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Fredericksburg Jan 15, 1897

The Regular meeting of the City Council for January was held at the Council Chamber Friday night, Jan. 15th.

Present

Mayor White

Councilmen; Willis Wroten, Griffin, Chancellor, Embry, Rowe, Gouldman, Cole, Howard, McCracken and Bradley

Absent: Mr. Wallace

After reading of minutes of last meeting Mr Cole presented the resignation of Mr. J. Stansbury Wallace as a member of the council from the Upper Ward; which is as follows;

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To the Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg Virginia

Gentlemen

After thoughtful consideration I have determined to retire from the Common Council & to this end hereby tender my resignation with the request that it be acted upon at once, as my conclusion is final.

The interest of the City are so safe in the conservative composition of your body, that my presence can add nothing, in the furtherance of the peoples welfare, and as my continuance in the Council would be at the expense of my business affairs, I feel that I am justified in my action.

I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial and courteous consideration shown me by his honor the Mayor and each member of the Council, and to express my personal esteem for both.

Very Respectfully,

S. Stansbury Wallace.

Mr. Cole said he knew that every member of the Council was loth to part with Mr. Wallace as a Councilman but in consideration of Mr. Wallace's expressed desire moved that the resignation be received, which was adopted.

Mr. McCracken presented the resignation of Councilman M. S. Chancellor as a member from the Lower Ward as follows:

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To the Honorable Mayor & City Council

Gentlemen,

I hereby tender my resignation as Councilman from the Lower Ward, having recently changed my residence to the Upper Ward and which renders my resignation necessary.

Very respectfully,

M. S. Chancellor.

On motion of Mr McCracken the resignation was received, then on Motion of Mr. Cole, Mr. M. S. Chancellor was elected to fill the vacancy in the Upper Ward occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Wallace.

Mr. W. H. Hurkamp was placed in nomination by Mr. Griffin & elected to fill the vacancy in the Lower Ward occasioned by the resignation of Councilman M. S. Chancellor.

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Mr. Willis of Finance presented the following bills which are ordered paid:

Free Lance	\$3.50
J. Willard Adams	\$11.89

He also asked that Salary of Commissioner of Revenue be ordered paid. Adopted
On behalf of Collector A. P. Rowe Jr., Mr Willis presented the names and amounts due by each delinquent taxpayer running from the years 1875 to 1895 with the statement that many of the parties had moved away or were dead or had no property & he desired under instruction from the Council to get them off his books.

On motion of Mr. McCracken the collector was directed to turn over these accounts, amounting to \$824.93 to the Treasurer of the City & take his receipt therefore.

Taxes on City Bonds amounting to \$27.00 which had been paid by J A Taylor, trustee for MRs B C Lacy were ordered to be refunded, the bonds being non taxable.

Mr. Willis presented a list of persons as follows who had been relieved by the Courts from erroneous assessment; Mrs Mary G. Berrey, executrix of R B Berrey \$4.11; Mrs Bettie W. Chancellor, executrix of M S Chancellor \$36.00; John Hayden, Commissioner Hayden vs Shelton \$7.80; Mrs Leslie S Kearsley, executrix of A F T Fitzhugh \$9.18; Mrs Susan Latimer \$108; James M. Barnes Commissioner J. M Conway \$3.60; Mrs Lucy F Chapman, administratrix of J H Chapman \$31.20; W A Little Jr Trustee for H Winter \$15.97; Mrs Mary Q. Chesley, executrix of John R Chesley \$90.00; Mrs Fannie E Keene, administratrix of Samuel Keene \$7.93; Mrs Fannie S. Keene \$2.40; Mrs Anna M. Braxton, administratrix of E. M . Braxton \$38.40.

It appearing that the property on which these taxes had been assessed was non-taxable & that some of the parties had already paid the taxes assessed against them, it was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Willis also presented bill of the Electoral Board of this City amounting to \$138 & running back to 1884.

On motion of Mr McCracken it was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act

The sum of \$40 to lay pipes to carry off the water of Sophia St near Mr Waller B Tyler's residence was asked for & granted by Mr Embrey of Street Committee, Mr. Griffin of Light, presented application of the Free Lance Publishing Co for a reduction in the price of gas for power purposes from \$1.50 to \$1.25 per thousand feet.

On motion of Mr. Cole if was ordered that the price of Gas used by the Free Lance Publishing Co in their engine for power be reduced to \$1.25 per thousand but the cost of their gas for [Page 53] illumination purposes remain the same as heretofore.

Mr. Griffin stated the receipts of the Gas Works for December 1896 were \$1230.45 & expenses \$566.70. The largest receipts in the history of the works for any month since the City owned them.

A petition was presented from the John G. Hurkamp Co & others asking that an electric light be placed at the head of Commerce St extended.

On motion of Mr Cole, if was referred to the Committee on Light with power to act.

Mayor White stated that Mr. St. Geo R. Fitzhugh was present & desired to address the Council on a subject that he thought was of importance to the City's interest.

The request was granted & Mr. Fitzhugh made an earnest request that the Council take at once proper steps to advertise the advantages of this City as a manufacturing & residential location.

On motion of Mr McCracken the following resolution was adopted:

That three members of the Council are appointed by the Mayor a committee who shall ascertain & report to a subsequent meeting of the Council the approximate cost of a publication in book or pamphlet form setting forth the advantages & attractions of Fredericksburg for manufacturing purposes & for residence containing full particulars in relation to Water Power, existing manufacturers, transportation facilities &c

and containing suitable engraved pictures of manufacturing establishments, public buildings, Churches & schools & of the dam.

The application of the Kenmore Shoe Co for a donation by the City of \$80 per annum for ten years in lieu of taxes was taken up as unfinished business.

On motion of Mr McCracken the majority report of the special committee for this matter recommending that the request be not granted was passed by the following vote:

Aye: Willis, Wroten, Griffin, Rowe, Cole, Chancellor, McCracken, Bradley;

Noe: Embrey, Gouldman, Howard.

Mr. Embrey offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved the auditing Committee of the Council be & is hereby directed to investigate the books of the Corporation as to any Manufacturing [Page 54] plants that are exempt from taxation & the value of same & to report the same to the next meeting of the Council.

The said Committee is further directed to report what aid has been extended any & all manufacturing enterprises by the Corporation.

Mr. Howard presented a resolution on the matter of the scholarships of the City in the Fredericksburg College.

On motion of Mr Willis the resolution was laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr W. B. Tyler appeared before the Council by permission & protested against the laying of a sewer along Hanover St. to the River. The subject was referred to the Health Committee.

The election of Superintendent of Water Works was then ordered.

Mr Cole moved that the salary be fixed at \$900. Mr Bradley offered a substitute that it be \$700. Mr. Gouldman amended by inserting \$750 which was accepted by Mr Bradley.

A recorded vote on the reduction was asked for & resulted:

For reduction; Messrs Bradley, Griffin, McCracken, Gouldman & Howard.

Against Messers Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Rowe, Cole & Chancellor.

The salary was fixed at \$900.00 & Capt S J Quinn was unanimously re-elected superintendent of the Water Works for the ensuing year.

The election of Superintendent of Gas Works was then taken up.

Mr. Griffin moved that the salary be fixed at \$750. Mr Bradley offered as a substitute \$600; on a recorded vote:

For the substitution; Messers Bradley & Embrey

Against; Messers Willis, Wroten, Griffin, Gouldman Rowe, Howard, Cole McCracken & Chancellor. The salary was then fixed at \$750 & Mr William Fitzpatrick was unanimously re-elected Superintendent of the Gas Works for the ensuing year.

The Council then adjourned

W S White, Mayor

W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Jan 19, 1897

A Called meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber Tuesday night Jan 19, 1897

To receive the report of the Health Committee on the subject of laying a sewer on Hanover Street to the River.

Present

Mayor White

Councilmen; Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Gouldman, Hurkamp, Cole, Chancellor, McCracken & Howard

Absent: Messrs Griffin, Bradley & Embrey

Mr Gouldman, Chairman of Health Committee presented the following report

To the Major & Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va
Gentlemen

Complaint having been made that the permission granted by the Street Committee to certain citizens to construct a sewer on Hanover St to the River would be detrimental to the interests of certain other citizens & the matter having been referred to the Committee on Health & Police to examine into & to report, we respectfully submit the following:

After having ascertained the opinion of five physicians & of such citizens as we deemed proper to consult & after a personal inspection of the proposed outlet & of the outlets of the Exchange Hotel & Jail sewers, we are of the unanimous opinion that there can be no possible objection to the construction of the Hanover Street sewer, provided the outlet shall be not less than fifteen feet below or beyond extreme low water mark. Such pipes should be extended either upon stout wood trestles or upon a brick or stone wall & the ends should curve down so as to be always under water.

Should such pipes be laid simply on the beach we are of the opinion that the outlet will sooner or later be closed by sand & the result be injurious to all who have connection with the sewer as well as all other residents along its course. We recommend that the Exchange Hotel shall be compelled to extend their outlet not less than fifteen feet beyond or below extreme low water mark & that the Committee on Public Property shall do likewise with the jail sewer.

Respectfully submitted,

H R Gouldman

A Randolph Howard

M S Chancellor, Committee on Health & Police

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Permission was accorded Mr W A Little Jr as counsel for Mr W B Tyler, who protested against the laying of the sewer to address the Council.

Mr. Little made a speech in opposition to the adoption of the report.

Messrs Willis & Gouldman advocated the adoption of the report & Mr McCracken spoke in favor of extending the sewer to the Stafford side of the island.

On motion of Mr Cole, Mr H F Crismond was invited to address council on behalf of himself & associates who proposed laying the sewer.

The report was unanimously adopted;

Mr Howard of Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance under the suspension of the rules which on motion of Mr Willis was laid over until next meeting of Council.

Be it resolved that from this date no person shall construct any sewer or drainage pipe that shall empty into the River inside of the Corporate Limits without first obtaining permission of the Council.

That a resolution of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five (\$5) dollars nor more than (\$10) ten dollars & that each failure to remove such sewer after notice for an officer shall constitute a separate offence.

Respectfully

A Randolph Howard

T McCracken, Ordinance Committee

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The Council then adjourned

W L White, Mayor

W E. Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Feb 19, 1897

The Regular meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber Friday Night Feb 15, 1897

Present:

Mayor White

Councilmen, Willis, Wroten, Hurkamp, Griffin, Rowe, Gouldman, Howard, Cole, McCracken & Bradley

Absent: Messers Embrey & Chancellor

Mr Willis of Finance presented bill of J. W. Adams for \$4.50 which was ordered paid.

He also presented bond of S J Quinn Superintendent of Water Works for \$2000 with E. D. Cole & M. B. Rowe sureties. The bond was accepted & placed in the custody of Mayor White.

Mr Cole of Water presented a report from Supt Quinn of Water Works of the costs of laying pipes & repairs to reservoir, it is as follows:

To the Committee on Water, Messrs E.D. Cole, M. G. Willis & G W Wroten.

In obedience to your instructions I ordered & laid pipe on the several streets here named as follows

On the National Boulevard from Spotswood to Willis St – 3in cast pipe 1025 ft

On National Boulevard from Willis St to Herndon's new house near National Cemetery Gate, 2in galvanized 400 ft

On Spotswood St north from National Boulevard 3in cast iron pipe 475ft

To be placed on Winchester St from Lewis to Fauquier St 3in cast iron pipe 450ft

Total number feet of pipe 2350

On the National Boulevard are placed 3 new hydrants

On Spotswood St 1 & on Winchester St 2

The total cost of laying this pipe is \$710.20 as follows

Cost & freight on Pipe	\$444.18
Cost & freight on Fire Plugs	\$128.75
Cost & freight on Lead	\$ 26.22
Cost of Labor	\$111.05
Total	\$710.20

In additional to this both reservoirs have been repaired and are now in good condition. The banks of the reservoir on the hill were straightened up and riprapped in good style to the top of the banks so there will be no danger of their washing for years to come. The reservoir at the pump house had a line of stone placed in three sides of it and all parts of the banks exposed were covered with stone. The cost of this work amounted to \$167.18 as follows:

Amount paid for Stone	\$42.50
Amt paid for hauling stone	\$41.12
Amt paid for labor	\$83.56
Total	\$167.18

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Total Amount expended for extra work is as follows:

Total amount for laying pipe	\$710.20
Total amount for repairing reservoirs	\$167.18
Total	\$877.38

Respectfully,

S J Quinn, Supt

On motion of Mr McCracken the report was received and ordered spread on the minutes of the Council.

On motion of Mr Willis the sum of \$877.38 was place to the credit of the Water Committee

Mr. Cole further reported orally that five of the new houses built by Mr Charles Herndon were out of the City limits & as no taxes were paid to the Corporation a contract had been made by the Committee with Mr Herndon for five years to further him water at \$10 pr annum for each house.

Mr Griffin presented the bond of Supt Wm Fitzpatrick of the Gas Works for \$2000 with T McCracken as surety. The bond was accepted & given to Mayor White for safe keeping.

