

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1894

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday January 19th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Myer, Wroten, Burruss, Hable, Knox, Griffin, and Willis

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

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Mr Knox, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the official bond of Capt S J Quinn, Superintendent of Water Works with E D Cole and M B Rowe as bondsmen, in the penalty of \$2,000.00 which was approved by the Council and turned over to the Mayor to be placed in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Knox also presented the following bills Viz

Bill of Rufus B Merchant, *Star* Office for printing Tax notice, Mayor's proclamation, License notices, Committee card &c &c amounting to the sum of \$43.50. Bill of *Free Lance* for printing notices \$1.00. Which bills on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox presented a communication from the Mary Washington Monument Association through its secretary Mrs James F Thompson, petitioning the Council to appoint the 22^d of February, Arbor Day and to utilize that day in planting trees upon the Mary Washington Avenue. This communication also suggested a small appropriation of money for necessary preparations &c and made various suggestions as to planting of trees &c

On motion of Mr Willis the whole subject so far as the suggestions contained in the communication is concerned was referred to the Committee on Streets for full investigation and with power to act.

And on motion of Mr Hable, the 22^d of February was designated as Arbor Day, as requested in the communication.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Street Committee reported the streets in a very bad condition on account of mud and suggested an appropriation to be used for removing the mud on certain streets as had been done on former occasions. A discussion of the matter showed that the present financial condition of the City would not admit of any appropriation and the subject was [Page 184] was dismissed.

Mr Gouldman, Chairman of Alms House Committee reported that his committee was extending such relief as it could to the poor of the City, and that there was many calls for help.

Mr Hable, Chairman Health Committee stated there was much sickness in the City, but none contagious and but few serious cases.

Mayor Rowe reported he had issued 210 dog collars and the amount received from same was \$219. On motion the usual amount of 15¢ on each was allowed the Mayor

The Mayor reported \$69 as the amount of fines received since last report.

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday February 16th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
Councilmen Knox, Myer, McCracken, Hable, Wroten, Knight and Embrey
The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Wroten, Chairman Street Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the ladies of the Mary Washington Monument Association in regard to the laying out the monument grounds, planting of trees etc., presented a letter which the Committee had addressed to the Secretary of the Association, suggesting a postponement [Page 185] of the planting of the trees etc.

Mr Wroten said the Committee would recommend that the Avenue be 150 feet to Commerce Street, 60 feet in center, 30 feet on each side and the two sidewalks 15 feet each.

But, said Mr Wroten, the finances of the Corporation were not now in condition to stand the expenditure, and the Committee could only make some needed improvements in grading the ground around the monument, etc. at present.

The Committee had made an estimate of the probable of the proposed cost of planting trees, laying off an grading the avenue, etc. It would take \$225, as follows:

Grading and leveling, \$25, surveying \$35; road machinery for plowing \$40; 250 trees at 40 cents each, \$100; planting trees, \$25; The committee submitted the report for the action of the Council.

After much discussion engaged in by Mess'rs Embrey, Willis and others, Mr Embrey moved that the whole matter, except such work as was absolutely necessary, be postponed, until October next. Which motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr Griffin appeared and took his seat.

Mr Willis, Chairman Committee on Water Works, made a report of the cost of the new pump, placing it in position and necessary repairs at the pump house. The total cost was \$1,561.57 of this amount there was on hand to the credit of the Committee in old materials, etc, \$122.50. There was still due by the Committee \$361.07, and he asked that amount be placed to the credit of the Committee which was done.

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Fire and Police, reported two alarms since last report, The Committee practiced the greatest economy, but every alarm was attended with some expense and the committee might have to ask for an additional appropriation.

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Mr Knight also presented a bill of Policeman John T Leavell for money spent in pursuit of two fugitives from justice who assaulted one of our citizens. Referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Knight presented a petition, signed by a number of citizens, asking that an electric light be placed at the corner of Washington Avenue and Hawke Streets. Referred to Committee on Light with power to act.

Mr McCracken offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the public prints have announced that there is pending before the General Assembly a bill to charter a railroad to be known as the Richmond and Manassas Railroad, which bill has been reported to the House of Delegates with recommendation that it do pass;

And whereas it is currently rumored that the said Richmond and Manassas Railroad, as projected will pass around the City of Fredericksburg, southwest and north at a distance of from ten to fifteen miles;

And whereas such a line of road would in the judgment of the Common Council of the city seriously damage and injure the business interests of Fredericksburg, and greatly cripple the trade of the City,

which has for a long period of time been a market and center of trade and distribution for this section of country.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this body that a mass meeting of citizens be called on the evening of Tuesday of next week for the purpose of instructing the Hon Wm S Little Jr and the Hon Solan T Coleman to use all lawful and honorable means to have the proposed charter so amended that the said road shall be required to pass through this city and establish here a depot for the stoppage of trains, and the reception of freight and passengers.

2nd That the Mayor and two members of the Council and two citizens to be selected by the Mayor be appointed to call said mass meeting and arrange for same.

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The paper offered by Mr McCracken was adopted and the Mayor announced the following as the Committee.

From the Council; Capt T McCracken and Capt Jas S Knox

From the Citizens; Hon H F Crismond and Major Thomas P Wallace.

Mayor Rowe stated that he had received a letter from Major Mills, Secretary of the Army of the Potomac, whom the Council had invited to hold their annual reunion here, regretting that the society could not accept the invitation. The Mayor said he had replied to the letter, and had received a second letter from Major Mills saying that he and some of his comrades would probably stop here on their way from Atlanta and look around.

The action of the Mayor was approved, and on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 6th day of March 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen Myer, Wroten, Hable, Burruss, Embrey, Knox, Willis & Griffin

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated the object of the meeting to be to consider a proposition from Mr Charles J Green, in relation to the establishment by him of a shoe factory in the City and the inducement which the Council would offer for the establishment of such an enterprise.

Mr Green being present, was invited to address the Council which did at length and forcibly.

The following resolution offered by Mr Knox and second by Mr Burruss was unanimously adopted viz. Resolved, that the application of Mr Charles J Green for a site for a shoe Factory & the exemption of the [Page 188] the plant for ten years from taxation be referred to a special Committee of three members of this Council; Mr M G Willis, George W Wroten, & John M Griffin, for consideration and for terms & guarantee of the establishment of the plant; to be reported back to this Council with all the facts and their recommendations in this matter.

Mr Knox read a communication from St Geo R Fitzhugh Esq'r informing the Council that he as counsel for O D Foster Esq'r the holder of certain Coupon Bonds of the Corporation heretofore referred to by the Finance Committee as outlawed bonds, had been authorized to bring suit on said bonds.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of taking action on this communication and of considering such other business as might be brought before the Council.

On motion of Mr Griffin, the Ordinance Committee was authorized to employ legal council to defend the contemplated Bond suit.

The Bond of Wm Fitzpatrick, Supt of Gas Works in the penalty of \$2,000.00 with T McCracken as security was presented & accepted and placed in the hands of the Mayor to be deposited in the National Bank for safe keeping.

The application of W B Tyler, and embodied in the following resolution, was referred to the Street Committee for report at next meeting.

1st Resolved that an exclusive franchise be and the same is hereby granted Walter B Tyler and such others as he may associate with him to establish, erect and locate a telephone line in the City of Fredericksburg and along the Streets thereof.

2nd That the said Walter B Tyler and others shall have the right to string and stretch their lines along such streets as may be necessary and over and across such [Page 189] portions of the City as may be found expedient and for this purpose shall have the privilege of erecting along the said streets all necessary poles and cross pieces, or of fastening the said wire to such trees as may be found convenient and proper, provided said three shall not be injured and generally to do such acts as they lawfully may in the erection and operating and maintaining such line.

3rd All the work of erecting poles and stringing wires along the streets of this City by the said Walter B Tyler and others shall be done under the supervision of the Street Committee of the Common Council.

4th This franchise shall be void unless work be begun under it on the telephone line within twelve months from July 1st 1894.

Mr Embrey asked for and obtained permission to use the Council Chamber and Chamber of Commerce Rooms during the session of the approaching Methodist Conference for Committee meetings &c

And then the Council adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor

At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Thursday March 8th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen Mc Cracken, Wroten, Willis, Myer, Knox, Knight, Hunter, Burruss, Hable & Embrey

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that it had been called to receive the report of the Committee to who was referred the resolution of Mr Knox in relation to granting a site for and exempting from taxation the Shoe Factory proposed to [Page 190] to be erected by Mr C J Green and others.

The Special Committee presented the following proposition in writing from Mr Green.

To the Honorable body, the Council of Fredericksburg, Va

March 6th 1894

Gentlemen, I, for myself and associates do most respectfully require and petition that you will give to us a site in your city upon which to erect a brick factory, dimensions about 90 by 35 feet, said factory to be used for the manufacture of shoes, etc., The site desired lies upon the National Boulevard, almost opposite the R F & P R R Depot and next to W S Embrey's Store House, as per diagram hereto attached. Said site can be purchased for the sum of \$750, in said factory we expect to employ from fifty to one hundred and fifty hands and if business is as successful as is anticipated shall build another factory or extend the one above mentioned. The amount of money we expect to disburse was weekly wages after we have gotten under fully headway will range from \$400 to \$800. If your honorable body see fit to grant our request and

give us site as before described, work will be commenced at once upon said building and pushed to completion.

