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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 20th day of January 1899 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

There were present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen H B Lane, G W Wroten, E D Cole and T McCracken

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, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City, on Wednesday the 25th day of January 1899.

There were present, A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

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

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Committee on Light and Finance

Captain McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee and of the joint Committee created by resolution of the Council passed on the 16th day of December 1898, submitted a report which report was received and ordered to be spread upon the records of the Council, said report is as follows

To the Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia

The undersigned joint-Committee was heretofore authorized by a resolution of your honorable body to ascertain and report to the Council.

First Whether it is expedient for the City to make at this time the necessary outlay to enable the City to own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting the Streets.

Second, What in the judgment of your Committee will be the approximate cost of such Electric Plant complete.

Third, what in the judgment of your Committee will be the approximate annual cost of operating such plant.

Your Committee in response to the first inquiry is clearly of the opinion that it is expedient at this time for the City to own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting the Streets and to make the necessary outlay therefor.

The grounds upon which the Committee bases this opinion will be briefly stated after it has responded to inquiries No. 2 and No. 3.

In order that it might obtain as accurate and reliable information as was practicable touching the matters embraced in these two last inquiries, the Committee deemed it advisable to submit the plans and specifications heretofore furnished the Council by Mr. Stokes to another competent expert for criticism and for additional information as to the probable cost of plant and as to operating expenses, and after careful inquiry they found such expert in the person of Mr. Edward J Willis, the General Superintendent of the Richmond Traction Company, and chief engineer of the James River Construction Company, a gentleman thoroughly acquainted with electrical plants and the operating of the same. Mr Willis examined these plans and specifications [Page 179] with great care and deliberation, and subject to slight modifications approved them in the following language.

The design handed me is about the cheapest and best plant for a town of about 7000 to 8000 people. I am sure it would give satisfaction with your present population (6000). I believe it would handle 10000 without complaint, though of course this would depend upon whether the growth was in the direction of suburban development or whether it was the usual building up of the City. The plan of your City with the lamps located show the lamps as close as they are in the City (Richmond). And if you run the lamps up to full candle power as I should think it would pay you to do, your City would be considerably better lighted than Richmond.

In answer to your second inquiry, the Committee, off most careful investigation and with fair knowledge of the cost of material other than the electrical machinery, and of the cost of labor, does not believe that the Electric Plant complete should cost over \$10,500.

To enable your Committee to answer intelligently and with approximate accuracy your third inquiry, the Committee made a most careful estimate of every expense attendant the operation of such plant, including in such estimate the interest at five per cent on the cost of the Plant, the insurance on the plant, cost of water power, labor, carbons, globes, supplies, repairs and incidentals and including \$200 for accrued depreciation and the Committee feels entirely safe in stating that the annual operating expenses will not exceed the sum of \$28.50.

Under the present contract between the City and the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company the City pays for forty-four street lights the sum of \$2580 per annum. The City also pays for gas for the Street lamps and for lighting the same \$1714 per annum.

Hence the present cost to the City of forty-four Electric lights of only twelve hundred candle power each and of its gas lamps amount to the aggregate sum of \$4294.

The estimate above made by your committee of the operating expense per annum of the proposed Electric Plant owned and operated by the City is for a plant furnishing seventy-five lights instead of forty-five lights of two thousand candle power, instead of twelve hundred candle power as now.

The city is now paying fifty-eight dollars and sixty three cents per annum for each light of only twelve hundred candle power. If the City shall own and operate its own plant, each light of 2000 candle power will only cost the City \$38 per annum and the City will save all the expense of Gas lamps on the Streets which we have seen accounts to \$1714 per annum.

The City pays for forty-four lights of 1200 candle power each [Page 180] \$250, and for Street gas lamps \$1714. Say

4294.00

2850.00

1444.00

It will pay for 75 lights of 2000 candle power each.

Thus saving the City annually \$1444.00

Those burn all night and the forty-four light only burn until 1 o'clock.

But this saving to the city annually of \$1444.00 is not the only saving. The City is now paying to the Water Power Company for power to operate its water wheel at the Paper Mill site \$350 per annum. In the event that the City leases power from the Water Power Company to operate an Electric Plant for lighting its streets the company will reduce its charge at the Paper Mill Site \$138.00, which added to the above savings of \$1444, will make an aggregate saving to the City annually of \$1582.00 and at the same time the City would be better lighted, according to Edward J. Willis, than Richmond City.

It is worthy of note that this annual saving to the City of \$1582.00 represents the annual interest at 5 percent on \$31,500.00.

There is another aspect of the existing condition of our City in relation to lighting its streets which in the opinion of your Committee greatly strengthens the argument in favor of present action on the part of the City to secure its own Electric Plant.

The City's Gas works by reason of defective pipes, which it would cost many thousand dollars to reduce is at present taxed beyond its capacity and hence the imperfect light furnished the citizens in their house and places of business. This serious trouble would be in great measure relieved by substituting Electric light on our Streets for the existing gas lamps, and the withdrawal of gas from the streets would increase the pressure and would greatly improve the gas furnished private consumers.

A continuance of the consumption of gas for lighting streets must necessitate shortly a large outlay to renew gas pipes, whereas the substitution of Electric light for the Streets will obviate this.

The resolution of the Council under which the Committee is acting does not contemplate any inquiry touching the cost of an incandescent plant to be operated along with the arc light plant, but your committee deemed it advisable to investigate this subject with the view of ascertaining whether it would be prudent for the City to undertake to furnish to private consumers the incandescent light.

Your committee has ascertained that the incandescent light plant alone would involve any outlay of at least \$7000 in addition to the cost of the arc plant, and that the additional power needed to operate the incandescent plant is nearly as much as that required for the arc plant, and that the expense of operating the same would be very considerable.

These facts taken in connection with the great improvement in the gas furnished by the City where relieved of lighting its [Page 181] streets with gas, leads your Committee unhesitatingly to dismiss the suggestion of incandescent light at present for the City as inexpedient. Such plant could be easily added to the plant in the future if found necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

T McCracken, John T. Knight, J P Rowe, B J Marshall, H F Crismond, H H Wallace.

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee to which was referred the petition of sundry citizens read before the Council on the 15 day of December 1898, submitted a report which was received and ordered to be spread upon the records of the Council. Said reports is as follows:

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

The undersigned Finance Committee to whom was referred certain petitions of citizens of Fredericksburg asking that the council would at the same time that it submitted to the voters of the City the question of the City's ownership and operation of an Electric plant for lighting the streets, also submit to the votes the alternative proposition as to whether the amount of money proposed to be expended in an Electric Plant should not rather be expended in improving the streets of the City, beg leave to report, that they have fully and carefully considered the proposition contained in said petitions.

Your Committee first sought the opinion of the counsel of the City as to whether the alternative vote asked in the said petition was admissible under Act of February 1st 1896 by virtue of which the Council is authorized to borrow money for the purpose of making the improvements set forth in said Act. The counsel for the City advised the Committee that it is not admissible to hold any such election as is contemplated by the petitions and that no money could be borrowed on bonds issued in pursuance of the results of such an election as the same would have no legal sanction.

Your committee might close its report at this point, but it feel constrained to give to the Council the results of its mature consideration of the wishes of a large and influential body of our citizens, embodied in said petitions.

Your Committee is as deeply impressed with the importance of Street improvement as are any of the petitioners, and the Council has from time to time obtained estimates of the probable cost of such improvements, but the necessary outlay for the permanent improvement of even a limited number of the principal streets, or of Main Street alone is so considerable that each successive Council has hesitated to increase the City's present indebtedness to the extent required to cover the expense.

The amount proposed to be applied to the procurement of an Electric Plant whilst saving to the City an annual outlay of \$16000, would be wholly inadequate to accomplish any valuable [Page 182] results in the line of either sewerage or street improvement, and your Committee believes it is generally conceded

that no permanent paving or Macadamizing of a street can be attempted until the sewerage pipes on that street have been properly laid.

If it is now prudent for the City to inaugurate a system of sewerage and street improvement all must agree that the complete information should be first obtained as to the best method of improving our streets and to what extent we can afford to carry that improvement. It must be evident to all our people that even a very partial and restricted improvement of the streets limited to a very few blocks would entail an additional burden of taxation, not only on those near whose property said improvements would be made, but upon all classes of our people remote from such improvements and only indirectly benefited there by. In contrast with this result the expenditure for an Electric Plant for lighting the streets will be a great saving to the taxpayers and will be of direct and substantial benefit to all our people alike in all parts of the City.

Your committee favor the taking up of the question of street improvements as soon as the same is practicable but we must bear in mind that before we can pave or otherwise permanently improve any street of our City every gas pipe and every water pipe must be carefully inspected and repaired or renewed and the sewerage located.

Respectfully submitted

M G Willis, E D Cole, W S Embrey

Mr Willis moved that the Committee on Light be directed to have the foregoing reports of the joint committee and of the finance committee printed in the City newspapers and also to have 2000 copies of said reports printed for distribution which motion was adopted.

Captain McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee offered the following preamble and order, which was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Whereas the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia has by a majority vote of said Council voted in favor of the City's erection and ownership of an Electric Plant for lighting said City, and has ascertained the approximate cost of said Plant to be \$11,600.00 and the Streets to be lighted thereby, and has published all such information for at least once a week for two weeks in the two newspapers of this City for the information of the voters, and doth hereby make a record of the same upon the minutes.

It is ordered by the Council that the Sergeant of this City and Judges of Election on Tuesday the twenty-eighth day [Page 183] of February, 1899 do open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of the City of Fredericksburg whether the said Council shall erect and the City shall own said Electric Plant for lighting said City as has as has received the approval of a majority of the Council as aforesaid, laid election to be held in accordance with the Act of the General Assembly approved February 1st 1896, entitled "An Act to Authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving streets and for other purposes of internal improvement and benefit to the City.

And then on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Tuesday the 31st day of January, 1899 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, M S Chancellor and H B Lane.

There being no quorum present no meeting was held.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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 2nd day of February, 1899, 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, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the Committees on Health & Police and on Ordinances.

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Whereupon Mr Knight, Chairman of the Health & Police Committee offered the following preamble & resolution.

Whereas, it having come to the knowledge of the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg that small-pox exists in Alexandria, Va and other cities and town and it appearing to the Mayor and Council that necessary steps should be taken by the proper authorities to safe-guard the health of the City of Fredericksburg and of the people of the City.

Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg that the Committee on Health and Police in cooperation with the Mayor, be and they are hereby authorized and instructed and empowered to take such steps as in their opinion they deem necessary to protect the health of the City and safe-guard the health of the people thereof against the disease of small-pox.

And be it further resolved that the parents of all children in the public and private schools of and in the City aforesaid be earnestly requested and recommended to have the said children vaccinated.

And be it further resolved that all the people of the City of Fredericksburg be, and they are hereby requested and recommended to have themselves vaccinated.

And it is further resolved that the teachers of the various schools be earnestly requested to co-operate with the said parents and with the said Committee and Mayor in furtherance of the purpose of this resolution

John T Knight, H B Lane, M S Chancellor

Mr Knight advocated the resolution and Mr Willis opposed any action at present save that the Mayor and Health Committee be on the alert, the resolution was then adopted.

Mr Lance, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee moved that Mr Alvin T Embrey now proceed with reading of the said Committee report, which was adopted and Mr Embrey proceeded so to do.

Chapter on City Water Works, no change, existing ordinances adopted.

Fire Department the same, adopted

Chain-Gang with an amendment to section 7, was adopted

Chapter on vagrants no change adopted

Chapter on Gas Works no change adopted

Section in present ordinance concerning City Gauger was omitted

Section in existing ordinance concerning the exemption of manufacturers from taxation was omitted.