Mr A R Howard's resolution in regard to scholarships of the City in the Fredericksburg College which was presented at the last meeting & laid over was taken up. On motion of Mr Bradley who suggested that it be amended by striking out the words "In consideration of a donation of \$10,000 made by the Council of this City on Jan 28, 1896", which was agreed to, the resolution was unanimously adopted & is as follows:

Whereas the Assembly Home & School at Fredericksburg has contracted to provide instruction annually in the Institute in all the branches of the Collegiate education taught therein for ten proficient pupils from the Public Free Schools of Fredericksburg, such pupils to be chosen and designated for such instruction in said Institute in such manner as the Common Council shall prescribe & to receive such instruction in said Institute for such time as the Common Council shall prescribe, but no more than ten of such pupils shall be entitled to such instruction in said Institute during any one session thereof

And Whereas by resolution of this Council on August 22, 1896 a competitive examination was held on Aug 27 & 28 1896 and the ten pupils attaining the highest proficiency in said examination were designated by this Council to receive the benefit of said Scholarships during the session of 1896 & 97 and are in accordance therewith now attending the said College.

And Whereas it now behooves this Council to adopt [Page 59] some fixed & permanent plan for the future disposition of these scholarships both as a vindication of their ability as business men to deal with this matter & in justice to the present tenants of said scholarships & of the pupils of the Grammar School, some of whom are prospective tenants thereof, in order that both classes of pupils may know what to expect and to govern themselves accordingly,

Therefore be it resolved that the ten scholarships in the Fredericksburg College shall be considered a reward of merit attached to the highest grade of the Grammar School thus stimulating the pupils of that school to a worthy emulation in their studies and deportment by giving them a prize to attain and thereby causing that school to reach a point of excellence unprecedented heretofore in the annals of that most excellently conducted & proficient school.

2. That all pupils who may become eligible for these scholarships shall be white bona fide residents of this city who have proficiently completed the highest grade in the grammar school.

3. That the principal of the Grammar School shall at the close of each scholastic year certify to the City Superintendent of Public Schools a list of the names, with a marked standing of all who have that year proficiently passed their final examination in the highest grad of said school, and he shall in turn certify the same to this council, together with any explanatory remarks that might alter the eligibility of any name, should any such be considered necessary; whereupon this Council shall then proceed to designate which pupils are entitled to vacant scholarships.

4. That should any scholarships become vacant during an unexpired session the City Superintendent of Public Schools shall so notify this Council who shall either fill such vacancy from their last list of proficient pupils of the Grammar School, or shall allow the vacancy to remain unfilled until the close of the session, as in their judgment may seem best.

5. That at the close of the session of 1896 & 97 of said College five of the scholarships shall become vacant, the five pupils remaining in the College being those who have attained the highest standard of excellence in their studies during the preceding session as determined by the faculty of the College. The vacancies being filled as provided in Section 3.

6. That at the close of the session 1897 & 98 of the College four of the pupils who have been in the College two sessions shall be dropped, and the other one shall [Page 60] be advanced to the Collegiate

department, the one being advanced being the one who has attained the highest standard of excellence in his or her studies during the two preceding sessions, as determined by the faculty of the College.

7. That at the end of each ensuing scholastic year one of the two year pupils to be determined by their standard of excellence shall be advanced to the Collegiate Department of the said College & the remaining two year pupils dropped. The vacancies being filled as herein before provided in Section 3.

8. That this Council may, if they consider proper, declare any scholarship vacant at any time & may fill that or any other vacancies, not herein provided for in such manner as they may deem best

Respectfully submitted

A Randolph Howard.

Mr Howard presented an ordinance granting to the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg & Piedmont Telephone Company a renewal of the franchise heretofore given to the Occoquan, Woodbridge Telephone Company. It was unanimously adopted under a suspension of the rules & is as follows:

1st Be it resolved by the City Council of Fredericksburg Va that the Occoquan, Woodbridge Telephone Co be & is hereby permitted to construct and maintain a telephone line & to erect the necessary poles & Supports from their telephone exchange through such streets & alleys of Fredericksburg as may be approved by the Street Committee provided however that the said Telephone line shall be completed equipped & in operation within six months of the granting of this franchise & provided further that posts shall in no case be erected when the consent of property holders along the route of said line can be obtained for the fastening of the wires to their buildings.

2nd The posts to be erected shall be smoothly dressed & neatly painted & be so placed as not to cause any obstruction to the free & convenient passage of the streets and that the said company shall repair all damage to the streets & pavements caused by their erection, remove all surplus material & shall in no case erect posts before any house without permission of the owner thereof.

3rd That the said Telephone Co in consideration of the privilege granted be required to fix annual rental for Telephone in business houses, shops, offices &c not more than \$25.00 pr annum, in private houses no more than \$18.00 & to furnish the City free of charge one telephone at the Mayors office of said city. Be it ordered by the Mayor & Commonality of the city of Fredericksburg, Va that the franchise heretofore granted to the Occoquan Woodbridge Telephone Co, be & is hereby renewed, granted to the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, & Piedmont Telephone Co, which said latter Company has purchased the plant, privileges, rights & franchises of the Occoquan, Woodville Telephone Co.

The said franchise is renewed & granted to the Rappahannock Fredericksburg & Piedmont Telephone co upon the condition & stipulations contained in the said Franchise as heretofore granted & in consideration of the furnishing the said City of Fredericksburg, free of charge at the Mayors Office of said city; one telephone & service if the annual rental value of \$25.00.

Respectfully moved

A Randolph Howard, T McCracken, John M Griffin; Ordinance Committee

Mr Gouldman offered a resolution as to laying a sewer in Main Street; It was amended by Mr Griffin & passed as amended to wit:

Whereas it has been suggested that a sewer pipe of sufficient proportions be laid on Main Street into which the sewers from Streets crossing Main Street could empty, and

Whereas the placing of such a sewer would greatly enhance the welfare of the public & benefit the city; therefore be it

Resolved 1st that the Council looks with favor upon the undertaking;

2nd That the Street Committee be & is hereby requested to examine into the cost of laying a sewer pipe of sufficient size along Main Street so that the same shall empty into the River beyond the residential portion of the City & report to the next meeting of the Council;

On motion of Mr Griffin the Street Committee was authorized to employ a competent engineer to get plans & specifications of the cost of the work & report to the City Council at the earliest time practicable.

Mr. Howard of Auditing & Claims Committee under instructions from the Council at its last meeting presented the following report:

To the Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen

As instructed this Committee submits a [Page 62] report of Manufacturing plants exempted from City taxation together with their assessed values & donations

Landram & Morrison

Real Estate Assessed \$3,260.00

Capital Invested \$4,000.00

Virginia Silk Mills

Real Estate assessed \$16,500.00

Willis, Crismond, Cole & Quinn

Real Estate assessed \$1,250.00

Donations

Virginia Silk Mill \$1,500.00

Kenmore Shoe Co \$ 750.00

Respectfully submitted

A Randolph Howard

On motion of Mr Willis the report was received & ordered filed.

Col J S Potter who was present on motion of Mr Cole was invited to address the Council, which he did on the subject of a proper mode of sewerage the City.

Mr Bradley presented the following petition from President Hunter & Manager Hirsh of the Opera House.

To the Honorable Mayor & members of the Common Council

Gentlemen,

We would respectfully petition your body to reduce the license now charged to the Opera House for weekly performance, pro rata, to conform to the license now charged by the State for the same line.

Signed very respectfully

David Hirsh Manager

C E Hunter President

Fredericksburg, Feb 19, 1897

It was referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to bring in an ordinance on the subject.

On Motion of Mr Griffin the Ordinance Committee was requested to bring in an ordinance which would prevent the tramp nuisance.

Mayor White announced the following gentlemen as the committee on advertising the advantages of the city as a manufacturing & residential location as instructed by the last meeting of the Council to wit:

Messers T McCracken, M G Willis, & A Randolph Howard.

The Council then adjourned

W. S. White, Mayor

W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Mch 1, 1897

A Called meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber Monday night March 1st for the purpose of receiving the report of the Street Committee on sewerage

Present:

Mayor White

Councilmen, Willis, Cole, Griffin, Embrey, Rowe, Gouldman, Howard, Hurkamp, Chancellor & Bradley.

Absent Messers Wroten & McCracken

Mr Embrey of Streets stated that his Committee had conferred with Mr. N. Wilson Davis, and engineer in regard to making plans specifications &c of the water shed lying contiguous to the proposed sewer & submitted a proposition from him for doing the work at a cost of \$400. He said while the Committee were empowered under the resolution passed by the Council to have the work done they thought it best to submit the proposition to the Council for its consideration.

The following is the proposition

Fredericksburg, Va Feb 27 1897

W. S. Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee, Fredericksburg Virginia

Dear Sir,

I herewith submit to your committee a proposition to do all the engineering work in connection with the design of the proposed intercepting sewer on Main St; viz to make a complete topographic survey of that portion of the city which must be drained by this sewer and to furnish plans indicating the best location of the main sewer, with the proper size of pipe and the grades on which they should be laid and with profile showing the depths at which the sewer must be laid.

The plans will also show the proper size and grades of all laterals tributary to this main sewer so that all possible future additions may be made a proper part of one general system.

I will also furnish detailed plans for the construction of the outfall & for manholes, flush tanks, or giving all dimensions and showing the points at which they should be built and also furnish a complete set of specifications, describing in detail how the work should be done; together with an estimate of the cost of construction. In other words, I will furnish the City with all needed information so that you may start construction with the positive assurance that when this main sewer is completed it will constitute a proper and efficient foundation for a complete and scientific system of sanitary sewers and you [Page 64] may keep on file the plans which will show the manner in which all laterals should be laid.

I will bear all incident expenses and make the above mentioned surveys, plans, estimates of costs and specifications for the sum of (\$400) Four hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted

N. Wilson Davis

Civil Engineer.

On motion of Mr. Cole the Street Committee were instructed to employ Mr N. Wilson Davis to make a survey of the water shed of the City leading to the proposed Main Street sewer & along the line of the sewer furnishing maps plans, specifications & the probable cost of laying said sewer, at a sum not exceeding (\$400) four hundred dollars.

The Council then adjourned

W. S. White, Mayor

Attest

W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg March 19, 1897

The regular meeting of the City Council for the month of March was held Friday night 19th inst at the Council Chamber.

Present, Mayor White

Councilmen; Willis, Wroten, Griffin, Rowe, Howard, Cole, McCracken & Bradley

Absent: Messers Chancellor, Embrey, Gouldman & Hurkamp

Mr Wroten of Public Property presented an estimate amounting to \$109.90 which would be the cost of putting the Armory of the Washington Guards in thorough repair & making new lockers for the protection of the guns which are state property. Capt. M. B. Rowe, Commander of the Guards was present & asked that the work be done not only on the grounds of preservation of the property of the City but as a token of appreciation of the value of the Company as a military organization to the City.

On motion of Mr Cole, it was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act; with the understanding that the sum expended should not exceed the amount named in the estimate.

Mr. Cole of Streets reported that a contract had been made with Mr. N. Wilson Davis for the survey of the proposed Main Street sewer U& other streets leading thereto as ordered by the Council at its last meeting.

Mr Howard of Ordinance presented the following ordinance which was adopted, viz;

Be it ordered that the ordinance relating to license tax on Theatrical performances be amended so as to charge a license of Three dollars for each performance or a license of ten dollars for six consecutive days by the same company.

Signed, A Randolph Howard

T McCracken, Ordinance Committee

Mr McCracken presented bill of (\$20.00) twenty dollars for travelling expenses & service of Mr. H. Von Schon in connection with the proposed pamphlet setting for the advantages of Fredericksburg as a manufacturing & residential location.

On motion of Mr Willis the bill was ordered paid.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W. S. White, Mayor

Attest W. E. Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg April 16 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council for April was held at the Council Chamber April 16, 97

Present, Mayor White

Councilmen; Willis, Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Rowe, Howard, Cole, Chancellor, McCracken, Hurkamp & Bradley

Absent Gouldman & Griffin

Mayor White, after the reading of the minutes which were approved recommended to the Council the advisability of requiring all bonded offices of the Corporation hereafter to give some trust or guaranty company as security on their official bonds, and on motion of Mr. Willis the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to prepare a proper ordinance.

Mr Willis of Finance reported the following license tax ordinance for the following year, which under suspension of the rules was passed by the Council to wit:

The Finance Committee recommend that the license tax for the fiscal year 1897-98 shall be the same as that of 1896-97 with the exception of striking out all of section 49; second-dealers in Futures. Every person who shall conduct the business of dealing in what is known as futures in grain or any other produce or merchandise shall pay a specific license tax of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) and if a similar

business be done in Railroad or other stocks or bonds, an additional license of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), but this shall not be deemed as interfering with the stock or bond dealing of regular Bankers. Third Guarantee Insurance Companies on every license to a person or firm to act as agent or solicitor for any Company guaranteeing official or other bonds not having its principal or home office in this city, there shall be a specific License tax for doing business in this City of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each company represented.

Mrs E. M. Braxton asked that \$38.40 taxes improperly paid by her on non-taxable State Bonds be refunded. Referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Wroten of Public Property asked that the sum of \$184.81 for extraordinary expense incurred by damage from Storm last fall be appropriated. It was so ordered

Mr Embrey of Streets reported the condition of the street leading to Hazel Run & recommended that the run be bridged. He also asked for an appropriation of \$250.00 to keep streets in order to July 1, 97 which was ordered.

The Mayor present to the Council the following communication from Albert Hooten, Supt of Alms House.

