true these lots might be filled in, so as to prevent the water from the Canal running into them. Your Committee understand that some three years ago the owners of the lots were indicted and tried in the Corporation Court of this City, and the owners of the Canal were acquitted, but the owners of the lots were fined and made to drain their lots.

The Committee herewith file the legal opinion of Mess'rs Marye and Fitzhugh as a part of their report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

The Gas Committee respectfully submit the following as their report of the operation of the City Gas Works from Sept 1st 1881 to January 1st 1892

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Bonds to the extent of \$25,000.00 were issued bearing date July 1st 1891 and were sold at a premium of \$626.80 thus placing to the credit of the Gas Fund \$25,626.80.

There was expended for purchase of the Works and all expenses attending same and for repairs, extensions, improvements &c \$21,878.36.

There was sold in September as ascertained by the meters 160,700 feet of Gas @1.50		241.05
Cash receipts for Coke & Tar some month		41.00
October 237,300 feet		356.25
Cash receipts for Coke & Tar		30.90
November 319,600 feet		479.40
Cash receipts for Coke & Tar		25.24
December 422,200 feet		633.30
Cash receipts for Coke & Tar		23.00
		\$1,830.14
40 Bbls Tar on hand unsold estimated value		160.00
		\$1,990.14
Sept Expenses, Wages, Coal & Lime	304.85	
Oct Expenses, Wages, Coal & Lime	318.25	
Nov Expenses, Wages, Coal & Lime	339.25	
Dec Expenses, Wages, Coal & Lime	418.60	\$1,380.95
Profit for four months		609.19

Mr King stated that the Committee recommended the lighting of Twenty-five gas lamps in certain portions of the City where there was no electric lights.

The report was received and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

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School Trustees Elected

A communication from Clerk of School Board Quinn stated that the terms of School Trustees Isaac Hirsh of the Upper Ward and R B Merchant of the Lower Ward had expired. The Council proceeded to an election and Mess'rs Hirsh and Merchant were re-elected.

Mr Wallace offered the following resolution in reference to the Treasurer's bond, which was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report at the next meeting of the Council.

Be it ordained by the Common Council,

That the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg shall, at the June Term of the Corporation Court succeeding his election, or if appointed by the Judge to fill a vacancy, at the time of his qualification before such Judge or said Court give bond with security as hereafter required payable as all official bonds taken by the Court are required by law to be payable and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties provided by the Charter and ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg. Said bond to be in the penalty of Ten Thousand dollars.

2nd All officials of the City of Fredericksburg required by an ordinance to be bonded shall be required to furnish as security on all official bonds hereafter giving an approved security Company, the City of Fredericksburg paying said Security Company for its security-ship provided the annual cost to said City shall not exceed one hundred [Page 72] and twenty five dollars in the aggregate for all bonds.

A letter from Mr L R Graybill, City Surveyor, was read, in which he tendered his resignation, on account of his continued absence from the City. On motion the resignation was accepted.

The following memorial from the Ladies of the Mary Washington Monument Association, presented by Mr Bradley, was read and ordered to be filed, Viz.

Fredericksburg, Va. Mar 15th 1892

To the Honorable Common Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen,

As custodians of a certain fund belonging to the Mary Washington Monument Association of your City, and deeming it expedient now with the promised help of the National Association in Washington City, to commence work on the grounds around the old Monument by planting trees, grading walks, etc preparatory to the works on the Monument, which the Association of your City and the National Association of Washington hope soon to begin. We beg leave to call the attention of your honorable body to the fact that all work, which we might begin would be unavailing so long as the cattle have the privilege of roaming about your streets and the adjacent suburbs of the City.

We therefore pray that your honorable body may pass some law preventing the owners of cattle from turning them loose in the streets for unless such an ordinance is enacted, we feel that all effort on our part towards beautifying the grounds and thereby improving your City and removing the stigma which lies upon it in thus far neglecting the Mary Washington tomb, would be of no avail, and we are unwilling to expend any portion of this fund as sacredly entrusted to us, until we are assured that the work we do will be permanent and not constantly liable to wanton destruction.

Very respectfully,

Signed President M W M A Mrs V M Fleming

Secretary M W M A Mrs J F Thompson

Trustees

Mrs Chas Wallace

Kate E Hurkamp

Mrs S W Carmichael

Mrs T S Donaway

Mrs E D Cole

Miss Irene Colbert

Vice Presidents

Mrs Almedia F Rowe

Mrs G L Hable

Mrs R B Merchant

Mrs H M D Martin

Mrs J M Griffin

Mr Cole offered the following amendment to Section 3, Chapter XXX, General Ordinance.

It shall not be lawful for any person to turn loose in the streets of the town any horse, mare, mule, bull or permit any cow, calf, heifer, yearling, or goat, sheep, geese or ducks to run at large in the streets. Any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every offense and any such animal or fowl going at large shall be presumed to be at large by the permission of sufferance of the its owner.

On Motion of Mr Bradley, the amendment [Page 74] of Mr Cole was referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to report an Ordinance at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Knight presented a petition from Merchants on Main and Commerce Streets asking that the hours of sprinkling be from 4 to 7 PM, instead of 5:30 to 7 PM as at present. Referred to the Water Committee

Mr Knight offered the following resolution, Be it Resolved

That all owners and occupants of property situated along the line of streets of the City, shall remove or cause to be removed from the side walks fronting their property, all snow or snow and hail slush, within twenty-four hours after such snow or slush shall have fallen.

A motion to refer said resolution to the Ordinance Committee was lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Griffin, Cole, Knight & King 4

Noes Knox, Wroten, Gouldman, Willis, Wallace, Bradley, Myer 7

The Mayor reported in writing that the four Police Officers had faithfully discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their salary for the quarter now ending.

On motion the salary of the Police Officers was ordered to be paid, and [Page 75] then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday night April 15th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Bradley, Myer, Cole, Wallace, Willis, Phillips, Griffin, Knight and Knox (Councilmen)

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

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a communication from the Commissioner of the Revenue (A B Bowering, Esq) referring to a recent decision of the Court of Appeals in regard to the right of the City Councils to exempt from taxation certain manufacturing establishments and other subjects of taxation, and asking for instructions as to how he should act in relation to such taxable subjects as had heretofore been exempted by the Council. After several expressions of personal opinion on the part of members present, on motion of Mr Willis, the communication was referred [Page 76] to the Finance Committee with authority to employ legal counsel if necessary.

Mr Phillips from the Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance providing for the bonding of Corporate Officers.

Be it ordained that the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg shall at the June Term of the Corporation Council succeeding his election, or if appointed by the Judge to fill the vacancy at the time of his qualification before such Judge or said Court give bond with security as hereinafter required, payable to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties provided by the Charter and ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg. Said bond to be in the penalty of \$10,000.

2nd All officers of the City of Fredericksburg required by an ordinance to be bonded shall be required to furnish as security on all official bonds hereafter an approved security Company, the City of Fredericksburg paying said Security Company for its securityship provided the annual cost to said City shall not exceed \$125 in the aggregate for all bonds.

Mr Phillips, Chairman of Committee on Ordinance presented the following amendment to Chapter XXX Section 14, Corporation Ordinance.

Amend Chapter 30, Section 4 by leaving [Page 77] out the words "between the hours of sunset and sunrise" so as to make the section read as follows— "It shall not be lawful for any person to suffer his or her cow or calf to run at large in any of the streets of this town, under penalty of a fine of one dollar."

This amendment to take effect on and after July 1st 1892.

Mr Gouldman presented a numerously signed petition asking that there be no change made in the present ordinance.

Mr Knight stated to the Council that Mr King, who was compelled by indisposition to be absent had proposed a pair with him on the proposed amendment to which he (Knight) had agreed, and he asked to be excused from voting.

Mr Bradley moved the adoption of the amendment as reported.