Also section requiring Indian corn meal to be sold by weight was omitted.

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Chapter on Police Officers and their duties, sections 1-10 included adopted as reported

At this time Ms Chancellor was on motion excused and he retired.

Chapter on Nuisances, Sections 1, 2, & 3 adopted as reported

At this time Mr Knight was on motion excused & he retired when sections 4-12 included of said chapter on Nuisances were adopted.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber of said City , on Friday the 17th day of February 1899 at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, J T Knight, H B Lane and T McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Mr Willis, Chairman of Finance Committee presented a bill of the Fredericksburg Star for printing warrants amounting to \$1.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis stated that a dividend of \$50 had been declared by the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural & Mechanical Society and that said amount had been paid to accepted for by the Treasurer of this City

Mr Willis also presented the official bond of William Fitzpatrick as superintendent of the City Gas Works in the penalty of \$2000 with T McCracken as surety therein which was read and accepted and placed in the hands of the Mayor to be placed in the National Bank for safe-keeping.

Col Cole, Chairman of Water Com stated that the official bond of S J Quinn as Superintendent of the City Water Works in the penalty of \$ [blank] with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as surety had been given and that it would be placed in the hands of the Finance Committee.

Mr Cole also stated that there had been a slight accident at the pump house, would soon be remedied and asked that care be exercised in the use of water by the citizens.

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Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee stated that the instructions of the Council in regard to publishing recent reports of joint Committee & Committee on Finance had been carried out.

And called the attention of the Council to a communication which had appeared in the Fredericksburg Daily Star of the 11th instant and said he thought some action should be taken to refute the statements in said communication

Mr Knight offered the following preamble & resolution

Whereas the *Fredericksburg Star* of February 11th 1899 contains a communication severely reflecting upon this Council and the Councils that have governed this town since the War, and our people generally, and which in our judgment is erroneous, misleading, and unwarranted by facts and which if allowed to pass unanswered and unrefuted will be harmful to our City

Therefore be it

Resolved that our City Attorney be and he is hereby requested to make suitable answer to said communication, said answer to be signed by the Mayor and members of this body.

Which after remarks by Messrs Knight, Willis, Cole, McCracken and Bradley was unanimously adopted.

Capt McCracken moved that the foregoing preamble and resolution together with the answer when proposed and signed be published in the City papers and that 1000 copies be printed for distribution.

Mr. Bradley, Chairman of the Committee on Alms & Alms-house stated that the recent unprecedented spell of cold weather had produced a condition of affairs that absolutely demanded increased expenditures by his committee and the sum of \$500 or so much thereof or maybe needful

Whereupon Col Cole offered the following

Resolved that the sum of \$500 or so much thereof as may be needed be placed to the credit of the Committee on Alms and Alms-House, which was adopted unanimously adopted.

The action of this committee under circumstances suddenly and unexpectedly forced upon it were warmly commended by the members present

Col Cole asked if it was thought necessary to confirm the two extra policemen employed by the Mayor & Committee on Health & Police, and offer some informal talk, the matter was left in the hands of the Mayor and said Committee on Health & Police

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Mr J P Rowe, Chairman Committee on Schools presented the bill of Fredericksburg College for the quarter ending April 2, 1899 for the City's 10 scholarships in said College and amounting to \$100, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Capt McCracken of Committee on Fire Department stated that a fire which occurred during the intensely cold weather just past was quickly controlled by the Fire Department.

Mr Hurkamp, Chairman of Committee on Auditing and Claims stated that he had examined the accounts of Capt S J Quinn, Superintendent of City Water Works and found the same correct.

And, on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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 Wednesday the first day of March 1899 at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

There were present, Honorable 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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, who stated that it had been called for the purpose of appointing four citizens of said City, two from each ward, as commissioners of election

Capt T McCracken offered the following

The City Council of Fredericksburg doth appoint the following citizens of said city; from the upper ward [blank] from the lower ward [blank] who with James P. Corbin the Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg shall constitute the Board of Commissioners prescribed by the third section of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled "An act to authorized the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue its coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving streets and for other purposes [Page 188] of internal improvements and benefit to the City" approved February 1st 1896 which said Board shall discharge the duties prescribed for it by said Act in relation to the election held in this City on February 28, 1899 to determine whether the City should own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting the Streets of said City and said Board shall make its report to the Council as soon as it can conveniently do so"

Whereupon Capt McCracken nominated Messrs H F Crismond and W D Scott as members of said Commission from the Lower Ward and Mr Chancellor nominated Mr J D Roy from the Lower Ward, which was seconded by Mr Bradley

Whereupon a ballot was had which resulted as following:

H F Crismond 12, W S Scott 7 and J D Roy 5, whereupon Messrs H F Crismond and W D Scott were declared elected as members of the said Commission from the Lower Ward

Col Cole then nominated Messrs H H Wallace and H H Johnston as commissioners from the upper ward, and a ballot being had they each received 12 votes and were declared elected as members of said Commission

Mr Bradley moved that the rules be suspended which motion was adopted

And Capt McCracken moved that the six judges and four clerks of the election held on the 28th day of February 1899 be paid three dollars each for their services as such judges and clerks

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 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 17th day of March 1899, at 7:30 o'clock P.M There were present, Honorable A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, J T Knight, M S Chancellor and T McCracken

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented 3 bills of the Fredericksburg Star for \$5.00, \$6.00 & \$1.50, respectively and amounting to \$12.50, which on motion were ordered to be paid; also 3 bills of the Free Lance for \$6.00, \$2.00 & \$1.50 respectively, accounting to \$9.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid; also a bill of the Electoral Board of the City amounting to \$18.00 and a bill of W D Scott Sec'y of said Board for supervising the printing of ballots amounting to \$2.00 which said bills were on motion ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis presented the official bond of Capt S J Quinn as superintendent of City Water Works for the year 1899, in the penalty of \$2000.00 with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland as his surety therein, which bond was read, approved by the Council and placed in the Mayor to be lodged in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping (as below for omission here)*

Mr Embrey Chairman of Street Committee reported the filling over the canal where it passes under Hanover street in dangerous condition, whereupon Mr Willis moved that the Street Committee be authorized to build a bridge or otherwise make such a crossing at said point on Hanover Street as in the judgment of said Committee was proper, which motion was adopted.

The Mayor had read a letter from Frank P Brent to Mr B P Willis Superintendent of Schools concerning the hold of a summer Normal School in the City this summer, which letter was referred to the School Committee for report on same to the Council

*(insert above) Mr Willis also presented a certified copy of the Order of the Corporation Court exonerating sundry parties from payment of erroneous assessment of Corporation Taxes for the year 1898, as follows; W S Barton trustee for Mrs Doswell \$29.90; Thos W Waller Adms of P H Jones \$39.10; Thos W Waller Admr of G Jones \$2.14; E L Whitelsey admr of Henry Souther \$129.66; Mrs M L Chesley Exex J R Chesley \$86.25 [Page 190] Mrs Leroy F Chapman Admx J H Chapman \$29.90 and moved that the collector turn bills for said taxes charged to said parties over to the Treasurer taking his receipt therefor.

The Mayor stated that he had two communications which had been handed him by members of the Board of Commissioners of the election held on the 28th of February last, and the following was then read by the Clerk.

To the City Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Commissioners respectfully report, that the four commissioners heretofore appointed by the Council and James P. Corbin, the Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, constituting the Board of Commissioners prescribed by the third section of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled "An Act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue its coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving Streets and for other purposes of internal improvements and benefit to the City" approved February 1st 1896; duly organized on Thursday the 2nd day of March 1899 by taking the oath required by said Act and by electing Horace F Crismond President of said Board, and then proceeded at once to discharge the duties prescribed for said Board by the aforesaid Act. And after a most careful and laborious investigation of all matter required of said Board they respectfully report as follows:

That the total vote cast in the City of Fredericksburg on February 28th 1899 upon the question as to whether the City shall own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting the Streets of said City was 723

That this vote was cast as follows:

White voters for City's ownership of Electric Plant	375
Colored voters for City's ownership of Electric Plant	119
	494
White voters against City's ownership of Electric Plant	131
Black voters against City's ownership of Electric Plant	98
	229
Total vote for City's ownership of Electric Plant	494
Total vote against City's ownership of Electric Plant	229
	265
The majority of the total vote in favor of the City's ownership of Electric Plant was	265
The total freehold vote cast at said election was	274

As follows:

White freehold vote for the City's ownership of Electric Plant was	160
White freehold vote against the City's ownership of Electric Plant was	56
Total White freehold vote cast	216

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Colored freehold vote for City's ownership of Electric Plant was	30
Colored freehold vote against City ownership of Electric Plant was	28
	58
Total freehold vote for City's ownership of Electric plant was	190
Total freehold vote against City's ownership of Electric Plant was	84

The majority of the freehold vote in favor of City's ownership of Electric plant was 106

The freehold vote in favor of City's ownership of Electric Plant was more than double that against it

The white vote in favor of this City's ownership of Electric Plant was nearly three times that against it
 The colored vote in favor of City's ownership of Electric Plant was twenty-one more than against it
 The vote in favor of the City's ownership of Electric plant exceeded three-fifths of the entire vote cast by sixty votes.

It thus appears that a very large majority of the freehold vote and more than three fifths of the entire vote cast at said election was cast in favor of the City's owning and operating its Electric Plant for lighting the Streets.

It further appears that the popular white vote in favor of the City's ownership of Electric Plant was nearly three times that against it.

It further appears that the white freehold vote in favor of the City's ownership of Electric Plant only lacked eight votes of being three times that cast against; and that the majority of the colored freehold vote was cast in favor of City's ownership and likewise a majority of the colored popular vote.

Was a majority of the registered vote of said city cast in favor of the City's ownership of said Electric Plant as required by the aforesaid act?

The undersigned Commissioners found the Registration Books of this City in such shocking condition as to utterly preclude an accurate ascertainment of the requisite vote of the city by said Commissioners

The Commissioners found on the Books of the two wards the names of whites and colored voters aggregating

They found memoranda on said Books indicating deaths, removals and convictions aggregating	2046
	572
	1474
They found transfers noted on said books	161
	1313
They found names appearing on both books	17
	1296
They found names registered on transfers where no original registration appeared	32
	1264
They found on records of Court and Mayor convictions not vested on Books	15
	1249

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The Commissioners were unable to reduce the names appearing on Registration Books lower than 1249 by reason of anything appearing on said Books or on the record of the Court of Mayor's Office

Your Commissioners, however, went carefully over these 1249 names and from their own knowledge and upon the information of others acquainted with the parties are satisfied that they embrace non-residents to the number of

	227
	1022

These 227 persons do not live here and do not pay any taxes here and a very few if any of them are found assessed for capitation & ux. Of these 227 names 115 are of whites and 112 colored and they have no stake in this city.

The undersigned Commissioners invite the attention of the Council to the vote cast in this City for the three public improvements for which the City has issued its bonds since the War.

In the hotly contested election in May 1883 to determine whether the City should own public water works the free hold vote was, for public water works

Against public water works	131
	58
	189

Now for the electric Plant we have 190 free hold votes and only 84 against it making total of

	274
In the equally hot contest in May 1890 over the City's building a bridge over the Rappahannock the total vote was only	794

And the freehold vote was	127
Free hold vote against Bridge	119

Total freehold vote for and against 246

In the election in May 1891 to determine whether the City should own and operate Gas Works for lighting City the total vote was only 587

The free hold vote was as follows

For Gas Works 137

Against Gas Works 78

Total freehold vote for and against 215

The vote of the City has not reached 960 in a Federal election but once in the last ten years and that was in the McKinley-Bryan election

It has not reached 900 in a municipal election in the in the last ten years but once, and that was in a hotly contested election for Commonwealth's Attorney

It has not reach 800 in a state election in the last ten years, but once and that was in the McKenney-Mahone contest for [Page 193] governor.