Very Respectfully, Charles J Green

The Committee composed of Mess'rs M G Willis, George W Wroten, and Jno M Griffin made the following report. We have examined the lot upon which they propose to erect their shoe factory and are of the opinion that it is a very desirable selection. We therefore recommend that an appropriation of \$750 be made out of the treasury of the Corporation and that the same be paid over to the applicants as purchase money for the said lot, when they shall have completed a brick building of about the dimensions named in their application, to wit: 35 by 90 feet, and on the further condition that the Shoe Factory shall be [Page 191] operated as such for a period of not less than five years, during which time they shall employ from fifty to one hundred and fifty hands according to the terms of their own written application.

We would advise further that the appropriation of \$750 be made on the condition that the above conditions be complied with, otherwise the applicants to refund to the Corporation the said sum of \$750.00.

The following resolution offered by Mr Knox was then unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the application of Mr C J Green be filed and the report of the special committee on the application for a site by Mr Green and their recommendation by recurred, adopted and filed, and made the act of this body.

And on Motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 16th day of March 1894.

There were present

Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman Recorder

Councilmen Knox, McCracken, Wroten, Myer, Hable, Griffin, Knight, Burruss, Willis & Hunter

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 16th and the two special meetings of March 6th and 8th respectively were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted. Viz

Resolved, That the License Ordinance passed by the Council for 1893-94, be re-enacted and made the License Ordinance for 1894-95, the same in every particular as to the amount and time of payment and embracing the amendment passed by [Page 192] the Council last year as to Merry Go Around and Clothing Auction.

Mr Hable of the Health Committee suggested that the Mayor issue a proclamation calling upon the Citizens to clean up their premises and put them in good condition for the dedication of the Mary Washington Monument.

Mr McCracken, Chairman of the Gas Works Committee, stated that Mr Charles J Green had asked of the Committee some concessions in regards to the use of Gas for his shoe factory. On motion, the subject was referred to the Gas Committee with power to act.

The following resolution offered by Mr Knox was unanimously adopted.

The Executive and Legislative body of the City of Fredericksburg having heard with pleasure that the President of the United States and Mrs Cleveland with members of the Cabinet and their wives will visit

Fredericksburg on the 9th of May next to attend the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the Mary Washington Monument; It is hereby resolved that the Corporate authorities extend a cordial invitation to the President and his party, embracing Chief Justice Fuller and wife, Vice-President Stevenson and wife and also Governor O'Ferrall and wife and Senators and Representatives of Virginia in Congress to be the guests of the City during their stay in our midst.

And it is further resolved that a Committee consisting of the Mayor and Common Council and Clerk of Council and twelve representative Citizens to be selected by the Mayor to execute in behalf of the City of Fredericksburg the foregoing resolution and said committee is authorized, if it deems proper to co-operate with the National and local Mary Washington Associations and the Masonic fraternity in any preparations that may be agreed upon looking to the accomplishment of the purposes of the resolution.

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The Mayor reported in writing that the Police Officers had discharged their duties, and on motion their salaries were ordered to be paid.

And then, on motion, the Council adjourned

A P Rowe Mayor

At a special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 20th of March 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman Recorder

Councilmen, Griffin, Wroten, Willis, Knight, Burruss, Hable, McCracken, Embrey, Myer & Hunter.

The Mayor stated that the Council had been convened for the purpose of announcing the Committee provided for in the resolution adopted at the last regular meeting of the Council; and then announced the names of said Committee as follows, Viz.

St George R Fitzhugh	George W Shepherd
Judge A W Wallace	W S White
Hon William A Little Jr	V M Fleming
Hon J S Potter	E D Cole
Hon Horace F Crismond	Walter B Tyler
Dr S W Carmichael	L O Magrath

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A suggestion made by the Mayor that the names of Ex-Mayor Slaughter and the names of the Pastors of the different Churches be added to the Committee was approved and adopted

As was also the suggestion to add Ex-Mayor Doggett and Hazard to said Committee; there upon the following names were added to the Citizens Committee, viz

Ex Mayors Slaughter, Hazard & Doggett

Rev T S Dunnaway, D D, Rev W M Clarke, Rev A P Saunders, Rev S G Ferguson, Rev J C Gray, Rev T J Wilson.

And the Mayor was requested by resolution of Mr Willis to notify the members of the Committee to attend a meeting fo the Joint Committee of Council and Citizens at the Council Chamber on Thursday evening next at 8 O'clock.

It being suggested by Mr Knight that Judge Sener, Mess'rs Chewning, Bradley & Merchant, of the Masonic Committee were present, they were invited to be heard. Thereupon Judge Sener stated that his Committee and the Masonic fraternity would fully cooperate with the Council in any arrangements for the success of the coming Dedication services, on May 10th 1894.

On motion of Mr Gouldman, the Mayor was requested to invite the various Committees and representatives of the different bodies to meet the Council Committee for conference at the meeting called for Thursday next.

And then, on motion, the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday April 20th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman Recorder

Councilmen Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Willis, Hable, Knight & Hunter

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Stationary bill of J W Adams amounting to \$6.22 and bill of expenses to Washington of Committee to wait on the President &c amounting to \$19.10 were presented by Mr Knox, Chairman of Finance Committee, and ordered to be paid.

The use of the Council Chamber was granted to the Committee on Press for the use of members of the press who may visit the City on the 9th and 10th of May.

On motion of Mr Gouldman the sum of \$100 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee to reimburse said Committee for money spent in excess of their appropriation and to do necessary work on the streets, the same having been asked for by Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Fire and Police asked the sum of \$50 be placed to the credit of the Committee, this sum being necessary to complete the uniforming of the police which was done.

Mr McCracken, Chairman Committee on Gas Works, reported that a contract had been made with the Kenmore Shoe Company for supplying said Company with gas at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per [Page 196] per thousand cubic feet according to quantity consumed.

The Clerk of the School Board having announced to the Council in writing that the terms of C E Hunter, School Trustee for Upper Ward and G A Walker, School Trustee for Lower Ward having expired, the Council proceeded to elect their successors for the term of three years form April 4th 1894, with the following result: Charles E Hunter was elected for Upper Ward, and J T Layton for the Lower Ward, in place of Mr Walker, who declined to serve any longer.

The Mayor was requested to request merchants and others to remove obstructions, bale boxes &c from side walks and clean up old paper &c from in front of their stores preparatory to May 10th

And then on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 18th day of May 1894 there were present

Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen James S Knox, J H Myer, Geo W Wroten, W L Burruss, W S Embrey, J Hable, M G Willis, J T Knight, J M Griffin, and T McCracken.

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

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Mr Knox, Chairman of Finance Committee, presented a bill of the *Free Lance* for printing, amounting to Five (\$5) dollars which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox also presented a statement of expenses incident to the Mary Washington Monument dedicating services on May 10th. This statement aggregating six hundred and thirty three (\$633) dollars was signed by the Committee of Arrangements, with the recommendation that the accounts be paid, there being one or more accounts outstanding, not embraced in this statement which would probably make the amount reach \$700.00.

On Motion of Mr Knox, the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) was appropriated to defray the expenses.

Mr Gouldman, Chairman of Alms House Committee, reported that since the last meeting of the Council a slight damage from fire had ensued.

Mr Andrew Murray presented a bill amounting to twenty dollars for his services in attending to and keeping in order the Town Clock.

On Motion of Mr Knight the bill was referred to the Public Property Committee

Mr Embrey, presented the Deed for the lot of ground conveyed to the Kenmore Shoe Co and asked that the Council accept the same, and order the payment of the purchase price of said lot (\$750.00).

After some discussion, on motion of Mr Knight, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday June 15th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Willis, Hunter, Knight, Hable, Burruss, Embrey

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

The Council accepted the invitation extended to them to attend the Commencement Exercises of the Collegiate Institute at 8 O'clock at the Opera House,

The Mayor presented the resignation of Councilman T McCracken, which on motion of Mr Gouldman was laid on the table.

The council then on motion adjourned to meet at 8'O'clock Jun 22/ 94

A P Rowe, Mayor

W L Burruss, Clerk Pro Tem

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday June 22 /94 at 8'O'clock

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder
Councilmen, Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Willis, Hable, Knight, Burruss.
In the absence of the Clerk on the motion of Mr Knox, W L Burruss was elected Clerk Pro Tem.

Finance Committee, J S Knox, Chairman, presented statement from the Treas R T Knox & Collector A P Rowe Jr and the Tax bill for 94 & 95.