Mr Willis moved to lay the amendment on the table. Before the vote was taken on the amendment Mr Bradley moved that Mr Knight be excused from voting and Mr Knight was excused by the following vote
Ayes Mess'rs Phillips, Griffin, Cole, Wallace, Bradley 5

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Gouldman, Willis, Myer 4

The vote was then taken on the motion of Mr Willis to lay the ordinance on the table, A yea and nay vote was demanded and the motion was lost by the following vote

Ayes Mess'rs Gouldman, Willis, Knox, Myer 4

Noes Mess'rs Phillips, Griffin, Cole Bradley, Wallace 5

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The vote being then taken on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr Phillips it was adopted by the following

Ayes Mess'rs Phillips, Griffin, Cole, Wallace, Bradley 5

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Gouldman, Willis, and Myer 4

Mr Knight from the Committee on Fire and Police stated that the Committee had failed to receive the guarantee at to the fire alarm bell, but he thought the Committee would be able to have the bell in position by next meeting.

A communication from Clerk of School Board Quinn stated that the removal to the Upper Ward of Mr R B Merchant a vacancy in the School Board existed; the Council proceeded to the election of Mr Merchant's successor.

Mr Griffin nominated Mr H Hoomes Johnston; Mr Cole nominated Hon H F Crismond. The ballot being taken resulted in the election of Mr Johnston by a vote of 6 to 4.

A communication was received from Mess'rs John A White, Wm White, R L Williams, A White, R L Williams, R T Raines, Wm Sullinger, J F Gouldman, John Musselman and Harvey Wroten, a Committee from the Senior and Junior Order United American Mechanics stating that the order proposed placing flags on the four public school buildings of the City on the Fourth of July next and asking an appropriation of \$50.00 to defray the expenses of the same.

On Motion the amount asked for [Page 79] was appropriated.

The Mayor reported that the amount of fines for the three months up to March 31st was \$73, half of which amount went to the police officers.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday night April 19th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Phillips, Cole, Wallace, King, Myer, Knight, Willis and Griffin—councilmen

The Mayor announced that the Council had been convened for the purpose of considering the renewal of the rights and franchises heretofore granted to the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company.

On motion of Mr Cole, Mr Von Schon was invited to address the Council after which the following resolution was read and on motion of Mr Knight the same was unanimously adopted

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Whereas It has been represented to the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va that the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company incorporated by an Act of the Assembly of the State of Virginia

dated April 11th 1887 has failed and neglected to begin substantially and in good faith the work of constructing the said Street Railway within the time prescribed by the Franchise granted the said Fredericksburg Street Railway Company by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va under date of March 1, 1888 which Franchise was amended by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va under date of February 20, 1891.

And Whereas it is not claimed that work of construction was begun as required by the said Franchise and the said Amendment thereto.

Be it and it is hereby Resolved and Ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va this 19th day of April in the year 1892 that the Franchises and all rights and privileges granted therein to the said Fredericksburg Street Railway Company be and the same are hereby annulled and revoked.

The following ordinance was presented and on Motion of Mr Knight unanimously.

Resolved by the Mayor and the Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, Va this 19th day of April in the year 1892 that the following Franchise be and the same is hereby granted to the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company as incorporated by the act of General Assembly of Virginia passed on February 25th 1892 and approved on March 2nd 1892.

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Whereas by an act of the General Assembly of Va approved March 2nd 1892, the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company was incorporated, and given power and authority to construct, equip and maintain and operate a Street Railway along the streets of the City of Fredericksburg, along with the consent of the Common Council of said City, and into any adjoining County on the County roads of said County, and said Company hath applied to the said Common Council of Fredericksburg for permission under said act to construct and operate a Street Railway along certain streets of the said City. Now therefore be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of said City, that said Company be, and they are, hereby granted permission to construct and operate a street-railway along the following streets, viz, Sophia or Water; Caroline or Main; Princess Ann, Charles, William or Commerce, and such others of the present streets of said City parallel to said William or Commerce street, as said Company may select as necessary to make connections for a continuous circuit, subject to the following restrictions and conditions, to wit:

1st the construction of said Railway shall be under the supervision and direction of the street committee of the Council or such other authority or agency as may be substituted by said Council, and said Railway and the moving of the cars over the same shall be at all times subject to the police regulations and control of the said City of Fredericksburg.

2nd The tracts to be laid shall be of uniform width and of standard gauge.

3rd Said Railway shall be constructed so as not to impose or obstruct the flow of water on any street or in the gutters [Page 82] of any street, and it shall conform to the existing or future grades of the streets through which it passes, and after being built, should any change be made in the grades of the streets through which it passes, said Railway shall be altered and made to conform to the grade to which such street is made by said City at the expense of the Company.

4th Upon all the streets of the City upon which said Railway shall be laid, it shall be the duty of the Company to keep in repair that portion of the street which lies between the rails of its track, and one foot beyond each of the rails. And should the said city at any time pave or macadamize any of said streets or any portion of same on which such track is laid, it shall be the duty of the said Company to pave or macadamize at its own cost all that portion of such street lying between the rails of its track and one foot beyond each of said rails under the supervision and direction of the said street Committee or such agency as the Council may appoint.

5th Said tracks shall be laid as nearly level with the surface of the streets as possible, and as near the centre of the street as practicable so as not to interfere with any sewer, gas or water pipes already laid down, or which may hereafter be laid down by order or permission of the City.

6th Said Company shall have power to use horse, electric, or cable power to propel its cars.

7th The permission hereby given shall vest in said Company the exclusive right to erect, build and operate a street Railroad upon and along the streets of said City as heretofore named, provided that if said Company shall fail to begin [Page 83] substantially and in good faith the work of constructing said Railroad with three years from the passage of this ordinance, or it is shall fail to complete one mile of said Railway with the period of one year (1) from the passage of this ordinance, then all the rights and privileges hereby granted shall be, and are hereby declared forfeited.

8th The City reserves the right to fix the maximum rate of speed for the running of the cars of said Company in the City, and the maximum fare to charge upon the same, shall be five cents.

9th Nothing in this ordinance shall prevent the City from at any time imposing such charges in the way of license, taxes, or otherwise, upon said Company for the privilege of transporting freight as may in the judgment of the Council be just and proper, to equalize the charges for like privileges imposed on carts, wagons, drays, or other vehicles.

And then the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

I certify that the foregoing typewritten matter is the Original and true Ordinance as adopted

R B Berrey, Clk.

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday night May 20th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Willis, King, Wallace, Knight and Wroten, Councilmen

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved

On the Call of the Committees

Mr Knox, from the Finance Committee stated that the matter of Special exemption referred to on the Communication form the Commissioner of the Revenues and which had been referred to the Finance Committee by the Council, had been by said Committee referred to Mr Bowering, the Commissioner, with instructions to proceed according to law.

Mr Willis from Committee on Water Works, reported that his Committee had been compelled to exceed their appropriation and had overdrawn \$125.00 and asked that this Council appropriate this amount and place it to the credit of said Committee.

On motion, the amount asked for by Mr Willis (\$125.00) was appropriated for the purpose named.

Mr Knox, from the Committee on Ordinance,

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To whom had been referred an ordinance providing for the bonding of the City Treasurer, reported the following ordinance which was adopted.

Be it ordained that the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg shall, at the June Term of the Corporation Court succeeding his election, or if appointed by the Judge to fill the vacancy, at the time of his qualification before such Judge or said Court give bond with approved security, payable to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as City Treasurer, and especially those duties provided by the Charter and ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg, said bond to be in the penalty of \$10,000.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Fire and Police, reported that the Fire Bell had been place in position and had been satisfactorily tested, so far, but that it would be further tested and the same be more fully report.

And then on motion the Council 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 in the Council Chamber on Friday night June 17th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Wallace, Wroten, Mayer, Cole, Willis, King, Griffin and Knight—councilmen

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

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented 2 bills of the *Free Lance* for printing, aggregating \$8.00; and 1 bill of R B Merchant, *Star*, for printing &c amounting to \$16.00, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox then presented the report of the Finance Committee which after being complimented generally was adopted, and on motion of Mr Knight was ordered to be published in the City papers at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars.

The Following is the Report as adopted.

(I certify that the printed matter that follows is a true copy of the Report referred to; Ro B Berrey, Clerk)

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To His Honor the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report, embracing settlements of accounts of the Collector of City Taxes, and the late Treasurer R W Adams and the Treasurer Robert T Knox.