We undersigned Commissioners invite the attention of the Council to two significant facts

1st the Commissioners of the Revenue, at the request of the Commissioners furnished an approximately correct number of the male freeholders resident in the City as follows

White male freeholders 248

Colored male freeholders 78

326

White male free holders voting on Electric Plant 216

Colored male freeholders voting on Electric Plant 58 274

Total white and colored free holder voters in the City not voting 52

2nd The Commissioner of the Revenue report that there are but 767 male citizens of Fredericksburg who pay taxes on real and personal property in the City. The popular vote in the election just held was 723

Here it is manifest from every point of view that there has been a most emphatic and decisive expression of the popular judgment in favor of the City's owning and operating an Electric Plant for lighting its streets; and the undersigned Commissioners are convinced that that spirit of the Act under which the election was held has been fully complied with, yet they are, by reason of the wretched condition of the Registration books, unable to state what the legally registered vote of the City is, and because they cannot state with absolute certainty that the 494 votes cast in favor of the City's owning and operating an Electric Plant for Lighting the City's Streets constitutes technically a majority of the legally registered voters of the City, but they sincerely believe that it does.

If we double the 494 votes we would have 988 and we have seen that we have had no such vote in any election in the last ten years; and in not election where the issue of bonds was involved has the popular vote reached 800.

The undersigned submit the above report.

H F Crismond

H H Wallace

W D Scott

James P Corbin

Capt McCracken moved that the foregoing report be received and entered on the records of the Council and called for a recorded vote, which was had as follows

Ayes Messrs M G Willis, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, J T Knight & T McCracken (8) eight;

Mr M S Chancellor not voting.

Accordingly the said report was received and ordered to be entered on the records of the Council.

Capt McCracken then offered the following preamble and resolution [Page 194]

Whereas it appears from the report of the Board of Commissioners, that, at the election held in this City on the 28th February 1899 to determine whether the City should own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting its streets, the vote in favor of said improvements was largely in excess of three fifths of the qualified voters of the City voting upon the question.

And that the freehold vote in favor of said improvement was more than double that against it

And that the white freehold vote in favor of said improvement only lacked eight votes of being three times that against it.

And that the majority of the colored freehold vote was in favor of said improvements

And that the white popular vote in favor of said improvements was nearly three times that against it

And that the majority of the colored popular vote was in favor of said improvements

And that the entire freehold vote of the city with the exception of thirty-two white and twenty colored was cast in said election.

And that the whole vote in favor of said improvement, in the judgment of said Board of Commissioners constituted a majority of the legally registered voters of the City, in which the conclusion of the Board the Council fully concurs.

But whereas by reason of the shocking condition of the Registration Books of the City as set forth in said report, a pretext might be afforded any taxpayer or others opposing said improvements to litigate and contest the conclusion of the Board of Commissioners to asking the number of qualified voters legally entitled to be upon the Registration books; and then embarrass the Council in the advantageous negotiation and sale of the Bonds necessary to make said improvements.

Therefore, resolved that the Council will not at present enact the ordinances necessary for carrying out the will of the people as expressed in the aforesaid result of said election; but recognizing in said result the mandate of the resident taxpaying people of the City to take all needful steps to obviate the embarrassment and possible obstruction that might be encountered by reason of the condition of the Registration Books and to insure the speedy ownership and operation by the City of Electric Plant to light the City, the Council will apply to the General Assembly of Virginia so soon as that body shall convene for authority to issue and dispose of the bonds necessary for the acquisition of an Electric Plant for lighting the City in accordance with the will of the people as plainly expressed in the election held on the 28th February 1899 as aforesaid

On which a recorded vote was taken with result as follows:

Ayes, Messrs Willis, Wroten, Embrey, Rowe, J P, Cole, Knight, McCracken (7) seven

Noes, Bradley (1) one (Mr Bradley in voting against the [Page 195] resolution, said "I must decline to vote for the resolution because I do not believe as set forth therein that 494 votes is a majority of the registered voters of the City now on the Registration books and heretofore recognized or qualified voted, but I do believe if there was a proper registration that said 494 votes would constitute a majority of the qualified voters of the City") Mr Chancellor not voting; whereupon the said resolution was declared adopted.

Col Cole moved that the other communication handed to the Mayor by the remaining member of the Commission be read and a recorded vote being taken on said motion resulted as follows,

Ayes, Messrs Rowe, J P, Cole and Chancellor (3) three

Noes, Messrs Willis, Wroten, Bradley, Embrey, Knight and McCracken (6) six, whereupon said motion was declared defeated.

On motion the council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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 Friday March 24th 1899 at 7:30 o'clock PM
There were present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
M G Willis, Recorder
Councilmen W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, H B Lane, T McCracken

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called "in regard to Ordinances and other matters."

Mr J P Rowe, Chairman of Committee on Schools presented and had read a letter from Frank P Brent the secretary of the Board of Education of Virginia stating that he would like to see a Summer Normal School held in this City in the Summer of 1899, and that it was usual for Cities in which such schools were held to appropriate from \$200 to \$500 to be used to defray the local expenses and pay the conductor, who is always selected from the town or county where the school is held and stating further that arrangements should be made to board from 300 to 400 teachers at not more than \$12.00 per month of four weeks the probable duration of the school.

Mr Rowe stated that he had conferred with the School Board of the City and that the Committee on Schools and said City School Board had agreed that arrangements could [Page 196] be made to furnish board for the number of teachers at the price named.

Whereupon Mr Bradley moved, that the sum of \$250, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose be placed to the credit of the School Board of this City to defray the local expenses of the Summer Normal School, should such school be located here during the summer of 1899.

And a recorded vote on the motion was had as follows;

Ayes Messrs Willis, Bradley, Rowe, J P, Gouldman, Lane and McCracken six (6)

Noes, Mr Cole one (1)

On motion of Mr Bradley the rules were suspended where upon Mr Lane Chrmn Committee on Ordinances offered the following;

Be it enacted by the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, that Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, of Chapter XI of the ordinances relating to Weighing hay, fodder, shucks, sheaf oats and of the weigh-master, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Mr Lane stated that the purpose of this enactment was to suspend the renting of the City scales until the Council finally adopts the new ordinance.

And the act was passed.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee stated that the 2 certified checks for \$1200 each which had been deposited with the City Treasurer some months since by the Fort Wayne Electric Co and by Kingsburg Samuel & Co when their respective bids had been filed had at the request of the Committee on Light been returned by the said Treasurer to said parties and asked that the Council ratify and confirm the return of said 2 checks for \$1200 to the parties aforesaid, and on motion the action of the Committee on Light and the City Treasurer was unanimously confirmed.

Mr Lane, Chairman Committee on Ordinance then asked that Mr A T Embrey, the Committee's attorney be allowed to proceed with the reading of the report of the Committee which was done and the reading of said report was completed.

And on motion the further consideration of the Committee's report was postponed to some regular meeting of the Council when a time for said ordinances to become operative and in force could be determined upon.

The Mayor announced Mr H R Gouldman to succeed Mr W A Tyler on the several Committees of the Council.

Col Cole said that as there was now a thoroughly competent engineer & surveyor resident in the City, he thought the time had come to elect a Corporation Surveyor and there up he nominated Mr S S Bradford of this city for [Page 197] Corporation Surveyor, and Mr Bradford was unanimously elected to said office and so declared by the Mayor.

Col Cole of Committee on Streets said that Mr A Randolph Howard had asked permission to grade the side walk running from George Dixon's Corner up to Kenmore Gate,

On motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

And on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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 Sunday March 26, 1899 at 3 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, E D Cole, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

Mr Knight Chairman of the Health & Police Committee stated that a case of Small-pox had developed in the residential part of the National Bank Building in the City

Dr Doggett, the City Physician was present and after conference with him, the following resolution was adopted

Resolved: that the Committee on Health & Police at once take steps to have the residential part of the National Bank building securely and tightly closed from the business part of said building, and that the business part be well fumigated.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved: That the Public School children and teachers shall be vaccinated without unnecessary delay, and that the Superintendent see to the carrying out of this resolution; and that any child or parent disregarding this direction, shall cause the exclusion of the child from the school for the present.

And then 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 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday April 21, 1899, at 8 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, H R Gouldman, Jno T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane, and Terrence McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. The minutes of the last regular meeting and two called meetings read & approved.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Finance Committee presented three bills of the *Fredericksburg Star* for \$2.00, 2.50 & 2.50 respectively in all \$7.00 which on motion were ordered to be paid. Also two bills of the *Free Lance* for \$4.00 & 2.50 respectively in all \$6.50 which on motion ordered to be paid.

Mr. Willis also presented a bill of S E Eastburn J.P. being for administering the oath to the five members of the election Commission at 25¢ each amounting to \$1.25 which on motion was ordered to be paid. And he presented a bill of Messrs H F Crismond, H H Johnston, H H Wallace, W D Scott and J P Corbin the Commissioners of Election appointed by the Council on March 1st 1899 for five days service each (the bills left the amount per day to be filled in by the Council) and Col Cole moved that it be put at \$3.00 which was adopted; Thereupon on motion the said bill amounting to \$75.00 was ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis then presented the license Tax ordinance for the year ending 30th day of April 1900 which he stated was the same as last year and on motion it was unanimously adopted; It reads as follows: to-wit An ordinance imposing taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for the year ending April 30th 1900 for the support of the City government, the payment of interest on the City debt, and for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg in the manner following that is to say there shall be an annual license tax assessed and paid by all persons and firms in this City, engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in the ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning on the 1st of May 1899, and ending on the 30th of April 1900. The license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of May 1899.

1. On every license to a Steam boat, steam ship, or other transportation agency (other than express companies) in this city the specified tax shall be \$35.00.

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2. On every license to any person renting houses, farms or other real estate for compensation or profit, the tax shall be \$15.00

3. On every agent for the sale of books or maps, or canvasser for any book, newspaper, periodical, magazine, map, engraving, or picture, or solicitor for subscriptions thereto, ten dollars (\$10.00)

4. On every agent for copying pictures, fifteen dollars (\$15.00)

5. On the agent of each incorporated insurance company doing business in this city, thirty five dollars (\$35) But this shall not apply to the agent of resident insurance companies doing business in the City, upon whom the tax shall be ten dollars (\$10)

6. On every agent for hiring labor, ten dollars (\$10)

7. On every mercantile agent or reporter reporting the financial standing and credit of persons engaged in business, twenty-five dollars (\$25)

8. On every agent for the sale of real estate, residing or keeping an office in the City, thirty dollars (\$30) Attorneys, Doctors &c

9. On every attorney-at-law, physicians, conveyancer, dentist, surveyor, civil engineer, the gross amount of whose professional receipt for the year ending April 30, 1899 was less than \$1000, ten dollars (\$10).

Where the gross amount of their professional receipts for the same time was \$1000 and less than \$1500, fifteen dollars (\$15). Where such receipts were \$1500 and less than \$2000, twenty dollars (\$20), and for \$2000 and over, twenty five dollars (\$25). All persons other than duly licensed attorneys-at-law who for compensation shall prepare deeds, contracts, wills, or other writings shall be deemed conveyancers.

Auctioneers

10. On every general auctioneer, forty five dollars (\$45) whether he derives any compensation for his services or not.

11. Concession crier, ten dollars (\$10.)

Billiard Tables, Bowling alleys &c

12. On every license permitting a billiard or Pool Saloon to be kept in the City (whether a charge is made for playing or not) the tax shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25) and each additional table ten dollars (\$10).

