

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1898

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Fredericksburg Va Jan 21, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council for the month of Jan 1898 was called Friday Jan 21, 1898

Present, Mayor Gouldman

Councilmen, Wroten, Embrey, Hurkamp, Tyler, Knight & Bradley.

There being no quorum present, a meeting was not held.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Test, W E Bradley Clerk

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Fredericksburg Feb 4, 1898

A special meeting of the City Council was held at the Council Chamber Friday night Feb 4, 1898 for the purpose of considering amendments to the City Charter & if adopted to present them to the Legislature for enactment.

Present Mayor Gouldman

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

Absent Messrs Embrey & Howard

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, counsel who had prepared the amendments was present & at the request of the Council read them. They were

1st to empower the City to retire the gas & water bonds when they become due by other bonds at six per cent or a less rate of interest. On motion of Mr Willis unanimously adopted.

2nd That six councilmen be elected from each ward of the City and that they be voted for by each ward by all the voters of the City. This on motion of Mr Chancellor was amended so that the six councilmen in each ward shall be voted for only by the voters in said ward by the following recorded vote:

Aye Wroten, Bradley, Tyler, Hurkamp, Chancellor & Knight

No Willis, Rowe, Cole & McCracken

3rd That four justices of the Peace be elected from each ward & the necessary powers for the arrest of criminals be granted police officers. Adopted

4th To grant the Council power, if they deem necessary to elect a Police Justice. Mr Willis moved to strike out this amendment which was lost by the following recorded vote

Aye Willis, Hurkamp, Knight & Chancellor

No Bradley, Cole Rowe, Wroten, Tyler & McCracken.

It was then adopted without dissent.

5th To give the right to the Corporation Judge to appoint two constables. Adopted

6th To give the City authorities the right to abate a nuisance endangering the health of the City, whether the nuisance be in the Corporate limits or on lands adjoining the same.

Mr Willis offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Clerk of Council transmit to our delegate in the Legislature the amendments just passed by the Council with the request that he obtain their enactment into law by the present Legislature

The Council then adjourned

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg Feb 18, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council was called for 7:30 PM on Friday February for the month of February 1898.

Present Councilmen Tyler, Hurkamp, Wroten & Bradley. There being no quorum present no meeting was held.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg Va March 18, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council for March was held Friday night the 18th Inst. At 8 o'clock.

Mayor Gouldman presided and the following councilmen were present

Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Rowe, Cole, McCracken, Tyler, Chancellor, Knight, and Bradley.

Absent Howard & Hurkamp

Mr Willis of Finance presented bill of *Star* for Five (\$5) dollars and one of *The Free Lance* for seven (\$7) dollars, which were ordered paid.

Mr Willis gave notice that the yearly license tax would be presented at the next meeting of the Council and would be practically the same as last year.

Mr Wroten of Public Property reported the exterior of the Court House in bad condition and need paint and other repairs.

On motion of Mr Cole, he was instructed to bring in an estimate to the Council of the cost of doing what work was needed.

Mr Wroten also asked for instructions as to taking down the wall around Hurkamp Park. On motion of Mr McCracken this was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act.

Mr Wroten reported the bill of Thomas J Moncure, amounting to fifteen (\$15) dollars for engineering work done in 1896, which on motion of Mr Willis was ordered paid.

Mr A. T. Embrey made application to purchase the City's interest in a lot in the Cemetery.

On motion of Mr Knight it was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act.

Mr Cole of Water presented report of Supt [Page 125] S J Quinn showing cost of cleaning the Pettit's raceway. The report shows the total cost of the work to have been five hundred (\$536) and thirty six dollars, about fourteen (\$14) dollars less than the amount appropriated for the purpose.

An application of the Welsbach Gas Light Company making a proposition to light the streets of the City, on motion of Mr. Bradley was referred to the Light Committee.

Mr McCracken called attention to the fact of the near approach to the termination of the contract with the Rappahannock Electric Company for lighting the Streets of the City and on motion of Mr Cole the Light Committee was instructed to enquire into and report to the Council the best and most economical plan of lighting the streets and public buildings of the City.

Petitions of Messrs Ves Chancellor, E T Baker, W L Burruss and J W Adams asking the privilege to construct sewers along certain streets of the City were referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Petition of R. L Biscoe in behalf of the Orange Telephone Company asking permission to enter the City and establish an office was on motion of Mr Willis, referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Petition of Messrs Smith Welch, Dan Welch, Homer Welch, E A Matthews and J S Potter stating that they proposed to engage in high culture gardening at Hazel Hill Farm and asking that the City Ordinances be so amended as to protect them from domestic fowls.

On motion of Mr Cole the petition was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The Hon J. S. Potter, who was present was accorded permission to address the Council in advocacy of the request made by the petitioners.

The bond of Supt S J Quinn of the City Water Works, with the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore for two thousand (\$2000) dollars, was presented and referred back to the Water Committee for information as to whether all legal requirements for doing [Page 126] business in the State of Virginia had been complied with

Mr A. T. Embrey in behalf of the Merchants of the City addressed the Council in regard to what he considered some very essential changes in the license laws of the city in relation to peddler. He said that the State laws regulating this class of dealers had been practically nullified by the Interstate Commerce Law and that they were taking advantage of this fact and over running the country selling their goods without paying one cent for the privilege; that the City had a right to force them to pay a license under the police regulations and this should be done as a protection to our merchants.

Mr Willis said: The Finance Committee would use its utmost endeavors to see that the interests of our merchants were guarded.

The subject of the Chain Gang was then brought up by Mr. Cole and led to a lengthy discussion.

The sentiment of the Council was that the law be made effective at once and that it should be amended so as to include tramps.

Mayor Gouldman reported fines paid over to the Treasurer thirty (\$34) four dollars and from dog license tax six (\$6.50) dollars and fifty cents.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Va April 15, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council for the month of April was held Friday night the 15th Inst at 8 o'clock.

In the absence of Mayor Gouldman who was sick, Recorder E D Cole presided

Councilmen present were Messrs Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Hurkamp, Tyler, Rowe and Bradley

Absent, Messrs Chancellor, McCracken, Howard & Knight.

Mr Willis of Finance presented bond of Supt S J Quinn of City Water Works with Fidelity Trust Co of Baltimore for Two Thousand dollars which was accepted and the Mayor instructed to place it in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Willis presented bill of City Electoral Board for twenty dollars, services in 1897 which was ordered paid.

Mr Willis also presented license tax bill for 1898-99 which was accepted.

The Finance Committee were instructed to have 200 copies of bill printed.

Mr Wroten of Public Property reported wall of Park taken down. He said that his committee had 30,000 old bricks to dispose of, and the sum realized would pay all expenses of work done, he reported progress on Court House repairs.

Mr Wroten also reported sale of City's interest in lot in Cemetery to W S Embrey for fifty dollars, the said Embrey agreeing to keep the grave of R. B. Semple in said lot in proper order.

On motion of Mr Tyler the sale was confirmed by the Council.

Mr Embrey, of Streets asked for an appropriation of two hundred dollars which on motion of Mr Willis was granted.

Mr Wroten presented petition of Wm H Rogers and six others for remission of fines imposed upon their sons by the Mayor. On motion of Mr Bradley the matter was referred to the Mayor.

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Mr Tyler of Public Interest offered a resolution that a Committee of three be appointed looking to having doors of Public Buildings, churches and places of amusement opened outward to prevent casualties in cases of fire &c. On motion of Mr Embrey the matter was referred back to the Committee to report to the Council all cases where danger might exist.

The Council then adjourned.

E D Cole Acting Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

Fredericksburg May 20, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council for May was held at the Council Chamber on evening of 20th Instant at 8 o'clock.

Mayor Gouldman presiding

Councilmen present Messrs Willis Knight, Cole, Rowe, Hurkamp, Tyler & Bradley

Absent Messrs Wroten, McCracken, Embrey, Howard & Chancellor.

Mr Willis of Finance presented bill of *Free Lance* for \$7.50 & *Star* for \$9.50 which were ordered paid.

Mr Willis also reported a list of Insolvents and delinquents tax bills in the hands of A P Rowe Jr Collector. He said they were worthless and asked that they be turned over to Treasurer R T Knox.

On motion of Mr Knight it was ordered that the worthless tax bills in the hands of A P Rowe Jr Collector amounting to \$405.94 be turned over to Treasurer R T Knox & a receipt for same be taken by the Collector.

Mr. Knight of Public Property reported that the probable cost of contemplated repairs on Court House would be about \$300

On motion of Mr Bradley, it was suggested that other repairs not included in the estimate were needed & the Committee was instructed to obtain an estimate of the cost of all & make report after July 1, 98.

Mr Benjamin Goldsmith was given permission, under the supervision of the Street Committee to put in a sewer from his property on Main Street to the River.

Mr Cole of Street reported the Bridge over the Canal on Charlotte St in process of construction.

Mr Bradley asked if any progress had been made by the Light Committee in securing better terms for lighting the Streets of the City by electricity as the present contract [Page 129] would expire on Nov 1st 1898. Mr Knight stated that the Chairman of the Committee, Mr McCracken was in correspondence with out-of-town parties in reference to the subject.

A letter was presented by Clerk Bradley from Capt S J Quinn, clerk of the School Board, notifying the Council of the expiration of the terms of Messrs Isaac Hirsh & W H Hurkamp as members of the School Board from the upper and lower wards respectively; both gentlemen were unanimously re-elected.

W R Hall was unanimously elected to fill the position of Police Officer to fill the unexpired term of Officer J T Leavell resigned.

Mr Tyler stated that a stone crusher was for sale in the City as a very low price & moved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee with instructions to purchase it if they thought it advisable, which was lost.

Mr Knight moved that the matter of codifying & printing the ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg be referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to ascertain cost & report to next meeting of Council. Carried.

Mr Knight introduced an ordinance defining what a vagrant is under the law & fixing punishment for same. It was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The Council then adjourned.

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Va June 17, 1898

The regular meeting of the City Council for June was held Friday night the 17th

Present Mayor Gouldman

Councilmen Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Tyler, Cole, Knight, Hurkamp and Bradley

Absent Messrs Rowe, Howard, Chancellor and McCracken

Mr Willis of Finance presented bill of Star for \$2.50 which was ordered paid. He said his committee would have the financial report of the City for the present year ready by Friday night, the 24th and asked that all committee report amounts expended to the Finance Committee before that time that were not presentation to the Council then.