The accounts of Mr A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes have been examined and all found correct, and we take pleasure in saying that they are systematically kept, and his statements of accounts agree to a nicety with the charges against him on the Treasurer's books. His collections have been very good this year. We embrace his report, and as it has been verified, we make it apart of ours.

Fredericksburg, June 15, 1892

Mess'rs James K Knox, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, Finance Committee.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collection of revenue covering a period from June 18, 1891, to June 15, 1892.

Collections of Revenue for the year ending June 15th 1892;

On Assessment 1891	16,973.83	
Less five per cent, discount	848.69	16,125.14
On Assessment of 1891, after October 15 th	592.08	
Add penalty and interest	34.53	626.61
[Total]		16,751.75
General licenses from June 18, 1891 to June 15, 1892		449.99
Knights of Pythias, rent for lodge room from May 1 '91 January 1 '92		50.00
Jos Hable, rent for city hay scales		126.00
R A Sullivan, rent for market stall		20.00

Opera House Syndicate, exhibition licenses	57.50		
Dray licenses from June 18, '91 to June 15 '92	61.60		784.49
On licenses of 1892-'93	5,920.92		
Less five per cent discount	296.04		5,624.88
On licenses of 1892-'93 after May 15 th			145.60
On dray licenses of 1892-'93	108.00		
Less 5 per cent discount	5.40		102.60
On dray licenses after May 15			8.00
Total collection for 1891			23,397.32
On assessment of 1890	338.22		
Add penalty and interest	27.10		365.32
On Assessment of 1889	167.17		
Add penalty and interest	23.69		190.86
On assessment of 1888	157.21		
Add penalty and interest	32.11		189.32
On assessment of 1887	189.06		
Add penalty and interest	32.19		221.25
On assessment of 1886	113.16		
Add penalty and interest	28.15		141.31
On assessment of 1885	26.33		
Add penalty and interest	26.42		52.75
On assessment of 1884	96.63		
Add penalty and interest	38.53		135.16
On assessment of 1883	75.76		
Add penalty and interest	44.09		119.85
On assessment of 1882	30.97		
Add penalty and interest	22.31		53.28
On assessment of 1881	63.03		
Add penalty and interest	11.98		75.01
On assessment of 1880	8.57		
Add penalty and interest	27.38		35.95
On assessment of 1879	7.32		
Add penalty and interest	4.18		11.50
On assessment of 1878	3.83		
Add penalty and interest	6.73		10.56
On assessment of 1887	19.04		
Add penalty and interest	18.60		37.64
Total Collection from all sources			\$25,087.08
The following amounts are due the city by delinquents for the years 1878 to 1891 inclusive:			
To amount of books of 1891			1,092.65
By collections to October 15' '91	16,125.14		
Add 5 per cent deducted	843.69	16,978.88	
By collections after October 15 '91	636.61		
Deduct penalty and interest	32.53	592.08	17,565.91
Amount delinquent			1,538.74
To amount of books of 1890			1,263.48
By collections		365.33	
Deduct penalty and interest		27.10	238.22
Amount delinquent			\$224.26

To Amount on books of 1889		828.99
By Collection	190.88	
Deduct penalty and interest	23.69	167.17
Amount delinquent		661.82
To Amount on books of 1888		707.36
By Collection	183.32	
Deduct penalty and interest	31.11	157.21
Amount delinquent		550.15
To Amount on books of 1887		774.05
By Collection	221.25	
Deduct penalty and interest	22.19	180.06
Amount delinquent		554.99
To Amount on books of 1886		514.88
By Collection	141.31	
Deduct penalty and interest	28.15	113.26
Amount delinquent		401.72
To Amount on books of 1885		441.96
By Collection	52.73	
Deduct penalty and interest	26.42	26.33
Amount delinquent		415.63
To Amount on books of 1884		466.75
By Collection	135.16	
Deduct penalty and interest	38.53	96.63
Amount delinquent		370.12
To Amount on books of 1883		468.29
By Collection	119.85	
Deduct penalty and interest	44.09	75.76
Amount delinquent		392.53
To Amount on books of 1882		325.86
By Collection	53.28	
Deduct penalty and interest	22.31	30.97
Amount delinquent		294.89
To Amount on books of 1881		291.60
By Collection	75.01	
Deduct penalty and interest	11.92	63.63
Amount delinquent		228.57
To Amount on books of 1880		239.08
By Collection	35.95	
Deduct penalty and interest	27.38	8.57
Amount delinquent		230.46
To Amount on books of 1879		214.55
By Collection	11.50	
Deduct penalty and interest	4.18	7.32
Amount delinquent		207.23
To Amount on books of 1878		283.72
By Collection	10.56	
Deduct penalty and interest	6.78	3.88
Amount delinquent		279.89
To Amount on books of 1877		209.39

By Collection	37.64	
Deduct penalty and interest	18.60	19.04
Amount delinquent		190.35
To Amount delinquent for 1876		146.75
Total amount of delinquent taxes form 1876 to 1891 inclusive		\$7,376.10

Accompanying is a list of all delinquent bills to date

Respectfully submitted

A P Rowe, Jr

Collector of City Taxes

The total amount of delinquent taxes from 1876 to 1891 inclusive, amounts to \$7,376.10 a good deal of which can and will be collected in the near future.

The accounts of R W Adams, deceased, late treasurer have been carefully examined, and all charges, supported by proper vouchers, we have and here present a correct transcript of his books, which shows that he is in debt (or his estate) to the Corporation of Fredericksburg, after giving him every credit in the sum of forty-six hundred and four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4,604.75) The debt is believed to be good, and will be paid by the administrator out of funds to be realized from the sale of real estate and partnership settlements as soon as possible.

We have also examined the accounts of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer, and find the amount disbursed by him for the Corporation, supported by proper vouchers. After squaring his accounts he has still in his hands, due the Corporation, the sum of \$1,138.56. The amount in the Treasurer's hands with the amounts to be received from water rents, will have to take care of the July coupons, and pay the current expenses of the town, until the taxes come due in October, so the various committees are asked to go slow until that time. We present Treasurer Knox's statement from his books of receipts and disbursements, showing the expenditure of public money made by each committee since his appointment and offer that also as part of the report of the Finance Committee.

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Statement of receipts and expenditures of the City of Fredericksburg by R W Adams, Treasurer, from June 24th 1891 to October 28, 1891:

June 24, 1891, balance due R W Adams, treasurer this day	\$461.66
Expended	
Interest 7 per cent and 6 per cent bonds	\$4,597.50
By Public Property Committee orders	60.87
By order Finance Committee	93.22
By order Street Committee	1,044.15
By order of the Alms House Committee	461.08
By order Fire Department and Police Committee	55.40
By order Park Committee	55.46
By order Light Committee, paid Electric Light and Power Company	838.75
By order of the Court	40.92
By order of the Bridge Committee	127.75
By order of the Council	677.89
By order of Gas Committee	22,230.73
By order of Council to Public Schools paid by R W Adams out of 2,600 appropriation	517.49
By amount paid insurance	98.95
By order of the Mayor	25.40
By amount paid Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney and Police Officers &c	1,170.91
By amount paid Water Committee orders	529.16
By amount paid jury fees &c	18.50

By amounts which were in National Bank and Conway, Gordon & Garrett's transferred to the credit Robt T Knox, treasurer	8,962.95	
Amount paid over to Robt T Knox in currency from Robt W Adams drawer	221.71	
Amount received from jury certificates	37.10	
		\$42,327.55

Receipts

By amount from fines, Mayor	65.00	
By amount from Bridge Construction Committee turned in	1,467.54	
By rent of island	5.00	
By amount received from sale of Gas Bonds	25,626.80	
By amount from old bricks	2.60	
By amount from Mills, Cole &c on land damage	200.00	
By amount dog licenses	7.60	
By amount taxes received from A P Rowe Jr	11,924.35	
By amount water rents received from S J Quinn	1,977.90	
By amount licenses received from A P Rowe Jr from May 1891 to May 1892	5,405.31	
By amount received from sale gas tax	4.00	
By amount check paid by R T Knox for Adams	3.00	
By additional licenses from after May 15, 1891 paid by A P Rowe Jr to Adams	243.20	\$46,932.30
By balance due Corporation of Fredericksburg by R W Adams, Treasurer		4,604.75

Statements of receipts and expenditures of the City of Fredericksburg by Robert T Knox, Treasurer, from November 2nd, 1891 to June 30th, 1892.