13. On each bagatelle, Jersey laid? Or Dexter table ten dollars (\$10) and if said table is kept in the same house with or in any way attached to a bar room, hotel, boarding or eating house, this tax is imposed whether any charge is made by the proprietor thereof for the use of said table or not, and whether said table is used or not.

14. On every license permitting a bowling saloon or ten-pin alley (whether a charge is made for playing or not) to be kept in this City, the tax shall be ten dollars (\$10) on each alley.

Bill Posters

15. On every bill-poster five dollars (\$5)

Bakers and Confectioners

16. On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants, ten dollars (\$10)

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Boarding Houses, Hotels, Eating Houses &c

17. On every person keeping a boarding house ten dollars (\$10). Any person other than the keeper of a hotel, eating house or restaurant who shall furnish for consumption, board and lodging to any number of persons not less than five, for a period or time of one month or more shall be deemed a boarding house keeper. Any boarding house keeper who shall take boarders for a less period than one month, shall be deemed a hotel keeper.

18. On every person keeping a hotel, twenty dollars (\$20), but this license shall not cover the right to sell wines, spirituous or malt liquors.

19. On every person keeping an eating house or restaurant, sixteen dollars (\$16). Any person who shall cook or otherwise furnish for consumption diet or refreshment of any kind for casual visitors at his house and sold for consumption thereon and who is not the keeper of a hotel or boarding house, shall be deemed to keep an eating house or restaurant, but the refreshments herein named shall not consist of wines, spirituous or malt liquor, except where parties have license to sell the same.

20. On every person selling upon the street or other public place snacks and such like eatables five dollars (\$5), or \$1.50 per quarter.

Bankers, Brokers &c

21. On every private banker, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). The term "private banker" shall include all persons conducting the business of a stock, note, bond, money or bill broker.

22. On every pawn broker twenty-five dollars (\$25)

Itinerant Doctors

23. On every chiropodist, cancer, eye or other itinerant doctor or optician ten dollars (\$10)

Photographic Artists

24. On every daguerrean or photograph artist, twenty dollars (\$20).

Express Companies

25. On every express company having an office or doing business in the city, thirty dollars (\$30) and no railroad company shall do an express business in the City without first obtaining a license under this clause.

Junk Dealers

26. On any person trading in any kind of second hand articles, junk, old ?, rages, or other like commodities, thirty five dollars (\$35) and for each canvasser or agent canvassing the city for the purpose of buying junk or other matter for junk dealers or themselves, fifteen dollars (\$15)

Livery Stables

27. On every keeper of a livery stables thirty dollars (\$30)

28. On every two-horse hack, phaeton, omnibus, carriage, or wagon used for hire, eight dollars (\$8) on every buggy used for hire four dollars; on every one horse wagon, dray or cart used for hire four dollars (\$4).

Liquor Dealers

29. On every person selling by wholesale wine, ardent spirits, [Page 201] malt liquors, or any mixture thereof, one hundred and sixty dollars (\$160), but where a person sells only malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be twenty five dollars (\$25).

30. Retail liquors, including the privilege of drinking where sold, one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120). Retail malt fifteen dollars (\$15).

31. On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits, twenty five dollars (\$25); and on manufacturing malt liquors, ten dollars (\$10)

32. A wholesale liquor dealer desiring to sell liquors by retail may do so by paying one-half of specific tax on a retail liquor license additional.

33. On every rectifier, twenty five dollars (\$25)

Merchants

34. On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm, the tax shall be graduated as follows; where the amount of purchases for the year ending April 1, 1899 did not exceed \$1000 the tax shall be ten dollars (\$10), where the purchases for the year did not exceed \$2000 the tax shall be fifteen dollars (\$15). On all purchases over \$2000, the tax shall be fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases, and upon all purchases over two thousand dollars and less than twenty five thousand dollars there shall be a tax of thirty cents on the one hundred dollars of said purchases.

Merchant tailors, lumber merchants, furniture merchants, butchers, green grocers, hucksters, dealers in coal, ice or wood shall be considered in this section, but dealers in wood, coal or ice paying license tax under this section may peddle the same from vehicles without paying additional tax.

35. On every commission merchant forty-five dollars (\$45) Every person buying or selling on commission shall be deemed a commission merchant and that whether the articles bought or sold are bought or sold in this city or elsewhere.

36. Every agent for the sale of musical instruments, sewing machines, fertilizers, or other articles, twenty dollars (\$20)

37. On every person retailing tobacco, cigars, snuff five dollars (\$5)

Medicines

38. On every person engaged in the sale on the streets or other public places of patent or quack medicines or any other articles by auction or otherwise or exhibiting the same two dollars and a half (\$2.50) for each day or night the same may be done. This license shall be a personal privilege, and only be granted by order of the Mayor.

Oysters and Fish

39. On every person selling oysters or fresh fish (other than duly licensed merchants) five dollars (\$5)

Patent rights

40. On every person selling patent rights, ten dollars (\$10)

Peddlers &c

41. On every peddler, fifty dollars (\$50) and every person selling to consumers by sample, card, or representation or soliciting or taking orders from any other than from merchants or other persons dealing in the articles so sold shall be deemed a peddler.

Railroad Tickets

42. On every person buying or selling railroad tickets other than the duly authorized agent of some rail road company with a depot [Page 202] in this city, ten dollars (\$10)

Swings

43. On every proprietor of a revolving swing, flying tournament or machine of like nature for each week ten dollars (\$10)

Shooting Galleries

44. On the proprietor of every shooting gallery five dollars (\$5)

Theaters, Shows, Circuses &c

45. On every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building to be used for any theatrical or secular performance, panorama, or any other public exhibition show or entertainment, whether any charge for admission thereto is made or not, fifteen dollars (\$15), and no building shall be used for any such purpose until said tax is paid. But this section shall not apply to any exhibition held in any church or building owned or used as a place of worship by any religious congregation in the city.

46. The specific license tax on every show, every circus, and on the exhibition of a menagerie fifty dollars (\$50) per day, on the outside shows, whether attached thereto or not, five dollars (\$5) each.

47. On every license to a theatrical performance of any kind whatever, professional juggler, necromancer or any other exhibition of a like kind, whether money or any other thing is charged therefor or not, the tax on each exhibition or performance by day or night shall be three dollars (\$3); ten dollars (\$10) for six consecutive days by the same company but when such exhibition performance or lecture is held or given for any charitable or literary purpose within the City, and the net proceeds actually applied or bestowed within the City to said charitable or literary purpose, the Mayor shall have power and authority to give a permit for such exhibition, performance or lecture free from all tax or charge; and every lecture included in the above clause shall be only granted upon the order of the Mayor. And each exhibition shall pay the city collector the sum of seventy five cents for collecting, provided however that said collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection. Such license tax shall be paid to the city Collector before any exhibition is held

Telegraph Companies

48. On every telegraph company having an office in the city, thirty five dollars (\$35)

Telephone Companies

49. On every telephone company having an office in the city, twenty five dollars (\$25)

Dealers in Futures

50. Every person who shall conduct the business of dealing in what is known as futures in grain or other produce or merchandise, shall pay a specific license tax of twenty five dollars (\$25) and if a similar business be done in railroad or other stocks or bonds an additional license of twenty five dollars (\$25), but this shall not be deemed as interfering with [Page 203] the stock or bond dealing of regular bankers.

Guarantee Insurance Companies

51. On every license to a person or firm to act as agent or solicitors for any company guaranteeing official or other bonds, not having its principal or home office the in the City, there shall be a specific license for doing business in this City of twenty dollars (\$20) for each company represented.

Wagon Yards

52. Every person or persons keeping a wagon yard in this city shall pay upon each such yard so kept a specific license tax of ten dollars (\$10) for each year or fractional part thereof.

Fortune Telling or Palmistry

53. Fortune telling or Palmistry when charge is made, either for admission or hand reading five dollars (\$5)

I. Whenever a license shall be especially required by law on any business, profession or employment it shall be lawful to grant a license for said business, professional or employment. Where the ordinance aforesaid does not clearly define and provide for the same, the license may be granted according to the law, which governs in similar cases , and be subject to such restrictions as appertains thereto, and the Mayor of the City may authorize the granting of such license, which shall be deemed a personal privilege.

II. All other license taxes imposed by this ordinance are subject to a pro rata deduction when the same are issued after the beginning of the year to which this ordinance applies; provided that the tax on the license issued shall always be assessed as of the first day of the quarter in which issued and shall cover the period until the 30th April next succeeding.

III. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to keep a book in which he shall classify all the branches of business and occupations upon which a license tax is imposed by this ordinance and show the amount of assessment made of each license the name of the person against whom assessed and the person for which said license is issued. At the end of each quarter commencing with that ending on the 30th April 1899, he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries thereon made during the preceding quarter, properly classified. These extracts shall be certified under oath.

IV. Any person who shall engage in, or exercise any business, employment or profession without license is required by law or shall in any manner violate the license or revenue laws of the city if as specified fine is imposed for such violations, shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5) or more than ten dollars (\$10) for each offense.

V. Every person or firm commencing business after the first day of May, and who shall fail to obtain a license within ten days thereafter shall be subject to the same penalties as in section IV.

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VI. Every license granted for the unexpired portion of the term heretofore mentioned shall be charged pro rata until otherwise provided. But no license shall be issued for a less sum than two dollars (\$2) nor granted for a longer period than to the first of May 1900.

VII. The City Collector shall at the expiration of each week report to the Treasurer the amount of all money received by him for licenses, and pay the same over to the Treasurer, for which he shall be allowed two and one half percent.

VIII. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall, before the first of March of each year ascertain the names of persons and firms who are engaged in any of the occupations, professions or businesses named or referred to in this license ordinance. He shall list and keep each list in his office and report copies of such list to the Common Council and Mayor on the 1st of April annually. He shall assess each person or firm named in the list with the license tax imposed by the ordinance and he is not authorized to release or discharge any of the persons or firms enumerated in this list who are engaged in the occupation, profession, or business upon which license tax is imposed without a judicial decision in the case.

IX. Should there be an assessment made and not paid, it shall be the duty of the City Collector to make collection by levy and sale of the goods and chattels of the person assessed as is provided by the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the assessment ley and collection of taxes. A commission of 5 percent shall be allowed on collections so made from default or persons and such commissions shall be paid by the person or persons in default.

X. A discount of five per cent will be allowed on all licenses paid on or before May 15th of each year.

XI. Be it further ordained that all laws ordinances and resolutions that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee reported that the bridge over the Canal on Hanover Street had been finished and that the cost of the bridge was \$154.68.

He also reported the Streets of the City as being in unusually good condition.

He asked a further appropriation for the street committee of \$250 which on motion was ordered

Mr Embrey also stated that Mr O E Hunter and other property owners desired to run a sewer down Wolfe Street from Main Street to the River; and on motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

On motion of Mr Cole the rules were suspended and the following ordinance was adopted unanimously, to-wit [Page 205]

Whereas, the Mary Washington Hospital Association of Fredericksburg, Va is an incorporated company, the property of which is used exclusively for charitable purposes and the proceeds of which are not distributed to private use

And, Whereas, in the judgment of the Council the real estate and personal property of said Association is exempt from taxation under section 457 of the Code of Virginia, as amended by Acts of 1895-96 page 218;

Therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg that the Commissioner of the Revenue for the Corporation of Fredericksburg be empowered and directed to drop from his books the property of said Association and that said Association be released from the payment of any taxes levied upon the real estate and personal property of said Association.