To Honorable Mayor & City Council.

Gentlemen,

For the first time in nearly fifteen [Page 67] years have I to appeal to your honorable body in self defense. In the years of 1890-91 we had many sick inmates & in attending to them my health gave way both mental & physical and it has become so that I am not able to take much solid food and Dr. Doggett has prescribed beef liquid Peptemoids as a food for me & the chairman of the Alms House Committee has prohibited the druggist to furnish it.

My food does not cost the City but very little, I buy my bread & dried beef and such little things as I can eat. I can get from Mr. Rowe anything I want, but cannot eat it. I wish your honorable body to allow to get Peptemoids as the Doctor says it is essential for me for food.

Respectfully submitted,

A Hooten

Alms House April 15, 97

I believe the food referred to in the above was absolutely necessary for the recovery of Mr. Hooten
A. C. Doggett

This brought out a statement from Mr. Bradley of Alms House Committee & led to a general discussion of the management of the Alms House by the Superintendent in which Messers Willis, McCracken, Cole & Embrey participated and resulted in no action of the Council in regard to Supt Hooten's request, but brought forth this motion from Mr. Cole which was adopted in a recorded vote as follows

Ayes; Embrey, Rowe, Hurkamp, Howard, Cole, Chancellor McCracken & Bradley

Nay; Willis, Wroten, & Griffin.

Resolved that the Alms House Committee be empowered to employ an assistant at the Alms House if they deem it proper for the interests of the City.

Messrs James S Layton & M G Willis were elected School Board Trustees to fill vacancies on the School Board for the Lower & Upper Ward respectively.

A petition Col Baker Manager of the Opera House asking for a remission of certain license tax was then referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Council then adjourned.

W S White, Mayor

Attest, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg May 3, 97

A called meeting was held of the City Council in the Council Chamber Monday evening May 3rd at 4 o'clock to consider a proposition of the Mary Washington Hospital Association to locate the proposed hospital in Hurkamp Park.

Present, Mayor White

Councilmen Willis, Embrey, Howard, Gouldman, Rowe, Bradley & McCracken

After a hearing from a Committee of ladies of the Association and a proposition submitted which was referred to the Public Property Committee with instructions to bring in a report at the next meeting of Council the body adjourned.

W. S. White, Mayor

Attest W. E. Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg, May 21, 1897

The Regular meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber Friday night May 21st.

In the absence of Mayor White, Recorder H R Gouldman called the Council to order

Present Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Hurkamp, Rowe, Howard, Cole, McCracken, Chancellor & Bradley

Mr Willis of Finance presented bill of Free Lance for \$7.75 which was ordered paid; he also presented the following communication from the City School Board.

Fredericksburg May 21 '97

To the Hon Mayor & Common Council

Gentlemen,

I am instructed by the School Board to ask your honorable body for an additional appropriation to the Public Schools of \$300 to enable the Board to meet its obligations at the close of the present session on the 11th of June. This additional appropriation is made necessary by reason of shrinkage in state funds of \$260 because of the decrease in our school population, and because of the damage done to the school buildings by the destructive storm of last fall, which the board had to repair at a cost of \$130. Thanking the Council for past courtesies & consideration to the Board, I am

Very respectfully,

S. J. Quinn Clerk of School Board

On Motion of Mr. Cole, the sum asked for was appropriated.

Mr Willis also reported that \$7.75 erroneously [Page 69] assessed against Mr. W H Baker of the Opera House had been paid back to him, he having paid the assessment.

Mr Wroten of Public Property presented a paper which he said was a minority report of the Committee in regard to the location of the Hospital in Hurkamp Park.

The Majority of the Committee Messrs Hurkamp & Gouldman had no report ready & declined to sign Mr Wroten's report.

Mr Hurkamp stated no meeting had been called & the matter was of so much importance that it should not be acted on without due deliberation.

Mr Gouldman concurred in what Mr Hurkamp said.

Mr Willis asked that Mr Wroten withdraw the paper & call a meeting of the Committee & report at a future meeting. This Mr Wroten agreed to & the paper was withdrawn.

At this point of the proceedings Mayor White arrived & assumed his chair.

Mr Wroten reported cost of repairs to Washington Guards Armory \$118.21; that the work was done and the bills paid. He also reported that the Free Bridge needed new floors & stringers & suggested that an ordinance be framed for the government of the Bridge.

He also suggested that the Park Wall be taken down & more light put in the grounds

Only that part of the report that related to the Bridge was acted on & it was referred to the Ordinance Committee to bring in a report on the subject if they thought it best to do so.

Mr. Embrey of Streets reported the bridges on Prince Edward & Charlotte Streets in bad order; the question being raised as to whose duty it was to keep these bridges in repair, it was referred to the Street Committee to investigate & report.

A petition from residents on Hawk Street asking that it be opening its entire length for benefit of pedestrians was referred to Street Committee.

Mr Howard of Committee on Ordinances reported and Ordinance requiring all the bonded officers of the city to give some security company as their surety; on motion of Mr Willis it was laid over until next meeting of the Council

Mayor White handed the clerk the following communication which was read to wit:

Fredericksburg, Va May 21, '97

To the Honorable Mayor & Common Council

Gentlemen,

In view of my recent appointment as postmaster of this City I beg herewith to tender [Page 70] my resignation as a member of your body.

In severing my connection with the Council, of which for eleven consecutive years I have had the honor of being a member, I cannot refrain from expressing to each & every member my most grateful appreciation of that uniform courtesy & consideration which has always been accorded me. In no way has this been more manifest than in the unanimous endorsement given me for the office to which I have just been appointed. With my best wishes for you individually as well as collectively,

I am very respectfully

John M Griffin.

On motion of Mr McCracken the resignation of Mr Griffin was accepted with many expressions of regret from the members present.

Mr Howard offered a resolution of regret at parting with Mr Griffin as a councilman which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr McCracken an election was ordered to fill the vacancy in the lower ward occasioned by the resignation of Mr Griffin.

Mr Wroten nominated Mr W B Tyler, Mr Embrey in nominating Mr B J Marshall paid a high complement to his business qualifications & fitness for the position of Councilman; Mr Gouldman reviewed the valuable services of Mr John T Knight as a former Councilman & nominated him; the election resulted Tyler 6, Marshall 4 Knight 1; the Mayor declared Mr Tyler elected, he having received a majority of the votes cast.

The Council then adjourned

W. S. White, Mayor

Attest, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg June 18, 1897

The regular meeting of the City Council for the month of June was held Friday night 18th at 8 o'clock in the Council Chamber

Present, Mayor White

Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Tyler, Embrey, Rowe, Gouldman, Howard, Hurkamp, Cole, Chancellor, McCracken & Bradley.

Mr. Willis of Finance presented bill of Star for \$10 & a bill of \$1.84 of Mr Alvin T Rowe for money improperly collected from him which was ordered paid. Mr Willis asked that when Council adjourns for the evening that it should do to meet on Friday June 25th to receive the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr Wroten of Public Property submitted his report for the fiscal year showing expenditures \$1009.19, appropriation \$1072.08, leaving a balance to credit of Committee of \$62.49. He also presented bill of John F. Scott contracted in 1895 for street work when he, Wroten, was chairman, amounting to \$13.94 which was ordered paid. The report was received & ordered filed.

Mr. Embrey of Streets presented the Street Committee report showing expenditure for year \$1551.02, amount of appropriation \$1500.00, excess of expenditures over appropriation \$51.02. The deficit on motion of Mr Willis was ordered to credit of Committee & report received & ordered filed.

Mr Cole of Water stated that the report of his Committee would be read by Supt S J Quinn who was present. It showed receipts from June 1896 to & including May 1897 \$5271.58, expenses \$4348.40, balance \$922.78. Total number of feet of new pipe laid 5540 ft. It states that there are 12 miles 1874 ft of Mains & pipe now laid; the reservoirs are in good condition as is also the pump but owing to the condition of the raceway leading from the canal to Pettit's Mill, it being filled up, the wheel has to run one foot deep in water which lessens considerably the speed of the pump. Fifteen meters are now in operation showing a monthly consumption of water through them of over 1,000,000 gallons. Total amount water rent delinquent is (\$3388) three thousand three hundred & eighty eight dollars. There are judgments on \$567 of the amount U& \$1030 have been placed in hands of attorneys for collection.

Mr Rowe of Schools presented the Communications found below from Dr. J R Sampson & Supt B P Willis as the report of the School Committee to wit;

Fredericksburg Va June 18 1897

Mr J P Rowe Chairman

Herewith I beg to inform you of the grades of the ten pupil who are placed by the City in Fredericksburg College during the past session. Three of these pupils Misses Louise Aldridge, Mary Musselman & Alice Turner having [Page 72] failed to stand the final examinations have not been able to compete for a scholarship for another year; for the remaining seven including the marks for Bible which is not compulsory & which have all not taken the averages are as follows:

Miss Mabel Bozel	92.98
Emma Ivens	92.97
Sallie Colbert	92.85
Miss Bertha Owens	89.51
Mr. John Gouldman	88.60
Miss Carrie Scott	87.35
Miss Alice Montague	86.47

Respectfully yours J. R. Sampson

The Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen

In pursuance of an ordinance or resolution of your body with reference to the scholarship in the Fredericksburg College I herewith forward to you're a report of the results of the examination of applicants for said scholarship made by Mrs A L Magrath, teacher of Grammar Grade No. 1 Fredericksburg Public School,

Very Respectfully,

B. P. Willis Supt of Schools.

Names and standings of pupils competing for college scholarships.

Janie B. Gordon	99.8	Ellie A. Leavill	91.1
Nora C Willis	99.3	Mollie V Bfaff	91.1
Beatrice York	98.6	Zelia J Clift	88.4
Lottie S Freeman	97.8	Mollie A Tansill	88.
Ethel S Cole	96.7	Mary A Bowling	85
Nellie A Tyler	93.5	Edm Haydon	81

Of the eighteen pupils who completed the work of the grade only those whose names are given took all the examinations.

Mrs A L Magrath

According to the resolution previously passed by the Council the five scholars with the highest percentage named by Dr. Sampson; Miss Babel Bozel, Emma Owens, Sallie Colbert, Bertha Ivens & Mr John Gouldman are retained in the College & the five having the highest percentage in the Public Schools named by Mrs. A Q Magrath in Supt Willis' communication are advanced to the College to wit: Janie B Gordon, Nora C Willis, Beatrice York, Lollie S Freeman, Ethel S Cole; The clerk of the Council was instructed to notify the faculty of the College of their advancement from the Public Schools to that Institution.

Mr Chancellor of Fire Department submitted his report showing expenditures during year of \$47.80 there being no appropriation for the Committee on motion of Mr Willis the sum named was ordered placed to credit of Committee.

Mr Bradley of Alms House reported total expenditures \$1084.09 of this sum \$313.72 were bill debt over from 1896; Alms House proper \$685.37; for relief of poor in City \$84.90 inmates in Alms House 11, lowest number during year 8, highest 11, average 9, cost of each pauper during year \$76.15, total appropriation \$1200. All the above reports were ordered received and filed.

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A petition was presented by Mr. Embrey from citizens living on or near Boulevard asking for extension of Gas Mains in that Section.

On motion of Mr Bradley it was referred to the Light Committee with instructions to investigate the cost of work & if it would produce a revenue equal to 6% to the City & to report back to the Council by a recorded vote as follows

Aye Willis, Wroten, Tyler, Hurkamp, Cole, Chancellor & Bradley
Noes, Embrey, Rowe, Gouldman, Howard & McCracken

Mr Tyler of Public Interest made a verbal report of the condition of lots lying contiguous to the stream of water from the gateway of the Pettit Mill Canal to Hazel Run.

The Matter was referred back to Committee for investigation & to report to the Council.

On motion of Mr Cole the Council adjourned to meet Friday night June 25th

Attest

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

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Fredericksburg June 25, 1897

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber Friday night June 25, 97

Present, Recorder H R Gouldman presiding

Councilmen, Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Hurkamp, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley

Mr Willis of Finance presented the Finance Committee report for the fiscal year ending July 1, 97 which was received approved, ordered spread upon the minutes of the Council & published in the Free Lance & Star newspapers. It is as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for the year ending June 20th 1897 and the Tax bill levied for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 1897 and ending June 30th 1898.

Fredericksburg, Va June 25th 1897

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia
Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report embracing settlements of Accounts of City Collector and treasurer respectively:
 The Accounts of City Collector, Mr. A. P. Rowe Jr having been carefully examined by us and found to be correct and to correspond in every particular with the Treasurer's books is adopted and made part of this report as is also the report of City Treasurer.

Collectors Report

This report gives in detail all the different items and recapitulations, showing receipts for each year separately, and amount delinquent for each year. The total amount collected from all sources is \$26,807.73. The total delinquent list for the 21 years from 1876 to 1896 inclusive is \$2,784.74, giving an increase over last years collections of \$730.74.

Fredericksburg Va, June 17th 1897

Messrs M G Willis, E D Cole and W S Embrey, Finance Committee

Gentlemen I have the honour to submit herewith any annual report of Collections of Revenue for the fiscal year ending June 17th 1897.

I am gratified to state that notwithstanding the general depression in business the collections are considerably in excess of those of last year.

Following is an itemized statement shewing the collections and balances for each year with a recapitulation.