Receipts

Nov 2 1891, by amt transferred to my credit at National Bank from R W Adams, Treasurer per court order		\$7,043.19
Nov 2 1891, by amt transferred to my credit at Conway, Gordon & Garnett's Bank from R W Adams, Treasurer per court order		\$1,919.76
Nov 5, by amt rec'd of A P Rowe, Jr, Collector, on acct Corporation taxes for 1891	4,200.79	
Less 2½ per cent commission	403.13	
		3,797.66
1891, April 6, by amt from A P Rowe Jr, Collector	302.54	
Taxes 1890 and 1891, penalty and interest	23.00	
	325.54	
Taxes 1891 and 1892 \$399.62, penalty and int 33.10	421.73	
Less 5 per cent com	37.36	709.91
May 11, from A P Rowe, Jr, Collector, for dray licenses to April 30, 1892	61.00	
For rent hay scales	126.00	
For rent of market stall	20.00	
For rent 8 months Pythian Hall to 1 st January 1892	50.00	
For general licenses from Jan 1, 1891 to April 30, 1892	449.99	
	706.99	
Less 5 per cent com	17.67	689.92
June 4, from AP Rowe Jr, Collector, licenses from 1892 and 1893		
5,920.92, less 5 per cent, 296.04	5,624.88	
Dray licenses from 1892 and 1893 108.00, less 5 per cent, 5.40	102.60	
	5,727.48	
Less 2½ per cent commission	143.18	5,584.30
June 15, from A P Rowe, Jr Collector licenses for Opera House from July	57.50	

From licenses since May 15, 1892	145.60	
From dray licenses for 1892 and 1893, since May 15, 1892	8.00	
	211.10	
Less 2½ per cent commission	5.28	205.82
1892, June 15 by amt received from A P Rowe Jr Collector of taxes		
1877	37.64	
1878	10.56	
1879	11.50	
1880	35.95	
1881	75.01	
1882	53.28	
1883	119.85	
1884	135.16	
1885	52.75	
1886	141.31	
1887	221.25	
1888	189.32	
1889	190.86	
1890	39.78	
1891	204.88	
	1,519.10	
Less 5 percent com	75.95	1,443.15 12,430.16

June 15 by amounts from Gas Works to date less amount paid Adams		3,700.00
By amounts for water rents less amount paid Adams		2,332.24
By amount received from R W Adams drawer		221.71
By amount received from Mayor A P Rowe, dog licenses	312.50	
By amount received from Mayor A P Rowe, fines	42.50	
By amount received from Mayor A P Rowe, fines	36.50	391.50
By amount received from Jno M Griffin rent of City Alms Hose field to Apr 1, 1892		30.00
By amount received for Commonwealth jury certificates from Adams		37.10
Total receipts from sources received by R T Knox, Treas		\$28,105.66
To amount paid out by R T Knox Treasurer		\$26,967.11
By balance due Corporation		\$1,138.55

Statement of expenditures made by order different committees for Corporation of Fredericksburg by Robert T Knox, Treasurer, from November 2, 1891 to June 30th 1892:

By Finance Committee		
6 per cent coupons, interest on Gas Bonds	750.00	
6 per cent coupons, interest on Water Bonds	879.00	
6 per cent Bridge, interest on Bridge Bonds	750.00	
7 per cent. interest on City Bonds	6,961.60	9,340.50
Bonds paid January 13, 1892		
No 85 old 1853 bond	500.00	
No 107, old 1853 bond	500.00	
No 211, old 1853 bond	500.00	
No 231, old 1855 bond	1,000.00	
Interest on same paid St Geo R Fitzhugh, admr of Mrs E E Alexander	80.42	
Other orders of Committee	134.50	2,714.92

Per orders Council	722.98
Per orders Water Committee	1,310.83
Per orders Street Committee	512.17
Per orders Alms House Committee	903.34
Per order Committee on Light	1,674.95
Salaries, Judge, Mayor, &c	3,681.05
Per orders Public Property Committee	649.94
Per orders court	149.37
Per order of Gas Committee	2,926.54
Per orders Fire Department and Police Committee	146.21
Per order Park Committee	74.62
Per order Mayor	33.68
Per order Bridge Committee	12.25
For Corporation, grand jury and jury fees	111.10
For Public Schools	2,079.76
Total amount paid by Robt T Knox, Treasurer	\$26,967.11

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The town has no floating debt, and now, we are glad to say no old unfunded bonds or judgments hanging over it. They have all been called in, paid and destroyed by burning.

The present bonded debt of the city of Fredericksburg is as follows:

Seven per cents bonds, due 1906	\$117,920.00
Six per cent, water bonds	30,000.00
Six per cent, Bridge bonds	25,000.00
Six per cent, gas bonds	25,000.00
	\$197,920.00

The old six per cent bonds belonging to the estate of Mrs Alexander, so often reported were called in this year, paid and destroyed amounting to

2,500.00

Five years ago the bonds of the same description, belonging to the estate of Brockenbrough, were cancelled. These with coupons amounted to

2,366.00

\$4,866.00

Both of amounts mentioned above were old unfunded bonds. One had succeeded in getting a judgment and the other we paid rather than stand suit. Had these bonds been funded they would have been reported in the sinking fund, legitimately they belong there. The Finance Committee did not do so, however, preferring to keep the sinking fund as against the new issue. They had to be paid all the same.

Therefore we report the sinking fund proper, as we did last year of seven per cent city bonds, \$8,873.57.

Since the old debt was funded in 1876 the Finance Committee have paid for new seven per cent bonds and old unfunded bonds and certificate, interest not included, except this total amount, \$13,739.57, on one lot.

The largest proportion of the purchases and payments for bonds, old and new, have been made since 1880, amounting in the aggregate to \$10,720.50.

This ought to have amounted to considerably more, had the Finance Committee been able to carry out their plans. But the Council must remember what they have done in the last ten years. They have added to the real estate in the care of the Public Property Committee, two large school-houses, grounds attached; alms house and farm, beautifully located; new receiving and clear water reservoir; engine house, equipped with hose, reels, ladders &c.

An addition to the jail, all of which has been paid for out of the general fund, and will account for the smallness of the sinking fund, as these properties cost in round numbers the sum of \$23,300. One hundred shares of Rappahannock Valley Agricultural Association stock, \$1,000; to secure the location of the Silk Factory, \$1,500; land damages, opening streets, &c, \$1,500.

While these matters have been mentioned before in other reports, and may be regarded as superfluous in this, still, as we have continually to bring in the town's liabilities, we don't think it out of place to enumerate some of the assets.

The Council within the last ten years has added to the bonded debts of the city the sum of \$80,000; but have, in our judgment, a first-class showing for amount invested.

They have expended \$30,000 on the Water Works proper, which is paying its own way and is worth fully \$50,000. It is now regarded as almost invaluable for health, comfort and protection against fire. Few towns can show the equal in all particulars, as we have natural advantages, location of reservoir &c, which few can command.

They have spanned the Rappahannock with an iron bridge at a most reasonable cost. It was well managed by the Committee. The bridge is a source of comfort and enjoyment to our whole community. The free trade that is distributed from that avenue over our entire business community must prove the wisdom and judgment in making the expenditure.

The gas plant, with its connections growing, we could not duplicate it for \$40,000, and it will be worth more and more to the town. We think the town was fortunate in securing it when they did—so we have secured two of the most important natural monopolies, which ought always to be under the control of the city authorities to protect the people. So the Council can see that in the last ten years they have added largely to the value of public property and made many improvements and been decidedly progressive. In that time our interest on all of our bonds has been promptly met, and our bonds will rank with any on the market. (The Finance Committee can rarely find any for sale). The Committee consider the town financially in good, healthy, first-class condition. We think, with ordinary economy, that we can get along, taking care of sinking fund, &c, but levying a tax of \$1.20 upon the \$100 assessed value of property, and respectfully recommend the tax bill which we present and ask that it be passed, all of which we most respectfully submit.