[from *Free Lance* 26 June 1894 page 2, column 3]

Report of Finance Committee of the City Council for the Year Ending June 30th 1894, and Tax Bill levied for fiscal year commencing July 1st 1894, ending June 30th 1895:

[Published by Order of City Council]

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 Treasurer of the City.

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 his statements of account agree to a nicety with the charges against him on the Treasurer's books.

His collections had been extra good, considering the distress and depression that have overtaken the whole country. His report furnished your committee has been examined and verified by them and the Treasurer. We therefore adopt it and incorporate it in this report as a part of our own.

Collector's Report.

Fredericksburg, Va. June 18th, 1894

Mess'rs James S Knox, M G Willis, and H R Gouldman, Finance Committee:

Gentlemen; I have the honor to submit here with my annual report as Collector of City Taxes for the year ending June 16th 1894.

I am pleased to state that, notwithstanding the general cry of "Hard Times," the collections exceed those of last year.

In view of the fact that the total amount of taxes on the Commissioner's books for 1893 were \$324.47 less than the year 1892; that the General Licenses issues from June 15, 1893 to April 30, 1894, were \$250 less than for the same period of the former year, and also that the Dray Licenses fell considerably short, the result is especially gratifying to me, which result was accomplished only by extra exertions in making collections of the back years.

The delinquent list, as you will observe, shows a total sum of \$8,418.59. This, however, does not furnish a correct idea of the amount really available.

The list covers a period of eighteen years, from 1876 to 1893, inclusive; and average of \$467.70 per year. Deduct from this the amount charged to insolvents and to people now dead, but who were insolvent when living, and to transients who moved away between the time they were assessed and the time the bills became due, and the sum actually collectable would be much reduced.

To show how such bills count up, you have only to consider the case of a single insolvent charged with fifty cents capitation each year (eighteen years) representing \$9 of the total sum delinquent. There are of course many such bills.

Accompanying is a list of all delinquents.

Respectfully submitted

A P Rowe, Jr

Collector of City Taxes

City taxes collected for the year ending June 16th 1894;

On assessment of 1893	\$16,416.43	
Less 5 percent discount	820.81	\$15,595.62
On assessment of 1893 after October 15 th	987.68	

Add penalty and interest	67.40	\$1,045.08
		\$16,646.70
General Licenses from June 15 '93 to June 16 '94	162.22	
Rent of Hay scales and market stall	106.50	
Sale of grand stand lumber and one tub	45.65	
Opera House exhibition licenses	22.50	
Dray licenses fr June 15 '93 to April 30 '94	22.00	357.87
On general licenses of 1894-93	5,918.41	
Less 5 per cent discount	295.91	5,622.50
On general licenses of 1894-'95 after May 15		269.48
On dray licenses on 1894-95	76.00	
Less 5 per cent discount	3.80	72.20
		\$22,263.35
On assessment of 1892	599.51	
Add penalty and interest	39.32	638.83
On assessment of 1891	478.14	
Add penalty and interest	63.21	541.35
On assessment of 1890	184.74	
Add penalty and interest	38.39	228.63
On assessment of 1889	108.39	
Add penalty and interest	31.01	139.40
On assessment of 1888	51.50	
Add penalty and interest	19.51	71.31
On assessment of 1887	36.19	
Add penalty and interest	10.88	47.07
On assessment of 1886	7.55	
Add penalty and interest	4.53	12.08
On assessment of 1885	47.61	
Add penalty and interest	4.01	51.62
On assessment of 1884	13.81	
Add penalty and interest	4.45	18.26
On assessment of 1883	69.05	
Add penalty and interest	36.89	105.94
On assessment of 1882	5.82	
Add penalty and interest	4.43	10.25
On assessment of 1880	1.00	
Add penalty and interest	.81	1.81
On assessment of 1879	5.04	
Add penalty and interest	4.75	9.79
On assessment of 1878	1.49	
Add penalty and interest	2.13	3.62
Total collections from all sources		\$24,858.31

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The following amounts are due the city by delinquents for the years 1876 to 1893 inclusive:

To amount on books for 1893		\$19,226.58
By collections to October 15, 1893	\$15,595.62	
Add 5 per cent deducted	820.81	16,416.43
By collections after Oct 15, 1893	1,045.08	

Deduct penalty and interest	57.40	987.68	17,404.11
Amount delinquent			\$1,932.47
On books of 1892 at last settlement			1,733.98
By collections		658.83	
Deduct penalty and interest		59.32	599.51
Amount delinquent			\$1,134.47
On books of 1891 at last settlement			1,110.67
By collections		541.35	
Deduct penalty and interest		63.21	478.14
Amount delinquent			\$632.53
On books of 1890 at last settlement			711.28
By collections		223.63	
Deduct penalty and interest		38.89	184.74
Amount delinquent			\$526.49
On books of 1889 at last settlement			582.57
By collections		139.48	
Deduct penalty and interest		31.01	108.39
Amount delinquent			\$474.18
On books of 1888 at last settlement			459.40
By collections		71.31	
Deduct penalty and interest		19.51	51.80
Amount delinquent			\$407.06
On books of 1887 at last settlement			519.96
By collections		47.07	
Deduct penalty and interest		10.88	36.19
Amount delinquent			\$483.77
On books of 1886 at last settlement			381.25
By collections		12.08	
Deduct penalty and interest		4.53	7.55
Amount delinquent			\$373.70
On books of 1885 at last settlement			396.55
By collections		51.62	
Deduct penalty and interest		4.01	47.61
Amount delinquent			\$348.94
On books of 1884 at last settlement			339.04
By collections		18.26	
Deduct penalty and interest		4.45	13.81
Amount delinquent			\$325.23
On books of 1883 at last settlement			377.63
By collections		105.94	
Deduct penalty and interest		36.89	69.05
Amount delinquent			\$308.58
On books of 1882 at last settlement			273.51
By collections		10.25	
Deduct penalty and interest		4.43	5.82
Amount delinquent			\$267.69
On books of 1881 at last settlement			171.98
On books of 1880 at last settlement			214.77
By collections		1.81	

Deduct penalty and interest	.81	1.00
Amount delinquent		\$213.77
On books of 1879 at last settlement		207.23
By collections	9.79	
Deduct penalty and interest	4.75	5.04
Amount delinquent		\$202.19
On books of 1878 at last settlement		279.89
By collections	3.62	
Deduct penalty and interest	2.13	1.49
Amount delinquent		\$278.40
On books of 1877 at last settlement		189.83
On books of 1876 at last settlement		146.75
Total amount delinquent from 1876 to 1893 inclusive		\$8,418.59
Respectfully submitted		
A P Rowe Jr		
Collector of City Taxes		

The total amount of delinquent and uncollected taxes from 1876 to 1893, inclusive amount to \$8,418.59
Some steps must be taken to collect this sum or as much of it as can be.

The delinquent list will have to be made out published, and a sale of the property for taxes ordered, after giving a reasonable time for parties disposed to make an effort to pay back taxes.

The accounts of R T Knox, Treasurer, have been carefully examined and all found correct and supported by proper vouchers.

A statement from his books of his disbursements and receipts is herewith made a part of this report.

Receipts by Corporation of Fredericksburg from all sources by Robert T Knox, Treasurer, account form June 22, 1893 to date:

Receipts from water, Capt S J Quinn	\$4,854.48	
Receipts from gas Wm Fitzpatrick, superintendent	6,478.98	
Receipts from licenses, AP Rowe Jr collector gross receipts	6,466.41	
Less 5 per cent for prompt payment and commission	450.17	6,016.24
1893		
June 23, cash received from sale of old chairs		21.60
June 23, cash rec'd fr Mayor A P Rowe fines Apr 1 to 1 Jul 1 1893	98.50	
Sep 30, cash received fr Mayor A P Rowe fine Jul 1 to Oct 1, 1893	121.50	
1894		
Jan 2, cash rec'd fr Mayor A P Rowe, fines from Oct 1 to Jan 1 1894	69.00	
Apr 2 cash rec'd fr Mayor A P Rowe, fines from 1 Jan 1894 to 1 Apr 1893	87.28	376.26
Jul 6, cash rec'd fr Mayor A P Rowe, dog tax from Jan 1, 1893 to Jul 1 1893	35.30	
Sep 8 rec'd fr Mayor A P Rowe, dog tax	7.00	
1894		
Jan 2, cash rec'd fr dog tax fr 1 Jul 1893-1 Jan 1894, 210 dogs Mayor	219.00	261.50
1893		
Jul 24, rec'd fr Maj E D T Myers		1,500.00
1894		
Apr 6, rec'd fr Geo Freeman for field at Alms House		30.00
Apr 21, cash rec'd rent of Market stalls and hay scales fr A P Rowe Jr	106.50	
Less 2½ commission	2.66	103.84
1893		

Nov 6, by amt rec'd fr A P Rowe Jr taxes for 1893 and 1894	16,416.43	
Less 5 per cent for prompt payment	820.81	
Less 2½ per cent commission	389.89	\$15,205.50