Very Respectfully

A P Rowe Jr

Collector of City Taxes

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City Taxes collected for the year ending June 17th 1897

An Assessment of 1896	18,450.31	
Less 5% discount	922.52	
	17,527.79	
On assessment of 1896, after Octr 15	\$1,062.17	
Add penalty and interest	60.27	1,122.44
	18,765.23	18,765.23
General licenses from June 17 1896 to June 17, 1897	112.42	
Rent of Public Hay Scales	49.00	
Dray Licenses for 1896-1897	83.00	
Licenses for Opera House Exhibitions	65.50	309.92
On General Licenses for 1897 & 1898	6,235.31	
Less 5% discount	311.76	5,923.55
On General Licenses for 1897 & 1898 after May 15		55.00
On Dray Licenses for 1897-1898	108.00	
Less 5% discount	5.40	102.60
On Dray Licenses for 1897 & 1898 after May 15		12.00
Total Collections for 1896		\$25,053.30
On Assessment of 1895	796.35	
Add penalty and interest	68.77	865.12
On Assessment of 1894	254.17	
Add penalty and interest	36.85	291.02
On Assessment of 1893	138.42	
Add penalty and interest	34.56	172.98

On Assessment of 1892	106.11	
Add penalty and interest	24.43	130.54
On Assessment of 1891	19.73	
Add penalty and interest	1.57	21.30
On Assessment of 1890	72.03	
Add penalty and interest	17.09	89.12
On Assessment of 1889	49.36	
Add penalty and interest	22.02	71.38
On Assessment of 1888	24.74	
Add penalty and interest	13.17	37.91
On Assessment of 1887	11.52	
Add penalty and interest	5.78	17.30
On Assessment of 1886	22.83	
Add penalty and interest	17.05	39.88
On Assessment of 1884	5.83	
Add penalty and interest	4.39	10.22
On Assessment of 1882	3.00	
Add penalty and interest	2.29	5.29
On Assessment of 1878	.97	
Add penalty and interest	1.40	2.37
Total Collections from all sources		\$26,807.73

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The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg, Va by delinquents for the years 1876 to 1896 inclusive.

To amount on books of 1896		\$21,526.14	Amt Delinquent
By collections to Oct 15, 1897	\$17,527.79		
Add 5% deducted	922.52		
	\$18,450.31		
By collection after Oct 15	1,122.44		
Deduct penalty & interest	60.27	1,062.17	19,512.48
By erroneous assessments released by Court			2,013.66
Amount delinquent for 1896			316.20
			\$1,697.46
To amount on books 1895			
By collections	865.12		
Deduct penalty & interest	68.77	796.35	
By delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer Sept 1, 1896	542.37		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	95.46	637.83	\$1,434.18
Amount now delinquent			\$ 154.97
To amount on books 1894			\$ 770.55
By collections	291.02		
Deduct penalty & interest	36.85	254.17	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	348.41		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	75.38	423.99	\$ 678.16
Amount now delinquent			\$ 92.39
To amount on books 1893			\$ 588.14
By collections	172.98		

Deduct penalty & interest	34.56	138.42	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	297.40		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	64.04	361.44	\$ 499.86
Amount now delinquent			\$ 88.28
To amount on books 1892			\$ 435.05
By collections	130.54		
Deduct penalty & interest	24.43	106.11	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	199.05		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	53.84	259.89	\$ 359.00
Amount now delinquent			\$ 76.05
To amount on books 1891			\$ 281.08
By collections	21.30		
Deduct penalty & interest	19.73	1.57	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	160.99		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	46.98	207.97	\$ 209.54
Amount now delinquent			\$ 71.54
To amount on books 1890			\$ 340.79
By collections	89.12		
Deduct penalty & interest	17.09	72.03	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	174.42		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	40.60	215.02	\$ 287.05
Amount now delinquent			\$ 53.74
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To amount on books 1889			\$ 323.39
By collections	71.38		
Deduct penalty & interest	22.02	49.36	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	180.70		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	40.60	215.02	\$ 287.05
Amount now delinquent			\$ 54.73
To amount on books 1888			\$ 290.41
By collections	37.91		
Deduct penalty & interest	13.17	24.74	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	171.70		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	37.88	209.58	\$ 234.32
Amount now delinquent			\$ 56.09
To amount on books 1887			\$ 266.70
By collections	17.30		
Deduct penalty & interest	5.78	11.52	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	165.70		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	38.14	203.84	\$ 215.36
Amount now delinquent			\$ 51.34
To amount on books 1886			\$ 251.90

By collections	39.88		
Deduct penalty & interest	17.05	22.83	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	140.05		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	39.31	179.96	\$ 202.79
Amount now delinquent			\$ 49.11
To amount on books 1885			\$ 168.65
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	97.59		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	31.72		\$ 129.31
Amount now delinquent			\$ 39.34
To amount on books 1884			\$ 216.89
By collections	10.22		
Deduct penalty & interest	4.39	5.83	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	112.92		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	41.69	154.61	\$ 160.44
Amount now delinquent			\$ 56.45
To amount on books 1883			\$ 179.78
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	83.26		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	38.26		\$ 121.52
Amount now delinquent			\$ 58.26
To amount on books 1882			\$ 177.33
By collections	5.29		
Deduct penalty & interest	2.29	3.00	
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	93.19		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	39.18	132.37	\$ 135.37
Amount now delinquent			\$ 41.96
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To amount on books 1881			\$ 114.69
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	61.61		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	28.79		\$ 90.40
Amount now delinquent			\$ 24.29
To amount on books 1880			\$ 151.43
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	90.35		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	28.04		\$ 118.39
Amount now delinquent			\$ 33.04
To amount on books 1879			\$ 135.72
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	85.54		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	25.57		\$ 111.11
Amount now delinquent			\$ 24.61
To amount on books 1878			\$ 223.88
By collections	2.37		
Deduct penalty & interest	1.40	.97	

Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	173.17		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	23.85	197.02	\$ 197.99
Amount now delinquent			\$ 25.89
To amount on books 1877			\$ 134.96
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	91.20		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	20.35		\$ 111.55
Amount now delinquent			\$ 23.41
To amount on books 1876			\$ 112.13
Delinquent realty bills turned over to Treasurer	84.00		
By erroneous bills and dead insolvents released			
By Council	16.34		\$ 100.34
Amount insolvent now			\$ 11.79

Recapitulation of Collections

On books of 1896 Licenses	\$25,053.30
On books of 1895	865.12
On books of 1894	291.02
On books of 1893	172.98
On books of 1892	130.54
On books of 1891	21.30
On books of 1890	89.12
On books of 1889	71.38
On books of 1888	37.91
On books of 1887	17.30
On books of 1886	39.88
On books of 1884	10.22
On books of 1882	5.29
On books of 1878	2.37
Total	\$26,807.73

Recapitulation of bills due for each year, yet on books

On books for 1896	1,697.46	On books for 1885	39.34
On books for 1895	154.97	On books for 1884	56.45
On books for 1894	92.39	On books for 1883	58.26
On books for 1893	88.28	On books for 1882	41.96
On books for 1892	76.05	On books for 1881	24.29
On books for 1891	71.54	On books for 1880	33.04
On books for 1890	53.74	On books for 1879	24.61
On books for 1889	54.73	On books for 1878	25.89
On books for 1888	56.09	On books for 1877	23.41
On books for 1887	51.34	On books for 1876	11.79
On books for 1886	49.11		

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe Jr, Collector City Taxes.

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The accounts of R T Knox, Treasurer, having been examined and found correct and supported by proper vouchers, his statements of receipts and expenditures, which has been verified by us is submitted as part of this report.

Treasurers Report

Amount Received from all sources by Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va, by Robert T. Knox, Treasurer from June 23rd 1896 to June 22, 1897

By amount received from Water from S J Quinn Supt			\$5,271.38
By amount received from Gas Wm Fitzpatrick Supt	9,043.27		
By amount received from Gas Jno H Robinson for Johnson bill	9.97	9,053.24	
By amount received Mayor W S White fines 1 st Quarter	71.00		
Less sundry small bills paid by him	1.41		
	69.59		
By amount received Mayor W S White fines 2 nd Quarter	37.40		
By amount received Mayor W S White fines 3 rd Quarter	35.70	142.69	
1896 June 30 Mayor A. P. Rowe fines 4 th Quarter	70.00	70.00	
Mayor A. P. Rowe dog licenses	6.50		
Less fee 15¢ ea	.90	5.60	
1896 Nov 21 Mayor W. S. White dog licenses to date		203.15	
1897 Jun 6 Geo Freeman to rent pasture Alms Ho field			
From April 1896 to Apr 1, 1897		30.00	
1897 17 W L Brannan rent of Hay Scales	49.00		
Less 5% Comn Rowe	2.45	46.55	
Treasurer & Finance Committee notes			
For temporary loans by order Council			
July 1 1896 Note at 30days July 1	2,500.00		
July 3 1896 Note at 4 mos July 3	1,500.00		
Aug 3 Note at 90 days Aug 3			
Incl \$2500 & \$500 additional added	3,000.00		
Sept 22 Note at 30days Sept 22	1,700.00	8,700.00	
1897 Jan 29 By amt rec'd from Delinqt Real Estate pr			
Finance Committee	202.62		
Less 5% com	10.13	192.49	
Amt collected same tme 2 transfers pd A.B. Bowering		2.00	
Jan 30 At collected before sale for delinquent Real Estate			
Including eleven transfer paid	952.26		
Less 5% com	47.08	905.48	
1897 Jun 5 Amt Sales Delinqt Real Estate from CH steps	734.68		
Dec 2 by Act of Assembly, by interest rec'd	4.56		
Less 5% com	36.96	702.28	1,802.25
1897 Apl 17 Amt Gen'l Licenses, A P Rowe Jr Collectr	110.42		
Less 2½%	2.76	107.66	
Amt no Dray licenses A P Rowe Jr Collectr	83.00		
Less 5%	2.06	80.94	
1897 Jun 5 Amt for 1897&1898, A P Rowe Jr Collectr	108.00		
Less 5% prmpt payment	5.40		
	102.60		
1897 Jun 5 Amt licenses for 1897 & 1898	\$6,235.31		
Less 5% prmpt payment	311.76	5,923.55	
		6,026.15	

		Less 2½% com	150.65	5,875.50	
Jun 14		Amt from Gen Licenses 1896 & 1897	2.00		
		Amt Opera House Licenses 1896, 1897	65.50		
		Amt Dray licenses 1897 & 1898	12.00		
		Amt licenses 1897 & 1898	55.00		
			134.50		
		Less 2½% com	3.36	131.14	6,195.24
		Whole amt received from taxes net amount (see schedule A)			19,822.63
					51,342.73
Jun 22 1897	To Amount of Expenditures				50,612.83
	Balance still in hands Treasurer				729.90

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Treasurer's Report continued

"Schedule A"

Amt of Taxes received by Treasurer from A P Rowe Jr, Collector from Jun 25th 1896 to June 17th 1897

1897					
Feb 3	Amt from taxes for 1896		518.05		
	Less Collector's Com 5%		25.90	492.15	
June 14	Amt from taxes for 1896		604.39		
	Less Collector's Com 5%		30.22	547.17	
1896					
Nov 14	Amt from taxes for 1896		18,450.31		
	Less 5% for prompt payment		922.52		
			17,527.79		
	Less Collector's Com 2½%		438.19	17,089.60	
1896			for 1896	18,115.92	
Aug 26	Amt from taxes for 1895	382.98			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	19.15	363.73		
Sept 3	Amt from taxes for 1895	144.68			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	7.23	137.45		
1897					
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1895	337.46			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	16.87	320.59	821.87	
1896					
Aug 26	Amt from taxes for 1894	97.47			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	4.87	92.60		
Sep 3	Amt from taxes for 1894	76.75			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	3.83	72.92		
1897					
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1894	116.75			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	5.84	110.96	276.48	
1896					
Sep 3	Amt from taxes for 1893	127.89			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	6.41	121.48		
1897					
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1893	45.09			
	Less Collector's Com 5%	2.25	42.84	164.32	
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1892	30.54			

	Less Collector's Com 5%	6.53	124.01
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1891	21.30	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	1.07	20.23
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1890	89.12	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	4.46	84.66
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1889	71.38	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	3.57	67.81
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1888	37.91	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	1.90	36.01
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1887	17.30	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	.86	16.44
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1886	39.88	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	1.99	37.89
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1884	10.22	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	.51	9.71
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1882	5.29	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	.26	5.03
Jun 14	Amt from taxes for 1878	2.37	
	Less Collector's Com 5%	.12	2.25
	See General Account of Receipts		\$19,822.63

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Amount of Expenditures of Corporation of Fredericksburg, Virginia by Robert T. Knox, Treasurer from June 23rd 1896 to June 23rd 1897