Signed, James S Knox, Chairman, E D Cole, H R Gouldman—Finance Committee

Mr Knox presented the ordinance making appropriations for the years 1892-1893, which is as follows:

Interest and sinking fund, 7 per cent Bonds	9,500
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Water Bonds	2,100
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Bridge Bonds	1,750
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Gas Bonds	1,750
Alms House	1,200
Salaries	4,500
Police	1,000
Light	2,600
Repairs of Public Property	600
Public Schools	2,600
Park	150
Commerce and Navigation	50
Streets	1,000
Contingencies (juries, &c)	1,300
Fire Department and Police	100
Water	1,000
Gas	1,000
Bridge	100
	\$32.350

On motion of Mr Knox, the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knox presented the following ordinance levying taxes for the support of the City government, paying interests on the Bonds of the City &c &c for the year 1892-93

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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 1892-93 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 [Page 91] 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 Cole, Chairman of Public Property Committee, presented the annual report of the Committee showing the amount expended on Public Property, and for other purposes to be \$705.06, being \$105.06 in excess of the appropriation.

On Motion of Mr Knox the report was received and ordered to be file and the amount overdrawn \$105.60 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets, presented the Annual Report of the Committee showing amount expended for repairs of streets and other expenses for the year to be \$1556.32, being \$181.32 in excess of appropriation. On motion of Mr Cole the Report was adopted and ordered to be filed, and the amount overdrawn, \$181.32 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee.

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Mr Willis, Chairman Committee on Water and Water Works, presented the annual Report of the Committee showing the amount expended by the Committee for the extension of pipes &c and for repairs for the year to be \$1839.99, leaving a balance to the credit of the Committee of \$5.01. He also submitted as a part of the Committee report, the report of S J Quinn, Supt, giving in detail the amount of work done during the year, the manner in which certain work entrusted to him had been done, the expenses of such works, the good condition of the Water Works, the number of taps to date being 885. He also reported the collections for the year amounting to \$4310.00.

On motion the report as a whole was adopted and ordered to be filed.

Mr Willis from the Committee on Light presented two bills for gas used in lighting the Street lamps and Public Property for 3 months ending May 31st 1892, amounting to \$84.25, which on motion was ordered to be paid by Treasurer to the Gas Committee.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Fire Department and Police, presented the Annual Report of the Committee, showing the expenditures of said Committee for the year including the cost of the Fire Alarm bell, \$281.70 being \$31.70 in excess of the appropriation.

On Motion of Mr King, the report was [Page 93] adopted and the amount overdrawn \$31.70 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Willis, Chairman Bridge Committee, presented the Annual Report of the Committee showing the expenditures for the year to be \$140.00, leaving a balance of \$1327.00 to the credit of the Committee. He further reported that work such as painting &c would soon have to be done on the Bridge.

On Motion the report was adopted and ordered to be filed.

On motion of Mr Cole, Mr H Von Schon, who was present in the interest of the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company, was invited to address the Council in relation to an application from the said Company for an extension of time in which to begin their work. At the conclusion of Mr Von Schon's remarks Mr Cole offered the following preamble and resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the franchise granted to the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg on April 19th 1892, requires said Fredericksburg Street Railway Company to begin the Construction of its Railway within three months, and

Whereas, it appears that the interest of the City of Fredericksburg be best served by extending this time, Be and it is hereby resolved by the Mayor and the Common Council of the City [Page 94] of Fredericksburg that the Fredericksburg Street Railway Company be granted until October first 1892 to comply with the clause of the Franchise which requires it to begin the construction of its roadway.

Mayor Robert Stiles of Richmond was on motion of Mr Cole, heard in behalf of the Western Union Telegraph Company who asked for an abatement of the City License Tax with which they were charged. At the Conclusion of Major Stiles address, on motion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

And then on motion the Council adjourned till Friday June 24th at 8 O'clock PM

A P Rowe, Mayor,

Ro B Berry, Clerk

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An an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening June 24th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Wallace, Myer, Bradley, Cole, Knox, Griffin, Willis, Wroten, and Knight—councilmen

The minutes for the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that in the matter of the License Tax against Telegraph Companies which had been referred to the Committee for their action. The City License tax for the year 1892-93 assessed against the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company of \$50.00 each has been abated to and fixed at the sum of \$35.00 each.

Mr Griffin, Chairman of Committee on Alms House, presented the annual report of the Committee showing the amount of expenditures for the year to be \$1364.42 including the Superintendent's salary of \$100 and insurance on buildings being \$134.42 in excess of the appropriation and rents received.

On motion, the report, including Superintendent's Report was adopted and ordered to be filed, and the amount overdrawn [Page \$134.42 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Bradley, Chairman of Committee on Light, presented the Annual report of the Committee showing the expenditures for the year \$2513.70 leaving a balance to the credit of the Committee of \$6.30. On motion the report was adopted and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Fire and Police presented a report of Police operation fro the year compiled by officer Jno H Robinson from the records of the Mayors Court &c. This report which was interesting to the Council and creditable to the Police Department was received and ordered to be filed

The Mayor made a verbal report as to the manner in which the police officers had discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their salaries for the quarter ending June 30th except in the case of Officer Gately who had been suspended for one month in this case. He recommended the payment of salary for two months to June 1st 1892.

The Mayor said that he would file a written report with the [Page 97] Clerk.

On motion the Mayor's recommendations were agreed to and the salaries were ordered to be paid accordingly.

And then the Council adjourned Sine Die

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

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The Common Council elected (at the election held on Thursday May 26th 1892) met pursuant to call of Mayor A P Rowe at the Council Chamber on Friday July 1st 1892.

Present A P Rowe, Mayor, in the chair

The following councilmen having qualified according to law appeared and took their seats at the board viz James S Knox, Geo W Wroten, W I King, J T Knight, John M Griffin, W S Embrey, H R Gouldman, M G Willis, H H Wallace, J H Myer, Jas Hable and W L Burruss.

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

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

Ro B Berrey was nominated by Mr Willis, balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of Council for the ensuing year.

Mr H R Gouldman was nominated by Mr Knox, balloted and unanimously elected Recorder of the City of Fredericksburg for the ensuing year.

On Motion of Mr Knox, the salary of the Mayor was fixed at the sum of \$400.00 per annum.

On Motion of Mr Knox, the compensation [Page 99] of Collector of Taxes was fixed as follows: 2½ per cent on all taxes collected by or before October 15th and 5 per cent on all taxes collected thereafter.

Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated, balloted for and elected Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year, Mr J F Gouldman receiving 2 votes and Mr J W Ross receiving one (1) vote.

Mr Anthony Patton was nominated, balloted for and elected weigher and measurer of Coal, Salt & grain for the ensuing year.

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

On motion of Mr Knox the salary of the superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at \$100.00 for the ensuing year.

Mr Albert Hooton was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Superintendent of the Alms House for the ensuing year.

On motion the salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at \$75.00 per Annum.

Application for the office of Clerk of the Market were read from Mess'rs W C Smith, Geo A Mills, J M Smith, and Essex Howard, and they were respectively nominated and balloted for with the following result Viz;

W C Smith 6 votes

Geo A Mills 6 votes

There being no election a second ballot was had when Geo A Mills was elected Clerk of the Market [Page 100] for the ensuing year, W C Smith receiving 4 votes.

J P Rodgers was nominated, balloted for and elected City Scavenger for the Lower Ward, for the ensuing year.

H H Jackson was nominated, balloted for and elected City Scavenger for the Upper Ward, for the ensuing year.

The Mayor presented in writing some suggestions in relation to the police, their duties, equipments &c, which received the careful consideration of the Council and was referred to the Committee on Fire and Police for further special consideration.

Mr Knox moved that the number of Police, the salary and designation of the same be fixed as heretofore.

Mr Griffin offered the following resolution, Viz

“That the number of Police be fixed at 4, and their assignment be left to the Mayor and Committee on Police”

A vote was taken on Mr Griffin's resolution which resulted in its adoption.