Mr Wroten, of Public Property, reported as disbursed by his committee \$923.11 during the year. He had received and turned over to the City Treasurer \$130.62 from sale of the old bricks from Park wall. His deficiency for the year was \$192.49, which amount on motion of Mr Willis was placed to credit of Committee.

Mr Embrey, of Streets, reported expenditures \$1,673.57 which was \$135.37 more than the appropriation for the year. On motion of Mr. Knight the deficiency was ordered to be placed to credit of the Committee.

Mr Cole of Water, submitted the report of Superintendent Quinn as the Committee's report, which was read by Supt Quinn

The receipts from Water Works were	\$6289.83
Expenditures	3387.93
Balance	2901.90

The delinquent list showed \$3,100 of which it was stated two thirds was collectable. The report was very creditable. The receipts were larger and expenditures less than any previous year.

Mr Bradley, of Alms House, reported that of the \$1,000 appropriated there had been expended \$985.50 of this amount \$203.77 had been paid for permanent improvements, \$68.99 for aid to poor outside of Alms House, leaving \$712.14 as the amount actually expended at the Alms House for support of paupers, Superintendent and wife about \$5 per month for each person.

Mr Knight of Light said Chairman McCracken of the Committee was sick and the report was not ready, but it would be forthcoming next Friday night. He further stated that the Committee would soon have some definite propositions to present the Council in regard to lighting the Streets of the City.

Mr. Knight of Health and Police, reported \$168 expended during the year. This was \$68 in excess [Page 131] of appropriation. On motion of Mr Cole \$68 was ordered placed to credit of the Committee.

Clerk S. J. Quinn, of School Board, through Mr Hurkamp, asked for an additional appropriation of \$150 to cover balance of expense for the year. On motion of Mr Willis the sum named was placed to the credit of the School Board.

Mr Tyler asked of the Mayor why an extra policeman had been placed at Gunnery Spring and to guard private property in the neighborhood. Mayor Gouldman and Mr Knight at whose request the appointment was made gave explanation in the matter satisfactory to the Council.

Mr Willis said the \$10,000 of bonds of the City held for the Fredericksburg College would have to be returned to the City on July 1st. He asked that instructions be given the Finance Committee as to their disposition. On motion of Mr Knight the following was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to investigate the matter of the contract involved the \$10,000 bond issue to the Fredericksburg College and report its standing to this Council on June 24th. Resolved also that the Finance Committee be instructed to make any recommendations deemed pertinent to them concerning said bonds.

On motion of Mr Bradley the following was adopted:

Resolved that the books and records of the City Council shall hereafter be kept in the vault of the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court at Fredericksburg and shall not be taken therefrom except by the Clerk of the Council or on an order from him.

Mayor Gouldman reported \$50.75 in fines and \$4.00 from dog tax turned over to the City Treasurer The vagrant ordinance introduced by Mr Knight at the May meeting of the Council having laid over the thirty days required was called up and adopted and is as follows;

An ordinance to suppress vagrancy

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following ordinance to suppress vagrancy in the City of Fredericksburg be passed.

Section 1. Be it enacted and ordained that it shall be the duty of the police officers of Fredericksburg to arrest all tramps and vagrants who may be found from time to time within the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg and take them before the Mayor of said City or Justice acting in his stead for a hearing; if said person or persons be found [Page 132] guilty of being tramp or vagrants the said Mayor or Justice shall impose a fine of not less than one or more than ten dollars and costs for each offense and in default in the payment of said fine and costs the said Mayor or Justice shall commit the said person or persons to the City Jail for not more than twenty days and sentence him or them to hard work in the City Chain Gang during that time.

Section 2. And be it further enacted and ordained that all persons sentenced under the provisions of this ordinance to hard work in the City Chain Gang shall be committed to the custody of the Jailor of said City and shall be worked by the Street Committee in accordance with the provisions of the City Ordinance governing the chain gang, and the Mayor or Justice aforesaid shall give the said Street Committee due notice of the conviction and sentence of said tramps or vagrants in default in the payment of the said fine as is provided for in the chain gang ordinance aforesaid.

Section 3. And be it further enacted and ordained that any person who wanders about without any visible occupation, means of support, or place of abode, who lodges in outhouses, railroad cars, market places, or other public buildings or place or in the open air, or who goes around begging from door to door shall be deemed a tramp or vagrant, within the meaning of this ordinance.

Section 4. And be it further enacted and ordained that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

The Council then adjourned until Friday night June 24th at 8 o'clock

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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Fredericksburg, Va., June 24, 1898

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Friday night, June 24 at 8 o'clock to receive the report of the Finance Committee and other committees that had failed to report at a previous meeting

Present, Mayor Gouldman presiding

Councilmen Wroten, Embrey, Willis, Cole, Knight, Tyler, Rowe, McCracken and Bradley

Absent, Hurkamp, Chancellor, Howard.

The report of Mr Chancellor, of police and Fire Department was presented, received and ordered to be filed. The report shows expenditures for the year \$127.65--\$77.65 more than the appropriation, which amount was ordered placed to the credit of the Committee.

A bill of *The Free Lance* amounting to \$5.50 was presented and ordered paid.

Mr Willis of Finance presented the reports of the Treasurer and City Collector, rate of taxation for the coming year and appropriations for the several Committees of the Council which are as follows:

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for the Year ending June 30th 1898, and the Tax-bill levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1st 1898 and ending June 30th 1899.

Fredericksburg, Va., June 24th 1898

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 Treasurers books is adopted and made a part of this report as is also report of City Treasurer.

Collectors Report

Fredericksburg, Va June 15th 1898

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

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collections of revenue for the fiscal year ending June 15th 1898.

The following is an itemized statement showing the collections and balances for each year, together with a recapitulation.

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City Taxes collected for the year ending June 15, 1898

Assessment of 1897	18,949.02		
Less 5% for discount prompt payment	947.45		
	18,001.57		
On assessment of 1897 after October 15 th	805.27		
Add penalty and interest	47.45	852.72	18,854.29
General licenses from Jun 17, 1897 to Apr 20, 1898	71.83		
Rent of Hay scales	59.00		

Dray licenses for 1897-1898	62.00		
Licenses for Opera House exhibitions	56.00	248.83	
On general licenses for 1898-1899	5,936.88		
Less 5% for discount	296.84	5,640.04	
On general licenses for 1898-99 after May 15		64.17	
On dray licenses for 1898-1899	128.00		
Less 5%	6.40	121.60	6,073.84
Total collections 1897-98		24,928.93	24,928.93
On assessment of 1896	787.40		
Add penalty and interest	59.69	847.09	
On assessment of 1895	28.77		
Add penalty and interest	3.78	32.55	
On assessment of 1894	12.61		
Add penalty and interest	2.53	15.14	
On assessment of 1893	5.32		
Add penalty and interest	1.29	6.61	
On assessment of 1892	5.16		
Add penalty and interest	1.80	6.96	
On assessment of 1891	4.99		
Add penalty and interest	1.85	6.84	
On assessment of 1890	2.54		
Add penalty and interest	1.98	4.52	
On assessment of 1889	4.18		
Add penalty and interest	1.60	5.78	
On assessment of 1888	.80		
Add penalty and interest	.45	1.25	
On assessment of 1886	1.81		
Add penalty and interest	.49	2.30	
On assessment of 1884		.48	
Collections from all sources		\$25,858.45	

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg, Va by delinquents for the year 1876 to 1897 inclusive

Amount on books of 1897			21,739.38	
By collections to Oct 15, 1897	18,001.57			
Add 5% deducted	947.45			
	18,949.02			
By collections after Oct 15, 1897	854.72			
Deduct penalty	47.45	805.27	19,754.29	1,985.09
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Brought forward			1,985.09	
By erroneous assessments released by Court/City Council	208.80			
By erroneous bills & bills of dead insolvents	116.38		325.18	
1897 amount delinquent			1,659.91	1,659.91
Amounts due pr books for 1896			1,697.46	
By collections	847.09			
Deduct penalty & int	59.69		787.40	
			910.06	

Delinquent real estate bills turned to Treasurer	513.17		
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents	151.06	664.23	
Amount delinquent		245.83	245.83
Amounts due pr books for 1895	154.97		
By collections	32.55		
Deduct penalty & int	3.78	28.77	126.20
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		24.13	
Amount delinquent		102.07	102.07
Amounts due pr books for 1894		92.39	
By collections	15.14		
Deduct penalty & int	2.53	12.61	
		79.78	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		10.78	
Amount delinquent		69.00	69.00
Amounts due pr books for 1893		88.28	
By collections	6.61		
Deduct penalty & int	1.29	5.32	
		82.96	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		13.58	
Amount delinquent		69.38	69.38
Amounts due pr books for 1892		76.05	
By collections	6.96		
Deduct penalty & int	1.80	5.16	
		70.89	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		12.20	
Amount delinquent		58.69	58.69
Amounts due pr books for 1891		71.54	
By collections	6.84		
Deduct penalty & int	1.85	4.99	
		66.55	
By Real Estate omitted	1.80		
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents	11.52	13.52	
Amount delinquent		53.23	53.23
Amounts due pr books for 1890		53.74	
By collections	4.52		
Deduct penalty & int	1.98	2.54	
		51.20	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		8.88	
Amount delinquent			42.32
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Amounts due pr books for 1889		54.73	
By collections	5.78		
Deduct penalty & int	1.60	4.18	
		50.55	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		6.88	
Amount delinquent		43.67	43.67
Amounts due pr books for 1888		56.09	
By collections	1.25		
Deduct penalty & int	.45	.80	