1896			
Jun 23	To balance due Treasurer		690.50
1897			
Jun 23	Amt paid orders Water Committee		1,948.40
	Amt paid orders Gas Committee		5,927.92
	Amt paid orders Street Committee		1,802.39
	Amt paid orders Public Property Committee		
	For Park	95.70	
	For Bridge	108.88	
	Fire Dept	47.80	
	For Public Buildings Storm Damage	728.46	980.84
	Amt paid orders Alms House Committee		1,084.09
	Amt paid orders of Court incl Grand & other Juries		274.10
	Amt paid orders of Mayor, transportation, tramps &c		96.39
	Amt paid orders of Council incl notes for money		
	borrowed temporarily, old note \$1500 Jul		
	5, 1896, renewed @ 4 most	1,500.00	
	Note \$2,500 due Aug 3, 96 renewd & \$500 add	2,500.00	
	Note \$3,000 pd Nov 4 incl \$2,500 & \$500	3,000.00	
		8,700.00	
	Other various and sundry orders	3,195.33	11,895.33
	Amt paid Jul 1896 and Jan 1897 Bridge Coupons	1,500.00	
	Amt paid Jul 1896 and Jan 1897 Gas Coupons	1,500.00	
	Amt paid Jul 1896 and Jan 1897 Water Coupons	1,500.00	
	Amt paid Mar 1897 and Sep 1896 School Coupons	500.00	
	Amt paid Nov 1896 and May 1897 7% Coupons	8,540.00	13,540.00

Amt paid appropriations for Public Schools		2,700.00
Amt paid Health & Police Committee Orders		151.95
Amt paid Orders Finance Committee		84.98
Amt paid Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co		2,435.09
Amt paid City Gas Works for Gas for Street Lamps		1,248.35
Amt paid salaries including those due Jul 1 97		
Judges Salary	700.00	
Mayors Salary	400.00	
Commonwealth Attorney salary	400.00	
Clerk of Court	400.00	
Treasurer salary	300.00	
Supt of Water salary	900.00	
Supt of Gas Salary	662.50	
Supt of Alms House salary	100.00	
Segt of Corporation salary	300.00	
Clerk of Council salary	75.00	
Clerk of Market salary	75.00	
Salary of Policemen	1,440.00	5,752.50
Total Expenditures		\$50,612.83
By Balance due Corporation still in Treasurer's hands		729.90
		\$51,342.73

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Auditing Committee Report

We have examined and audited the books of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer, and have found his accounts accurately kept and correct in every way.

Yours Truly

W. H. Hurkamp

A Randolph Howard

M S Chancellor, Auditing Committee

The Treasurers report embraces the salaries of our officers, due July 1st 1897 and shews a balance to the credit of the City of \$729.90. The report of last year shews balance due the Treasurer of \$690.50, also a noted due in bank of \$15000, making a total floating indebtedness of \$2,190.50. This amount has been paid in full and leaves as stated above \$729.90, in the hands of the Treasurer.

We will also state that the interest on the school bonds, amounting to \$500.00 has been paid for the first time the past year making a net gain over the previous year of \$3,430.44.

The interest on the water, gas and bridge bonds will be due July 1st, and as the water rent due in July will not be in hand in time to meet the same, we recommend that the Treasurer and Finance Committee be instructed to make a temporary loan sufficient to meet immediate needs, believing that the Committees of the Council will co-operate with the Finance Committee in making the running expenses as economical as possible, we therefore recommend that the tax rate be laid as before \$1.20 on the \$100.

The bonded debt of the City remains as last reported

7% City Bonds due 1906	119,420.00
5% Water Bonds	30,000.00
6% Bridge Bonds	25,000.00
6% Gas Bonds	25,000.00
5% School Bonds	10,000.00
Total	209,420.00

The sinking fund remains as last reported viz; \$8,873.57

The first sale of delinquent real estate by the City, in accordance with the recent law passed by the Legislature took place last fall and property amounting to \$3,144.78 was bought in by the City. This real estate under the law will become the property of the City, if not redeemed in two years from date of sale, and can easily be added to the sinking fund as can also the amount due by the late Treasurer Capt R. W. Adams of \$4,604.72, with interest from the time of his death. So it will be observed we have about \$9,000 which can be used when collected to increase this fund. We must call your attention to the fact however, that the debts paid this year amount to more than 1 percent of the entire bonded debt of the City. All of which is respectfully submitted, Signed M. G. Willis, E. D. Cole, W. S. Embrey; Finance Committee.
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Annual Appropriation

1st Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th 1898.

Interest and sinking fund, 7% bonds	10,000
Interest and sinking fund, 5% bonds, Water Bonds	1,800
Interest and sinking fund, 6% Bridge Bonds	1,750
Interest and sinking fund, 6% Gas Bonds	1,750
Interest and sinking fund, 5% School Bonds	600
Alms House	1,000
Salaries	4,500
Police	1,440
Public Property	600
Streets	1,000
Light	3,500
Public Schools	2,800
Water	1,000
Health and Police	100
Fire Department	50
Contingencies	1,610
	\$33,500

2nd That is shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of 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 order on him until further appropriations are made to meet them.

Tax Bill

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1897 & 1898.

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

That the following taxes on personal property (real & personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1897-1898 for the support of the municipal government, public schools, for the poor, for the lighting the streets, to pay interest on bonds, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of the City debt, viz;

1st On every male person over 21 years (not legally exempt) 50¢

2nd On all real and personal property, toll bridges, monied capital in any business, investments in bonds in or out of the State, and stock in incorporated companies, on every \$100 (one hundred dollars) \$1.20.

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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 five per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th day of October, next.

5th On all taxes remaining unpaid on and 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 and on the 1st day of November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinances on that subject.

On motion of Mr. Bradley the Finance Committee was authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars to meet the July interest on bonds &c to tide the Committee over until the October payment of taxes was received.

Chairman McCracken submitted the report of Committee of Light shewing for Gas receipts \$9053.27, expenditures \$8,090.42, balance to credit of Gas Works, \$962.82 after interest on bonds for year were paid. He also reported amount paid for Electric Light during the year \$2,522.58. The report was received & ordered filed.

Mr. Chancellor of Health & Police reported expenditures of his Committee during the year \$157.75, reported received and ordered filed.

Mr Tyler of Public Interest after making report of the bad condition of the lots in the lower part of the City caused by the overflow from the Canal leading to Pettit's Mill & reading a letter from Engineer F W Smith on the subject asked for an appropriation of twenty five dollars to pay costs of investigation. On motion of Mr Wroten the sum of twenty five dollars was appropriated.

On motion of Mr McCracken the council then adjourned.

Teste

W. E Bradley

Clerk

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Fredericksburg Va July 1 1897

A meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber on Thursday morning July 1st at 10 o'clock to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Present Mayor White

Councilmen, Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Gouldman, Hurkamp, Howard, Cole, Tyler, Chancellor, McCracken & Bradley;

Absent, Mr. Embrey

The first office to be elected was clerk & his salary was fixed at seventy five dollars pr annum.

Mr. W. E. Bradley was nominated by Mr McCracken and unanimously elected.

The next office to be filled was collector of Taxes, salary was fixed same as the preceding year & Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated & unanimously elected.

The salary of Clerk of Market was fixed at seventy five dollars pr year & Mr Samuel Fitzhugh unanimously elected.

Mr Anthony Patton was unanimously elected weigher of Coal, hay &c & measurer of wood & lumber.

The salary of Superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at one hundred dollars pr year; applications were received from Messrs R L Gouldman, T F Proctor, & J Wesley Ball; Mr A Hooten was nominated by Mr Willis. The ballot resulted Hooten 7 votes, Ball 4, Mr. Hooten was declared elected by the Mayor. The salaries of the Police Officers was fixed at (\$30) thirty dollars per month & the number of officers at four. Applications were received from C A Gore, J H Robinson, John T Leavell & W N Tansill, they were all unanimously elected.

Messrs James Shelton & E W Jones made application for the office of Scavenger of the lower ward, Shelton received 8 votes & Jones 3; the Mayor declared Shelton elected. For the office of Scavenger of the upper ward, Messrs James A Stone & J Thomas Mills presented applications; Stone received 10 votes, Mills 1.

On motion of Mr Willis, it was resolved that the surveys of Mr John M Smith be recognized as authoritative surveys as to all property in the City Limits.

Mr Cole offered the following resolution

Resolved that the salary of City Treasurer R T Knox be increased from \$300 to \$500 for the year 1897-98. Mr Gouldman offered a motion that it be laid on the table till next meeting believing that the Council had no right to make the increase. This was lost & the resolution of Mr Cole was unanimously adopted.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg July 12, 1897

A called meeting of the City Council was held Monday night July 12 at the Council Chamber for the purpose of receiving the report of the Street Committee on the plans & maps of engineer N Wilson Davis for sewerage of the City as ordered by the Council some months ago.

Present Mayor W S White

Councilmen Willis, Embrey, Howard, Gouldman, Cole, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley.

Absent Messrs Wroten & Hurkamp

Mr Davis was present & explained the plans, maps &c & submitted his report.

On motion of Mr Cole the report was accepted & the Treasurer ordered to pay to Mr. Davis the sum of four hundred as pr contract for doing the work.

On motion of Mr McCracken the matter of sewerage was referred to the Street Committee with the request that they bring a report to the Council recommending the proper work to be done.

Under a suspension of the rules, Mr Tyler of Public Interest in the matter of the Pettit raceway presented a report from Engineer F W Smith, setting forth the causes of the overflow in that portion of the City which is damaged by said overflow.

The report was received & ordered filed.

Mr Tyler then offered the following, that the Council authorize the Committee to receive bids for building such sewer as advised by Mr Smith & proceed with the work at once and after completed the cost of said work be changed to the parties that are hereafter found to be responsible.

This was amended by Mr Embrey as follows;

That the report of the engineer be submitted to the counsel for the Corporation to ascertain who is legally responsible for the cost of said trunk & so notify said parties that we will proceed with the work at once.

The resolution of Mr Tyler as amended by Mr Embrey was adopted as a whole.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg July 16, 1897

The regular meeting of the City Council for July 1897 was called Friday night July 16, 1897

Present Mayor White

Councilmen, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley.

There was no quorum present & no meeting held.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg July 27, 1897

A meeting of the City Council was called Tuesday night July 27 to consider an application of the American Telephone and Telegraph co for permission to place the wires of said Company on the Free Bridge.

Present Mayor White

Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Rowe, Howard, Hurkamp, Cole, Tyler, Chancellor, McCracken and Bradley

Absent: Mr Gouldman.

Mr Wroten of Public Property at the request of the Company presented the following:

Resolved that permission is hereby given to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Virginia to place their wires upon the Free Bridge erected by the City of Fredericksburg across the Rappahannock River provided the wire are so placed as not to injure said bridge, nor in any way to interfere with travel thereon; The wires when placed to be under the supervision of the Public Property Committee of the Council.

Mr Wroten then offered this resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the petition of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company to cross the Free Bridge with their wires grows out of an ordinance passed May 3, 1895 by the Council of this City.

Resolved that the rules be suspended so that said ordinance may be considered at this meeting.

On motion of Mr Wroten, W A Little Jr Counsel for the Company was granted permission to address the Council which he did at length.

Mr Howard of Ordinance Committee offered the following ordinance which after discussion was unanimously adopted

Resolved that the ordinance heretofore passed on the 3rd day of May 1895 granting a franchise to the American Telegraph & Telephone Co be & the same is hereby repealed.

2 That the petition of the American Telegraph & Telephone Company to put their wires on the Free Bridge, together [Page 88] with the whole matter of granting a franchise to the said company to operate in this City, be referred to a Committee of three members of the Council to be appointed by the Mayor to investigate and report to the Council such ordinance on the subject as may be proper.

Mayor White appointed as the Committee Messrs Howard, Embrey & Wroten.

The Rules were then suspended on motion of Mr Tyler for general business & he offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Committee on Health & Police were instructed to put telephones in the houses of the two day officers Mess'ers Gore & Robinson, and the Gas Committee be instructed to put a telephone in the house of the Superintendent of the Gas Works, provided the cost per annum to the Corporation shall not exceed (\$10) ten dollars for each phone

A recorded vote was asked for on this resolution and results

Ayes, Wroten, Rowe, Howard & Tyler

Noes, Embrey, Chancellor, McCracken & Bradley

Messrs Willis & Cole declined to vote as they were interested in the telephone Company. It being a tie vote Mayor White voted Aye & the resolution was adopted.

Mr Willis of Finance presented bills of *Free Lance* for \$9.00 & *Star* \$4.75 which were ordered paid.

The Council then adjourned

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Aug 20, 1897

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council for the month of August was held in the Council Chamber Friday Aug 20th at 8 pm.

Present Mayor White

Councilmen Willis, Embrey, Rowe, Gouldman, Hurkamp, Howard, Cole, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley

Absent: Mr Wroten

Mr Willis of Finance presented bond of A P Rowe Jr as City Collector in the sum of \$10,000 with M B Rowe and E D Cole as sureties, which was accepted & placed in hand of Mayor White to be deposited in National Bank for safe keeping.

The report of N Wilson Davis on sewerage which was received and ordered filed at a previous meeting by the Council was ordered on motion of Mr Howard to be spread on the minutes of the Council & is as follows:

Report on the Sewerage of Fredericksburg, Va

W S Embrey, Chairman

Street Committee of Fredericksburg

Dear Sir;

In pursuance of my contract with your Street Committee I have surveys & plans for a complete system of sanitary sewers for that portion of the City which drains directly into the River.

I have designed the system as if the entire area was closely built up; this was done in order to provide for increase in population and to proportion the sizes and adjust the grades, that any part of the system may be built not with the assurance that it will properly co-operate with all future additions and meet all proper demands.