Mr Griffin then moved that the salary of the Police Officers be fixed at the sum of \$35 per month.

Mr Knight moved as a substitute that the amount be fixed at \$30 per month.

Mr Knox, moved as a substitute for the whole, that the pay of the Police for the ensuing year be fixed at the same as last year, and the vote being taken [Page 101] upon Mr Knox's motion, it was lost.

The vote then recurred upon the substitute of Mr Knight making the pay of the police \$30 per month, which resulted in its adoption.

The election of Police being next in order applications from the following named persons were read, and on Motion of Mr Willis, the Council proceeded to ballot, voting for four names, at time, that being the number to be elected, Viz;

John H Robinson, C A Gore, M Cahill, J B Larkin, Jno T Leavell, R C Hart, C F Shepherd, J T Deatley, P B Hart, Wm Downs & Z T Jenkins; who were nominated and balloted for, the first ballot resulting in the election of C A Gore, who received 12 votes and Jno H Robinson who received 10 votes; the 2nd and 3rd & 4th ballots resulted in no choice, and on the 5th ballot John T Leavell received 7 votes and Jno B Larkin received 7 votes, being a majority of all the votes cast. Thereupon Charles A Gore, John H Robinson, Jno T Leavell & Jno B Larkin were duly declared elected Police officers for the ensuing year.

On Motion the Salary of the City Treasurer was fixed at the sum of \$300 per annum.

Mr Hable presented a petition from citizens and cow owners asking the Council to so amend the Ordinance in relation to cows running at large in the streets as [Page 102] as it might go into effect August 1st 1892 instead of July 1st as the present ordinance provides.

Mr Griffin moved to lay the petition on the table, which motion was lost by the following recorded vote

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Wallace, Knight, King 6

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Myer, Burruss, Gouldman Willis, Hable 6

It being suggested that before any action could be had upon the petition the rules must be suspended

Mr Knox moved for a suspension of the rules, for the purpose of acting upon the same; Upon a vote being taken, Mr Knox's motion to suspend the rules was lost by the following recorded vote Viz

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Burruss, Gouldman, Willis, Hable, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Wallace, Knight, King 6

An invitation to the Mayor and Common Council from the United Order of American Mechanics requesting the officials in question participate in the services incidental to the celebration of the 4th of July was read and accepted unanimously, with thanks.

The Clerk of the Council, who is also Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, informed the Council that the Bond of the City Treasurer R T Knox in the penalty of \$10,000.00 payable to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg with [Page 103] security approved by the Council, had been duly executed in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg and was in the custody of the Clerk of said Court for safe keeping

The mayor then announced the standing Committees as follows:

City Council Committees

Finance J S Knox, M G Willis, H R Gouldman

Public Property H H Wallace, J M Griffin, M G Willis

Streets Geo W Wroten, J H Myer, W S Embrey

Water Works M G Willis, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin

Ordinance W S Embrey, H H Wallace, J M Griffin

Commerce & Navigation W L Burruss, J S Knox, W I King

Light J M Griffin, Jos Hable, W S Embrey

School W I King, W L Burruss, J H Myer

Alms House H R Gouldman, J T Knight, W L Burruss

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Hurkamp Park J H Myer, W S Embrey, W L Burruss

Health Jos Hable, H R Gouldman, J S Knox

Fire and Police J T Knight, Geo W Wroten, H H Wallace

Bridge M G Willis, W I King, Jas Hable

Gas Works Jos Hable, G W Wroten, J S Knox, John T Knight

And then the Council 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 in the Council Chamber on Friday night July 15th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Griffin, King, Wallace, Myer, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Hable, Knight—
councilmen

Mr Knox, Chairman of Finance Committee reported that the bond of City Collector A P Rowe Jr in the penalty of \$10,000 with M B Rowe & E D Cole as sureties thereon, had been duly executed and was now in his hand, and on his motion, said bond was ordered to be turned over to the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank for safe Keeping

A bill of the *Free Lance* amounting to \$7.00 being for publishing ordinance in relation to cows and printing 50 Council Committee cards, having been approved by the Mayor was presented and on motion of Mr Knox was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Police and Fire Department reported that uniforms had been provided for the 2 new policemen and that the suggestions made by the Mayor in relation to the police which had been referred to his Committee had not yet been acted on, but would be before the next Council meeting.

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Mr King, Chairman of Committee on Gas Works, presented the following report

The Gas Committee respectfully submit the following report showing the operation of the City Gas Works from the 1st September 1891, the date of their purchase to the 30th of June 1892 (inclusive)

Amount realized from sale of bonds issued for purchase	\$25,626.80
From Sales of Gas and other products paid into City Treasurer	4,104.00
	\$29,730.80

Paid for purchase of Works	20,000.00	
All expenses appertaining to said purchase for repairs and Extensions, labor and materials for making gas, state taxes		
And interest on bonds to Jan'y 1 st 1892	6,670.30	26,670.30
This am't in hands of the City Treasurer to credit of Gas Fund		3,060.50

Estimated	
Bills uncollected	118.90
Tar on hand unsold	100.00
Coke	25.00
Coal	125.00
Tools & Materials	100.00
	468.90

W J King, J S Knox, J Hable, John T Knight, Geo W Wroten

On motion of Mr Myer the report was received and “approved.”

Mr Wallace offered the following resolutions which on motion duly seconded was unanimously adopted
Viz [Page 107]

“Resolved, that the Bridge across the Rappahannock River owned by the City of Fredericksburg shall be free from this day until July 1st 1894.

And then the Council 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 in the Council Chamber on Friday August 19th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess’rs Knox, King, Knight, Myer, Wroten, Willis, Wallace, Hable, Burruss, Embrey & Griffin—
councilmen

The Mayor called the Council to order announced that Clerk Berrey was absent from the City, and that it would necessary to elect a clerk pro tem.

Whereupon Council John W Griffin was nominated and elected Clerk pro tem and took his seat as such, The Minutes of the last regular meeting were then read and approved.

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee presented the following bills for printing and advertising Viz

Bill of *The Free Lance* amounting to \$10.50

Bill of *The Star* amounting to \$19.75

Which bills, on motion, were ordered to be paid

Mr Myer, Chairman of Committee on Hurkamp Park asked that his committee be authorized to substitute Gas Lamps in the Park, for oil lamps now in use there, at a cost not to exceed forty (40) dollars.

On Motion, the Committee was authorized to make the change provided the cost did not exceed the sum named.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Police & Fire Department presented a report of his Committee which after a suspension of the rules on the motion of Mr Wallace, was read and motion adopted and is as follows.

The Committee on Fire Department and Police to whom was referred the recommendations of the Mayor, with reference to the Police Department would respectfully [Page 109] recommend the adoption of same
1st That the Police Officers be furnished each with a baton, and that they required to carry them wile duty.
2nd The fixed salary of each Police Officer having been increased from three hundred dollars (\$300) to Three hundred and sixty dollars (\$360) per annum an increase of sixty (\$60.00) per annum, of each officer, that all laws giving or allowing the Police Officers one half of the fines accruing from violations of the law or misdemeanors be abrogated.