		55.29	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		8.64	
Amount delinquent		46.65	46.65
Amounts due pr books for 1887		51.34	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		5.68	
Amount delinquent		45.66	45.66
Amounts due pr books for 1886		49.11	
By collections	2.30		
Deduct penalty & int	.49	1.81	
		47.30	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		5.70	
Amount delinquent		41.60	41.60
Amounts due pr books for 1885		39.34	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		6.72	
Amount delinquent		32.62	32.62
Amounts due pr books for 1884		56.45	
By collections		.48	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		6.51	
Amount delinquent		49.46	49.46
Amounts due pr books for 1883		58.26	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		5.55	
Amount delinquent		52.71	52.71
Amounts due pr books for 1882		41.96	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		4.57	
Amount delinquent		37.39	37.39
Amounts due pr books for 1881		24.29	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		1.13	
Amount delinquent		23.16	23.16
Amounts due pr books for 1880		33.04	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		2.90	
Amount delinquent		30.14	30.14
Amounts due pr books for 1879		24.61	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		.63	
Amount delinquent		23.98	23.98
Amounts due pr books for 1878		25.89	
Erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		.50	
Amount delinquent		25.39	25.39
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To amt on books for year 1877		23.41	
By erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		1.00	
Amount delinquent		22.41	22.41
To amt on books for year 1876		11.79	
By erroneous bills and bills dead insolvents		1.00	
Amount delinquent		10.79	10.79
Recapitulation of Collections			
On books of 1897		24,928.93	
On books of 1896		847.09	
On books of 1895		32.55	

On books of 1894	15.14	
On books of 1893	6.61	
On books of 1892	6.96	
On books of 1891	6.84	
On books of 1890	4.52	
On books of 1889	5.78	
On books of 1888	1.25	
On books of 1886	2.30	
On books of 1884	.48	\$25,858.45

Recapitulations of Bills due Corporation

On books of 1897	1,659.91	
On books of 1896	245.83	
On books of 1895	102.07	
On books of 1894	69.00	
On books of 1893	69.38	
On books of 1892	58.69	
On books of 1891	53.23	
On books of 1890	42.32	
On books of 1889	43.67	
On books of 1888	46.65	
On books of 1887	45.66	
On books of 1886	41.60	
On books of 1885	32.62	
On books of 1884	49.46	
On books of 1883	52.71	
On books of 1882	37.39	
On books of 1881	23.16	
On books of 1880	30.14	
On books of 1879	23.98	
On books of 1878	25.39	
On books of 1877	22.41	
On books of 1876	10.79	\$2,786.06
Total Amount of bills due	\$2,786.06	

Respectfully submitted

A. P. Rowe Jr

Collector of City Taxes

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The Accounts of R T Knox, Treasurer, having been examined and found correct is substituted as a part of this report. Amount received from all sources by Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va for year beginning June 22, 1897 and ending June 18, 1898:

Treasurer's Report

1897

Jun 22	By Balances on hand	729.90
Jul 1	By Finance Committees & Treasr note given for temp loan Jul 1 1897	1,500.00
Jul 2	Fines for 4 th qtr to 1 st Jul 1897 fr Mayor W S White	52.00
Dec 2	fines handed in by Policeman Robinson	

	during Mayor White's sickness	21.00		
Dec 13	finest handed in by Policeman Tansill			
	during Mayor White's sickness	5.50		
Dec 13	finest handed in by Policeman Leavell			
	during Mayor White's sickness	40.00		
1898				
Jan 21	finest handed in by Mayor Gouldman	34.00		
Jan 17	finest handed in by Mayor Gouldman	50.75		203.25
1897	Taxes received from Col'r A P Rowe Jr			
Aug 26	Taxes for year 1896	153.14		
	Penalty	8.45		
		161.59		
	Less A P Rowe Comn 5%	8.08	153.51	
Jul 13	Taxes for year 1896 \$96.69 pen 6.35	103.04		
	Less A P Rowe Comn 5%	5.15	97.89	
			251.40	
Sep 20	Taxes for year 1896 \$532.26 pen 43.65	575.91		
	Less A P Rowe Comn 5%	28.80	547.11	798.51
1898				
Jun 18	Taxes rec'd fr A P Rowe Jr Coll			
	For year 1884 principal & penalty	.48		
	For year 1886 principal & penalty	2.30		
	For year 1888 principal & penalty	1.25		
	For year 1889 principal & penalty	5.78		
	For year 1890 principal & penalty	4.52		
	For year 1891 principal & penalty	6.84		
	For year 1892 principal & penalty	6.96		
	For year 1893 principal & penalty	6.61		
	For year 1894 principal & penalty	15.14		
	For year 1895 principal & penalty	32.55		
	For year 1896 principal & penalty	6.55		
	For year 1897 principal & penalty	852.72		
	Carried Forward	941.70	3,231.66	
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1897				
	Brought Forward		3,231.66	
	Taxes brought Forward	941.70		
	Less 5% for A P Rowe Jr Coll	47.08	894.62	
Nov 20	By taxes for yr 1897 of A P Rowe Jr			
	Whole amount	18,949.02		
	Less 5% off prompt payment	947.45		
		18,001.57		
	Less 5% collector commission	450.04	17,551.53	
Dec 21	By Jas M Streshleys tax on delinqnt			
	Real estate, see "Schedule A"	40.15		
	Less 5% commission	2.01	38.14	
	By tax on delinquent Real estate			
	see "Schedule B" pd before advertised	44.54		
	Less 5% commission	2.23	42.31	

	By tax on delinquent Real estate see "Schedule C"	221.49		
	Less 5% commission	11.07	210.42	210.42
	By tax for 1896 on delinquent Real estate Sold Decr 1, 1897 see "Schedule C"	13.23		
	Less 5% commission	.66		12.57
1898				
Jan 26	By tax on delinquent real estate sold and Redeemed see Schedule F	38.17		
	Amount pr Schedule G	39.78		
		77.95		
	Less 5% commission	3.90		74.05
May 5	By tax for 1895 W J Piece Trustee	2.66		
	By tax for 1894 W J Piece Trustee	2.85		
	By tax for 1896 W J Piece Trustee	2.90		
	By tax for 1896 W J Piece Trustee	2.66		
	By tax for 1896 Washington Post	3.51		
	By tax for 1896 Philip Giles	.41		
		14.99		
	Less 5% commission	.74		14.25
1897				
Aug 30	Finance Committee & Treasurer note Aug 30, 1897 pr order Council			1,500.00
Sep 9	Finance Committee & Treasurer note 40 days Sep 9, 1897 pr order Council			1,000.00
Dec 15	Amt from dog tax 168 males	168.00		
	Amt from dog tax 29 females	43.50		
		211.50		
	Less 15¢ each for Mayor's fee	29.55		181.95
1898				
Jun 17	Amt from dog tax 6 dogs H R Gouldman	5.60		
	Amt from dog tax 4 dogs H R Gouldman	3.40		9.00
				24,760.50
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	Brought forward			24,760.50
1898				
Jan 3	By amount from W S White for fines	112.45		
	Less amount paid out by Mayor thru Shepherd	51.05		61.40
	Amt turned over by Robert T Knox commissioner Direct Tax for Fredericksburg according to law			
	To be spent on Streets	355.95		
	Less Comn 5%	17.80		338.15
Mar 22	Amt from Geo W Wroten for Corporation Lot in Cemetery sold Mr Embrey			50.00
Apr 18	Amt received from rent pasture field at Alms House to Apr 1, 1898	40.00		
	Less milk furnished to Alms House By Mr Freeman	24.06		15.94
Jun 8	Amt rec'd from sale of bricks fr Park wall			

	Whole Amt \$130.62		
	Less amt rec'd to date not yet paid \$53.75		76.87
Jun 8	Amt rent of hay scales for yr ending 1 Apr 98	59.00	
	Less A P Rowe Jr 5%	2.95	56.05
Jun 18	Amt received fr Opera House Exhibitions		
	Licenses for year 1897-1898	56.00	
	Less A P Rowe Jr 5%	2.80	53.20
	Amt fr General Licenses 1897-1898	71.83	
	Less 2½% Comm	62.57	132.60
	Amt fr dray Licenses 1897-1898	62.00	
	Less 2½% Comm	1.55	60.45
	Amt fr dray Licenses 1898-1899	128.00	
	Less 5% prmpt payment	6.40	
		121.60	
	Less 2½% Colltr com	3.04	118.56
	Amt rec'd fr A P Rowe Jr licenses 1898-99	5,936.88	179.01
	Less 5% prmpt payment	296.84	
		5,640.04	
	Less 2½% Colltr com	141.00	
	From licenses	5,499.04	5,499.04
	Amt rec'd from water rents		6,289.83
	Amt rec'd from gas		9,506.59
			47,019.18
Jun 18	Amt paid out by Treasurer for year		43,751.40
	Balance in hands of Treasurer		3,267.78

Respectfully submitted,
Robert T Knox, Treasurer
June 20th 1898

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Treasurer's Report

Amount expended by Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va from June 22nd 1897 to June 20, 1898

Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co	2,537.34	
City Gas Works for gas for street lamps	1,548.45	4,085.79
Water, orders Committee		987.93
Streets, orders Committee		1,832.37
Public Property, orders Committee		593.96
Alms House, orders Committee		986.50
Gas, orders Committee		5,397.40
Council, orders Committee		6,391.31
Finance, orders Committee		207.15
orders Court		277.11
Public Interest		191.00
Health & Police		168.00
Fire Department		127.65
Free Bridge		200.50
Hurkamp Park		135.35
Judges Salary	700.00	
Clerk of Courts Salary	400.00	
Commonwealth's Attorney Salary	400.00	

Mayor W. S White Salary	166.66	
Mayor H R Gouldman Salary	235.55	
Albert Hooten's Salary	50.00	
J W Ball's Salary	45.84	
Serg't Corporation	300.00	
Public School Appropriations	2,950.00	5,248.05
Salary Superintendent Water	900.00	
Salary Superintendent Gas	750.00	
Salary Treasurer	500.00	
Salary Clerk of Market	75.00	
Salary Clerk of Council	75.00	
Mayor's Orders	171.53	
Amount paid policeman for year	1,433.30	3,904.83
7% Coupons paid City Bonds	8,046.50	
Water Coupons paid	1,500.00	
School Coupons paid	500.00	
Bridge Coupons paid	1,500.00	
Gas Coupons paid	1,470.00	13,016.50
		43,751.40
Amt still in hands Treasurer		3,267.78
		47,019.18

Respectfully submitted Robert T Knox

Auditing Committees Certificate

Fredericksburg, Va June 18, 1898

We the undersigned Committee have examined the books of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg, Va and have found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers

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We have also examined the books of the Superintendent of the City Water Works and Superintendent of the City Gas Works, and have found both correct.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm H. Hurkamp, M S Chancellor, A Randolph Howard

The above reports are very full and clear and need no special comment by your Committee. It will be observed that all of the officer's salaries due July 1, 1898 are therein included

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$3,267.78 which with the July water rents which will amount to about \$2,000 we hope will prevent our being compelled to make a loan as we have done for a number of years.