The following amounts were received from AP Rowe Jr collector

Aug 5 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1891	\$99.86	
Aug 5 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1892	\$172.87	
Aug 31 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1890	\$113.68	
Aug 31 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1892	\$53.33	
1894		
Jan 3 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1893	\$251.81	
Feb 28 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1892	\$183.80	
Feb 28 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1891	\$182.62	
Mar 6 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1893	\$207.13	
Mar 30 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1889	\$128.28	
Mar 30 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1890	\$109.97	
Mar 30 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1891	\$120.32	
Mar 30 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1892	\$170.06	
Mar 30 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1893	\$148.49	
Apr 21 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1888	\$69.62	
Apr 21 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1887	\$46.35	
Apr 22 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1883	\$90.94	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1878	\$3.62	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1879	\$9.79	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1880	\$1.81	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1882	\$10.25	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1883	\$15.00	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1884	\$18.26	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1885	\$31.62	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1886	\$12.08	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1887	\$.72	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1888	\$1.69	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1889	\$10.92	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1891	\$138.55	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1892	\$78.77	
Jun 19 by amt rec'd fr taxes 1893	\$437.65	\$2,949.04
2½ per cent commission		147.01
1893		2,793.03
Dec 12 by am't from direct tax rec'd fr US		
Gov't taxes paid in 1866 by Corporation	19.03	
Less fee, 5 per cent	.95	18.08
		\$37,683.10

Treasurer's Report

Statement of expenditures for Corporation of Fredericksburg, Virginia from June 11, 1893 to June 30, 1894, by Robert T Knox, Treasurer:

Jun 30, 1893 to balance due Treasurer	\$1,260.30
Jun 21, 1894 To orders fr Water Com pd during yr	2,608.58
To orders fr Gas Com paid during the year	5,357.03
To orders fr Street Com paid during the year	1,284.02
To orders fr Pub Prop Com paid during the year	480.06

To orders fr Alms House Com paid during the year		1,309.70
To orders fr Fire & Police Com paid during the year		213.40
To amt pd Rappk Electric Light & Power for light		2,441.80
To amt paid City Gas Works for lighting Streets		1,230.40
To amt pd pr order City Council		1,626.67
To amt pd orders Finance Committee		78.04
To amt paid orders Mayor		114.60
To amt pd bridge coupons	\$1,500.00	
To amt pd gas coupons	\$1,500.00	
To amt pd water coupons	\$1,758.00	
To amt pd 7% city coupons	\$7,917.00	12,875.00
To amt paid court	259.60	
To amt paid grand jurors	33.00	
To amt paid juror certificates	83.50	376.10
To amt pd Bridge Committee		100.46
To amt pd Judge Corporation Court	700.00	
To amt pd Clerk of Court	400.00	
To amt pd Clerk of Council	75.00	
To amt pd Treasurer	300.00	
To amt pd 4 police officers, \$360 ea	1,440.00	
To amt pd Supt City Gas Works, Fleming	450.00	
To amt pd Supt City Gas Works, Fitzpatrick	230.00	
To amt pd Supt City Water Works	900.00	
To amt pd clerk of Market during year	74.63	
To amt pd city sergeant salary	300.00	
To amt pd mayor salary	400.00	
To amt pd Commonwealth Atty salary	400.00	
To amt pd Commissioner of Revenue salary	250.00	
To amt pd Supt Albert Hooten, alms House	100.00	6,039.64
To amt pd Park Committee		113.65
To amt pd public schools		1,926.78
		\$39,236.23
By amounts rec'd from all sources during year		\$37,683.10
Balance due Treasurer when officer's salaries Are paid July 1, 1894		\$1,553.13

Robert T Knox, Treasurer

June 21, 1894.

It will be observed that, after paying the salaries of our officers—due on July 1st—the city will be indebted to the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,553.13.

The salaries and the July coupons of our water, bridge and gas bonds will have to be paid early in July, probably the most of it on the 1st. As there has been some objection to the quiet plan pursued heretofore by your Finance Committee, it might be well for the Council, in their wisdom, to pass a resolution authorizing the Finance Committee to make a temporary loan of sufficient money to meet the immediate needs—thus strengthen the backs of your new committee. It is not the purpose of your committee to censure or lecture the other committees of this Council charged with important work for the good of the whole community, but we do say that the committees and school trustees ought to co-operate with the Finance Committee in order that the taxes may be kept down within the limit of the ability of our people to meet the same and, as the cash for immediate purposes is scant, would it not be well for the various committees to spend sparingly until after the 15th of October, when the general taxes are paid in. We think

that, with the extra work &c, that we have had to do this year, our finances are in a good condition and have stood the calls made on them remarkably well.

The amount due by R W Adams' estate stands as it did last year—amount due October 28, 1891--\$4,604.75, and, with 6 per cent interest from date over \$5,000. Your committee has placed the claim in the hands of W A Little Jr, who will do what he can to hurry up a settlement.

The bonded debt of the city remains that reported:

7 per cent bonds, due 1906	\$117,920.00
6 per cent water bonds	30,000.00
6 per cent bridge bonds	25,000.00
6 per cent gas bonds	25,000.00
	\$197,920.00

The sinking fund remains as last reported, viz \$4,473.67. With economy and trimming down luxuries, we think the sinking fund can be attended to and the taxes kept down to \$1.20 which, [Page 201] just at this time seems to be about as much as our people can meet.

And so your Committee have made out their tax bill in accordance with the views stated to your body in the report, and recommend that the same do pass.

In regard to the amount agreed upon to pay for a site for the Kenmore Shoe Factory, your committee instructed Mr W A Little, Jr our attorney to make out an agreement, or contract, in accordance with the application of the company and the report adopted by the Council, which, when completed and duly signed and acknowledged, we recommend the Council to order the money paid out of the first money that comes into the Treasurer's hands not appropriated (or to be immediately used for coupons). In making out the appropriation ordinance, your committee put the amount to be appropriated for public schools at \$2,600. In their judicious management the school trustees had gained in the last two years about \$600, which your committee thought might be closed, so as to show an exact amount of the cash on hand, then to appropriate the same amount, \$2,600, instead of cutting down their appropriation to \$2,000. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J S Knox, M G Willis, H R Gouldman

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the Year 1894-95.

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 date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law, and ordinances of the City
- 6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in national currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 per cent bonds of the City due on 1st November next (without rebate), in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

A copy—Teste

W L Burrus, Clerk pro tempore of City Council

Annual Appropriations

Mr Knox also presented the following appropriation ordinance which was adopted:

1st Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, that the following appropriations be made for the year ending Jun 30th 1895:

Interest and sinking fund, 7 per cent Bonds	\$10,000
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	1,440
Repairs of Public Property	400
Streets	1,000
Light	2,000
Park	150
Public Schools	2,600
Water	1,000
Gas	1,500
Commerce and Navigation	50
Contingencies	1,300
Fire Department and Police	150
	\$30.240

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

Mr Knox stated that the Corporation would be due the Treasurer on July 1st a little over \$1,500, which included the salaries of the Corporation officials due on that date.

Mr Knox also stated that it would be necessary for the Corporation to borrow about \$4,000 to meet interest on bonds and other bills falling due on the 1st of July.

[All of the above from the printed source]

The Reports of the Finance Committee were adopted and ordered to be published in the City papers.

Public Property Committee

Jno M Griffin, Chairman, reported that the Committee had expended during the year \$480.06 being 180.06 in excess of the appropriation, caused by the insurance on the property which is insured for three & four years but had to be paid this year. The report was adopted, and the sum of 180.06 placed to the credit of the Committee.

Street Committee

Geo W Wroten, Chairman, reported that 1284.02 had been expended, which was \$34.02 in excess of the appropriation. The report was adopted and 34.02 placed to the credit of the Committee.

Water Works Committee

M G Willis, Chairman, reported a statement from the Supt showing

collections for the year	4,854.48
Cost of new pump & improvement	1,573.07
Running expenses	1,063.64

Expended in street pumps	73.50
Appropriation for year	2,561.07
Excess of appropriations	149.15

The report was adopted & 149.15 placed to the credit of the Water Committee

Communication & Navigation

W L Burruss, Chairman, reported no expenditures of Corporation funds. That he got Conquest & Co to repair their wharf at an expense of from \$200 to 300.00 dollars.

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Electric Light Committee

W S Embrey, Chairman, reported that the Committee had expended \$2441.80 which included placing a light on Washington Avenue, the report was adopted.

Schools

W L Burruss, reported a communication from S J Quinn, Clerk of the School Board, showing that \$5,200.00 would be necessary for the schools for the next session \$2,600.00 of which would have to be appropriated by the City. The report was adopted.

Alms House Committee

H R Gouldman, Chairman, reported that \$1309.70 had been expended by the Committee which included \$400.00 spent for the poor of the City. The present number of inmates was 16, the report was adopted and \$109.70 placed to the credit of the Committee which was in excess of the appropriation.

Hurkamp Park

J H Myer, Chairman, reported the Park in good condition that he had filed a report of the expenditures with the Treas, which was shown in his account.