Respectfully submitted

John T Knight, H H Wallace, George W Wroten

The Gas Committee’s Report

Mr King, Chairman Gas Committee, presented the following report:

Fredericksburg Va, August 1892

The Gas Committee at the regular July Meeting of the Council having submitted an abstract from the Treasurers books showing the balance to the credit of the gas fund, would now recapitulate as follows:

From sale of bonds		\$25,626.80	
From Sales of Gas and other products paid over to Treas		4,104.00	
		\$29,730.80	
Paid First cost of Works	20,000.00		
Paid, additional expenses increased in purchase including Printing for election purposes, attorney's fee, bonds, for Recording deed and deed of trust to secure bonds and for repairs and inspection of works &c	137.46		
Paid for extensions and repairs, including overhauling street Mains, putting in new bench and retorts &c &c	1,723.55		
Paid current expenses. coal, labor, materials for making gas	3,666.93		
Paid State Taxes for '91-'92	92.34		
Paid interest on bonds to January 1 st 1892	750.00	26,670.30	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	3,060.50		
It will thus be seen that there was realized and actually paid Over to the Treasurer from sales of gas	4,104.00		
And there is on hand, at least, in coal coke, tar, lime and Other saleable materials (and probably over).	600.00		
Total	4,704.00		
Deduct the current expenses	\$3,666.95		
Deduct for taxes and interest paid	342.34	4,509.29	
And you have	\$194.71		

To go toward paying the interest for the year 1892 with six month (the best in the year) yet to run, and a balance of over three thousand dollars in the Treasury to draw from should it be needed to help to pay interest until business has been increased by new consumers, and the low price has induced those already using gas to do so more freely. Already fifty-two new private consumers have been added to the subscription list, and we have reason to believe that this number will be largely increased before winter. When we reflect that the price of gas has been reduced one half to consumers and that the works have been able to pay the interest on the entire issue of bonds, and that they have not yet cost the City a dollar, or the citizens a penny in the way of taxation, we think there is nothing to complain of, and certainly not be those who neither use gas nor pay taxes. It is a good showing so far, and when the works fail to pay the interest at the present price of gas, it will be ample time to remedy the matter by increasing the price slightly, for which the ordinance fully provides.

The reduction in the price of gas to one dollar and fifty cents per thousand feet was an experiment, and your committee think that the works can be maintained at those figures if consumption is increased as they expect, and the works are fathered as they expected, and protected as a city property should be.

W J King, J Hable, Geo W Wroten, J S Knox, John T Knight
 On motion of Mr Myer, the report was received and filed.

I certify that the printed matter herein is a true copy of the original, Ro B Berrey
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A Communication from Mr W Key Howard, asking that Lewis Street be graded, so as to enable him to make certain improvements to his property fronting on that street, was read and on motion, was referred to the Street Committee.

The uncleanliness of the City, especially the unenclosed lots, on the suburbs, the general bad condition of vacant lots, and pavements, the want of lights in certain quarters of the town, and various other matters relating to the general condition of the town was freely discussed by Mess'rs Wroten, Embrey, Burruss & Willis

Mr Embrey suggesting the need of a Street Commissioner, the Mayor promised to look into and remedy if possible many of the matters complained of.

The following resolution, offered by Mr Myer was adopted.

Resolved, that the matter of lighting additional Street lamps where mains are already laid be referred to the Gas Committee.

And then the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk.

[Page 111]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening September 16th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Knox, King, Knight, Wroten, Willis, Wallace, Myer, Burruss, Hable, Embrey.

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

Mr King, Chairman of Committee on Schools presented a report, in every way encouraging as to the conditions of the schools: That the schools had opened on the 5th Instant with 12 teachers, 730 scholars, Viz 447 white and 283 Colored, and were in a flourishing condition generally, The Committee also recommended a liberal support for the schools, on motion the report was adopted and ordered to be filed.

Mr Hable, Chairman of Committee on Health, called attention to the general sanitary condition of the City and asked the Council to take some steps towards cleaning up the same, and suggested the formation of a Board of Health.

A general discussion ensued and many suggestions made.

Mr Knight offered a resolution to suspend for ninety days the ordinance prohibiting the burning of paper and trash in the streets of the City and moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of voting on the same. Mr Willis moved to amend Mr Knight's resolution so as to suspend the ordinance prohibiting cows and hogs from running at large in the [Page 112] streets, Mr Knight withdrew his resolution, Mr Willis then renewed the resolution, with the amendment. A vote was then taken upon the amended resolution and it was lost by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Gouldman, Willis, Burruss, Hable & Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Embrey, Wallace, Knight & King 5

Mr Knox offered the following resolutions which was adopted, Resolved that the Mayor be requested to use additional vigilance in making our people clean their premises thoroughly

Mr Knight from the Committee on Police, read a letter from Hon Wm A Little Jr, counsel for the police officers protesting against the action of the Council in taking away half of the fines from the officers.

On Motion of Mr Willis, the letter was referred to the Committee on Police to report what action is necessary in the premises.

Mr Von Schon by invitation appeared before the Council and asked that the franchise heretofore granted to the Street Railway Company be renewed, and the time for commencing work on the same be extended to December 1st 1892.

On motion the renewal and extension asked for was granted

Mr Wallace offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the street Committee is hereby instructed to dismiss all legal proceedings, if any have been commenced, in reference to a claim of the part of the City of Fredericksburg to more than sixty feet in width of the Washington Avenue from William or 10th street to Lewis or 12th Street.

After much discussion and explanation by parties interested the resolution was adopted by a vote 9 to 2, Mess'rs Wroten & Gouldman voting in the negative.

Mr Knight offered the following resolution;

Resolved, that all vendors of goods brought into the City for sale as bankrupt assignee, Trustee or Fire damaged stock shall pay a Tax of Twenty dollars per day. That all Merry-go-rounds or Flying Horses whatever way propelled shall pay a tax of ten dollars per week, payable in advance. On motion the resolution [Page 113] was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

A communication was presented from Hon J S Potter asking that the Corporate Authorities lay a sewer pipe down B or Main Street from Dixon Street to a point near the Gas House.

After an explanation from Mr Willis, Chairman of the Water Committee as to the impracticability of the Council taking such step at this time, on motion of Mr Willis the communication was laid on the table.

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

The Mayor reported the fines since Jan'y 1st amounted to \$103.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey Clerk

I certify that the printed matter herein is a true copy of the original, Ro B Berrey

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening October 21st 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Myer, King, Wallace, Knox, Willis, Knight, Embrey, Griffin and Hable—councilman

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

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented a bill of Rufus B Merchant (*Star*) for printing Health Notice & publishing tax notice amounting to \$12.25 and also 3 bills of Dr W B Goolrick, aggregating \$14.20 being for medicines furnished to Prisoners in Jail, by prescription of Jail Physicians from January 1888 to date on motion the bills were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox, also reported that the Commissioner of Revenue A B Bowering held the City Treasurers receipt for the land and Property Books of the City, and on his motion the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue for the year 1892 amounting to two hundred and fifty (\$250.00) dollars was ordered to be paid.

Mr W S Embrey, Chairman Committee on Ordinances reported from his Committee, with a recommendation for its adoption the resolution of Mr Knight, in relation to merry-go-round and vendors of Bankrupt Goods &c which resolution was referred to Ordinance Committee at the last regular meeting of the Council. On Motion the resolutions reported was unanimously adopted.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee Police & Fire Department presented the following report
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To the Hon Mayor and Council,
Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Fire Department and Police to whom was referred the communication of Hon Wm A Little Atty for the Police force of the City, beg leave to submit the following report.

Your Committee after careful examination do not find any ordinance giving the Police Officers one half of the fines as has been the custom, but they find a resolution passed by the Council in November 1889 which reads until otherwise ordered the Police shall receive these fines, on July 1st 1892, when the present Council was organized the mayor recommended that the whole of the fines be paid into the City Treasury up to that time, three of the Police were paid Three Hundred (\$300.00) dollars and one \$150.00 per annum, and the Council believing this recommendation of his Honor, right and proper, did prior to the election of the present Police fix the salary of all the three at \$360.00 pr annum.

Your Committee are of the opinion that at any time the Council had an unquestioned right to annul a simple resolution, but as this resolution was not virtually annulled until August 19th they would respectfully recommend that the fines, heretofore allowed, the Police Officers be paid them up to and to include Aug 19th 1892.

Respectfully submitted

John T Knight, H H Wallace, George W Wroten

Which said report was adopted after some discussion by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Knox, Embrey [Page 116] Gouldman, Wallace, Hable, Knight, King, Myer	8
Noes	Mess'rs Griffin & Willis	2

Mr Willis, Chairman Bridge Committee, reported that the Bridge needed painted and asked for an appropriation for that purpose. Mess'rs Embrey & Hable also urged the necessity of painting the Bridge, on motion of Mr Knox, the Bridge Committee was authorized to have the Bridge painted, by contract or in such manner as the Committee in their judgment may deem best.