We recommend that the tax rate be laid at \$1.15 on the \$100.

The Assembly Home and School having failed to comply with their contract with the city in reference to \$10,000 school bonds, which were placed in the National Bank in escrow, said bonds have been forfeited, will, we are informed by our attorney, Mr St. Geo. R Fitzhugh, be returned to the City Council at an early date, as soon as there can be a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Assembly Home and School.

Therefore the bonded debt of the City is now as follows:

7%	due 1906	119,420
5%	Water bonds	30,000
6%	Bridge bonds	25,000
6%	Gas bonds	25,000

\$199,420

The sinking fund stands today \$8,873.57

The delinquent real estate purchased by the City, amounting to \$3,100 and the amounts due by the late Treasurer R. W. Adams of \$4,604.72, with interest thereon from the date of his death, amounting in all to about \$9,000, should, when collected be added to this fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M G Willis, E D Cole, W S Embrey

Annual Appropriations

1st Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg Virginia that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1899.

Interest and sinking fund	\$10,000
Interest and sinking fund, 5% water bonds	\$1,800
Interest and sinking fund, 6% bridge bonds	\$1,750
Interest and sinking fund, 6% gas bonds	\$1,750

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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 & Police	100
Fire Department	50
Contingencies	\$2,210
	33.500

2nd That it 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 1898 & 1899.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following taxes on personal property (real and personal) shall be assessed, levied, and paid for the year 1898-99 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 of age (not legally exempt) 50 cents

2nd On all real and personal property, income, 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 \$1.15

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 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 the ordinances of the City.

6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in the 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 ordinance on that subject

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The report on motion of Mr Wroten was ordered received and spread upon the minutes of the Council and published in the two newspapers of the City.

Chairman McCracken, of Light Committee, presented report for year ending June 30, 1898 which was received and ordered to be filed. The amount received by the Committee was \$9,516.81, Expenses \$7,518.70, making a total net earning of \$1,998.11. To this should be added \$360. The amount of coal now on hand. Gas to the amount of 5,727,680 feet was consumed during the year. The Committee further reported that the contract with the Electric Light Company would expire in November and that they were in hopes of presenting to the council before that time a plan by which the streets could be lighted at less cost and in a more satisfactory manner than at present.

Mr. Knight presented the following resolution which was adopted and ordered to be presented to the Board of the Trustees of the Assembly Home and School which meets in Richmond on Thursday June 23. The Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va, have disabled itself from performing its part of the contract with the City of Fredericksburg under which \$10,000 of the bonds of said City were deposited in escrow in the National Bank of Fredericksburg has forfeited all right to said bonds and the same should be returned to said City to be cancelled. Therefore

Resolved that the Treasurer of this City be and he is hereby directed to make immediate application to the Board of Trustees of said Assembly's Home and School to release all claims to said bonds and to authorize their restoration to the City and said Treasurer shall with said authority from the Board of Trustees apply to the National Bank for the delivery of said bonds and he shall so soon as said bonds be delivered to him place them in the custody of the Council that the same shall be destroyed.

The Council then adjourned

H R Gouldman, Mayor

Teste, W E Bradley, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Mayor and Common Council who were duly elected at the election held on the 26th day of June 1898, held pursuant to the call of the Mayor, on Friday the first day of July 1898, in the Council Chamber of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Those were present

Honorable A. P. Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen, Marion G. Willis, George W. Wroten, William E Bradley, W. S. Embrey, Josiah P. Rowe, E Dorsey Cole, William H. Hurkamp, Harry B. Lane, John T. Knight, M. Sanford Chancellor, Walter B Tyler, Terrence McCracken

The meeting was called to order by Hon. A. P. Rowe, Mayor, who had previously qualified as such in the Corporation Court of this City.

The Mayor on taking his seat expressed his thanks for the renewed confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens of Fredericksburg.

The Councilmen duly qualified took their seats at the Board and Mr. Bradley was requested to act temporarily as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Willis, the salary of the clerk of the Council was fixed at \$75.00 per year.

The Council then proceeded to the election of Clerk. Mr H Hoomes Johnston and Mr. James P. Corbin were nominated for that office, a ballot was had, Mr. Johnston received 5 and Mr Corbin 7 votes, and Mr. Corbin was declared elected.

And Messrs McCracken and Tyler were requested to inform Mr Corbin of his election, they retired and returned with Mr Corbin, who said that he was not a candidate for the office, but appreciated the confidence reposed in him and accepted the duties of the office and was duly sworn in by the Mayor.

been taken, when Mr Knight nominated Mr Embrey for Recorder pro tem, after discussion the motion

On motion the Council proceeded to elect a Recorder. Mr McCracken nominated Col. E Dorsey Cole and Mr Tyler nominated Mr. George W. Wroten. A ballot was had which resulted as follows, Col. Cole five, Mr Wroten 5, Mr Embrey one, Mr McCracken one; the ballot was continued with the same result save that at times Messrs Chancellor and Tyler each received one vote in place of Mr McCracken and Embrey. After eighteen ballots had been taken, Mr. Knight moved to postpone the election of Recorder until the next regular meeting of the Council, and [Page 146] and Mr Embrey moved to go into the election of the other officers and then take up the election of the Recorder.

After some discussion, neither motion was put and the balloting for Recorder was resumed and on the nineteenth ballot Col. Cole received 5, Mr Wroten 5, Mr Chancellor 1 and Capt McCracken 1; still no choice; and the balloting was continued until twenty-two ballots had was past by and balloting resumed with the same result until thirty six ballots had been poled when Mr. Willis moved to adjourn until 4 o'clock P. M. which was put and lost.

On question from Mr Knight the Mayor stated that the council could postpone the election of Recorder if it saw fit to do so.

At the suggestion of Capt McCracken, Mr St. Geo R. Fitzhugh who was present was called on for an opinion as to whether the Council could legally organize before the election of the Recorder. Mr. Fitzhugh said he saw no objection to postponing the election of a recorded until the next meeting.

Mr. Knight then moved that the election of Recorder be postponed until the next regular meeting of the body. A recorded vote being demanded, it was taken with the following result

Ayes Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Hurkamp, Knight, Chancellor and McCracken (six)

Notes, Messrs Willis, Embrey, Rowe, Cole, Lane & Tyler (six)

The thirty-second ballot was then had, which resulted as follows, Cole 5, Wroten 5, Chancellor 1, McCracken 1.

Mr. Rowe then moved to take a recess for ten (10) minutes which was lost.

Mr. Knight moved to postpone election of Recorder until after the election of other officers, and recorded vote being called for, was taken with the following result

Ayes, McCracken, Chancellor, Knight, Hurkamp, and Embrey (5)

Noes, Willis, Wroten, Rowe, Cole, Lane, Bradley and Tyler (7)

The thirty-eighth ballot was then had resulting as follows Cole 5, Wroten 5, Chancellor 1, McCracken 1. The balloting was continued with the same as to Messrs Cole and Wroten, Messrs Chancellor, McCracken, Willis, Lane, Rowe and Embrey each at times receiving one vote, until sixty three ballots had been taken when at the suggestion of Mr. Tyler, Messrs Cole and Wroten concurring therein, they were permitted to retire and name a candidate for Recorder satisfactory to them, the Council agreeing to elect

the man of their choice. In a short time Messrs Cole & Wroten returned and Mr Cole announced Mr. Marion G. Willis as the choice of [Page 147] Mr. Wroten and himself.

The 64th ballot was then had which resulted as follows Marion G. Willis (11) eleven, George W. Wroten (1) one, and Mr Willis was declared duly elected Recorder of the Common Council.

Mr. Willis signified his acceptance and was duly sworn in as Recorder.

On motion of Mr Willis the salary of the Mayor was fixed at four hundred dollars, the Recorder putting the question.

Mr Willis moved that the salary of the Collector of City Taxes be the same percentage on collections as last year, which motion was adopted.

And the Council proceeded to the election of Collector of City Taxes, Mr A P Rowe Jr the present incumbent was nominated, a ballot had and Mr Rowe received 11 (eleven) votes, Mr H. Lewis Wallace, one, Mr. A. P. Rowe Jr was declared elected.

Mr. Willis moved that Captain John M. Smith be endorsed as City Surveyor and that his surveys be ratified and the motion was adopted.

Mr E D Cole moved that the election of Clerk of the Market be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council, which was adopted.

Col E D Cole moved that the election of Weigher of Coal and Hay and Measurer of lumber and wood be postponed till next regular meeting of the Council, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Willis the salary of the superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at one hundred dollars per annum, after statement made by Mr Bradley that the perquisites pertaining to the officer were such that the sum named was adequate.

Mr Bradley nominated J. W. Ball for the position of Superintendent of the Alms House, and he was unanimously elected as such.

Messrs J A Stone and J W Braurer were nominated for position of scavenger for the upper ward, a ballot was had which resulted as follows Stone 7 Brauer 4, and Mr. Stone was declared elected.

Mr J W Shelton was nominated for scavenger of the lower ward and was unanimously elected. [Page 148] On motion the number of Police officers (4) and the salaries of the same (\$20 per month) was fixed at the same as last year.

Applications for the positions were read from the present incumbents, Charles A Gore, John H. Robinson, Wallace N Tansill and William B Hall, and a ballot being taken they were unanimously elected and so declared.

The Mayor announced the following standing committees for the ensuing two years, viz;

Finance: M G Willis, E D Cole, W S Embrey

Public Property; G W Wroten, J T Knight, W H Hurkamp

Streets; W S Embrey, E D Cole, M S Chancellor

Water; E D Cole, M G Willis, G W Wroten

Ordinances; H B Lane, W E Bradley, T McCracken

Public Interests; W B Tyler, W S Embrey, W E Bradley

Light; T McCracken, J T Knight, J P Rowe

Alms & Alms House; W E Bradley, W B Tyler, J P Rowe

Health & Police; J T Knight, H B Lane, M S Chancellor

Schools; J. P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, W G Willis

Fire Department; M S Chancellor, W B Tyler, T McCracken
Auditing & Claims; W H Hurkamp, G W Wroten, H B Lane

Mr St George R Fitzhugh attorney for the City delivered the \$10,000.00 of 5% bonds of the City of Fredericksburg which have been held in escrow by the National Bank of Fredericksburg for the Assembly's House and School of Fredericksburg to Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, they were carefully counted and verified by said Committee.