Mr Bradley moved that the report of the Ordinance Committee heretofore and in detail at several meeting to be adopted.

Whereupon Mr Cole moved an amendment to chapter 36 section 16 concerning water and gave notice of further amendments to be proposed by him. After some discussion, on motion of Mr Willis the question of ordinances and the report of the Committee on Ordinances was laid over until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr Knight, Chairman of the Committee on Health & Police stated that there had been no spread of small pox and that he was told by competent medical authority that the quarantine of the building where the case had been could soon be removed.

He urged the citizens to keep their lots thoroughly clean so that every precaution shall be taken to promote the general health of the City.

Mr. Rowe, chairman Committee on Schools presented a bill of the Fredericksburg College for the last quarter [?] of the 10 scholars of this City, amounting to \$100, which on motion was ordered to be paid. He also stated that the Summer Normal School would begin in this City on June 26th next.

A letter from Capt S J Quinn, Clerk of the School Board stating that terms of Messrs A B Bowering and D C Cole School Trustees from lower and upper districts respectively had expired, whereupon, on motion, proceeded to elect their successors, and Mr. Bowering was nominated from the Lower and Mr Cole from the upper district, a [Page 206] ballot being had these gentlemen, viz Messrs A B Bowering and D C Cole were unanimously elected to succeed themselves as School Trustees the aforesaid districts respectively.

A communication was read from Jno T. Goolrick Esq atty for William Jackson asking that damages be allowed for injuries &c to complaintant's horse sustained some weeks ago by reason of the unsafe condition of the bridge on Hanover Street over the canal which injuries to said horse were receive some month or more ago.

On motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee for settlement with full power to act.

And on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor,
James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 19th day of May, 1899 at 8 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, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, J T Knight, T McCracken

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented three bills of the *Fredericksburg Star* for \$3.13, \$3.00 & \$.50 respectively amounting in all to \$6.63 which on motion were ordered to be paid.
And four bills of the *Free Lance* for \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.25 & \$3.00 respectively amounting in all to \$10.00, which of motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Public Property Committee stated that the Free Bridge was in quite a dilapidated condition and needed attention, and said that as soon as proper estimates for necessary repairs could be made he would report to the Council
He further stated that he hoped the granite curbing on the Court House Square would be finished before the Normal School convened on June 26th next [Page 207] and further said that flag poles had been erected on the Public School buildings and suitable flags secured, which would be raised with appropriate ceremonies.

Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee said that the existing contract with the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company would expire on June the first next and suggested that the Light Committee be authorized to renew the same for a period not longer than January first 1900, and at a price not exceeding the present rate for said contract.

Col Cole moved that the matter be referred to the Light Committee with power to act
Mr Bradley said he thought there should be an iron-clad contract with said Company, with penalty other than the deduction in bill, when the lights did not burn according to contract.
Messrs Wroten and McCracken spoke in favor of Col Cole's motion and the motion was adopted.

Mr Knight, Chairman of the Health & Police Committee submitted a report on the small-pox case, which report he said for reasons of public policy had already been published in the City newspapers, setting forth that the case had entirely recovered, all apprehension been done way with and the quarantine removed.

Mr. Knight spoke at some length congratulating the city on its escape from any spread of the dreaded disease and thanked Dr. S W Carmichael for his able management of the case and for the safe guards suggested by him and thanked Dr. A C Doggett for his advice to the Health Committee. He further stated that the total cost to the City including the services of special policemen amounted to only \$227, whereas the City of Alexandria had expended \$9000 in its efforts to stamp out the disease—He said that by means of the special police 1265 tramps had been kept out of the City and he report the Health of the City now as excellent.
Col Cole warmly commended the efficient work done by the Health Committee during the small pox scare.

Capt McCracken of the Fire Committee reported a fire on Dr Morton's lot since the last meeting of the Council which fire was soon gotten under control and the building in which it occurred saved.

Mr A T Embrey for the Ordinance Committee reported an ordinance relating to doctors and their duties in contagious diseases, which on motion was adopted
He also reported an ordinance on vital statistics which on motion was adopted.
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Capt McCracken then moved that the ordinances as reported by Mr A T Embrey for the Ordinance Committee and at previous meetings approved by the Council be adopted as a whole.

Col Cole moved an amendment to the ordinance relating to the weighing of coal as reported by the Committee, changing the same so that the weighing shall be optional with the consumer, which amendment was supported by Messrs Embrey and Willis and a recorded vote being called for on said amendment was had with the following result

Ayes Messrs Willis, Embrey, & Cole 3

Noes Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Hurkamp, Gouldman, Knight and McCracken 6

The amendment was declared lost.

Whereupon Capt McCracken's motion for the adoption of the ordinances as a whole was adopted the same to go into effect on and after July first 1899.

On motion of Col Cole the ordinance Committee was authorized to have the ordinance printed.

It was understood that the report of the Ordinance Committee as adopted would not pass into the custody of the Clerk of the Council until the same had been printed.

On motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said city on Friday the 16th day of June 1899, at 8 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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, H B Lane and T McCracken

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a bill of the *Free Lance* amounting to \$1.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid and

Mr Willis stated at the request of the School Board that the change in text books and the purchase of other necessary supplies for the schools had demanded an outlay in excess of the annual appropriation of \$200.00, and asked that the amount be place to the [Page 209] order of the School Board, which on motion was ordered to be done.

Mr Wroten chairman of the Public Property Committee stated that the Committee was just about completing some improvements and there were some small bills outstanding and that the Committee would report at an adjourned meeting.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee presented the report of said Committee which showed an expenditure of \$66.02 in excess of appropriation, on motion of Mr Willis the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$66.02 placed to the credit of said Committee.

Col Cole, Chairman of the Water Committee, presented the full and detailed report of Capt S J Quinn, Supt of the City Water Works, which the Committee submitted as its report and Capt Quinn read the said report in full which showed as expenditure of \$234.01 in excess of the annual appropriation, which expenditure was more than offset by improvements of a permanent nature. The report shows a total receipt to be

	\$6,035.88
Disbursement in salary and &c	3,634.01
Balance turned into the City Treasurer	2,401.87

The report further set forth that the increased and increasing consumption of water demanded the enlargement of pumping and storage capacity.

On motion of Mr Knight the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$234.01 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Water Committee.

Mr H B Lane, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances reported that the Committee was now receiving bids for the printing and binding of the ordinances and history in book form, and that the Committee proposed to have pictures of the Public and Historic buildings put in the history.

On motion of Col Cole, the Committee was authorized to dispose of copies of the history to the best advantage.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Committee on Light said that the Committee would report at an adjourned meeting of the Council.

Mr Bradley, Chairman of the Alms and Alms House Committee presented the report of that Committee which showed that the Committee had not expended its annual appropriation by \$8.62 that the Alms House [Page 210] property was in excellent condition, which was due in great measure to the efficiency of Mr Ball the Superintendent.

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

Mr Knight, Chairman of the Health and Police Committee, presented the report of that Committee which showed an expenditure of \$34.50 in excess of the appropriation and on motion the report was received and the amount of \$43.50 ordered to be placed to the credit of said Committee & report filed.

Mr J P Rowe, Chairman of Committee on Schools said that he had no report, but presented a letter from Dr F P Ramsay, President of Fredericksburg College asking that the City renew the contract with said College for the support of ten scholars from the Public Schools for the session of 1899 & 1900 on the same terms and conditions as are introduced in the contract for the session just closed.

On motion, Dr Ramsay was accorded the privilege of the floor and explained briefly the purpose of his letter, when, on motion it was decided that said contract be renewed.

Ex-Councilman John M Griffin, Post Master was accorded the privilege of the floor, and stated that the carrier and mail box system would be introduced in the City on September 1st next and that as a pre-requisite the Post Office Department required all houses to be numbered and called attention to be fact that in certain sections of the city the houses were without numbers, and further that the mail boxes would placed on metal posts which would be located by the Department and asked permission to erect said boxes and that proper steps be taken in the processes, when on motion of Mr Willis the matter was

referred to the Street Committee with request that houses be numbered and permission was granted to erect posts for boxes.

Mr Willis moved that when the Council adjourned it do adjourn to Thursday the 29th day of June instant, which was adopted.

The Mayor had read a letter and circular for C F King, General Manager of the New England Newspaper League” setting for the unusual advantages of an advertisement of our City in a Special issue of the newspaper embraced in said league, and the Mayor stated that as the time for the insertion of said advertisement was terminated to the 18th next he had sent on a suitable advertisement, same to cost \$25.00 On motion the action of the Mayor was approved, and [Page 211] the sum of \$25 ordered to be paid for said purpose.

Whereupon the Council adjourned to the day previously ordered, Thursday June 29th 1899

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to adjournment of said body on the 16th day of June 1899, in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 29th day of June 1899 at 8 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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor,

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee requested that report of said Committee be passed by until the other committees who had not reported had made their reports, which request was granted.

Whereupon, Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Public Property Committee presented the report of said Committee showing total expenditures or obligations of \$1545.70 which is \$370.70 in excess of appropriations.

On motion of Mr Willis, the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$370.70 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the said Committee

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances presented the report of said Committee showing amount expended to date to be \$126.16 and the report further set forth that the Committee had not been able to finish the printing of the new ordinances and revised history of the City and requested that the operation of the new ordinances be postponed from July 1, 1899 to September 1st 1899.

The report was, on motion received and filed. And Capt McCracken moved that the resolution of the Council passed on the 19th day of May 1899, fixing the first day of July 1899 as the time when said Ordinances should become operational, be reconsidered which was adopted.

And Mr Knight moved that the first day of September 1899 [Page 212] be fixed as the day on which said new ordinances shall go into effect, which motion was adopted.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee presented the report of said Committee which set out in full a statement of receipts and disbursements of the Gas Works as follows:

Receipts from all sources	\$9,538.01
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Disbursements including int on bonds	\$7,405.50
Leaving a net balance of	\$2,132.51
To which is added all of bill & coal on hand	356.00
	\$2,488.51

On motion of Mr Willis the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Mr Knight, Chairman of the Health & Police Committee presented a statement showing number of arrests, for what, sex and color and number of tramps not allowed to stop in the City. Which statement was ordered to be filed.

Mr Chancellor, Chairman of the Fire Department Committee presented the report of said Committee showing disbursements for the year of \$45.70, which leaves a balance of appropriation to credit of the Committee of \$4.30. On motion the report was received and ordered to be filed. The report congratulated the City on the small number of fires and the Firemen on their promptness and efficiency.

Mr Hurkamp, Chairman of the Committee on Auditing and Claims presented the report of said Committee which was received, and on motion of Mr Willis was incorporated into the report of the Finance Committee.

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the report of said Committee which is as follows viz;

Fredericksburg, Va June 29, 1899

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

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report embracing settlement of the account of the City Collector and Treasurer respectively;

The accounts of the City Collector, Mr. A P Rowe Jr have been carefully examined by us and found to be correct and to correspond in every particular with the Treasurer's books and are adopted and made a part of this report, as is also the report of the City Treasurer

The Collector's report is as follows:

Fredericksburg, Va June 15th 1899

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

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Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collections of revenue for the fiscal year ending June 15th 1899.

I am gratified to state that notwithstanding the reduction in the rate of taxation, my collections show an increase in receipts over last year of more than \$1000.