Mr King, Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works, reported that since his last report additional repairs had been made to the Gas Works that 3 new retorts had been put in. That an abundance of gas of excellent was not being made and that the sales of the same had been largely increased. He also recommended the lighting of additional gas lamps, as many as twenty five if found necessary.

After some discussion, Mr Knight moved that thirty five additional gas lamps or as many as may be necessary be lighted.

Mr Griffin, moved that the matter be referred to the Gas Committee, to report how many lamps are necessary & vote being taken upon Mr Griffin's resolution, it was adopted by the following vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Griffin, Gouldman, Embrey Willis, Wallace and the Mayor	6
Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Hable, Knight, King and Myer	5

Mr Wheeler, superintendent of the Silk Mill appeared before the Council, and stated that a bill for \$168.00 had been presented to Mess'rs C W Wilder & Co, the proprietors. In view of the fact that the Council had agreed to exempt the Silk Mill from taxation for ten years, He was advised by counsel to

appear before the Council and ask for some action in the premises. In the same connection, a communication was received from Mr [Page 117] George H Morrison in relation to tax bill on his Spoke Mill, which he thought was exempted. Mr Knight, on behalf of the Opera House Syndicate asked such action as would be taken in the other cases, On motion the whole matter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

A communication from ex-policeman M A Gately asking the for the payment of one month's salary as Policeman for the month of June 1892, during which he was suspended from duty, on motion the application was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

A Petition from Citizens living on Spotswood, Charlotte, & Willis Streets, asking for the placing of Electric Lights on those streets was referred to the Committee on Light.

A Petition from Mr W S Hicks asking that he be allowed to erect a wagon house and blacksmith shop on his premises on upper Commerce or 10th Street, was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Embrey called attention to the road leading from the Fredericksburg Bridge to Falmouth Bridge on the Stafford side, on motion the Bridge Committee of this Council, Mr Embrey being added thereto by motion was appointed and directed to wait on the Judge of the County Court of Stafford Court and request that he require the overseer of this road to keep the same in order.

The [Mayor] reported \$18 as the amount of fines collected since the last report.

Then on motion the Council 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 in the Council Chamber on Friday the 18th November 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen, Myer, Willis, Knight, Wroten, Embrey, and Griffin

The Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented two bills of the *Free Lance* for printing Viz

For printing tax notices \$13.00

For printing Health Notice \$10.00

Aggregating to \$23.00 which on his motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr J T Knight, Chairman of Committee on Police & Fire Department, reported one alarm of fire since meeting, and also suggested that as the time was arrived for the Police to be furnished with winter uniforms, it was probable that an increase of appropriation would be asked for his Committee.

Mr Griffin from the Committee on Light, submitted the following minority report which on motion was received and ordered to be filed.

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council,

We the undersigned members of the Light Committee, beg leave to submit the following majority report in reference to the additional electric lights asked for in a petition presented by Mr Embrey at the October Meeting:

In view of the fact that the existing contract with the Electric Light Co will expire in a little less than a year, and the probability that in the near future the Gas Mains will be extended to [Page 119] this as well as other portions of the Town we do not deem expedient that any new Electric Lights be established.

Respectfully submitted, John M Griffin, J Hable

Nov 18/92

Mr St George R Fitzhugh, by invitation, appeared before the Council and asked that the franchise heretofore granted to the Street Railway Company, be renewed and the time for commencing work on the same be extended to June 1st 1893, on motion of Mr Embrey, the renewal and extension asked for was granted.

The Mayor called attention to the fact that the penalty for fast riding and driving across the Bridge was a state law and that the fines imposed and received for such violations were required to be paid into the State Treasury.

On Motion of Mr Knox, the matter was referred to the Committee on Ordinances so that all such fines should hereafter inure to be benefit of this City.

Mr Embrey reported that the matter of looking after the repairs to the road leading from the Stafford side of the Fredericksburg Bridge had been attended to, but that he was not prepared now to make a final report.

And then the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

[Page 120]

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday December 16th 1892.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Myer, Wroten, Wallace, King, Embrey, Knox, Willis, Burrus, Knight, Hable, Griffin—
councilmen

Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Committee on Streets, called attention to the condition of the sewer which runs under the Railroad from the National Boulevard on C Street and urged the necessity of immediate action on the part of the Council to prevent damage to contiguous property by overflow of water.

On Motion, Mr Willis, the matter was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to confer with the proper authorities of the R F & P R R Co relative to the same, and to report to the Council what action is necessary to be taken to remedy the trouble complained of.

Mr Wroten also called attention to Dixon Street between C & D Streets, where Hon J S Potter has made improvements to his property on the south side which necessitated the grading of the north side. This matter was also referred to the Street Committee to fully investigate and to report back to the Council what, in their judgment, is necessary to be done.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works, reports the Works in good condition, he further reported that on account of the caving in of the earth, the Committee had had four wells in different part of the town, which were not used, filled up [Page 121]

On motion, the action of the Committee was endorsed by the Council.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Ordinance Committee, presented the following ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that hereafter it shall not be lawful for any persons to ride or drive over the Fredericksburg Free Bridge faster than a walk, and any one who shall be convicted of willfully driving over this bridge faster than a walk shall pay a fine of five dollars for the first offense, and ten dollars if convicted a second time.

The rules were suspended and the ordinance passed.

Mr King, Chairman of the Gas Committee presented the following resolution as part of the report of said Committee.

That the Gas Committee be, and they are hereby, instructed to erect from stock of posts and lamps now on hand as many, not exceeding twenty-five as in their judgment may be necessary to supply light at points where there is no electric or gas light.

This resolution evoked much discussion and Mr Wallace moved to lay the same on the table which motion was lost by the following recorded vote, viz

Ayes Mess'rs Willis & Wallace 2

Nayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Burruss, Gouldman, Hable, Knight, King & Myer 10

Mr Gouldman moved that all the gas lamps be lighted at 12 O'clock to burn until daylight.

Which motion was lost by the following recorded vote, Viz

Ayes Mess'rs Griffin, Gouldman, Willis, Wallace 4

Noes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Hable, King, Knight, Myer 8

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Mr Griffin offered the following amendment to the resolution of the Gas Committee, which was agreed to by the Committee, Viz

Provided that this increase in gas lamps shall not incur any additional expense for new mains.

On Motion the resolution as amended was adopted.

Mr Embrey presented the following communication.

Whereas the Council by its action of the last meeting in refusing to grant the prayer of the petitioner for the two electric lamps in the Western Section of the City, and the chief reason given for said action being the amount now paid for electric lights and the nearness of the time for the expiration of the Electric Light contract; and

Whereas this section of the city is inadequately lighted, and there is a surplus of light in other sections of the City now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Electric Light at the corner of Main and Commerce Streets be removed to the corner of Spottswood and Charlotte Streets in the Western part of the City.

W S Embrey.

The foregoing communication which is in the nature of a preamble and resolution was on motion of Mr Knight referred to the Committee on Light with power to act.

The Council then proceeded to the election of certain City officers viz

A Communication from Captain S J Quinn, announcing himself a candidate for re-election as superintendent of City Water Works, for the ensuing year was read. On Motion the salary of said officer was fixed at \$900 per annum, the same as at present.

A ballot was taken which resulted in the unanimous [Page 123] election of Capt S J Quinn as Superintendent of the City Water Works for the ensuing year.

On Motion the salary of the Superintendent of the City Gas Works was fixed at \$900 per annum
The Council then proceeded to ballot with the following result
Mr D E Fleming received 11 votes
Mr W S Hancock received 1 vote
Mr Fleming was declared elected Superintendent of the City Gas Works for the ensuing year

A communication was received from the Garfield Light Infantry, the colored military Company asking for the appropriation of \$96 for rent of Armory.
On motion of Mr Knox, the amount asked for was appropriated.

The Mayor reported in writing that the police officers had discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their salaries.
On motion the salaries of the Police were ordered to be paid

The Mayor reported \$59 the amount of fines since the last report.

The Mayor also reported the number of dog licenses issued 188, 104 less than last year.
On Motion, the Mayor was allowed the usual commission of 15 cents on each license issued.
The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor
Ro B Berrey, Clerk
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