And Mr Willis offered the following

Whereas the bonds of the City of Fredericksburg of the par value of Ten Thousand dollars which were issued under a contract with the Assembly's House and School of Fredericksburg Virginia have been returned to the City, the Assembly's Home and School having forfeited all title to the same and the said Assembly's Home and School having promptly released all claim to said bonds and directed their return to the City.

Resolved that the said bonds will all coupons attached thereto including all coupons except the four coupons already matured which have been paid, be and they are hereby destroyed in the presence of the City Council by burning the same.

Which was unanimously adopted and bonds burned.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 15th day of July 1898 at 8 o'clock P.M.

There were present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

And Messrs George W Wroten, William E Bradley, Josiah P Rowe, E D Cole, Harry B Lane, John T Knight, Melzi S Chancellor, and Terence McCracken councilmen

Absent Messrs W. S Embrey, W H Hurkamp and W B Tyler

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Willis of the Finance Committee reported that he had the official bond of A P Rowe Jr, Collector of City Taxes for \$10,000 with M B Rowe and E D Cole as his sureties, the said bond was read, approved and accepted and turned over to the Mayor with request that the requisite revenue stamps to attached and that the bond be deposited in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe-keeping.

Mr Willis also presented an account of St. George R Fitzhugh, Esqr attorney for the City being for legal services rendered and amounting to \$195.00 subject to sundry credits aggregating \$160.00, leaving a balance due Mr Fitzhugh of Thirty Five dollars (\$35.00) which on motion was approved and balance due ordered to be paid.

Capt McCracken of the Committee on Light informed the council that said Committee was in correspondence with sundry parties which a view of gaining information concerning the cost and so on of Electric Light plants and that in due time the issues of their investigation would be reported to the Council.

Col Cole moved that the matter of election of Clark of the Market and Weigher of Coal and measurer of wood and lumber be referred to the Committee on Ordinances with request that they report at next meeting.

Whereupon Capt McCracken moved as a substitute that the Council proceed to the election of said officers, A recorded vote being called for resulted as follows:

For the substitute, Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Lane, Knight, Chancellor and McCracken, six
Against, Messrs Willis, Rowe and Cole, the substitute prevailed, and the Council proceeded to the election of Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Lumber.

Applications for said office were read from Messrs J. W. Harris, R Lee Stoffregen, M P McDonnell, Ro. C. Beale, [Page 150] M C Thompson and John F Gouldman and Jas A Turner. A ballot was had which resulted as follows, Turner 3, Thompson 2, Stoffregen 1, Gouldman 3; no election another ballot had with the following result, Turner 2, Thompson 2 Gouldman 5, whereupon Mr John F Gouldman was declared duly elected.

On Motion of Col Cole, Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh addressed the Council on the bearing of recent Acts of the General Assembly in relation to our City Ordinance concerning hucksters from the country which Mr Fitzhugh said, practically abrogated said ordinance, in regards such hucksters.

After remarks by Messrs Cole, Wroten and Bradley, the Council proceeded to the election Clerk of the Market. Mr Cole moved that the salary be fixed at \$50.00, Capt McCracken moved a substitute fixing salary at \$75.00, which substitute was adopted.

The applications of Mr Samuel Fitzhugh for the position of Clerk of the Market was read, and a ballot was had which resulted in his unanimous election and he was so declared.

Mr Knight moved that the Committee on Ordinances be requested to inquire and examine into the question of codifying and reprinting the City Ordinances as to cost of same and report at next meeting of the Council which was adopted.

Mr Cole moved to refer the ordinance concerning weigher of coal &c to the ordinance Committee for revision and report thereon, which was adopted.

Mr Cole moved that the ordinance governing the Clerk of the Market also be referred to the Committee on Ordinances for revision so as to make same conform to existing State laws, and report thereon which was also adopted.

Capt McCracken offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the police officers on duty be requested to keep a record every night of the electric street lights that do not burn regularly each night and report same to the Chairman of the Committee on Light at the end of each month.

On motion of Capt McCracken the privileges of the floor were extended to Rev Dr. F P Ramsay, the President of Fredericksburg College who with explanatory remarks submitted the following [Page 151]

Fredericksburg, Va July 15th 1898

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia

Gentlemen,

Having purchased the Fredericksburg College in which you have been educating ten pupils from the Public Schools of the City for \$500 a year, I beg to submit for your consideration and action the following proposition:

To admit to the regular preparatory and College classes of said institution and to all the advantages and privileges of other students in said classes during the session of 1898-99, then pupils from the public schools of the City, for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, no other fees or dues to be therefore.
Respectfully submitted,
F P Ramsay

Whereupon, Mr Knight offered the following resolution:
Resolved that the City of Fredericksburg will pay the Fredericksburg College the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) for ten (10) scholarships in said College for the session of 1898-99, subject to the conditions of Dr. Ramsay's proposition just submitted to this body
A recorded vote being called for, the resolution was adopted by the following vote,
For the resolution, Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Cole, Lane, Knight, Chancellor and McCracken 8
Against, Mr Willis, 1

Mr J P Rowe moved that the pupils to be designated to fill the ten scholarships in Fredericksburg College just provided for, be the ten pupils in the Grammar School of the City which have the highest standing as shown by the report of the Superintendent of Public Schools for the preceding session.
Mr McCracken moved as a substitute that the manner of selecting said ten pupils be postponed for future action, and a recorded vote bind called for, the substitute was adopted by the following vote
For, Messrs Willis, Wroten, Bradley, Lane, Chancellor and McCracken, 6
Against Messrs Rowe, Cole and Knight 3
On motion the Council then adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor
James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday August the 19th 1898, at 8 o'clock P.M.
There were present
Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
M G Willis Recorder
Councilmen, George W Wroten, William E Bradley, W S Embrey, E D Cole, Harry B Lane, John T Knight and Terence McCracken.
Absent Messrs M S Chancellor, W H Hurkamp, J P Rowe and Walter B Tyler

The Council was called to order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor stated that the bond of the Collector of City Taxes had been properly stamped and place in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Finance Committee presented two bills of the *Star* amounting to \$12.00 and a bill of *The Free Lance* amounting to \$1.50 which on motion were ordered to be paid

Mr Lane, Chairman of Committee on Ordinances, made a verbal report stating that the Committee were having the records since 1883 to date searched and copies made of all ordinances now in force which have been enacted since that time, and that it was their intention to continue the history of the City to date and that they would as soon as practicable submit a full report to the Council, and asked for an appropriation for the work.

Mr Cole moved that \$150 be placed to the credit of the Committee on Ordinances, which was adopted.

Capt McCracken, Chairman Committee on Light presented the following
Fredericksburg, Va Aug 16, 1898

Captain P McCracken, Chair Elec Lt Committee

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of our Council to be held on next Friday evening the undersigned wishes to make the following proposition, viz; We will agree to furnish a first class electrical engineer to lay out circuits, locate lamps and poles furnish tracing of Town Map, with lamps located thereon, draw specifications, make place of Dynamo and Engine house and give all general and [Page 153] useful information pertaining to the erection of a first class Electrical system, for the sum of five (5) dollars per day and traveling expenses.

We can furnish man at once upon call from you.

Respectfully submitted

The Fort Wayne Electrical Corporation

Per Dan'l Rillion, agt

No 104 "The Bourse" Phila Pa

Captain Mc Cracken said he was favorably impressed with what he had seen of the party and thought the Council should avail themselves of the opportunity to get a thorough insight into the matter of electric lighting. Mr Cole spoke in favor of an Electric Plant for the City
And on motion of Mr Cole the sum of \$50, was placed to the credit of the Committee on Light to be expended as set forth above.

Mr. Knight called up the question of the manner of selecting the (10) pupils from the Public schools (which was Mr. Rowe's motion at last meeting) who should have the benefit of the ten (10) Scholarships provided for by the Council in the Fredericksburg College.

And moved, that the pupils to be designated to fill the (10) ten scholarships in Fredericksburg College, provided for at the last meeting of this body, be the ten pupils in the Grammar school of the City who have the highest standing as shown by the report of the superintendent of Public Schools, for the preceding session which motion was adopted.

The report of the Superintendent of Public Schools is as follows,

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia
Gentlemen,

In pursuance of the requirements of an ordinance or resolutions of your body, relative to certain scholarships in the Fredericksburg College, I have the honor to herewith forwarding to you're the report of Mrs A L Magrath, teacher of Grammar Grade No. 1 of the Fredericksburg Public Schools. Said report shows the marks of the ten (10) pupils as "Class A" who attained the highest standing in said grade during the past session.

Respectfully submitted

B P Willis

Supt of Schools

June 21, 1898

Mrs Magrath's report is as follows [Page 154]

Highest average standing of pupils in class A Grammar Dept Grade No. 1

Girls; Cora Lee Cole, 99.66; Madge Williams 99.16; Janice Gouldman 98.66; Constance Rowe 98.16; Viola Baker 97.16; Mary L Wright, 96.66 Mattie Quinn 95.16

Boys, Charles Bauman 98.33; John Cole, 96; Eugene Bode 95.16.

A L. Magrath, Teacher.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Committee on Streets called the attention of the Council to the bad condition of the side walk in front of the Court House lot, and stated that a curbing was necessary to keep it in order. This brought up the condition of the Public Property of the City, which was discussed by Messrs Embrey, Wroten, Cole.

Whereupon Mr Cole moved that the Public Property committee be requested to examine the condition of the public property of the city, Court House, side walks adjoining Court House property, City Hall and Council Chamber, including roof to Court House, repairs to stucco, wood work, painting &c and make an approximate estimate of putting same in thorough order and report to the Council, which motion was adopted.

Mr Lane moved that the Committee on Streets be instructed to repair the Baptist Church Hill and St. George's Hill and a recorded vote being called for resulted as follows

Noes, Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Cole, Knight 5

Ayes, Bradley, Lane and McCracken 3

The motion was defeated

Mr Knight, chairman of the Committee on Health had read an Act passed by the last Legislature relative to the public health of this City, and moved that the Committee on Ordinances be requested to formulate an ordinance in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly of Va approved March 18, 1898, touch the public health of this City and report same at once to the Council which motion was adopted.