I have designed the sizes of the mains to accommodate, in addition to household waste a considerable quantity of "Ground Water" which will be encountered on most of the flat streets that run parallel to the River.

The soil appears to be very porous and absorbs a great quantity of rain fall which then slowly seeps through the ground towards the River and tends to keep all the flats in a thoroughly saturated and unwholesome condition. Aside from the inconveniences which may be caused by this water collecting in cellars, its presence is very detrimental to health and such saturation of the subsoil has been often found to foster and [Page 90] encourage the development of Typhoid fever, Malaria, Diphtheria, &c. The contours on the plan show the flat places at the foot of hills that need such treatment. This "Ground water" will be let into the sewer at manholes through tile drain laid in the same trench with the sewer & will aid in flushing the sewer & keeping it clean.

The Plans

The plans submitted herewith show plainly the sizes of all mains & laterals, the grades upon which they must be laid and the routes they must take consistent with economical construction. The green line indicates the water-shed & is the proper limit of the extension of the system from the River towards Washington St. We might draw a little more sewage to the River side of this line by making deep cuts but

I see that there is already some demand for another sewer in that part of the City that drains into the mill race and recommend that the present works should not be carried any further than shown on the plans. The profiles give the depths of cuts along the entire route and by reference to the profile marked Caroline Street you will see why it was necessary to turn down Wolfe Street with the Main instead of continuing on Caroline Street for the cut at the R R would have to be 20 ft in order to secure a good fall for the sewer. Caroline Street is nearly level for about 2000 ft & I would not suggest a lighter grade than indicated on the plan for this sewer is located on the Main Street and as rapid removal of sewage as can be secured is very desirable here & besides this the sewer should be deep enough at all points of the street to drain the cellars & reference to the profile shows that with proper depth and a suitable grade that the cut at the R R will be unreasonable.

I select Caroline St as a suitable location for the main intercepting sewer because here it renders immediate service to an area that is now in the greatest need of attention and a lateral [Page 91] can be placed on Water or Sophia St whenever it becomes necessary to sewer it.

The main sewer follows Caroline St as far as Wolfe St, here it must turn and run down Wolfe St to the Boat-house and thence along the bank of the River through private property back of the Rim factory to the final out fall near the mouth of Hazel Run. I presume that the right of way will be donated for this sewer and have not included any land damages in my estimate of cost of construction.

The System

The system which I have designed for your use is technically known as the separate system and is a system of small pipe sewers designed to carry only sewage while the "storm water" is cared for in a separate and independent manner. Here the storm water can be readily disposed of by turning it directly into the River from the street gutters which makes the separate system specifically suited to your needs. The pipes are to be the ordinary salt glazed sewer pipe so thoroughly vitrified as not to be affected by chemicals & the joints should be well sealed with cement mortar so as to make them as nearly as practicable water tight.

The sizes of the pipes are plainly shown on the plans; I have provided 8" laterals on all streets and recommend that no street sewer be less than 8" in diameter, although 6" is large enough for many locations and with careful construction & proper maintenance can be successfully used; Still the area of an 8" pipe is nearly twice that of a 6" & experience has shown that stoppages are much more frequent in the 6" pipe which naturally lead to the selection of 8" even at a slight increase in first cost.

The manholes are to be built of good hard burned brick laid in cement mortar and plastered on the outside and are to be large enough to admit of the sewer being readily inspected or cleaned (see plans) [Page 92] Each manhole is to be furnished with cast iron covers that are perforated so as to secure thorough ventilation of the sewer which is of vital importance; if sewers are well ventilated the dangerous sewer gas does not form or is so diluted with fresh air that it becomes perfectly inoffensive and harmless. These sewers are designed to be laid on perfectly straight lines and uniform grades from one manhole to another and my change in the direction of the sewer must be made in the manhole; this secures a uniform velocity for the sewage between manholes, which is essential to their successful operation and also admits of the sewer being readily inspected for its entire length by lowering a light into one manhole and sighting into the sewer from the next, and further a straight jointed rod with steel brush on the end can be run through the pipes to loosen an obstruction.

Automatic Flush tanks building and covered like the manholes are placed at the head of all laterals (see plans) to keep the pipes scoured and clean (at such points the volume of sewage is seldom sufficient to produce a scouring action in the pipes and hence Flush tanks are used.) To operate these Tanks the water main is tapped and connected with the tank which is allowed to slowly fill with water and when full the syphon acts automatically empties the Tank and scours the sewer. The tanks may be set to operate only as often as the sewer needs flushing and thus not water will be wasted;

I note that you have a special advantage as regards flushing your sewers for the Basin from which the Silk Mill takes its water is above the grade of the sewer at its upper end and by connecting this basin with the

manhole on Canal Street you can give the entire line from the Silk Mills to the outfall a thorough cleansing and I strongly advise that your committee take steps to make the connection.

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As regards the arrangement of the laterals I have placed them on streets where there appears to be the greatest demand for them and have divided them into sections as far as the topography would permit, so that you can build them, one part at a time, if you desire; thus the line Fauquier St is entirely independent of the one designed to serve Princess Anne St. This will enable you to building the sewers where the present demand warrants the expense and leave the other portions to be added as fast as they are needed. It does not seem necessary at this writing to discuss the need of sewers in Fredericksburg. I believe the citizens as well as your Committee are fully alive to the situation and the desperate efforts that some private individuals have recently made to secure this necessity is the strongest argument that can be advanced.

But some may think that if private individuals are permitted to build their own sewers as fast as they need them the City will soon be thoroughly and properly sewered free of cost to the City and here I wish to take a most positive stand and advise most strongly against such a mistake; and the opinions I offer are not theoretical nor notions of my own but the knowledge that the world has acquired through experience and after many an experiment in this direction.

I cannot advise too strongly against permitting individuals to build their own sewers; for although the sewer may be well built and finely meet the purpose for which it was built; still it is not designed to meet the requirements of citizens on other streets, cannot be connected with other lines and is when built private property.

A scientific system of sewer should have one outfall and all the laterals should be so laid and be of such size that they will drain the entire section in which they are laid and can at last be emptied into one main [Page 94] sewer that in turn empties as far as possible from the centre of your City; it is evident that a number of private sewers each laid without any references to the other can not be made to fill these requirements which are barely the first principles of sewer construction.

The City should build their own sewers, should own them and should serve each citizen without partiality and have the sewers built so that they can be readily inspected, cleaned and kept in a serviceable and perfectly sanitary condition.

As regards the extent of the system that should now be built I suggest:

1st The main sewer from Hazel Run to the Silk Mills

2nd The branch on Wolfe & Princess Anne Streets

3rd The branch on George & Prince Edward Streets

4th the branch on Fauquier and Washington Streets

These are the main branches, all other shorter lines of laterals can be put in from these branch whenever desired.

The total cost for these four lines on the same basis as estimated for the entire system below is \$11,800.00

I append the estimates of cost for the entire system.

The Estimate

The estimate is for the sewer complete and in place ready for use and the prices include the cost of bracing the trenches in order to prevent caving while the pipe is being laid; this is the only indefinite item in the estimate but I examined the work in progress on Hanover St, and think I have allowed a sufficient amount for bracing.

The estimate also includes furnishing two "Y" branches for house connections at every 50 feet of sewer on all streets.

The rubble masonry is intended to furnish a retaining wall for the sewer at a few points along the River where the banks are very steep and where the waste flumes from Mills cross the line of pipe.

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I hardly expect to encounter any considerable amount of hard rock excavation but noted some “out croppings” of rotten stone and have allowed a nominal amount to cover such work; my object is to give you figures that will certainly cover all probable cost and am sure that on close competitive bidding these figures will be reduced.

The estimate does not include any “land damages” for the line does not cross any very valuable property and I supposed that the right of way will be freely donated.

Estimate

17,570 ft of 8” pipe in place	@ .30¢	\$5,271.00
4,240 ft of 10” pipe in place	@ .38	\$1,611.20
1,570 ft of 15” pipe in place	@ .62	\$ 973.40
2,700 ft of 18” pipe in place	@ .68	\$1,836.00
2,500 ft of 20” pipe in place	@ .70	\$1,750.00
23 flush tanks	@ \$25.00	\$ 575.00
171,000 brick laid	@ \$12.00	\$2,062.00
44,650 lbs, man hole covers	@ .03¢	\$1,339.50
60 ft 18” cast iron pipe		\$ 90.00
200 Cu yards rubble masonry	@ \$5.00	\$1,000.00
300 cu yards hard rock excavation	@ .80¢	\$ 240.00
3200 ft of tile drain	@ .08	\$ 272.00
Engineering & superintendence 4 months		\$ 800.00
Total		\$17,820.10

N.B. This estimate covers all the streets upon which the lines drawn on the plans are solid —o— and does not include the streets where the lines are dashed thus ----o---- &c. The surveys covered the entire area and provision was made for all streets in designing the sizes and grades of the sewers recommended but there is a large part of the City that is not in need of sewers at present and I have left these places out of my estimate of cost of the work that is now needed.

The plans show plainly the lines I recommend for immediate construction and some of these may be omitted for the present if you wish to save the small cost of their construction but the sum total of the estimate places the entire system within easy reach.

The specifications [Page 96] are now being rapidly furnished and if you expect to make any radical changes in the work as outlined in the plans please notify me promptly because the specifications must be a very exact and accurate description of the work & it is just as necessary not to omit a single detail of the intended work, in writing the specifications, as to properly plan the work.

Hoping that your Committee will decide promptly upon what will be the probable extent of the present work and notify me so that I can finish the specifications and some detail drawings of flush, banks & retaining walls. I remain

Yours Truly,

N. Wilson Davis

Mr Gouldman called the attention of the Council to the unhealthy condition of the basin.

The matter was referred to the Health Committee.

Mr Howard offered a resolution in regard to the condition of the lots on the property formerly owned by the Wellford Estate, but which is now the property of the City & State.

On being informed by the Street Committee that steps had already been taken to remedy the evil existing these, the resolution was withdrawn.

Mr. W S Embrey of the Street Committee presented the following on sewerage

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Streets to whom was referred the report of the Engineer concerning the proposed sewerage system for this City with instructions to report thereon, would respectfully present this their report.

The undersigned Committee have given the report of Mr Davis that consideration which the amount of expenditures for the sewers would demand [Page 97] and they unhesitatingly & unqualifiedly recommend to the Council that the entire system of sewers as mapped out & described in the engineer's report should be submitted to the voters of this City as soon as possible for their consideration.

Your Committee are aware that the building of this sewerage system will be at the cost of the City, but they think that this cost can be lowered to a minimum by a charge laid on all those who connect with the sewer and if the sewer should be built, an ordinance prohibiting the digging or keeping of sinks or wells for sewerage purposes would promote the general health of the City and be the cause of a larger number of persons paying for the privilege of making connection with the sewer.

Your Committee think that the adaption of modern building methods and the erection of houses with modern improvements as well as the addition of those improvements to houses already built, demands some means of sewerage and this the City should provide.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the entire system as mapped out by Mr Davis can be built for \$15,000.00.

This cost to the City can be considerably lowered as before stated by charging a reasonable sum for the privilege of making connection with the sewer.

Signed, W S Embrey, W E Bradley, E D Cole

Mr Tyler moved to accept the report, Mr Willis moved as a substitute that it be postponed 30 days. He was supported in his motion by Mr Gouldman. The substitute was lost on a recorded vote:

Ayes, Willis and Gouldman,

Noes Embrey, Rowe, Hurkamp, Howard, Cole, Chancellor, Tyler McCracken, & Bradley.

Then the report of the Committee was accepted on motion of Mr Tyler [Page 98] an election was ordered within 30 days, that the people might say whether they would accept or reject the system of sewerage as embodied in engineer Davis' report 7 that the Mayor be authorized to order an election & take such steps as necessary to make same election legal.

Mr. Howard, Chairman of the special Committee in the matter of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co, made the following report.

To the Mayor & Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen,

Your Committee appointed in the matter of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co of Va respectfully reports that they have fully investigated and considered the matter and have had a conference with Mr Young and Mr Little, Attorneys for the Co.

Being desirous of extending to this Co, every privilege consistent with the general good of this community as an inducement to them to enter this City; We have urged upon their representatives to accept such restrictions upon their doing a local business, as would not unjustly hamper or impede them. Notwithstanding their repeated statements that they did not propose to do a local business, they declined to consider any proposition for anything but an unlimited franchise, the granting of which your Committee considers suicidal to the best interest of the Community.

We therefore recommend that the matter be dropped as far as this Council is concerned.

Respectfully submitted

A Randolph Howard, W S Embrey, Geo W Wroten, Committee

Aug 20, 1897

The report was unanimously adopted. On motion of Mr McCracken the report was ordered to be published in the City papers.

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Mr McCracken read the following letter;

Fredericksburg, Va

Aug 20, 1897

Hon. Terrence McCracken

Dear Sir;

At the last meeting of the Battlefield Park Association you were requested to ask the City Council in the name of the Association for a farther appropriation of \$75.00. Will you oblige by bringing the matter to the attention of the Council tonight, as it is very important to have the money in hand at once.

Respectfully,

W. S. White

Pres Battlefield Park Comm

On Motion of Mr Willis the sum of \$75.00 was ordered placed to the credit of the Battlefield Park Association.