Following is an itemized statement showing the receipts and balance for each year together with a recapitulation of collections and bills due

Yours very respectfully &c

A P Rowe Jr

Collector of City Taxes

City taxes for the year ending June 15th 1899

On assessment of 1898	\$18,201.19	
Less 5% discount	910.06	\$17,291.13
On assessment of 1898 after Oct 15	1,685.51	
Add penalty and interest	106.67	1,792.18
		\$19,083.31

General Licenses from June 15, 1898 to June 15, 1899 \$395.50

Rent of Hay scales	31.00	
Dray licenses for 1898-99	57.00	
Licenses for Opera House exhibitions	72.00	555.50
On General licenses for 1899-1900	6229.79	
Less 5% discount	311.49	5,918.30
On General licenses for 1898-1900 after May 15 th		177.30
On Dray licenses for 1899-1900	152.00	
Less 5% discount	7.60	144.40
On Dray licenses for 1899-1900 after May 15 th		8.00
Total Collections on year 1898		\$25,886.81
On assessment of 1897	816.80	
Add penalty & interest	66.94	883.74
On assessment of 1896	63.20	
Add penalty & interest	12.96	76.36
On assessment of 1895	11.74	
Add penalty & interest	2.34	14.08
On assessment of 1894	6.83	
Add penalty & interest	1.70	8.53
On assessment of 1893	5.02	
Add penalty & interest	1.79	6.81
On assessment of 1892	2.63	
Add penalty & interest	1.16	3.79
On assessment of 1891	1.18	
Add penalty & interest	.48	1.66
On assessment of 1890		.28
On assessment of 1889	1.50	
Add penalty & interest	.70	2.20
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On assessment of 1884	3.21	
Add penalty & interest	.79	4.00
On assessment of 1878	.99	
Add penalty & interest	1.25	2.24
On assessment of 1877	1.26	
Add penalty & interest	1.43	2.69
Total collections from all sources		\$26,893.19

The following accounts are due the City of Fredericksburg, Va by delinquents for the years 1876 to 1898 inclusive

To account on books of 1898			\$21,693.17
By col to Oct 15, 1898	17,291.13		
Add 5% deducted	910.06	18201.19	
By col after Oct 15	1,792.18		
Deduct Penalty & Int	106.67	1685.51	19,886.70
			1,806.47
By erroneous assmt rel by court & council	287.05		
By delinqnt real est turned to Treas Jun 15, 1899	554.76		841.81
Amount delinquent			964.66
To amt on books of 1897			1659.91
By collections	883.74		

Deduct penalty & interest	66.94	816.80
		843.11
By del real est turned over Sep 24, 1898		532.16
Amount delinquent		310.95
To amt on books of 1896		1659.91
By collections	76.36	
Deduct penalty & interest	12.96	63.64
Amount delinquent		182.43
To amt on books of 1895		102.07
By collections	14.08	
Deduct penalty & interest	2.34	11.74
Amount delinquent		90.33
To amt on books of 1894		69.00
By collections	8.53	
Deduct penalty & interest	1.70	6.83
Amount delinquent		62.17
To amt on books of 1893		69.38
By collections	6.81	
Deduct penalty & interest	1.79	5.02
Amount delinquent		64.36
To amt on books of 1892		58.69
By collections	3.79	
Deduct penalty & interest	1.16	2.63
Amount delinquent		56.06
To amt on books of 1891		53.23
By collections	1.66	
Deduct penalty & interest	.46	1.18
Amount delinquent		52.05
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To amt on books of 1890		42.32
By collections		.28
Amount delinquent		42.04
To amt on books of 1889		43.67
By collections	2.20	
Deduct penalty & interest	.70	1.50
Amount delinquent		42.17
To amt on books of 1888		46.65
To amt on books of 1887		45.66
To amt on books of 1886		41.60
To amt on books of 1885		32.62
To amt on books of 1884		49.46
By collections	4.00	
Deduct penalty & interest	.79	3.21
Amount delinquent		46.25
To amt on books of 1883		52.71
To amt on books of 1882		37.39
To amt on books of 1881		23.16
To amt on books of 1880		30.14
To amt on books of 1879		23.98

To amt on books of 1878		25.39
By collections	2.24	
Deduct penalty & interest	1.25	.99
Amount delinquent		24.40
To amt on books of 1877		22.41
By collections	2.69	
Deduct penalty & interest	1.43	1.26
Amount delinquent		21.15
To amt on books of 1876		10.79

Recapitulations of Collections

On books of 1898 licenses &c		25,886.81
On books of 1897		883.74
On books of 1896		76.36
On books of 1895		14.08
On books of 1894		8.53
On books of 1893		6.81
On books of 1892		3.79
On books of 1891		1.66
On books of 1890		.28
On books of 1889		2.20
On books of 1884		4.40
On books of 1878		2.24
On books of 1877		2.69
		26,893.19

Recapitulation of bills due

On books of 1898		964.66
On books of 1897		310.05
On books of 1896		182.43
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On books of 1895		90.33
On books of 1894		62.17
On books of 1893		64.36
On books of 1892		56.06
On books of 1891		52.05
On books of 1890		42.04
On books of 1889		42.17
On books of 1888		46.65
On books of 1887		45.66
On books of 1886		42.60
On books of 1885		32.62
On books of 1884		46.25
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		24.40
On books of 1877		21.15

On books of 1876 10.79
\$2.303.72

Respectfully submitted
A P Rowe Jr
Collector of City Taxes

The Treasurer's report is as follows

Amount received from all sources received by Robt T Hart, Treasurer of Fredericksburg, Va for the Year 1898 & 1899

Jun 18 Balance in hands of Treasurer		\$3267.78
Jun 30 Amt rec'd from Gouldman Mayor fines to date		4.70
Aug 13 Amt rec'd for 46 rev stamps not needed		.92
Aug 26 Amt rec'd Fin Comm & Trea note 60 day temp loan	500.00	
Aug 26 Amt rec'd Fin Comm & Trea Nat Bank	500.00	
Sep 12 Amt rec'd Fin Com & Treas Conway, Gordon & Garnett	1,000.00	2000.00
Oct 4 amt diff in costs charged on 1000		1.50
Oct 8 amt fines Oct 1 Mayor Rowe	159.00	
Oct 8 amt fines Mayor Rowe for Mayor Court	3.75	162.75
Dec 21 amt R V A & M Soc div on stock		50.00
Jan 3 Amt fines to date Mayor Rowe		77.00
Amt dog tax Mayor Rowe (178 dogs, 32 bitches)		194.50
Apr 1 Amt Fines to date Mayor Rowe		70.00
Apr 8 Corporation scales, A P Rowe Jr Coll		29.45
May 7 Bricks Hurkamp Park wall, sundry parties (\$2.50 still due by Mr Downing)		51.25
Aug 26 Amt A P Rowe Jr Col tax 1897 (415.29 pr &c 28.16 Less Col's 5% com	443.45 22.17	421.28
Nov 19 Amt A P Rowe Jr Col tax 1898 Less 5% for prompt payment	18,201.19 910.06	
		17,291.13
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	17,291.13	
Less Col's Com 2½%	432.28	16, 858.85
1899		
Apr 8 Amt fr A P Rowe Jr Col taxes 1898 \$695.99 Pen &c 41.30 Less Col's Comm %5	737.29 36.86	700.43
1898		
Aug 10 Amt fr del tax Rowe Est Less fr \$30.00, Comm 5% 16.76	205.99 46.76	159.23
Dec 24 Del real est report No.1 for taxes 1893-4-5 Less Com 5%	36.46 1.82	34.64
Amt pr rpt No. 2 year 1896 Less Com 5%	66.59 3.33	63.26
Tax per report No.4 year 1897	399.77	

	Less Com 5%		19.99		379.78
	For year 1897		16.91		
	Less Com 5%		.85		16.06
1879	Jan 14 amt from Miss Goolrick's del taxes		167.44		
	Less Com 5%		8.37		159.07
	Jun 20 Amt from Water				6035.88
	Amt from Gas				9538.01
May 26	Amt fr A Bassler del taxes &c		3.74		
	Less 5%		.19		3.55
Apr 1	Amt A P Rowe Jr Col General Lic		375.50		
	Amt Dray licenses		57.00		
			432.50		
	Less 2½% Com		10.81		421.69
Jun 14	Amt A P Rowe Jr col dray licenses 1899-1900				
	152.00 less 5% prompt payment		144.40		
	Less 2½% Com		3.61		140.79
	General Licenses 1899-1900 \$6229.79				
	Less 5% prompt payment		5918.30		
	Less 2½% Comm		147.96		5770.34
Jun 30	Amt rec'd fr A P Rowe Jr Col for				
	Year 1877 Pnic 1.26 Pen & int 1.43 2.69				
	1878 .99 1.25 2.24				
	1884 3.21 .79 4.00				
	1889 1.50 .70 2.30				
	1890 .28 .28				
	1891 1.18 .48 1.66				
	1892 2.63 1.16 3.79				
	1893 5.02 1.79 1.81				
	1894 6.83 1.70 8.53				
	1895 11.74 2.34 14.08				
	1896 63.40 12.96 76.36				
	1897 401.51 38.78 440.29				
	1898 989.52 65.37 1054.89				
					1617.82
	Less A P Rowe Jr Col Com 5%		80.89		1536.93
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Jun 20	Amt fr General Licenses 1898-99		20.00		
Jun 20	Amt fr Dray Licenses 1898-99		8.00		
Jun 20	Amt fr General Licenses 1899-1900		205.30		
	Less 2½% Com A P Rowe Jr Col		5.13		200.17
	Amt fr Opera House Licenses 1898-99		72.00		
	Less 5% Com A P Rowe Jr Col		3.60		68.40
	Total Receipts				\$48,418.21
	Expenditures for year 1898-1899				
	Orders Water Committee				1,234.01
	Orders Gas Committee				5,155.50

Orders Street Committee		1,616.02
Orders Public Property Committee	1,222.25	
Orders Free Bridge Committee	116.36	
Orders Hurkamp Park Committee	113.95	
Orders Fire Department	45.70	
Orders Health & Police Committee	134.50	
Orders Ordinance Committee	113.36	1,746.12
Electric Light	2,444.77	
Street for Lamps	1,653.60	4,098.37
Alms House Committee		1,491.38
Mayor's Orders	470.97	
Orders of Court	427.32	898.29
Orders Finance Com		
Coupons Water bond 5%	1,500.00	
Coupons Free Bridge 6%	1,500.00	
Coupons Gas bond 6%	1,515.00	4,515.00
7% City bonds due 96-7-8	647.50	
7% city bonds due Nov 1 98	4,056.50	
7% city bonds due May 1 99	3,825.50	8,529.50
Orders Fire, Com other than coupons		59.10
Orders of Council for All proposes other than notes		1,865.70
Orders of Council for payment of notes		2,000.00
Appropriations for Public Schools		3,000.00
Judge Salary	700.00	
S J Quinn Supt Water Wks Salary	900.00	
W Fitzpatrick Supt Gas salary	750.00	
J P Corbin Clk Cots	400.00	
A T Embrey Commonwealth Atty	400.00	
Salary of Police	1,440.00	
Salary Supt Alms House	100.00	
Salary Sergeant of City	300.00	
Salary Treasurer R T Knox	500.00	
Salary Clerk of Market	75.00	
Clerk of Council	75.00	
Salary Mayor A P Rowe	400.00	6,040.00
	42,248.99	42,248.99
Receipts from all sources	48,418.21	
By balance in hands of Treas	6,169.22	

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New Certificate of the Auditing Committee is as follows

Fredericksburg, Va June 29, 1899

To the Mayor &c

We, the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the City Treasurer, Gas and Water Works and have found the same correct.

Very Respectfully,

Wm H Hurkamp, H B Lane, G. W. Wroten

The above report sets forth very clearly the work of this year. You will observe that all the officers' salaries due July 1st 1899 are therein included.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is \$6,169.22 which with the water rent due July 1st added will amount to about \$8,500.00.