Mr Lane asked permission to place, at his own expense a wooden trunk or bridge about 4 feet long near or adjoining the side walk over the opera gutter which crosses Main Street, said gutter now continuously comes a stream of water which request was on motion of Captain McCracken referred to Committee on Streets with [Page 155] power to act.

Capt McCracken stated that the Fredericksburg and adjacent National Battlefield Memorial Park Association of Virginia had been interrupted in their work by the War with Spain but that some unavoidable expenses had been required and asked that the sum of \$50 be donated to said Association and moved that the Finance Committee be empowered and instructed to pay sums not exceeding \$50 on the order of said Association, which was adopted.

Mr Knight gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move that the regular day of meeting of said body be changed from third Friday in each month to the third Thursday in each month.

On motion of Capt McCracken the privilege of the floor were extended to Mr A Randolph Howard, when the Clerk at Mr Howard's request read the following petition.

To the Hon Mayor & City Council,

Gentlemen

Stonewall Council No. 14 of the Jr Order of United American Mechanics, a patriotic beneficial organization with a membership in this City of 95 members respectfully petition your honorable body to make a suitable appropriation for and cause the American Flag to be place upon the public school building and upon the City Mayor's office and to be flown upon all days that suitable weather will permit of, from 6 o'clock A.M. until 6 o'clock P.M. believing that the same would be conducive to the increase of patriotism among our citizens, and that our children would be taught from their infancy up a love for the flag of our glorious free Country, so that in the minds and hearts of all we may have our flag and our country

Respectfully

A Randolph Howard, and sixty four other members (for list of names see petition filed)

Mr Howard spoke patriotically & eloquently in support of the petition.

On motion of Col. Cole, the petition was referred to the Public Property Committee, to consider & report to the Council.

On motion of Mr Knight the Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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22 Aug 1898

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City, on Monday the 22nd day of August 1898, at 8pm

Those present were, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen Geo W Wroten, Wm E Bradley, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, Jno T Knight and T McCracken

Absent Messrs Embrey, Lane and Tyler

The meeting was called to order, when the Mayor stated that it had been called at the request of three members to take concurrent action with the Business Men's Association of the City in an effort to induce the War Department to establish an encampment of troops here.

Col Cole stated that he had just left a meeting of the Businessmen's Association and that it was the desire of said Association for the Council to aid them in the effort aforesaid.

Whereupon Capt McCracken moved that a committee of five members of this body be appointed by the Mayor to co-operate with a committee from the Businessmen's Association and visit Washington city and urge the War Department to establish a camp at or near this place, the motion was adopted and the Mayor appointed the following committee, viz;

Messrs E D Cole, John T Knight, Walter B Tyler, Geo W Wroten and W H Hurkamp.

On motion of Col Cole, the Mayor was added to the aforesaid committee4

On motion of Capt McCracken, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay the expense of the Council Committee to Washington City.

And on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 16th day of September 1898, at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor

Marion G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen George W Wroten, William E Bradley, E Dorsey Cole, Harry B Lane, John T Knight, M Sanford Chancellor and Terence McCracken

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of a called meeting had on August 22nd were read and approved.

Mr Willis, chairman of Finance Committee presented a bill of the *Star* newspaper for \$3.75 and two bills of *The Free Lance* for \$3.00 and \$2.25, say \$5.25, which on motion were ordered to be paid. Mr Willis also reported that the tax books for 1898 had been completed by A B Bowering Commissioner of Revenue and turned over by him to A P Rowe Jr Collector of City Taxes and on motion Mr Bowering's salary as such Commissioner amounting to \$250 was ordered paid.

Mr Wroten chairman Public Property Committee made the following report.

Your Committee to whom was referred the cost of repairing the public property would recommend that the sum of four hundred dollars be appropriated for such repairs as the Committee may deem necessary for the preservation of the property.

Respectfully,

Geo W Wroten, John T Knight

Sept 16, 1898

Mr Willis moved that \$400 be placed to the credit of the Public Property Committee to carry out the purpose indicated in the report. Col Cole spoke in favor of an increased account and urged that the court house side walks be included in the repair, Messrs Wroten and Willis spoke in favor of the sum named in Mr Willis' motion and said motion was adopted.

Mr Bradley offered the following

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be requested to put the side walk around the Court House in good condition and that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for that purpose which on motion was adopted.

Mr Wroten also made the following report

Your committee to whom was referred the propriety of raising flags on the Public School Buildings [Page 158] in this City, as recommended by the Junior Order of American Mechanics, would respectfully recommend that their request be granted and suitable flags be purchased for the schools at the Court House, Union House, and the School House on Princess Anne and Wolfe Streets, said flags to be raised and lowered by the School Janitor or any other persons designated by the School Board.

Respectfully &c

Geo W Wroten

John T Knight

Sept 16th 1898

And on motion of Mr Wroten the sum of \$75 or so much thereof as may be need for the purpose was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Public Property Committee to purchase flags, and that the said Committee act with the School Board of this City in carrying out the provisions of said report.

Col Cole, Chairman Water Committee presented a bill of ex-Mayor Gouldman for issuing and trying eight warrants against sundry parties for Water Rents and amounting to \$6.40, and also a bill of his honor Mayor Rowe for issuing and trying eight warrants of like character accounting to \$6.40, both of which bills being duly certified by the Superintendent of the City Water Works were on motion ordered to be paid.

MR Lane, Chairman Committee on Ordinances reported that the Committee were pushing its work of revision as rapidly as possible and hoped soon to make a full and complete report

Mr McCracken, Chairman Committee on Lights stated that said committee would be prepared to report in full in a short time, probably next week and assured the Council that they were devoting much care and attention to the question of lighting the City and that there was no danger of the streets not being lighted at all times.

Mr Knight Chairman Committee on Health &c stated that he was assured by three of the physicians in the City that the health of the Town was good, but he said there were many complaints of bad odors arising from hog pens in several parts of the town, which was concurred by Messrs Bradley, Lane & Cole and the matter of hog pens was referred to the Mayor for correction [Page 159]

Mr Willis from the Committee on Schools reported the City Schools open.

Mr Cole asked if the 10 scholarships provided for in Fredericksburg College had been accepted by the 10 public entitled thereto and asked that the matter be look into and that President Ramsay of the said College be asked to inform the council from him whether the said Scholarships were filled as provided for

The Mayor had read the following letter

Fred'bg, Va Aug 31, 1898

To the Mayor,

As your City Surveyor I deem it my duty to inform you of the fact that some one has removed the original Corporation corner stone west of Main Street opposite French Johns W[h]arf it was the only point that I had to correct the variation of my compass from time to time as the variation occurred

Respectfully submitted

John M Smith, OSF

And the matter referred to the Mayor for investigation and return of said stone to its proper place if possible.

The Mayor also had read a circular letter from the sect council of "National Peace Festival" recommending that September 30th instant PM be observed as a National Peace Festival" which letter was, on motion ordered to be files.

Mr Cole offered the following

Resolved that the R F & P R R be required to place gates on Main and Princess Anne Sts for the protection of Citizens from injury whilst trains over the Road are crossing these streets, which resolution failed of passage.

On motion, Capt McCracken the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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Sept 22nd 1898

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held, pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 22nd day of September 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present

Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor

Marion G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen George W Wroten, William E Bradley, Josiah P Rowe, E Dorsey Cole, Harry B Lane, M Sanford Chancellor, Walter B Tyler and Terrence McCracken.

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called to receive the report of the Committee on Light.

Captain McCracken, Chairman of the Committee on Light then submitted the following report:

Fredericksburg, Sept 22nd 1898

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The successful conduct of the City Water and Gas Works, the supplying our people with these necessary articles at a smaller cost than elsewhere, while at the same time they have been not only self-sustaining but have turned into the City Treasury a surplus over and above running expenses, interest, charges &c has lead our people to believe that an electric light plant owned by the City might be as successfully operated and to the end that this body and the citizens generally be properly informed in the matter and that if practicable steps be taken to carry out this idea, your committee on light were instructed to look into the matter, make intelligent inquiry and gather and present to your honorable body all obtainable facts bearing on the subject.

In pursuance of these instructions we entered into a correspondence with some of the most reliable Electric Light manufacturers in the country. There was a large amount of correspondence on the subject, but nothing definite was proposed until the Fort Wayne Company agreed to send an Electrical Engineer here to estimate the cost of building a plant and the annual cost of running the same, the City to allow the Engineer \$5.00 per day for the service.

This proposition was reported to you on the 20th day of August, and your Committee was authorized to accept it. This was done and on the 29th of August Mr D. F Stokes of the Fort Wayne Company reported here and after a [Page 161] conference with the Committee proceeded, first to make a tracing of our streets from the City map. The following day your committee accompanied by Mr Stokes went over the streets of the City and located the positions where lamps would be required; this was done in order that he might accurately estimate the number of miles of wire, the number of lamps and poles that would be necessary to properly light the City.

Your committee deemed it wise to place a light at each street corner on Main Street from Elizabeth to Hawke and on Commerce Street from the Bridge to Winchester Street and a lamp at all corners where a church is situated; on all other streets a lamp at alternate corners was deemed sufficient. This would require 72 lamps of two thousand candle power, eight hundred candle power more than the present contract calls for.

We have marked Exhibit "A" a blueprint of Mr Stokes' tracing for your further information as to location of lamps [see page 500 at end of this book for said exhibit]

Your Committee recommended that the poles be forty feet long, thus placing the lamp thirty-five feet from the ground and that the lamp be swinging from a mast over extending from the pole thirty feet into the street.

This we are advised will give a better light than having the lamp place on the end of the pole.

Your committee requested Mr Stakes to give them the cost and annual running expenses of a first class electrical plant to consist of one eight light two thousand candle power arc, dynamo and other necessary electrical apparatus, material and labor to be operated either by gas, steam or water power. This he has done in a very intelligent manner, and we submit his estimate as part of this report and mark it "Exhibit B"

In examining into the matter your Committee have been impressed with the fact that water is much the cheaper motive power and believing that either the site at Pettit's or Knox's Mills would be the most accessible point to obtain such power addressed communications to the owners of both of these properties, asking if they could be purchased and if not, how much per horse power they would charge the City for water. Mr Pettit replied he would sell his property for \$4500. Messrs Knox & Brother replied they would charge \$10 per horse power. We submit the communications marked C & D. Your committee also on the 9th day of September wrote to Mr J B Ficklen, manager of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, asking at what rate that Company would furnish light to the City for the next year, and also the lowest price for which his company would sell its plant.