Health Committee

J Hable, Chairman no report.

Fire & Police

Jno T Knight, Chairman, reported that the Committee had spent \$217.40; police expenses 157.30 Fire Department 56.10. Also submitted a statement of the work of the police force from Jan 1 /93 showing 312 arrests; 700 tramps locked up & ordered to leave the city, 660 white & 50 colored, the report was adopted. [Page 203]

Bridge Committee

M G Willis, Chairman, reported that the Committee had expended \$100.46 during the year, which included some lumber on hand. The report was adopted.

Gas Works

T McCracken, Chairman, no report

Mr J S Knox offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be authorized and instructed to make arrangements for a temporary loan of money, to meet the immediate demands of the Corporation, to be meet July 1st

Mr Jno M Griffin offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that on and after the July 1/94 the Gas Committee of this Council shall consist of three members

Mr J S Knox offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that upon the signing of the contract prepared by W A Little Jr Atty, between the town & the Kenmore Shoe Co & the same approved by the Finance Committee, that the Finance Committee be authorized to give the Kenmore Co an order for the money on the Treasurer.

Mr J M Griffin offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the thanks of this Council be and are hereby tendered to J S Knox Esq'r for his faithful and efficient service as a member of the body for the past twenty five years.

The following letter rec'd from Mrs Almelia C Waite was read and by motion of the Council, ordered spread in the minutes.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Mary Washington Memorial Association held at the residence of the President, Mrs Waite, on May 17th 1894 it was unanimously resolved:

That a vote of thanks should be tendered to the Mayor, Common Council, Municipality and citizens of Fredericksburg for their admirable arrangements and excellent management of May 10th 1894, when the Monument to Mary, the Mother of Washington was dedicated; whereby the comfort, convenience and thorough enjoyment of their guests was assured.

Amelia C Waite, President, NMWMA

The Mayor reported that the four policemen had discharged their respective duties & that there was less disorderly conduct on the Street than had ever been known before. On motion of Mr Knox the salary of the Police Officers was ordered to be paid.

And then the Council, on motion adjourned, sine die.

A P Rowe, Mayor

W L Burruss, Clerk Pro-tem

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Monday July 2nd 1894

The Common Council elected at the election held in the City on Thursday May 24, 1894 met pursuant to call of Mayor Rowe at eth Council Chamber on Monday July 2nd 1894.

Hon A P Rowe, Mayor in the chair

The following councilmen-elect having qualified according to law, appeared and took their seats at the board, viz;

Jno M Griffin, Geo W Wroten, W S Embrey, Wm E Bradley, W L Burruss, H R Gouldman, M G Willis, E D Cole, Jos Hable, J T Night, Jno H Myer

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

On motion of Mr Griffin the salary of the Clerk of the Council was fixed at \$75.00 per annum. Rob't B Berrey was nominated by Mr Willis balloted for and unanimously elected Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year.

The Mayor then delivered the following address;

Gentlemen of the City Council: As this is the first meeting of the new Council, I desire to congratulate the members of the old Council present that so many of their number were endorsed by the people and returned to have the corporate affairs again placed in their hands.

One of the old members who has served regularly for about twenty one years, thought that he should be entitled to his freedom and asked to be relieved from further service. His request was regretfully granted and he will be greatly missed by your body, as he was ever present thoughtful suggestions and wise counsel. Two of our former prominent Councilmen were granted a furlough and have been returned again and will, no doubt distinguish themselves in duties well performed as before.

There is also an infusion of fresh blood in your body through the person of a young and very progressive new members, and our city is to be congratulated in advance that its affairs will be most judiciously managed when placed in the hands of the present Council.

I wish now to be allowed to offer a few suggestions for the future action of the Council. In the first place I desire to call attention to our beautiful island which is now fast washing away and in a few years there will be very little of it left unless the banks are protected in some way. This can be most efficiently done and at a very list cost by getting permission to cut a few scow loads of willows near by and have them placed around the banks of the Island, where they will soon take root, and when once established they will become a perfect barrier against any more washing away of the banks and they will begin to fill up and enlarge at once.

I would also suggest that Spring street, which leads to the Mint Spring be opened at once and that the spring be neatly walled up and provided with a capacious dipper, well secured, so that our citizens, whether walking or driving out in that direction, can easily reach the spring and enjoy a cooling draught of its pure limpid water, which may have the same attractive power which tradition ascribed to the historic Gunnery spring, that when its waters are once quaffed, though parties may stray away and be absent for years, and even locate in our sections, it is fated that they shall ever return again.

I would also call attention to many of the trees along the sidewalks (and I have some myself) the branches of which extend across the sidewalks and hang so low that it is impossible to walk under them with an umbrella raised when raining.

Last but not least, would call attention to the many uneven and broken antebellum brick pavements, on our principal business streets, that now need to be thoroughly repaired or renewed and hope that this will be done, where needed and that no further notice will be required.

I cannot close without congratulating the city in have a grand collegiate Institute permanently established in its midst. The promoters of this Institute are also to be congratulated in having such good judgment as to see the many great advantages our city has for such an Institute, that can rarely if ever be found combined, in any other single locality, viz; a health location, pure water, good society, and churches of all the principal denominations and situated so as to draw pupils from all quarters by steamers and railroads. Our city was once celebrated for its noted male and female academies and high schools, but being mostly individual schools, after the death of their principals they sooner or later became extinct, until all departed. But this will be a fixed institution, of which it may be said in the poetic language of the living brook, that

“Though men may come and men may go, Yet I flow on forever.”

I take this opportunity to thank my fellow citizens for the renewed confidence which they have extended me, with a single personal appeal, and shall always feel grateful to them for the high honor which they have so continuously bestowed upon me.

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On Motion of Mr Knight the address of the Mayor was ordered to be spread upon the record, and the suggestions therein referred to the following committee Viz., that portion that refer to Mint Spring was referred to the Street Committee, and that portion referring to island was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

Mr H R Gouldman was nominated by Mr Wroten and unanimously elected recorder of the city of Fredericksburg for the ensuing year.

On motion the salary of the Mayor was fixed at \$400.00 per annum

The compensation of the Collector of Taxes was fixed at same as last year, viz 2½ & 5 %
Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

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

On motion the salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at \$75.00 per annum.
Applications for Clerk of the Market were rec'd from Mr Sam'l Fitzhugh & T F Proctor & they were respectively nominated, balloted for & with the following result, Mr Sam'l Fitzhugh rec'd 8 votes and T F Proctor rec'd 3 votes. Mr Sam'l [Page 207] Fitzhugh having rec'd a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year.

Joshua Stewart was nominated, balloted for and elected City scavenger for the lower ward for the ensuing year.
H H Jackson and C G Mills were respectively was nominated, balloted for City Scavenger for the upper ward.
H H Jackson receiving 6 votes & C G Mills receiving 5 votes, H H Jackson was declared elected City Scavenger for the upper ward for the ensuing year.

On motion the salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at \$100.00 per annum.
Applications for the position of Superintendent of the Alms House were read from Mess'rs A Hooten and Thos L McGhee, and they were respectively nominated and balloted for with the following result, Viz. A Hooten rec'd 8 votes and Mr T L McGhee rec'd 3 votes. Mr A Hooten having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected superintendent of the Alms House for the ensuing year.

The election of Police Officers being next in order the Council proceeded to fix their salaries and the number and designation.
After a lengthy discussion growing out of a motion of Mr Cole to give the officers one half of the fines in addition to their salaries, and a motion of Mr Wroten to make the salary of a police officer \$400.00 pr annum which motion was rejected. On motion of [Page 208] Mr Willis the number of Police Officers was fixed at 4 and the salaries fixed at \$30.00 per month.

The Council then proceeded to elect four police officers for the ensuing year, applications having been made by the following named persons they were nominated, and balloted for the voting being for four names at a time viz

Jno T Leavell received	9 votes
Jno B Larkin received	8 votes
Jno H Robinson received	10 votes
Chas A Gore received	11 votes
R L Jefferson received	4 votes
J T Deatley received	2 votes
Wm Downy received	0 votes

Thereupon Chas A Gore, Jno H Robinson, J T Leavell and Jno B Larkin having each received a majority of the all the votes cast were declared elected Police officers for the ensuing year.

The following resolution offered by Mr Burruss was after some discussion adopted.

Resolved, that the Bridge across the Rappahannock River at the foot of Commerce Street, be continued as a free bridge from July 1/94 to July 1/96 and that the judge of Stafford Co be respectfully requested to have his order in relation to the river road between the two bridges enforced.

The Mayor then announced the standing Committees of the Council as follows, Viz.