Mr McCracken presented a petition from Citizens asking that a number of electric lights be placed on the property known as the "Doswell Field"

On motion of Mr Cole it was referred to the Light Committee. Mayor White then laid before the Council the report of Engineer J. W. Smith, and St. Geo R Fitzhugh, counsel for the City in the matter of the raceway which leads to Pettit's Mill. His honor said that unless the Council took some steps at once to relieve the lands along the Canal of the back water which was standing on these lands and impairing the health of the City, he would fine daily the owners of said lands until the nuisance was abated. Mr Smith who had been employed to find out where the responsibility lay, was present and made a very extended report on the subject.

The question was fully discussed and the Water Committee ordered to temporarily relieve the lands at once, and the question of doing the work thoroughly would be brought up at the meeting of the Council in September as it would be detrimental to health to clean out the entire canal now and expose the refuse town out from [Page 100] its bed to the hot August sun.

On motion of Mr Cole a bill of \$55.00 for work done by Engineer T W Smith was ordered to be paid.

The Council then adjourned

H R Gouldman, acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg, Va Sept 17, 1897

The regular meeting of the City Council for September was held Friday night Sept 17, 1897.

In the absence of Mayor White, Recorder H R Gouldman presided and the following Councilmen were present

Messers Willis, Embrey, Rowe, Cole, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken and Bradley

Mr Willis of Finance Committee presented bill of *Star* for \$3.50 which was ordered paid. He made an appeal to the Chair of the Chairmen of the several Committees to practice all the economy possible, especially until the taxes were received in October, and to continue to do so thereafter. He said the Treasury was bare of money and unless a halt was called to appropriating money, there would be no alternative but to raise taxes.

Mr Tyler of Public Interest asked that the sum of \$25.88 be appropriated to do stone work at the lead of the trunk newly built at the corner of Dixon Street, He said it would cost \$125.88 according to an estimate made, that \$100 yet remained of the appropriation made to build the trunk and that with the amount asked for the work could be completed. On motion of Mr Willis the sum of \$25.88 was ordered placed to credit of Public Interest Committee.

Mr Tyler at the request of a number of Citizens, asked that the Light Committee be instructed to burn the Gas lamps all night, every night in the year, whether it was dark or moon light, the proposition was not entertained by the Council.

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Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported the unsafe condition of bridges on Pr Edward & Charlotte Streets. On motion of Mr Willis, the Street Committee was ordered to put the said bridges in such repair as they may deem necessary for the safety of travel;

Mr Cole of the Water Committee said his Committee had taken prompt action in view of the scarcity of water in the River and had stopped the use of all water to all manufacturing enterprises so that in case of a farther scarcity of water the supply for domestic purposes would not be endangered.

A communication was received from Mayor White urging stringent measures for the purpose of giving the City more water for domestic purposes.

On motion of Mr Cole the communication of Mayor White was received and ordered filed.

The following communication was received from Judge A W Wallace of the Corporation Court.

Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia

At a Corporation Court held for the City of Fredericksburg on Thursday the ninth day of September 1897.

Present, Honorable A. W. Wallace, Judge.

The evidence given in the cause in the case of the Commonwealth against William Johnson on the 8th instant, constrains the Court to call the attention of the honorable City Council to the urgent need of a Chain Gang for the punishment of those convicted of misdemeanors in our Mayor's Court, and others confined in Jail, and suggests that your honorable body shall take action in the matter pursuant to sections 3932-3933 and 3934 of the Code of Virginia.

It appears from the statement of the Sergeant of the City, that there are now nineteen [Page 102] (19) prisoners in Jail for offenses against the Corporation ordinances and against the state and by a recent decision of the Virginia Court of Appeals, the Court is informed by the Attorney for the Commonwealth that the cost of keeping such prisoners who are guilty of violation of Corporation ordinances will be charged to the City Treasury.

The Court deems it therefore important the City should be reimbursed in a measure by services to be performed by such prisoners, probably some work on the Alms House property in the way of cultivation, or by the way of ditching the marshes in the western portion of the Corporate limits could be found for them, in addition to work on the streets.

The Court takes the liberty of making the above suggestions, because the duty of action devolves on the Court or failure of action in the premises by the Common Council.

A Copy, Teste

Jas P. Corbin, Clerk

On motion of Mr McCracken it was resolved that the communication from Judge A. W. Wallace be accepted and referred to the ordinance Committee who are directed to have an ordinance drawn in accordance with said recommendation, the Council then adjourned to meet Tuesday night September the 21st 1897

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

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Fredericksburg, Va. Sept 21, 1897

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night Sept 21st 1897

Recorder H R Gouldman presiding

Present, Councilmen Embrey, Howard, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley

Mr. Embrey of the Street Committee presented a resolution in regard to sewerage of the City as follows;

Whereas Mr. N Wilson Davis has furnished to the Council in his report and accompanying map and papers, surveys and plans for a complete system of sanitary sewers for that portion of the City of Fredericksburg which drains directly into the Rappahannock River;

And whereas the said system is so designed as to provide for increase in population and so proportions the sizes and adjusts the grades that any part of the system may be built now with the assurance that it will properly cooperate with all future additions and meet all proper demands;

And whereas said engineer advises that the following streets and parts of streets in this City is accordance with said system have sewers built as then now; viz; A main sewer from the silk mill along main street as far as Wolfe St thence down Wolfe St to the Boat House, and thence along the bank of the river to the final outfall near the mouth of Hazel Run, also a branch sewer on Main Street from Wolfe Street to a point below the Gas Works. Also a branch sewer along Wolfe Street from Main Street west to Charles Street Extended.

Also a branch sewer along Princess Anne Street from Wolfe Street to Fauquier Street.

Also a branch sewer along Charles Street from Hanover Street to Fauquier Street.

Also a branch sewer along Pr Edward street from Hanover Street to Fauquier Street

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Also a branch sewer along Winchester Street from Commerce Street to Hawke Street extended

Also a branch sewer along Washington Avenue from Lewis Street to Pitt Street extended;

Also a branch sewer along Charlotte Street from Princess Anne Street to Pr Edward Street;

Also a branch sewer along George Street from Main Street to Pr Edward Street;

Also a branch sewer along William or Commerce Street from Main Street to Pr Edward Street

Also a branch sewer along Amelia Street from Princess Anne Street to Charles Street and from Pr Edward Street to Washington Ave;

Also a branch sewer along Lewis Street from Pr Edward Street to Washington Avenue;

Also a branch sewer along Fauquier Street from Main Street to Washington Avenue;

And whereas the Council has ascertained that the proximate cost of a first class system of sanitary sewers covering the before mentioned territory will be \$15,000.00, and that the same will greatly contribute to the health and convenience of the citizens and enhance the value of property in the City;

Resolved by the Council that the system of sanitary sewers recommended by Mr Davis is approved and that said system so far as the streets above mentioned is enordered therein be built and that sewers be laid in all said streets as above indicated in pursuance of the plans & surveys of Mr. Davis.

Resolved further that this preamble and resolution be published at least once [Page 105] a week for two weeks in one or more newspapers of this City by the Street Committee.

The resolution was unanimously passed by a recorded vote as follows:

Ayes, Embrey, Howard, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken, Gouldman and Bradley,

Mr Howard of Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, Va;

That in pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council by law, a Chain Gang is hereby established in and for the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of working on the Streets and public property therein and on works for the public welfare thereon.

The said Chain Gang shall be under the direction and control of the Street Committee of this City, who shall cause to work in said Chain Gang on the streets and public property of the City, and on work for the public welfare and convenience of the City, all male persons now or hereafter confined in the City Jail, who by section 3932 of the Code of Virginia may be required to work in said Chain Gang, and all other persons who are now or who may hereafter be declared by law liable to work in Chain Gangs.

The Street Committee from time to time shall designate a reliable & competent foreman or guard to take charge of, and work the Chain Gang; who shall be armed, and shall be responsible for their safe keeping.

The Street Committee shall provide balls and chains adequate to prevent the escape of such persons as are in the Chain Gang [Page 106] and shall have the same attached securely to those they may deem liable to make their escape.

The Chain Gang shall work during such hours and for such length of time each day as other labor employed by the Street Committee is accustomed to work; and when not engaged in work they shall be returned to jail.

The Mayor is hereby required to notify the Street Committee whenever there are any persons as aforesaid liable to work in the Chain Gang; and he shall order any person confined in Jail in the City liable to work in the Chain Gang, who is convicted in his court or before a Justice of the Peace, to be delivered by the jailer to the person or persons authorized by the Street Committee to take charge of and work the Chain Gang; which order shall specify the length of time such person is required to work in the Chain Gang, and where the person is to labor for the non payment of a fine imposed upon him, the order shall state the amount of fine and costs, and, the number of days labor required to discharge the same.

The said order shall be in duplicate, one copy thereof to the jailer and one for the Street Committee, or person designated by them to have the custody of said person.

The Jailer shall take a receipt from the Street Committee or from the person designated by said Committee to have charge of and work the Chain Gang for every prisoner delivered by him under said order, which shall discharge him from all liability for the escape of such prisoner [Page 107] so long as he is not in his custody.

But the Mayor in his aforesaid orders shall direct such persons to be confined in Jail when not engaged at work.

If any person ordered to or in the Chain Gang shall refuse to work, or shall make an effort to escape therefrom, the foreman or guard in charge shall report the fact to the Street Committee, who shall notify the Mayor, and the Mayor on proof of the same, may cause said person to be punished by stripes to be administered by the Jailer, or by Solitary confinement & fed on bread and water for such time as the Mayor may order.

The stripes not to exceed twenty and the confinement not to exceed twenty days for each offense and such confinement shall be in addition to the original sentence.

Respectfully submitted,

A Randolph Howard, Walter B Tyler, T McCracken, ordinance committee

On motion of Mr McCracken the ordinance was ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Council and laid over until the next regular meeting.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Oct 15, 1897

The regular meeting of the City Council was called for October on Friday 15th at 8 o'clock. There was no quorum & no meeting held.

Present; Councilmen Willis, Cole, Bradley

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg Nov 11, 1897

The City Council was called Thursday night Nov 11th at 7:30 by Acting Mayor H R Gouldman to consider cleaning out the Pettit raceway from the pump house to a point near the P F & P R Road Present, Acting Mayor H R Gouldman

Councilmen, Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Hurkamp, Cole, Tyler, Chancellor, McCracken, Bradley

Absent Messrs Embrey & Howard.

Mr Cole made a statement as to the existing condition of the raceway, the legal points &c and the necessity of immediately having it cleaned out. The subject provoked a discussion which was participated in by a majority of the members present and ended by the passage of the following resolution offered by Mr. McCracken.

Resolved that a special committee be appointed to confer with City Council [Counsel], St. Geo R Fitzhugh, for the purpose of having the Pettit Raceway thoroughly cleaned and the interests of the City properly protected and said committee report to the meeting of the Council on Friday Nov 19th.

Acting Mayor Gouldman appointed the following members of the Council as the Committee, Mess'ers McCracken, Bradley & Tyler. The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Nov 19th 1897

The City Council met in the Council Chamber Friday night Nov 19th 1897 at 7:30 with the following members present

Recorder and acting Mayor Gouldman

Councilmen Willis, McCracken, Embrey, Bradley, Tyler, Chancellor, Rowe, Cole & Wroten

Absent, Messrs Hurkamp & Howard.

Mr. Willis of the Finance Committee presented bill of *Star* for \$7.25 which was ordered paid.

A petition from sundry businessmen & citizens asking for the lighting of the Park during the Christmas holidays was referred to the Public Park Committee.

Mr Cole of Water presented ordinances governing the use of water which were ordered laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council in December.

The Chain Gang ordinance which was presented at the September Meeting and ordered spread upon the minutes was taken up and passed unanimously.

The report of the Special Committee, Messrs McCracken, Bradley & Tyler on the Pettit Raceway was presented and the deed of Mr. C H Pettit & wife was accepted and ordered to be placed on record.

Mr McCracken moved that the sum of five hundred dollars be placed to the credit of the Water Committee, and so much as is necessary be used in thoroughly cleaning out the Pettit Raceway.

On motion of Mr. McCracken it was ordered that the Finance Committee be authorized to honor drafts for an amount not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Nov 26th 1897

A meeting of the City Council was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock Nov 26, 1897. Acting Mayor Gouldman presided and the following members were present.

Messers Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Hurkamp, Cole, Chancellor, Tyler, McCracken & Bradley

Absent, Messrs Howard & Embrey

Acting Mayor Gouldman stated that the Council had been called for the purpose of taking such steps as was appropriate in connection with the death of Mayor W. Seymour White which occurred that morning at 2:25 o'clock.

Mr McCracken offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved; that the Council has head with profound sorrow of the death of Hon W Seymour White, Mayor & presiding officer of this body.

That a meeting of this Council be held on Thursday night Dec 2nd at 7:30 to honor his memory & pay fitting tribute to his high character, his public services and his private virtues.

Resolved the Council attend the funeral in a body, and that the Ex-Mayors of the City of Fredericksburg & other officers be invited to accompany them.

Resolved that the business men of the City be requested to close their places of business during the hours of funeral.

Resolved that the Mayor's office and Council Chamber be draped in mourning for 30 days and as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Council do now adjourn.