This gives us sufficient funds, if judiciously used to meet all needs till the taxes due in October are paid. This is a decided improvement in our financial condition over past years, and shows the wisdom of this body in reducing the taxes last year five cents on the \$100, thus leaving about \$1100.00 in the hands of your citizens.

The Gas and Bridge bonds amounting \$25,000.00 each can be called in after January and July 1900; and as we can float this six percent debt at a very much lower rate of interest, recommend that at the proper time each step as will be necessary be taken, looking to this end.

The bonded indebtedness of the City is now as follows:

7 percent due 1906	\$119,420.00
5 percent water bonds	30,000.00
6 percent bridge bonds	25,000.00
6 percent Gas bonds	25,000.00
	\$199,420.00

The sinking fund which is \$8,873.57 can be increased this year \$2000 which is more than our percent of the bonded indebtedness, if in your wisdom you see proper to do so.

The delinquent real estate proposed by the City and unpaid real estate taxes in the hands of the Treasurer amount to about \$3,500.00 and the amount due by the late Treasurer, Capt R W Adams of \$4,604.72 with interest thereon from the date of his death, amounting in all to about \$9,500.00 should when collected be added to the sinking fund.

In the light of the above showing we announced that the tax rate be laid at one dollar and fifteen cents on the \$100

All of which is respectfully submitted,
M G Willis, E D Cole, W S Embrey; Committee
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Mr Knight moved that the report be received and filed, and that the said Committee have the same together with the appropriations and a Tax Bill ordinances published, which motion was adopted

Mr Willis offered the annual appropriation ordinance which is as follows:

First: Be it ordained, by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th 1900

Interest & sinking fund 7 percent bonds	\$10,000.00
Interest on 5 percent water bonds	1,800.00
Interest on 6 percent bridge bonds	1,750.00
Interest on 6 percent gas bonds	1,750.00
Alms House	1,000.00
Police	1,440.00
Salaries	4,500.00
Public Property	600.00
Streets	1,000.00
Lights	3,500.00
Public Schools	3,000.00
Water	1,000.00
Health & Police	100.00
Fire Department	50.00
Contingencies	4,010.00
	\$35,500.00

Second 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 them until further appropriations are made to meet them.

And on motion of Capt McCracken, this ordinance was adopted

Mr Willis then offered the following tax bill

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

That the following taxes on personal property (read and personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1899-1900 for the support of the municipal government, public schools, for the poor, for the lighting of 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 [Page 221] in the foregoing, the tax shall be the same at that fixed by the State.

4th A deduction of five percent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th day of October next.

5th On all taxes remaining unpaid on and after the 15th day of October next, there shall be added five percent and interest from that date till paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law and the ordinances of the City.

6th The Taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in National currency of the United States and in the coupons of the 7 per cent bonds of the City , and on the first day of November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject

And, on motion of Capt McCracken, this ordinance was adopted.

Mr Knight, Chairman of the Health & Police Committee said that conditions existed in dwelling house lots on the basin and on the open ground near the wharf which needed correcting, and had a letter from Mr S S Bradford, City Surveyor, on the subject read,

On motion of Mr Willis, the report of Mr Knight's remarks and said letter were referred to his Honor the Mayor for his action according to law.

And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City pursuant to notice, on Saturday the first day of July 1899 at 10 o'clock AM

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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, W S Chancellor, H B Lane and Terrence McCracken

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated it had been called to elect a clerk of Council and other officers.

Mr Willis moved that the salary of Clerk of the Council be fixed at \$75.00 per year, which was adopted

And Capt McCracken nominated James P. Corbin for that office and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year, whereupon Mr Corbin qualified as such clerk by taking and subscribing the oath of office.

On motion of Capt McCracken the salary of the Mayor was fixed at the same as last year.

On motion of Capt McCracken the salary of the Treasurer was fixed at same as last year.

On motion of Mr Willis the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue was fixed at same as last year

The Salary of the Collector of City Taxes being fixed by ordinance

Mr A P Rowe Jr was nominated and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes for the ensuing year.

Col Cole nominated Mr Sidney S Bradford for City Engineer, and a ballot being had Mr Bradford was declared unanimously elected.

Mr Bradley moved that the salary of the Clerk of the Market be fixed at same as last year, which was adopted.

Whereupon Samuel Fitzhugh was nominated and a ballot being had was declared unanimously elected to said office.

Mr John F Gouldman was nominated for weigher and measurer of coal hay &c and a ballot being had was [Page 223] declared unanimously elected to said officer

Mr Bradley moved that the salary of overseer of the Poor be fixed at \$100 which was adopted, whereupon he nominated J B Ball and a ballot being had Mr Ball was unanimously elect to said office.

The compensation of the City Scavengers being fixed by ordinance.

Mr James A Stone was nominated for the Upper Ward and Mr James Shelton was nominated for the Lower Ward and a ballot being had they were declared unanimously elected City Scavengers for their respective Wards.

On motion the salary of the police officers was fixed at the same as last year.

Charles A Gore, John H. Robinson, William R Hall and Wallace N Tansill were nominated as police officers and a letter from Mr James Lewis Greenstreet of Rexberry, Essex Co, Va announcing his candidacy for a place as policeman was read, whereupon a ballot was had and Messrs Gore, Robinson Hall, and Tansill were each declared unanimously elected.

And then the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 21st day of July, 1899 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon A P Rowe Mayor

Councilmen G W Wroten, W S Embrey, John T Knight and H B Lane

No quorum appearing, no meeting was held.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on the 27th of July 1899, Thursday

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, J P Rowe, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T. McCracken

The meeting was called to order

Captain McCracken offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that his honor the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to extend a cordial invitation to the Society of the Army of the Potomac to hold its annual meeting for the year 1900 in this City and to urge the acceptance of this invitation by said Society assuring its members that they will meet with a cordial and fraternal welcome by our citizens generally and that every effort will be made on our part to make their sojourn here pleasant and agreeable.

The Council then adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

H B Lane, Clk ProTem

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 18th day of August 1899, at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, H B Lane and T McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the minutes of the regular meeting and adjourned meetings in June and of a called meeting in July were read and approved.

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a bill of the Free Lance amounting to \$8.00, which on motion was ordered to be paid. He also presented a bill of J P Corbin for typewriting done for the Corporation from June 1898 to date amounting to \$15.80 which on motion was ordered to be paid Mr Willis also presented the bond of A P Rowe Jr collector of City Taxes in the penalty of \$10,000.00 said bond being similar to the one given last year the securities also being the same, said bond was on motion accepted and placed in the hands of the Mayor for deposit in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Mr J P Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented the report of the Superintendent B P Willis submitting the report of Mrs A L Magrath, teacher of Grammar Department Grade No. 1 of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg, showing the names and class standing of eleven pupils attaining the highest marks in that grade as follows to-wit:

Annie T Gordon	99.5	Mabel Birdsall	99.
Annie Nicholson	98.42	Bessie May Garner	97.42
May Rowe	97.14	Robert Harris	94.28
Bessie Crismond	94.14	Annie White	94.
Eliza Clift	93.28	Brodie White	88.14
Claude Foster	87.42		

Col Cole moved that the ten scholars having the highest standing in the above report be awarded the privilege of the 10 scholarships provided by the Council in the Fredericksburg College, and the Clerk of the Council was requested to communicate the same to said 10 scholars and request from them an acceptance or the contrary and said Clerk was also requested to inform President Ramsay of said action of this body.

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Captain McCracken of the Committee on Fire presented the report of Chief J H Robinson, of sundry fires and stating that the Fire Department had only 900 feet of available hose. Whereupon the Committee on Fire Department was requested to ascertain cost of hose and report same to the Council.

The Mayor had read a letter he had received from Gen Horatio C King in reply to the resolution of this body passed on the 27th day of July last, which letter on motion of Mr Bradley was ordered to be spread upon the records and is as follows

Brooklyn Borough, NY City Aug 1st 1899

Hon A P Rowe, Mayor etc

Fredericksburg, Va

My dear sir and Comrade

I am in receipt of your favor of the 29th inst enclosing the Resolution of the City Council approved by you, inviting the Society of the Army of the Potomac to have its next re-union in 1900 in your City.

I shall take great pleasure in presenting this at the General re-union at Pittsburg Oct 4 and 5 at which we will be most happy to welcome you and any of your citizens whom you may desire to bring.

And I will do all in my power to secure an acceptance of the invitation

I can speak advisably of the hospitality of Fredericksburg

Yours very truly

Horatio C. King

A similar let from the League of American Municipal cities inviting the Council to send delegates to a meeting of said League to be held at Syracuse Ne Work September 19th to 22nd 1899, was read by the Clerk and ordered to be filed.

On Motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

J P Corbin, Clerk

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A General Ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia adopted by the Common Council of said City on the 19th day of May, 1899 to become operational on the first day of September 1899. See pages 208-211 this volume.

WHEREAS, It is expedient that the Ordinances of the Corporation of the City of Fredericksburg should be reduced to system and order for the convenience of its citizens and the guidance of its officers, and that the whole should be compressed in one General Ordinance, arranged in appropriate chapters and sections; therefore

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, in the manner following, that is to say:

Chapter I.

Rules Of Order For The Government Of The Council

1. The Council shall meet on the third Thursday in every month, at 8 o'clock in the evening, except when otherwise ordered, and also meet at any other time to which it may adjourn, or be regularly called or convened. If seven members fail to attend within half an hour after the time appointed for a meeting, the Clerk shall enter on the journal the names of those attending, and the adjournment for want of a quorum.

2. Every resolution or proposition moved shall be in writing, and shall be seconded before the question is taken; and, if carried, the name of the mover shall be entered on the journal.

3. If the Council direct any matter to be the special business of a future meeting, the Mayor or presiding officer shall, at such future meeting, so soon as the proceedings are read and signed, announce such special business, and it shall have priority over all other business.

4. A member shall rise and address himself to the Mayor or presiding officer, and be recognized by him as entitled to speak before he proceeds. After being so recognized, the member (except when called to order by the presiding officer or

other member) shall not be interrupted during the time allowed him. No member shall speak more than ten minutes at any one time without permission of the Council, unless he be a Chairman of a Committee, in explanation of a report or ordinance, when, he shall be allowed, if he desires it, fifteen minutes; nor shall any member speak more than twice upon the same question, without such permission.

5. Every question, first made and seconded, shall be decided before a second is received, unless disposed of by the previous question; the previous question may be called at any time three members concurring.

6. Any member may call for a division of the question when [Page 227] the same will admit thereof.

7. On the decision of any question, the yeas and nays shall be entered on the journal, if required by any member.

8. All appointments to places of profit or trust, to which any compensation or salary is annexed, shall be made by ballot, the persons intending to be balloted for being first put in nomination.

9. The officer presiding at the Council shall have the nomination of the members of all committees; and his nomination shall be conclusive, unless objection is made by some member present, in which case the Council, if it so determine by vote shall make said nomination.

10. All notices to members to attend Council, either by adjournment or regular call, shall be delivered to the member himself, or be left in writing at his dwelling-house or place business by the police officers.

11. All debate shall be regular, decent, and without altercation or personal invective; it must also be pertinent to the question.

12. The presiding officer shall not allow any one to speak longer or more frequently than these rules permit. He shall in this and all other matters, preserve order, and decide an question raised concerning it; but any member may appeal from his decision to the Council, which may affirm or reverse such decision.

13. All applications to the Council shall be in writing, except where otherwise allowed, and be delivered to the Mayor previous to the time of meeting, or communicated through one the members.

14. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, at each meeting of the Council to lay before the Council a list of the unfinished business; and it shall be the duty of the person presiding to call over the same before any new business is entered upon.