Finance, M G Willis, E D Cole, J M Griffin

Public Property, H R Gouldman, J Hable, W B Tyler

Streets, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey

Water Works, E D Cole, J M Griffin, M G Willis

Ordinances, W E Bradley, J T Knight, W S Embrey

Commerce and Navigation, W B Tyler, W L Burruss, W E Bradley

Light, W S Embrey, M G Willis, J Hable

Schools, G W Wroten, W S Embrey, J H Myer

Alms House, J T Knight, W L Burruss, W E Bradley

Hurkamp Park, J H Myer, H R Gouldman, J T Knight

Health, J Hable, W B Tyler, H R Gouldman

Fire & Police, W L Burruss, G W Wroten, J T Knight

Bridge, J Hable, J H Myer, W B Tyler

Gas Works, J M Griffin, E D Cole, W L Burruss

And then the Council on motion adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

W L Burruss, Clerk Pro Tem

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At a Regular Meeting of the Common Council held in the Council Chamber on Friday night August 17th 1894. There were present

Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

M G Willis, Geo W Wroten, W B Tyler, Jno M Griffin, W E Bradley, E D Cole, Jos Hable, J T Knight, Jno H Myer, & W L Burrus—councilmen

The Mayor stated that Clerk R B Berrey was confined to his bed from sickness and on motion of Mr Hable, Councilman W L Burruss was elected Clerk Pro Tem

M G Willis, Chairman Finance Committee, reported that the Kenmore Shoe Co had complied with their agreement with the Corporation and that the sum of \$750.00 had been paid over to the Co has turned over the Contract of the Corporation with the Kenmore Shoe Co, which was on motion of Mr Bradley, ordered to be recorded.

M G Willis also stated that a meeting of the Finance Committee had been held and the delinquent list gone over and while the delinquent amounted to about \$5000.00, the Committee thought about \$4,000.00 could be collected.

Geo W Wroten, Chairman Street Committee reported that they had organized a force to clean the street with Jno Ingraham foreman and the were pushing the work, he also stated that there was due by his Committee \$57.67 for work contracted on last years appropriation, which amount was ordered to be paid out of the years appropriation.

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E D Cole, Chairman Water Committee stated that his committee had met and found from \$2700.00 to 2800.00 due for water, and they had instructed the Supt to proceed to collect the amount due as prescribed by the Ordinance, he also read a list of those who were using the City water as a special privilege in which the Committee had made some slight advances in the rates.

Jno T Knight, Chairman Alms House Committee stated that the Committee had visited the Alms House, and awarded the contract for the supplies, the Committee thought some work should be done to the property, that a sewer to carry off the waste water from the hydrant in the house was needed and the property needed painting. The Committee was authorized to have the repairs done, and to bring in an estimate of the cost of painting the property.

Mr J Hable, Chairman Health Committee said that his attention had been called in several cases but nothing of a serious nature; that his Committee has no funds, that the Street had come to their rescue and abated several nuisances that in a short time the Committee would go around and inspect the condition of the City.

Mr J Hable, Chairman Bridge Committee said no appropriation had been placed to the credit of his committee that some earth repairs were needed to the approaches of the Bridge and ought to be done, at once, on Motion \$25.00 was placed to the credit of the Bridge Committee.

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Jno M Griffin, Chairman Gas Works Committee, submitted the following report.

Fredericksburg, Va July 20, 1894

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council:

Your Committee on Gas begs leave to submit the following report;

On July 2^d, on assuming our duties, the letter herewith accompanying this report was received from Mr W Seymour White, counsel for Bartlett, Hayward & Co

This claim is based upon a letter from the late Superintendent Fleming, a copy of which, with other correspondence bearing on the subject, kindly given by Mr White, is herewith submitted.

As stated by Mr White, the late Gas Committee declined to recognize any claim Bartlett Hayward & Co have against the Corporation and your present Committee see no reason to make any other recommendation other than the bill be not paid. We herewith submit other bills, some of which were handed your committee by Mr Hable, of the late Gas Committee, others of which have been presented to us for payment. We believe the bills are correct and should be paid.

At a meeting of the committee, held July 6th, it was determined that the contract for furnishing the coal and lime required at the Gas Works until July 1, 1895 should be given to the lowest bidders. In pursuance of this, we have advertised for bids for furnishing these supplies, and even should the Corporation not save in thus awarding the contract, your committee will feel that it has not subjected itself to the criticism of giving to any person or persons a monopoly of furnishing those articles and has only complied with the law.

Your committee has received from the Superintendent a batch of bills sent to him by the late Superintendent Fleming after his departure from Fredericksburg. These bills amount to two hundred and five dollars and fifty-five cents (\$205.55), and some of them have be running since 1891.

The delinquent list under Superintendent Fitzpatrick is comparatively small, and we think nearly all can be collected. Your committee proposes, so far as possible, to enforce the payment of gas bills, believing that those who use the gas should pay for it.

On July 11th your committee visited the Gas Works, and we are forced to say found them in a very dilapidated condition—certainly, as far as the buildings are concerned, they could not be much worse. The retort house we find badly in need of repairs in the way of roof and floors, the roof in many places being entirely open and the wood work of the cornice crumbling from decay. The walls of all the buildings are badly in need of pointing, the floors in the retort house and coal shed are rough and uneven, and in consequence much more labor is required in handling the coal &c. The coal shed needs a new roof, and your committee would recommend [Page 211] that a suitable shed be erected to be used as a receptacle for the coke &c.

In the purifying house and building used heretofore as an office and workshop, we find a similar condition of affairs—the roofs all leaking and the floors not only bad, but in many cases in a dangerous condition. The premises are in need of a suitable enclosure.

Now as to the interior natures and gas appliances we are informed by the Superintendent that a new bench of retorts are needed, and should be put in at as early a date as possible in order to have no trouble as fall comes on and the consumption of gas increases.

As will be seen from the report of Superintendent there is a large loss of gas each month. From inquiry we learn from the Superintendent that many of the service pipes in town are in bad condition, which no doubt, in a measure accounts for some of this loss.

Our attention was also called to the gas holder, and while having our opinion as to the job, we refrain from any criticism for the present. In connection with this latter subject, we beg to submit the following letter from Walsh & McLaughlan, under date July 12th, and reply to same.

In conclusion, your committee believes that it would be the part of wisdom and economy to secure the services of a suitable gas engineer to make a thorough examination of these works, and make such suggestions as to improvements as will put them on a modern footing, in keeping with the progress made in late years.

If this be done we cannot but believe that the Gas Works can be made a paying institution here as is the case in other cities. That it will require money we do not deny, but when the loss of gas each month is taken into consideration you can readily see where there would be something saved. We have endeavored to set forth as plainly as we are able the condition of affairs in the Gas Department without overdrawing the picture.

Respectfully submitted

John M Griffin, E D Cole, W L Burruss—Committee on Gas

On Motion of Mr Willis the Gas Committee was authorized to employ a competent person to estimate the cost of repairing the Gas Works property and report to the Council.

On Motion, of Mr Bradley, the settlement of the bill of Walsh & McLaughlin was left with the Gas Committee with power to act.

The Gas Committee having recommended that the bill of Haywood, Bartlett & Co be not paid, the recommendation was concurred by the Council

A communication from S J Quinn Clerk of the School Board was read, stating that Mr C E Hunter, having failed to qualify as a trustee, on motion of Mr Cole, Councilman M G Willis was elected.

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On motion of Mr Bradley it was adopted that the old Gas Bill turned over to the Committee by the former Supt D E Fleming be collected by said Committee according to law.

On motion the rules were suspended and a vote taken on the ordinance offered by Mr Cole which was adopted as follows:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council

First, That in order at all times to insure a supply of water for Domestic purposes the Committee on Water are hereby authorized to stop street and lawn sprinkling and the use of motors at any time by proclamation when in their opinion from drought or accident to the Water Works said supply may be threatened, said proclamation shall be made by printed hand bills, distributed throughout the town and said proclamation shall observed and until revoked by said Committee.

Second, Any one guilty of sprinkling street or lawns, or using his motor by water in violation of any proclamation of the Committee on water as above authorized shall be fined for each offence in a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

The use of any hydrant or sprinkler on any premises or on the streets, or any motor during the continuance of a proclamation as aforesaid, shall be considered used by permission of the owner or occupant.

Third, The Police Officers are hereby especially charged with the enforcement of the Ordinance.

Fourth, This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

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Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted.

[from the newspaper]

Ring Your Bells! Let there be Light.

Mr Bradley offered the following ordinance regulating the running of bicycles in the streets and on the free bridge, which was unanimously adopted.

It shall not be lawful for any person to ride a bicycle on the bridge over the Rappahannock river, leading from Tenth Street to Stafford, at a rate to exceed five miles an hour. Such persons shall be required to use whistles or bells on said bicycle during the day and lamps or headlights at night on the bridge and streets of the city.

Anyone violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than five dollars.

This act shall be in force from August 1st 1894.

Mr Hable presented a petition of Citizens living & carrying on business on the South side of Commerce Street to be allowed to run a pipe from the Star office across the Street to the south side that the water might flow that way and flush the gutter on motion the petition was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

A discussion upon the ordinance concerning dogs was introduced by Mr Bradley, but no action taken; and at 10:45 o'clock on motion of Mr Griffin the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

W L Burruss, Clerk Pro Tem

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At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday September 21st 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Cole, Willis, Myer, Wroten, Tyler, Griffin, Embrey, Bradley

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of Finance Committee presented bills, one of the *Fredericksburg Star* amounting to \$18.00 and one of the *Free Lance* amounting to \$7.25 which, on motion, were ordered to be paid.