He replied on the 16th that his company would furnish [Page 162] the light at the same rate per lamp as now being charged, and that if we wished to buy their plant their price was ten thousand dollars. His reply is marked "Exhibit E"

Your Committee made no recommendation in the matter, they simply lay before you all the information they have, for you to act on or in your wisdom you may think best.

Respectfully

T McCracken

John T Knight

J P Rowe

The exhibit mentioned in the foregoing report (except Exhibit A) are as following (For Ex A see back of this book)

Exhibit B

Philadelphia, September 3rd 1898

Captain P McCracken

Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: Estimate No. 1

Motive power: Gas Engine

1-60 HP "Otto" gas engine delivered and erected complete ready for operation \$2500.00

Alterations to present building 250.00

Electrical apparatus, material and labor consisting of 1-80 light 2000 cp one dynamo

75 double lamps

72 mast crosses

72 of said installed on sheets as located by lighting committee

All lamp poles to be 40' high

All line poles in centre of town to be 35' high

All wires cross areas, instruments and every thing for the complete plant \$7500.00

Total \$10,250.00

Estimate No. 2

Steam power plant consisting of 1-10x12 automatic engine

1 - 14' x 60" boiler with stock pump header, piping and all set up complete \$2300.00

Electrical plant same as Estimate No. 1 \$7500.00

Building \$1700.00

Real Estate \$500.00

Total \$12,000.00

Estimate No. 2

273 tons of coal \$3.00 per ton 819.00

Engine \$60 per month 720.00

Lamp trimmer \$40 per month 480.00

Carbon 300.00

forward \$2,319.00

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Globes 30.00

General repairs to machinery, lamps &c 175.00

Interest on investment 720.00

Total \$3,244.00

Estimate No. 3

Water Power

43 additional HP of water at \$15 per HP per year 645.00

Engineer	720.00
Lamp Trimmer	480.00
Carbon	300.00
Globes	30.00
General repairs to machinery, lamps &c	175.00
Interest on investment	741.00
Total	\$3,091.00

Note:

Estimate No. 1 cost of gas seems to be high. It probably would not cost you 75 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas for the additional account your have to make to operate the plant.

Estimate No. 2 You could reduce the operating expenses considerably by burning coke unless you have a very good market for your coke.

Estimate No. 3

Water Power:

1 – 27” 60HP Victor Turbine water wheel with iron flue and intake, delivered and erected	\$1,700.00
Shafting, pulleys and gearing to drive dynamo and pumps	150.00
Building wheel pit and foundations	7,500.00
Total	\$12,350.00

Estimate of Operating Expenses

All estimates based on lamps burning an average of 2500 house per annum (all dark nights whether moon is scheduled to shine or not) Lamps 2000 candle power

Operating Expenses of Estimate No. 1

60 HP 2500 hours 15 cubic feet of gas per HP per hour, 75 cents pr 1000 cu feet	1,687.50
Engineer, \$60 per month	720.00
Lamp Trimmer, \$40 per month	480.00
Carbon	300.00
Globes	30.00
General repairs to machinery, lamps &c	175.00
Interest on investment	615.00
Total	\$4,007.50

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Estimate No. 3

This is much the cheapest, if the water is reliable.

You might arrange to have the same account operate both pumps and dynamo.

Our experience has been that most water power plants are affect at some period of the year, either by extreme high water or extreme low water.

Any further information you require will be cheerfully given.

Respectfully submitted,

D. F. Stokes

Exhibit C

Office of Excelsior Mills, C H Pettit, Proprietor, Fredericksburg, Va, Sept 21, 1898

Mr T McCracken

Chairman Light Committee

The lowest price for the Mill property with all the water and other rights belonging to the property is four thousand five hundred dollars.

Yours Truly

C H Pettit

Exhibit D

Fredericksburg, Va, Sept 21, 1898

T. McCracken Esq

Chairman Light Committee

Dear Sir,

Yours of 21st was received today, enquiring the price we could charge the City for the use of water to run an Electric Plant near the Knox Mill.

In reply will state that we will furnish the City the site & furnish them the horse power at \$10 per horse power for 60 up to 80 horse power, which we regard as very cheap and reasonable, as without doubt the cheapest mode of running an Electric Plant has been proved to be water & in our business we use Steam & Water at the Knox Mill. As regards the difference in cost of running the two plants water is put down in the Engineer books as being worth \$10 per horse power undeveloped, or running in the river, without dam or canal to apply it.

Yours very truly

R T Knox & Bro

Exhibit E

Office of the Rappahannock Light and Power Company, Fredericksburg, Va, Sept 16, 1898

Capt Terrence McCracken, Chairman

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My dear Sir,

Your note of the 7th was submitted to New York and today I am authorized to offer you the same contract for another year though it less than is being paid by any City in this state for the same candle power & for a much greater number of lights even in Richmond where there is two companies & 516 lights. We give our Arc Light free & light your offices without cost besides being large tax payers for many years to the City. We are lower than Washington, Baltimore, Phila, New York, Boston &c receive not as good lights. We are now renewing our lines and will be prepared to give better & more efficient service than ever before.

Hoping it will be the pleasure of your Committee to receive the renewal of our contract or if you wish to buy it we will take \$10,000 for it. We are yours truly

Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co

J B Ficklen, Secty

Capt McCracken also stated that he had communicated with Mr Clark of the Fredericksburg Water Power in regard to a site and the cost of water per horse power, but that the reply came too late to be embodied in the report of the Committee, but was the same as that offered by Messrs Knox & Brother, \$10 per HP which he thought included the site for the plant.

Mr Cole, Bradley and Willis expressed their approval of the report and agreed with the Light Committee as to the water power being the cheapest and most available motive power to be used, and Mr Willis offered the following resolution,

Resolved that the report of the Committee on Light be received.

And that said Committee be and they are hereby requested to submit plans and specification for an Electric Light Plant to be run by water power; and also to advertise for bids for the erection of said plant according to said plans and specifications, and report same as soon as practicable to this Council which resolution was adopted.

On motion the rules were suspended and Mr Rowe, Chairman Committee on Schools presented a letter from Dr. Ramsay, President of Fredericksburg College setting forth the names of the 10 pupils who had

entered said College as provided for by the Council, and also the bill of said College for the first quarter's payment for said 10 pupils, amounting to \$150, which on motion of Mr Cole was ordered to be paid, and on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor
James P. Corbin, Clerk
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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said city on Tuesday, October 4th, 1898 at 7:30 P.M.
Those were present, Hon. A P Rowe, Mayor
Councilmen, Geo W Wroten, William E Bradley, J P Rowe, E Dorsey Cole, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, John T Knight, M S Chancellor, W B Tyler and Terrence McCracken.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that it have been called at the request of the Committee on Light
Captain McCracken, Chairman of the Committee on Light stated that the Committee had no formal report to make, but desired to confer with the Council in regard to the selection of a site for the proposed Electric Light Plant for the City, and stated that the Committee accompanied by Mr. Stokes an engineer had visited and inspected several sites and that Mr. Stokes was present and prepared to give the result of said inspection.

An on motion Mr. Stokes was invited to address the Council which he did.
And afterwards Col E D Cole moved that the matter of the selection of a site for the Electric Light Plant be left entirely with the Committee on Light, which motion was carried.
A motion of Mr Tyler the Council adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor
James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 21st day of October 1898, at 7:30 P.M.
There were present, Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor
Marion G Willis, Recorder
Councilmen W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, W B Tyler and T McCracken.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last regular and to called meetings were read and approved.

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented two bills of the Free Lance one for \$12.35 the other for \$2.00 together amount to \$14.35 which on motion was ordered to be paid. Mr Willis also presented two bills of the Fredericksburg Star, one for \$7.60 the other for \$5.00 together amounting to \$12.60, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee stated that his committee had no regular report to make but he wished to call attention to a ditch near the corner of Charlotte and Mercer Streets which ditch was necessary for proper drainage but in its present open condition was detrimental to private property rights and asked that the Council make an appropriation to properly open pipe and cover the same, and on motion the sum of \$65.00 (which was Mr Embrey's estimate) was appropriated for the purpose.

Mr Lane Chairman Committee on Ordinances said his Committee was ready to begin their report, but owing to its length by suggestion the report was pass by pending the regular call of Committees.

Captain McCracken, Chairman Committee on Light stated that his Committee in company with Mr. St George R. Fitzhugh had visited Baltimore and obtained from Mr. Clark the owner of the Water Power and option on a site and power for Electric Plant, which option was read.

Mr Bradley, Chairman of Committee on Alms and Alms House asked for an appropriation of \$67.50 to pay the premium on two five year fire insurance policies covering \$2800 insurance on the Alms House Property, on motion, said amount was order to be placed to the credit of said Committee.

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Mr Bradley stated that the Council at its last meeting had inadvertently omitted to order the report of the Committee on Light (touching the proposed Electric Light Plant) to be published in the newspapers of this City and that as he deemed the matter of great interest to our people he after conferring with several members of the Council had had the said report published in the Free Lance and Fredericksburg Star, and now presented the bills of these papers for publishing same, amounting to \$20.00 (being \$10.00 each), and on motion of Mr Bradley, the bills aggregating to \$20.00 were ordered to be paid.

The report of the Committee on Ordinances now being in order Messrs Bradley, Willis and Embrey stated that considering the magnitude and great importance of said committee report they thought it would be better to defer the matter to be hereafter considered at special meetings of the Council called for that purpose which without a formal motion was concurred in

And on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said city on Tuesday the 25th day of October 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present, Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, J T Knight M S Chancellor, W B Tyler and T McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called at the request of the Committee on Ordinances

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances request that Alvin T. Embrey, Esq the advisory counsel of the Committee who as present, should read the report of the Committee which request was granted by the Council.

Whereupon, Mr Embrey read the general title of the ordinances to be submitted as follows:

Chapter 1

Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,6 , 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20-21 (examined by council), 22-23 (as amended by Council), 24, 25-26 (as report was not adopted) hence 27 became 26) 26, 27, 28, being each voted on separately were adopted.

Chapter 2

Sec 1, 2,3, 4, & 5, being each voted on separately were adopted.