H R Gouldman, Acting Mayor

Teste, W. E. Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Va. Nov 30th 1897

A Called meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night Nov 30th at 7:30.

Present, Mayor H R Gouldman

Councilmen Wroten, Willis, Hurkamp, Tyler, Rowe, Chancellor, Cole, McCracken & Bradley

Absent, Messrs Howard & Embrey

Immediately after Mayor Gouldman called the Council to order the Clerk read the following communication from James P Corbin, Clerk of the Court of this City.

Virginia

At a Corporation Court held for the City of Fredericksburg on Tuesday the 30th day of November 1897 Hon A W Wallace Judge presiding, Henry R Gouldman who, by an order entered in this Court on the 29th day of November 1897 has been appointed Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg for the unexpired term of the late Mayor, W. Seymour White, deceased, this day appeared in open court and qualified as such by taking & subscribing the oaths required by law.

And the Clerk of this Court is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Clerk of the Common Council of this City to be spread on the records of the Council.

A Copy, Teste, James P. Corbin, Clerk

To Wm. E Bradly Esq

Clerk of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

On motion of MR Willis, the communication was ordered spread on the minutes of the Council. Mayor Gouldman stated that the office of Recorder was vacant and that a vacancy also existed for Councilman in Lower Ward, that he had called a meeting of the Council for the purpose of filling these vacancies.

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Mr Willis moved that the Council proceed to fill the office of Recorder which was carried.

Mr Willis then nominated Councilman E. D. Cole as Recorder and he was unanimously elected. Mr Cole in a neat speech accepted the position and was duly sworn in by Mayor Gouldman.

Mr Cole moved that the rules be suspended and the Council proceed to elect a councilman from the Lower Ward, adopted.

Mr Tyler placed in nomination MR John T. Knight and Mr Hurkamp nominated Mr. J D Ray. A ballot was taken which resulted as follows; Knight six votes and Ray three votes.

Mayor Gouldman then announced that Mr. John T. Knight was duly elected a member of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va, from the Lower Ward, after which the Council adjourned to meet Thursday night Dec 2nd 1897 at 7:30

H R Gouldman, Mayor
Teste, W E Bradley Clerk
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Fredericksburg, Va Dec 2nd 1897

A Special Meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg held at the Council Chamber Thursday night Dec 2nd 1897 at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of presenting memorials to the memory of the late Hon. Mayor W. S. White of this City.

Present, Mayor Gouldman presiding

Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Cole, Tyler, Bradley, McCracken, Chancellor

Mr Cole presented the following which of motion of Mr Bradley was passed by the Council on a rising vote

The Common Council of Fredericksburg having designated this meeting to be held for the special purpose of giving suitable expression of tribute to the memory of Hon William Seymour White, late Mayor of this City, who departed this life on Friday the 26th day of November 1897 and of adding one leaf to the garland which has been bound together by the sympathy of this entire community for his bereaved wife It is ordered that the Clerk of this Council do place upon record this memorial; certified by this body in its corporate capacity and by each individual thereof

That William Seymour White has lived a life showing noble qualities worthy of emulation by those he has left behind; that all functions of the public offices to which he has been called have been faithfully fulfilled; that his duties as a citizen have been well done with an eye single to what he conceived to be for the public welfare; that he lived the life of an honest man, courageous in the expression of his convictions, and finally that his domestic fireside was hallowed by loyal devotion for one who deserved to be his heart's heroine; and that each member of this Council sincerely sympathizes with her in her irreparable loss.

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It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the newspapers of this City of Fredericksburg and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Mr Bradley then presented and read the following;

Fredericksburg Va Nov 30th 1897

At a meeting of the Police Officers of this City held today the following paper was offered and unanimously adopted;

Whereas we the undersigned police officers wish to testify our sincere sorrow at the death of our beloved and respected chief, the Honorable W. Seymour White, whose death has brought such sorrow to our town. Being intimately thrown with him in the discharge of our duties we know the innate kindness of his generous heart; his courteous consideration of his subordinates and we desire thus publicly to testify to that kindness and consideration both officially and personally.

To his family we tender our warmest sympathy in their bereavement and commend them to the care of that merciful providence, who will guide and comfort them until happily re-united with their loved one in that City which hat foundations and whose maker & builder is God.

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased Chief and that the City Council be requested to spread the same upon the minutes of of the Council, of Thursday, Dec 2nd 1897.

J. H. Robinson, C. A. Gore, J T Leavell, J W N Tansill

On motion of Mr Willis the request of the signers that the paper be spread upon the minutes of the Council was unanimously granted.

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Mr McCracken then moved that the Council adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late presiding officer.

The motion was unanimously adopted & the Council adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg, Va Dec 9th 1897

A Special meeting of the City Council was held Thursday morning Dec 9th 1897 at 10 o'clock

Present, Mayor Gouldman, Recorder Cole

Councilmen Willis, Tyler, Bradley, Rowe, Wroten, Knight & Chancellor.

Mayor Gouldman stated that the meeting had been called to take action on the death of Ex Mayor Montgomery Slaughter, so well known as our "War Mayor".

Mr Bradley offered the following resolutions which were seconded by Mr Willis and unanimously adopted.

Whereas this Council has heard with sincere sorrow of the death of Hon Montgomery Slaughter so well known as the "War Mayor" of Fredericksburg, who during that entire Civil conflict served the people of this town with fidelity & ability, and zealously labored to promote & protect the welfare of this community during his long service as Mayor be it

Resolved that we deeply regret his sudden death, that we cherish the memory of the invaluable service he rendered the town of Fredericksburg especially during the period of its peril, and that he did more to aid and assist its citizens when them most needed help than any other man. He was always a faithful officer, a good citizen, an upright judge and was honored and [Page 116] esteemed by his fellow men.

Resolved that the Mayor & Council attend his funeral in a body; that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Council, a copy sent to the family of the deceased and that they be published in the Town Newspapers.

Resolved that as a further mark of esteem this body do now adjourn.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Va Dec 17th 1897

The City Council held its regular meeting for December on Friday night the 17th inst at 7:30.

Present, Mayor Gouldman

Councilmen Willis Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Tyler Chancellor, Cole & McCracken.

Mr Willis presented bill of the *Free Lance* for \$6.50 which was ordered paid.

Mr Cole of the Water Committee reported work on Pettit's Canal nearly completed and asked that \$50.00 additional be appropriated to complete the payment of the work. On motion of Mr McCracken the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated or so much thereof as is necessary to finish paying for the work.

Mr Bradley of Alms House Committee reported a vacancy in the office of Superintendent occasioned by the death of Superintendent Albert Hooper and asked that the vacancy be filled.

On motion of Mr Willis the subject was passed by for the present.

On motion of Mr Cole the Water Ordinance which had laid over 30 days was taken up and on his motion adopted. It is as follows:

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that to meet the interest on the Water Bonds, to pay the running expenses of the City Water Works, and to create a sinking fund to liquidate the debt incurred in erecting said City Water Works there shall be levied and assessed an annual water rent as follows to be paid semi-annually, on the first of January and July of each year, in advance, whether the water is used by persons occupying or owning such buildings or not;

1st On all dwellings, store houses, warehouses, business houses and other buildings or the streets where the [Page 118] main pipes are laid, and those not on said streets, if supplied with water to include fire protection and street sprinkling \$4.00 and said rent shall be a lien on said property until paid. And every building having more than one place of business or occupied by more than one family shall be considered for each place of business or each family occupying the same an additional building for the purposes of the ordinance and shall be charged accordingly.

2nd In addition to the rent levied by the preceding section, there shall be levied and collected:

- On reach and every bath tub used on any premises \$3.00. On each additional tub used thereon \$2.00.
- On each and every water closet used on any premises \$3.00. If the same has more than one seat \$2.00 for each additional seat.
- On each and every automatic pump \$10.00
- On each and every fountain, the opening not to exceed 1/8 of one inch restricted to sprinkling house \$2.00
- On Barrooms \$5.00
- On Restaurants \$5.00
- On Bakeries \$5.00
- On Barber Shops \$5.00
- On Slaughter Houses \$5.00
- On Livery Stables \$10.00
- On Bottling Beer \$8.00
- On Wagon Yards \$3.00
- On Brick Yards \$10.00
- On Gas Engines \$10.00
- On Wood Yard Engines
 - Less than 10 horsepower \$10.00
- On Exchange Hotel \$25.00
- On Dannehl Hotel \$25.00
- On other hotels \$10.00
- On Builders; 1000 bricks, 10¢
- 100 yds plastering 25¢

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3. For the use of water for nay purpose not mentioned above the Committee on water are authorized to fix a price.
4. The hours for street and lawn sprinkling shall be from 5 o'clock to 7 o'clock morning and evening. Sprinkling means to lay the dust and more that that is a water of water and a violation of this ordinance.
5. The Committee on Water are authorized to set meters for water motors, engines, laundries, manufacturing establishments &c where they think proper to do so and charge a scaled rate per 1000 gallons for water used through them, provided the minimum charge therefore shall not be less than \$10.00 per annum. Bills for meter rates shall be made out on the first of the month and paid by the 10th and if not so paid the water shall be cut off.
6. The Committee on Water shall have authority when in their judgment it is necessary for the public good, to curtail or stop the use of water for all purposes, other than domestic, by giving notice by printed circulars or through the newspapers, and any one violating said notice shall be liable to a fine.
7. It shall not be lawful for any person to have a bath-tub, water closet, fountain or lawn spray or sprinkler or any other thing or device on his or her premises, and use City Water therein, for which a special charge for the use thereof is made, without report the same to the Superintendent.
8. It shall not be lawful for any plumber or other person to put in any water closet or bath tub on any premises or connect any pipe with the City Water Works for using water for any purpose for which a

special change is made for the use thereof without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent to do so; and in putting in water closets they are restricted to the self-closing tank closet.

9. It shall not be lawful for any person to let his or her hydrant, hose bibb or other device for drawing water leak and waste water. All leakage must [Page 120] be reported at once to the Superintendent that the water may be turned off.

10. It shall not be lawful for any person to deface or injure any stop cock, fire plug or public hydrant, or anything connected with the City Water Works or to throw or deposit any building material, rubbish, or other matter on the stop cock of a service pipe or fire plug or meter or cover up either with dirt or other material or to remove or injure any box or open if a stop box fire plug or meter to injure any fire plug drop box meter or hydrant or open any of them or in any way may molest them without authority from the Superintendent except in case of fire or cleaning the fire hose the firemen are authorized to use the fire plugs.

11. It shall not be lawful for any person to deposit or throw anything in either reservoir of the City Water Works or to break injure or climb over or through the enclosure of either reservoir or to injure deface or molest anything about the pump or pump house, or anything thereabout belonging or pertaining to the City Water Works.

12. It shall not be lawful for any person to thrown any filth, offal, dead animal or any offensive substance in the canal or to bathe in the Canal or in any way befoul the water in the canal between the dam and the pump house.

12. The City Water Works shall be in charge of a Superintendent subject to the supervision of the Committee on Water. He shall be elected by the Common Council in the month of December of each year, shall enter into a bond of two thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties and shall hold his office one years from the first day of the following January. He shall collect all water rents and pay them over to the City Treasurer. If the Water Rents are not paid in a reasonable time, the Superintendent [Page 121] shall proceed to collect them in the mode and manner prescribed for collecting delinquent City taxes and for the purpose he is hereby clothed with the same power and authority for collecting delinquent water rents as the Collector of City Taxes is for collecting delinquent City Taxes.

14. On all semi-annual water bills, a deduction of five per cent shall be made if paid by the 15th of the month in which they are due, but if not so paid five percent shall be added and six per cent shall be charged thereon until they are paid.

On monthly bills made by meter measurement five per cent shall be deducted if paid by the 10th of the month which they are due, but if not paid by that time five per cent shall be added and six per center per annum charged until they are paid.

15. It is hereby made the special duty of the police officers of the Town to see that the provisions of this ordinance are enforced and to promptly report to the Mayor any violation of them that may come under their observation or which in any way may come to their knowledge.

16. For any violation of the provisions of this ordinance a fine of not less than one dollar and not more than ten dollars shall be imposed.

17. This ordinance shall be in force on and after the first day of January 1898, and all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed after that date.

On motion of Mr Willis, the Council went into the election of Alms House Superintendent. Two candidates made application for the position, Messers J W Ball and James B Danson.

Mr Ball was unanimously elected.

The election of Supt of Gas Works was next in order. The salary was fixed at \$750, and Mr William Fitzpatrick unanimously re-elected.

The selection of Supt of Water Works resulted in the [Page 122] election of Capt S. J. Quinn the present incumbent at a salary of \$900.

Mayor Gouldman reported that the following sums had been turned over to him by the representatives of the late Mayor and police officers of the City, on account of the dog license tax and fines collected during Mr. White's illness.

From representatives of Mr White, dog license tax \$169.45;
Fines \$29.55

From Police Officers \$12.50, dog license tax and
\$40.00 fines from Officer J T Leavell
\$21.00 fines from Officer J H Robinson
\$5.50 fines from Officer W N Tansill,
Amounting in all to \$278.00.

On dog license tax collected the 15 per cent allowed by law had been paid to Mrs White.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste W E Bradley, Clerk