Mr Cole, from Committee on Water Works, reported the Works in good condition and a plentiful supply of Water. He also had read for the information of the Council a communication from Capt S J Quinn, superintendent of the Water Works.

Mr Tyler, Chairman of Commerce and Navigation committee, called attention to the present condition of the Island; that it was being cut away by parties hauling sand from it and it should be stopped. After some discussion the subject was referred back to the Committee with instructions to report proper means to prevent further injury.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Committee on Light, stated that the complaints in regard to insufficiency of light would be inquired into and corrected.

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Mr Bradley from Committee on Alms House reported that bids had been advertised for to paint and wash the Alms house. When opened a report would be made to the Council.

Mr Griffin, Chairman of the Gas Committee, reported the work now in progress on the buildings would be of a first-class character and when completed the public will see that the money has been well spent. The bills of Walsh & McLaughlin which amounted to \$1,253.07 for work done last year, which work the committee claim was not done according to contract, had been settled for the sum of \$900. And the settlement the Council approved & concurred with.

Mr Thomas F Holden, superintendent of the East Station of the Washington Gas Works, was present, and Mr Griffin submitted his estimates for the work that was necessary to be done now. These estimates amounted to \$1,958.25, which was for benches, retorts &c
On motion of Mr Willis, the Committee was directed to have the work done according to Mr Holden's specifications & estimates.

The Mayor reported that the Police Officers had discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their salaries for the quarter ending September 30th.

On Motion the salaries were ordered to be paid.

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My Tyler offered the following resolution.

That the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of three to wait upon Mr York or such other parties as may be able to furnish granite blocks & curbing, and find the exact cost of same delivered on streets, also to find out the coast of laying same in a good substantial and durable manner, and report just as soon as practicable in full to the Council.

The resolution was seconded by Mr Griffin and unanimously adopted, and the following committee was appointed by the Mayor, Viz
Mess'rs Tyler, Bradley & Cole

And then on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday October 19th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Tyler, Griffin, Embrey, Burruss, Bradley, Cole, Hable & Myer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Finance Committee presented a bill of the *Free Lance* for printing amounting to \$14.75 which on his motion was ordered to be paid.

The salary of A B Bowering, Commissioner of the Revenue, amounting to \$250.00 was ordered to be paid.

Mr Embrey of Light Committee, stated that a deduction amounting to \$60 had been made on last month's bills for failure to light the lamps.

Mr Bradley of Alms House Committee reported the work of repainting and rewashing the Alms House and outbuildings nearly complete, and asked for an appropriation of \$125 which on motion was granted.

Mr Griffin, of Gas Works Committee, announced that the new work was progressing finely and would be completed by the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Tyler, from special Committee on Street paving, stated that he hoped to be able to report something definite at the next [Page 218] meeting of the Council and the Committee was continued.

Hon John L Marye, appeared before the Council on behalf of the Assembly's Home and School, and stated that under the Charter it was exempted from taxation, both State and City, and that the property was charged with City taxes, he said that it appeared on the Commissioner's Books in the name of the Chew estate, but it belonged to the Assembly's Home and School, but had not been transferred.

Mr Marye spoke of the advantages of the School to Fredericksburg, which was heartily concurred in by the Council and on Motion of Mr Willis the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved that the treasurer of this City be authorized and instructed to receive as cash the tax bills in the hands of the Collector of Taxes, charged against the "Chew Property" now the property of "The Assembly's Home and School."

Mr Embrey called attention to the river road from the Stafford end of the Free Bridge to Falmouth. He earnestly urged that some action be taken by the Council looking to putting of the same in a passable condition.

After much discussion the matter was referred to the Bridge Committee.

Mr Embrey also called the attention of the Council to the Tramp nuisance and the Mayor promised that the nuisance should be abated as far as it was in his power to do so.

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The Mayor reported the amount collected for licenses on dogs from October 1st 1893 to October 1st 1894 \$246.50. Fines for quarter ending October 1st 1894, \$75.50.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday November 16th 1894.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Wroten, Myer, Griffin, Willis, Knight, Burruss, Cole, Tyler and Embrey.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The special committee to whom had been referred the matter of street paving through its chairman, Mr W B Tyler presented the following report.

[Printed in *The Free Lance*, 20 November 1894, page 3, column 3]

The Committee's Report:

To the Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen: Having been appointed by your to find out the cost of street paving and also the best method of so doing, and after carefully looking into the several methods and securing bids or estimates on same, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration:

We are fully satisfied after carefully looking into the different methods of street paving that granite blocks are far more serviceable, more reasonable and more easily obtained than any other class, and therefore we have not deemed it necessary to present bids or occupy your time discussing other grades of paving, and having secured several estimates of paving with granite blocks, we have selected the two different styles that we consider suitable and presented by the lowest bidders.

The first estimate we offer for your consideration is that of Mess'rs York & Swift of Fredericksburg, to furnish all necessary materials including Belgian blocks 10 to 12 inches long, 4 to 4½ inches wide and 5 to 6 inches deep, a sample of which we have; also sand, do all grading under supervision of a competent engineer, lay the blocks under the standard specifications of stone paving, for the sum of \$2.20 per square yard, and the curbing 4 inches wide by 18 feet deep dressed, 3 inches on pavement side and 6 to 8 inches on gutter side was 85 cents per lineal foot.

The second bid that we have to offer is that of Mr Alois Rick of Richmond, Va. Who has done paving for Richmond, Baltimore, Lynchburg, Staunton and other places--he also did the work at the R F & P station. The stone that Mr Rick proposes to use is not as large or as neat a stone as the regular dressed block, but the stone are to be of hard, durable James River granite of uniform quality, broken to proper sizes avoiding feather or small edges in depth not less than 6 nor more than 7 inches and at top and bottom not less than 3 nor more than 6 inches across the surface in any direction; and when set to show no joint or opening greater than one inch in transverse direction, and this to be exceptional; To have a uniform upper face in all respects like the average specimen stones sent to the committee. This pavement is called the Spall or Rubble paving, and is being put down in several of the large cities in preference to the larger or Belgian, which presents a larger surface and is more apt to work and cause sink holes. Mr Rick proposed to lay the blocks under the regular specifications for street paving and furnish everything including sand, grading etc, complete for the sum of \$1.80 per square yard, and curbing for 85 cents per linear foot.

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Your committee after seeing Mr Rick's representative are strongly in favor of the Rubble paving thinking that it is as durable, if not more so than the Belgian blocks, and is by far the most reasonable, and do request that this honorable body do take some action at once in this matter and not allow it to be put off, and would ask that one square be pave as an experiment before winter sets in, and we would state that the cost to the city for one square a year would be small and would be a permanent investment both to the city and property owners along said street. The cost of paving one square 300 feet long and 40 feet wide would be \$2,100.00, and if the property owners were assessed one third the cost to the city would be \$700.00, and the cost to each property holder would be but about \$2.25 per foot by dividing the whole square equally, but it is customary for the property owners to pay for the curbing, and if it were deemed wise in this instance the cost to the city would be lowered accordingly, and the cost to the property owners increased pro rata.

The cost of the Belgian blocks would be about \$3,500.00 per square or about \$1,200.00 to the city. The work on one square could be completed in three weeks from date of contract under Mr Rick's bid, and about two or three months under Mr York's bid.

We present this report for your consideration, hoping that you will deem it wise and to the interest of all citizens, and to the future of our city, to begin at once, if only to pave one square a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter B Tyler, Chairman, E D Cole, W E Bradley.

My Tyler explained the plans suggested by the report and earnestly advocated its adoption.

After a general and full discussion of the same, Mr Willis moved the Special Committee be continued for the purpose of more fully investigating matters suggested by said report and all questions appertaining to the same.

Mr Willis's motion was adopted and the report recommitted.

On call of standing committees

Mr Willis, Chairman Finance Committee presented a bill of the Fredericksburg Star, for printing amounting to \$24.75. which, on his motion, was ordered to be paid. Mr Willis also reported that the collections made by the City Collector were largely above the amount made at the same time last year.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Committee on Light, reported that the contract for the Electric Light expires on December 1st 1894, but that the same arrangements as made last year would continue until the next meeting of the council, at which time the Committee would present a report.

A discussion of the Electric Light subject ensued and on Motion of Mr Cole, the Mayor appointed [Page 221] Mess'rs Griffin, Tyler, and Cole a committee to investigate and ascertain the cost of an electric plant.

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Alms House, reported the improvements, wood work, painting and sewerage all completed and asked that the sum of \$81.00 be placed to the credit of the Committee, which sum, on motion was appropriated.

Mr Burruss, Chairman Committee on Fire and Police, reported that \$12.00 had been expended in repairs to Engine House, and that uniforms for the Police, to cost \$45.00 had been ordered.