Chapter 3

Sec 1, 2, 3, 4, &5 being each voted on separately were adopted

Chapter 4

Sec 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 each being adopted by separate vote, Sec 6 was referred back to Committee for revision, and Sec 7 & 8 were separately voted on and adopted

Chapter 5

On motion adopted (not being subdivided)

Chapter 6

Sec 1, 2, (3 was expunged- 4 becoming 3) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13 by vote on each were adopted

Chapter 7

Sec 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted by separate vote on each

Chapter 8

Sec 1, 2, (3 was expunged, 4 becoming 3) 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 (touching this last section, vote was had as to whether dogs be allowed in market which resulted by a vote of 6 to 5 that they be allowed; sec 17 & 18 were by separate vote on each adopted.

Ordinance concerning weighing of coal &c was discussed by Messrs Embrey and Cole in favor of its abolishment, but no action was taken.

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The report of the Committee on Ordinances not having been yet made in full and being still in the hands of Committee no further report in these proceedings is made at this time

On motion the Council adjourned to be called on request of the Committee on Ordinances

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 3rd day of November 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen W E Bradley, W S Embrey, H B Lane and W B Tyler

There being no quorum present a meeting was not held

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 10th day of November 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J T Knight, T McCracken, W B Tyler, J P Rowe and M S Chancellor, E D Cole

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called at the request of the Committee on Ordinances

The Clerk of the Council, Mr Corbin, being out of the City, Council W B Tyler was elected Clerk Pro Tempore

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances read the following letter which he had addressed to the Coal Dealers of Fred'g

Gentlemen,

Do you favor the present ordinance [Page 171] in regard to weighing coal when delivered from the car to the customer?

Yours resply

Ordinance Committee, H B Lane Chrnm

With the answer as follows:

Yes, Chas Wallace & Bro; B J Marshall, S C Peyton

At the request of Mr Lane, Mr A T Embrey was requested to read the continued report of the Ordinance Committee as follows:

Chapter 9

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 were adopted, Sec 8 referred back to the Committee and Section 9 was adopted

Chapter 10

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, ,5 &6 were adopted, sec 7 amended and adopted, Sec 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 12 were adopted

Chapter 11

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, & 15 were adopted

Chapter 12, 13

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 were adopted

When on motion of Mr Lane the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 18th day of November 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Honorable A P. Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen H B Lane and W B Tyler

There being no quorum present no meeting was held

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Wednesday the 23rd day of November 1898 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon A P Rowe Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, John T Knight, W B Tyler, T McCracken

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called at the request of the Committee on Light

On motion of Mr Cole the rules were suspended and

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented and had read a letter from Dr. Ramsay, President of the Fredericksburg College, stating that Constance Rowe, one of the students holding one of the City's scholarships in the College had not been present for several weeks of classed and it appearing that she was ill and would not be able to return, and Mr Rowe presenting and having read a letter from Mr B P Willis Supt of Schools and a report of Mrs A L Magrath, teacher Gram Grade No. 1 setting forth the names of the four next highest scholars in the said Grammar Grade, viz; Meda Rowe 98.16, Peyton Rowe

93.6, Willis Strasburger 93, and Roberta Foster 91.66 and it appearing that the two first named were not residents of the City and that the third named was in business, Roberta Foster was, on motion, selected to fill the vacant scholarship in Fredericksburg College void Constance Rowe, and the Clerk was directed to so inform Dr. Ramsay.

Mr Rowe also presented the bill of the Fredericksburg College against the City for the quarter ending January 23 1899 amounting to one hundred dollars, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis Chairman Committee on Finance presented a bill of the *Fredericksburg Star* for printing election tickets amounting to three and 75/100 dollars which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Then, Captain McCracken, chairman of the Committee on Light state that the Committee had no written report that in pursuance of the request of the council entered on September 22nd they had advertised for bids for the erection of an Electric Light Plant [Page 173] and had received two bids as follows, one from the Fort Wayne Electric Corporation of Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the erection of said plant complete according to plans and specifications of the Committee for the sum of \$11,649.00; which bid was supplemented by said Corporation with a proposition to the effect that if the building excavations, race-way &c should not be included in the plans and specifications, they would make a deduction in the amount of their bid of \$3,255.00 and

One from Messrs Kingsburg, Samuel & Co of Baltimore Md for the erection of said Plant according to said plans and specifications for the sum of \$11,944.00. And stated that said firm had also submitted a bid in accordance with certain modified specifications for the construction of the plant for the sum of \$10487.00 and that both bidders had deposited certified checks for \$1200.00 each.

After some remarks from Captain McCracken in which he stated that the Committee had obtained legal advice in their acts and doings, he offered the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas at a recent meeting of the Council the Light Committee was directed to ascertain the probable cost an Electric Light Plant for lighting the City of Fredericksburg and whereas the said Light Committee published the following invitation for bids for the erection of such plant viz;

Bids invited for erection of Electric Plant for City of Fredericksburg, Va, It being the purpose of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va within the next sixty days to submit to the voters of said City the question as to whether the City shall construct and own an Electric Plant for lighting the City, and the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia under which said election is to be held, requiring that the voters shall be informed, prior to said election of the probable cost of said plant and the construction thereof, the Council has ordered the advertisement for bids for the furnishing and erection of said plant according to the plans and specifications in the hand of the undersigned Committee of said Council. It is the intent of said specifications that a complete plant and equipment is to be furnished all materials, machinery, appliances and labor to do this, whether specifically called for or not. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any party desiring to bid for said work account to said plans and specifications shall place said bids in the hands of the Committee by the twenty second day of November 1898

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An whereas it appears to the Council from the two bids which have been received in response to said notice that the approximate cost of said Electric Light Plant will be \$11,600.00

Resolved by the Council that the City of Fredericksburg construct and own an Electric Plant for Lighting the city and that the approximate cost of such plant as ascertained by said Council is \$11,600.00.

Resolved further, that the streets and squares of said City to be lighted by said Electric plant are all the streets and squares of said City.

Resolved further that the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the *Star* and *Free Lance* of this city once a week for two weeks for the information of the voters of said city, as required by Act of General Assembly of February 1, 1896.

A recorded vote was then had upon the foregoing preamble and resolutions which resulted as follows in the affirmative; M G Willis, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, J T Knight and T McCracken. 10

In the negative, W B Tyler 1 (Mr Tyler said he thought we should do something for the streets first) Whereupon the said preamble and resolutions were declared adopted.

Mr W B Tyler rose to a question of personal privilege and offered his resignation as a member of the Council, which, on motion of Mr Willis was accepted.

And the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 16th day of December, 1848, at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen W B Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H B Lane, J T Knight, M S Chancellor and T McCracken

The Mayor called the meeting to order and the minutes of all meetings held since and including October 21st last were read and approved.

Mr Cole moved that the rules be suspended which was carried

Whereupon, Mr. Cole moved that the Council proceed to fill the vacancy in the Council caused by the resignation of Mr W B Tyler, which motion was adopted.

Mr Knight then nominated Hon Henry R Gouldman ex-mayor and ex-recorded to fill said vacancy, and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected, and Messrs Cole and Knight were named a committee to inform Mr Gouldman of his election

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Committee on Finance presented a bill of the Free Lance for printing 1000 note head for use in City Collectors office, amounting to two dollars (\$2.00) which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee asked that said Committee be passed by until Mr Cole, who with Mr Knight had to inform Mr Gouldman of his election returned

Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee stated that the City's contract with the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co for lighting the Streets of the City expired on the first of December instant, and read the correspondence he had had with the secretary Gen'l manager of said Company in regard to renewing the contract for a limited period, and recommended that the contract be renewed for six (6) months from the first of December 1898. Which recommendation was, on motion of Mr Cole adopted and the said correspondence was ordered to be filed.

Captain McCracken further stated that he had received from Mr James S. Clark an extension of the option now held on water power until March the first 1899, which option and extension were filed.

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Capt McCracken then offered the following:

Whereas before the voters of this City are called on or required by Act of the General Assembly to vote on this proposition as to whether the City shall own and operate an Electric Plant for Lighting the City, it is deemed by the council important that the fullest information should be provided the voters, both as to

the approximate cost of the plant and the approximate cost of operating the same, and likewise as to the advisability of making such an out-lay to the end that the vote when taken may be an intelligent expression of the public judgment:

Resolved that three citizens and tax-payers of Fredericksburg not members of this body, to be named by the Mayor, be and they are hereby associated with the light Committee of this Council and that the matters set forth in the above preamble be referred to said joint-Committee to make a thorough investigation of all said matters and to report thereon in writing to this Council as soon as they can conveniently do so.

Which preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted

And the Mayor named the following three citizens as indicated in said resolution, viz; Hon H F Crismond, Capt H H Wallace, and B J Marshall, Esq.

On motion of Capt McCracken the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) or so much there of as may be needful was appropriated to the Committee on light to carry out the further investigation of this matter.

Messrs Cole and Knight having returned stated that Mr Gouldman was not found at his place of business so they had deferred informing him of his election.

Mr Embrey Chairman of the Street Committee moved that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) be placed to the credit of said Committee which motion was adopted.

Mr Bradley stated that there were several cases of typhoid fever in his neighborhood in the City, and said he thought the cause ought to be looked into, and the matter was referred to the Health and Police Committee.

Mr Embrey without announcement save that he did it by request hand to the Clerk a petition in the following words.

To the Mayor & Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia

Gentlemen

We, your petitioners being free holders and tax payers of said City hearing that you propose to submit [Page 177] to us the question of the advisability of investing eleven thousand six hundred dollars in an Electric Light Plant respectfully request that, at the same time you will allow us to vote as to whether we shall spend said amount in improving our streets or on an Electric Light Plant.

The same being signed by one hundred and seventy-five persons.

On motion of Mr Bradley the petition was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr Cole moved that the Council proceed to the election of a superintendent of the City Water Works, which was carried. On motion the salary of said Superintendent was fixed at the same amount as this year. The Clerk then read the application of Captain S J Quinn for said office, and a ballot being had he was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Water Works for the year 1899, and was so declared.

Capt McCracken moved that the body proceed to the election of Superintendent of the City Gas Works, which was adopted. On motion the salary of said Superintendent was fixed at the same sum as this year. The Clerk then read the application of Mr Wm Fitzpatrick for said office and a ballot being had he was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Gas Works for the year 1899 and was so declared.

On motion the Council Adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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