Mr Griffin, Chairman, Committee on Gas Works, reported that the new improvements and repairs were about completed and were satisfactory to the Committee.

There being no further reports from Committees, on motion Capt S J Quinn who was present was granted permission to address the Council.

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Capt Quinn said he appeared before the body for the purpose of asking the Council to donate to the Rim Factory Company the portion of Prussia street from Water to the river. The company, he said, finds it necessary to increase their plant to double its size, and there being no land except the portion referred to, and which at present was an eye-sore and a very dangerous place, they would ask the Corporation for it. After an explanation by Mr Wroten, and on motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, Prussia street, from Water Street to the river, is of no use and cannot be utilized for the Corporation; and

Whereas, it is now in a dangerous condition and

Whereas, the owners of the Fredericksburg Wheel Stock Company, to wit: M G Willis, H F Crismond, E D Cole, and S J Quinn have applied for its use in order to extend and enlarge the business of said company, therefore,

Resolved, That that portion of Prussia street lying between Water street and the Rappahannock river be and the same is hereby placed in possession of the owners of the plant of the Fredericksburg Wheel Stock Company, as above mentioned and they are hereby permitted to erect thereon such buildings and place therein such machinery as they may desire for the purpose of enlarging and conducting their business, the same to be held by them so long as said buildings shall be used for manufacturing purposes; provided that the use thereof shall not interfere with the present flow of water down that portion of said street from C H Pettit's waste gate erected at or near that point.

Resolved that when the use of said street is abandoned by said Company, they shall have the right to remove therefrom any and all improvements made or placed thereon by them.

Hon J S Potter, being present and [Page 222] desiring to address the Council, on motion permission was granted. Whereupon he delivered an able earnest and instructive speech in which he urged upon the Council the importance of a more liberal and progressive municipal policy, and submitted the following proposition.

[printed in *The Free Lance*, 20 November 1894, page 3, column 4]

The Proposition

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg:

Gentlemen: I propose to lay out a new street and cause to be erected thereon, upon conditions to be named, ten modern, genteel and comfortable residences.

It is intended to proceed with five such residences immediately, and with five more in the coming Spring. The new street is to be 62 feet wide and laid out parallel with Dixon Street and extend from Hazel Hill Avenue to a proposed extension of Charles Street.

I propose to give to the city the very valuable piece of land needed for the construction of this street, together with the sidewalks, curbed and completely finished in a manner becoming a city, which property measures the sanitary necessities and comforts of progressive municipal civilization, and to have the work so thoroughly done as to secure lasting permanence.

The street will have a curbed centre plat for shrubbery and flowers and fountain.

The conditions attached to this proposed public improvement to the city are as follows:

The city shall grade and semi-macadamize the new street which will of course be the city's property. I say semi-macadamized because this particular street will not be needed or used for heavy teaming, and a five or six inch foundation of common stone and coarse gravel, properly manipulated and top-dressed will make a street that will last many years without expense for repairs of any kind.

The grading will be a small item, as it is now nearly complete where the land is not level.

Grading for the water shed will be all that is needed.

The other condition is, that a suitable sewer pipe shall be laid through the new street and Dixon Street to Caroline, down which street it shall be continued and enter the Rappahannock river at a suitable distance below the gas house where habitations are not likely to be hereafter constructed and suffer from the dangerous poison outflow of the sewer.

In laying the pipe provision should be made for four inch connections for the accommodations of residents along the line. I should think a 10 inch terra cotta pipe would be ample for that section of the city.

Very respectfully,

J S Potter.

On motion of Mr Tyler, the proposition was referred to the Street Committee who are instructed to consult with Mr Potter and ascertain the cost of the proposed improvement and report at a called meeting of the Council.

Absent: Mr Myer

Mr Embrey made an earnest appeal for a special appropriation to remedy and fill up a dangerous ditch on Princess Anne Street at Colbert's Corner. On motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee.

The Mayor stated that the law in reference to tramps was being strictly carried out, when in the City at night they were giving lodging [Page 223] in the lock up and next morning furnished with a loaf of bread and then escorted to the outskirts of the city. So far it had only cost the Corporation \$1.82. This action of the Mayor was approved by the Council.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

A Called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday December 4th 1894

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Wroten, Myer, Cole, Burruss, Willis, Hable, Griffin, Tyler, Bradley.

The Mayor called the Council to order and stated that it had been convened for the purpose named in the call, Viz: To receive report of Street Committee in regard to proposition of Hon J S Potter.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Street Committee, presented the following report in writing and supplemental estimate, Viz.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va.

Your committee through its undersigned members to whom was referred the proposition of the Hon J S Potter, would respectfully report [Page 224] that they have carefully examined the street he proposes donating under the conditions set out in his written proposition, namely: That the City of Fredericksburg shall Macadamize the said street and lay a sewer pipe along the said street, thence to Dixon, from Dixon on down Caroline, or Main street to a point below the gas house, a distance of about 2700 feet. The cost of laying of the sewer pipe will be 43 cents a running foot. The grading and macadamizing of the street will, as per diagram submitted by Mr Potter, cost 70 cents a cubic yard, making a total cost for the improvement of \$1861.00.

Your committee recommends that it be done and that a proper contract be made with Mr Potter stipulating for the performance of the conditions proposed by Mr Potter, with an agreement that should Mr Potter fail to comply with the aforesaid conditions within a proper time then, that the Corporation shall have a lien on the buildings erected by Mr Potter for the amount expended by the Corporation on said improvements. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey.

(2859 feet to Corporation stone) (2700 feet to a point below the Gas House)

Mr Cole offered the following resolution which being seconded by Mr Hable was unanimously adopted, Viz.

Resolved, that the whole subject matter relating to Mr Potter's properties be [Page 225] recommitted to the Street Committee who are instructed to ask of Mr Potter such contract or agreement as he would require of the Corporation on his part of the proposition which he has made.

On motion the rules were suspended and application from Mr Wm T Leavell for permission to erect a Blacksmith and Carriage shop on his lot on Prince Edward Street was presented and on motion the privilege asked for was granted.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

A Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday the 21st of December 1894

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Cole, Wroten, Knight, Hable, Bradley, Willis, Griffin, Embrey, Tyler and Myer

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Mr Tyler, Special Committee on Street paving as a report from his Committee read a letter from St Geo R Fitzhugh Esq'r in which he advises the Council and Committee that the Council has not the power under the [Page 226] present City Charter to compel property owners to pay for street paving; on motion this report was received, the paper ordered to be filed and the committee discharged.

Mr Griffin, special committee on Electric Plant, made a partial report and read for the information of the Council a letter giving estimates &c which was received and the committee continued for fuller investigation of the subject.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Street Committee, presented a communication from Hon J S Potter, withdrawing a proposition which he (Potter) had submitted to the Council at a previous meeting, in relation to the erection of certain houses and other improvements, and which had been referred to the Street Committee for investigation & report. On motion the Committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Mr Wroten then submitted an application from Mr O D Rhea for the privilege of erecting a stable & wagon house on vacant lot adjoining J W Colbert's lot on upper Main Street. On motion, Mr Rea's petition was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Hable reported that it has been suggested that the Stafford authorities have no control of the Road at the Stafford end of the "Free Bridge," it not being a public road. On motion of Mr Embrey the Committee was authorized to employ Counsel to carefully [Page 227] examine the records and to ascertain to whom the road in question belongs.

Mr Cole offered the following resolution, Viz.

Resolved that a Special Committee of three (3) be appointed to confer with the Supervisors of the County of Stafford County and see if they cannot perfect arrangements for the free use of the Stafford County Bridge by the Citizens of Fredericksburg.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and the Mayor appointed the following Committee, Viz.

Mess'rs Cole, Bradley & Tyler.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Committee on Light had not report to make and Mr Cole offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted Viz.

Resolved That the Committee on Light be instructed to obtain from the Electric Light Company a written proposition for furnishing the City with Electric Light, and report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

J M Griffin, Chairman Committee on Gas Works reported that he hoped to have everything done by January 1st. The collections were good and the amount of gas was quite large.

The Council then prepared to go into the election of Superintendent of Water Works and Supt of Gas Works for the ensuing year.

On motion the salary of Superintendent of Water Works was fixed at \$900.00 per annum.

Application in writing from Capt S J [Page 228] Quinn announcing his candidacy for Supt of Water Works was read and the Council proceeded to an election by ballot with the following result, Viz S J Quinn received all the votes cast, and was declared unanimously elected Superintendent of City Water Works for the ensuing year.

On motion the salary of Superintendent of Gas Works was fixed at \$600.00 per annum. Applications for this position were made in writing by Wm Fitzpatrick and Wm T Hancock, and the Council proceeded to an election by ballot with the following result, Viz.

Mr Wm Fitzpatrick received 10 votes

Mr W T Hancock received 1 vote

Mr Wm Fitzpatrick was declared elected Supt Gas Works for the ensuing year.

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

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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