15. All spectators are to remain without the bar, where they are to conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly manner.

16. No ordinance shall be amended, suspended or repealed, except by ordinance regularly introduced and passed.

17. No ordinance shall embrace more than one object; nor shall any ordinance be revised or amended by reference to its title or object, but in all cases the ordinance revised or the sections amended shall be re-enacted and published at length.

18. Every member present when a question is put to the vote shall, unless interested, or excused from voting by the Council, vote on one side or the other of such question.

19. After a member has, at any meeting, been entered as present, he shall not, without leave of the Council, absent himself from such meeting until its adjournment.

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20. The proceedings of the last meeting of the Council shall be read at the opening of the next session; and after the errors appearing therein (if any) are corrected, the same shall be signed by the person presiding at such meeting.

21. No question, decided by the Council, shall be again brought forward during the year for which the Council was elected, unless on a motion for reconsideration, there be in favor of such reconsideration votes equal to or greater than the majority of the members present when the question was before decided. No motion for the reconsideration of an ordinance which has taken effect prior to such motion shall be considered.

22. Every ordinance shall be in force from the day of its passage, unless otherwise specially provided.

23. All business unfinished at the expiration of the term for which the Council was elected, shall be considered as laid on the table, and may be acted on thereafter, at the pleasure of the Council.

24. Any rule herein adopted may, at any particular time, be suspended for a special purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at that time.
25. When an ordinance which may have repealed another shall itself be repealed, the previous ordinance shall not be revived.
26. The order of business at its regular meeting shall be as follows:
- (1) Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
 - (2) Reports of committees.
 - (3) Unfinished business.
 - (4) New business.
27. No new ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance shall be considered until the next regular meeting, after such ordinance or amendment may have been introduced.
28. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Council, except such as is designated in the summons convening the Council in said special meeting.

Chapter II.

Of the officers of this Corporation and the time of their appointment

1. There shall be for the Corporation of Fredericksburg the following officers, viz.: a Clerk of the Council, a Treasurer, a Commissioner of the Revenue, a Collector of Taxes, a Surveyor, a Clerk of the Market, a Weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt and Grain, who shall also be Measurer and Inspector of Lumber, a Superintendent of Alms-house, a Superintendent of Water-Works, a Superintendent of Gas-Works, two City Scavengers, and, at least, four Police Officers.

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2. Such officers, except Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue, who are elected under the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia, shall be appointed by the Council, in the month of July in every year, and oftener, if the Council deem proper, and shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the Council, except that the Collector of Taxes may be elected in the month of July or August, and the Superintendents of the Water-Works and Gas-Works shall be elected in December of each year who shall go into office on the first of January following, and shall hold their offices for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

3. Their compensation shall be fixed by the Council, and shall not be diminished during their continuance in office; but the Police Officers shall not be entitled to any compensation for their services, until the Mayor by his warrant shall, at the end of each month, order the same to be paid by the Treasurer; and the Mayor and Council hereby reserve the right to withhold all compensation from the Police Officers for neglect of duty.

4. No person, except the Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue, shall act as an officer of this Corporation, under the Mayor and Council, until he shall take an oath, or make affirmation before the Mayor or Recorder, that he will faithfully perform his duty to the best of his knowledge and judgment. And in addition to such oath, the Collector of Taxes shall give a bond to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, for the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sureties, to be approved by the Council, with condition for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office; which bond shall be delivered to the Mayor, and be, by him, deposited in one of the banks of the city for safe keeping. If such bond is not given within thirty days from the time of the appointment of Collector such appointment shall be void.

5. If any person or officer, except the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue, shall act in any of the offices mentioned in the first section of this chapter, before he shall take an oath, or make affirmation as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg fifty dollars.

Chapter III.

The clerk of the council and his duties

1. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to attend the meetings of the Common Council, enter correctly all its proceedings and countersign the same, draft all ordinances, attend to the publication thereof, and, in a book to be kept for the purpose, record all ordinances of the Corporation. The books of such proceedings, and the Book of Ordinances, shall, at all times, be open to the [Page 230] inspection of the public.
2. He shall index the minutes of the proceedings and the ordinances as soon as they are adopted; and file and preserve all books, documents, and papers which may come into his hands as Clerk, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall turn them over to his successor; also, to make copies of, or extracts from, anything in said books when and as often as he may be requested so to do by the Mayor or Councilman, or chairman of a committee thereof.
3. Whenever any petition, communication, or other paper, is referred to any committee of the Council, it shall be the duty of the Clerk, immediately on adjournment, to deliver a copy of such paper, with the names of the committee, to the chairman of the committee.
4. He shall, after each meeting, furnish to the City Treasurer a statement of all allowances made by the Council on account of the expenses of the city, and upon whose order the same shall be paid out.
5. He shall, after each meeting of the Council, furnish a Police Officer, to be designated by the Mayor, with twenty-five printed copies of all ordinances passed at such meeting; and shall do and perform all such other duties as properly appertain to his office.

Chapter IV.

Duties of the Treasurer

1. The Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg shall, at the June term of the Corporation Court succeeding his election, or if appointed by the Judge to fill the vacancy, at the time of his qualification before such Judge or said Court, give bond with approved security, payable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties as City Treasurer, and especially those duties provided by the Charter and Ordinances the City of Fredericksburg, said bond to be in the penalty of ten thousand dollars.
2. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys payable to the Corporation for public uses, and he shall demand and receive, from the Collector of Taxes, all moneys collected or received for its use. All moneys so received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in one or more of the banks of the city aforesaid, to the credit of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, except that for the payment of demands against the Corporation of small amounts he may keep in his office a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars at any one time.
3. All moneys to be paid by the Corporation shall be paid by the Treasurer out of what is kept in his office, or deposited in bank. What is deposited in bank shall [Page 231] only be drawn there from by the check of the Treasurer, or by check of some other person thereto authorized by the Council.
4. He shall keep in a book, to be provided for that purpose by the Council, a true and faithful account of all moneys received by him for the use of the Corporation, and of the manner in which the same shall have been applied; and shall, on or before the Saturday preceding the first day of July, in every year, or oftener if thereto required, lay before the Council, or before their Committee of Finance, an account of all his receipts and disbursements, with vouchers to support the same.
5. The fiscal year of the Corporation of Fredericksburg shall begin on the first day of July, and end on the thirtieth day of June ensuing; and annually on or before the thirtieth day of June, the Treasurer shall render to the Council, or to its Committee on Finance, a statement of the probable expenditures for the year, and a statement of the debt of the Corporation.
6. He shall pay out the funds of the Corporation, which shall have been appropriated by the Council, upon orders as follows:

For repairs to public property, and gas used in public buildings and in the park, on an order of a majority of the Committee on Public Property.

For repairing and improving streets, and other expenses incurred by the Street Committee, upon an order of a majority of the Street Committee.

For repairs to pumps, reservoirs, etc., and expenses incurred by the Water Committee, on an order of a majority of the Water Committee.

For light, and expenses connected therewith, not otherwise provided for, on an order of a majority of the Committee on Light.

For the expenses of the alms-house, and the city's poor, upon orders signed by a majority of the Committee on Alms and Alms-House.

For appropriations to public free schools, on an order of the Board of School Trustees.

The salaries of the Judge of the Corporation Court, of the Mayor, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Clerk of Council, quarterly, upon their own receipts.

The salary of the Clerk of the Corporation Court, and the salary and compensation of the Sergeant and Jailor, upon order of the Corporation Court; and the compensation of the Grand Jurors and Petit Jurors, upon orders of the Corporation Court, or a certificate of the Clerk's thereof of their services.

The interest and principal of the debt of this Corporation as it may become due and payable.

All other expenses of the Corporation, upon orders of [Page 232] the Council.

His own salary, as Treasurer, he shall be allowed to draw quarterly, upon filing a receipt among his vouchers for the same.

All claims against the Corporation, not authorized by the different committees, shall be referred to the Finance Committee for approval before being submitted to the Council.

7. The Treasurer shall not pay the wages to any officer of the city, or any money to any other person, who may be indebted to the city, unless the amount of indebtedness shall be less than the amount of wages or money due, in which case he may pay over the excess.

8. He shall do and perform all such other things and duties required of him by the city Charter, or Acts amendatory thereof, or as may be required of him by the Council.

Chapter V.

The Mayor and his duties

It shall be the duty of the Mayor:

1. To see that the Laws, and Ordinances of the Corporation, be faithfully executed.
2. To report to the Council the negligence or misconduct of any of the officers of the Corporation.
3. To report, quarterly, in writing, to the Council, the manner in which the several Police Officers, in his opinion, have discharged their duties for the preceding three months.
4. To convene the Common Council whenever, in his opinion it is necessary or expedient to do so.
5. To preside and preserve order in the meetings of the Council, and sign the minutes of the proceedings.
6. To lay before the Council, from time to time, in writing, such alterations in the Ordinances of the Corporation as he shall deem necessary and proper.
7. To review the streets of the city, at least, once in every month, as well as to see that the Police Officers do their duty, as to suggest such improvements or alterations as may, in his opinion, be necessary for the comfort and the preservation of the health of the citizens of the city.
8. To remain in the Mayor's office of the city every day (Sundays excepted), from nine o'clock until ten o'clock A.M., and as much longer as the business brought before him may require for its transaction, and to perform, as a Justice of the Peace, such duties as may lawfully be required of him by the Council; and, also, to keep the Seal of the Corporation, and render annually, to the Council a just account of the fees received for affixing the same.

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9. He shall render, each month to the Council, a written statement of the amount of every fine imposed by him for violations of the city's ordinances; the time when, and the name of the person against whom it was assessed, together with the and whether the same have been paid. And, in all cases where a fine has been imposed by him for violation of the city's ordinances, he may, in his discretion, take approved security for the payment of such fine and the costs, such payment to be made within thirty days from the date of trial.

And the statement of fines thus rendered to the Council by the Mayor shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the Council to the City Treasurer.

10. The Mayor shall receive all fines paid on account of violations of the city's ordinances, and shall, monthly, pay the same, and all other city's money collected by him, to the Treasurer, and shall take the Treasurer's receipt therefor.

Chapter VI.

Commissioner of the Revenue and his duties

1. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall begin, annually, as soon as the tax bill is laid, and proceed, without delay, to make out a correct list of all the improved lots and parts of lots in the city, with the names of the several owners thereof, opposite thereto, and enter the same in a book to be called the Land Book, in which he shall set forth, opposite the names of the owners, in as many columns as may be necessary, the number of each lot, agreeable to the plan of the city, the value of each lot, with its improvements, and the amount of tax, at the legal rate, and a note of the source of title, in case of transfer. In ascertaining the value, he shall be governed generally by the value as it appears on his Land Book of the next preceding year. But he shall add the value of any addition to, or improvement on, an old building, and of any new building whenever there is such upon any lot, in his book, and shall, in respect to any land or building, supply any omission in his Land Book.

2. When real estate is sold for taxes, if it be purchased by an individual, the said Commissioner shall note on his Land Book the quantity of land sold, and to whom, but shall continue the land or lot upon his said book in the name of the former owner, until the purchaser obtains a deed therefor.

3. The Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg shall, annually, be allowed a reasonable compensation for furnishing the Commissioner of the Revenue with such a list as is mentioned in the four hundred and sixty-first section of the Code of Virginia, so far as may relate to lands [Page 235] in the Corporation.

4. The year, for which taxes on real estate are assessed or imposed by the Mayor and Common Council of this Corporation, shall be deemed to commence on the first day of February and there shall, from that day, be a lien on real estate for the taxes assessed thereon within the year so commencing.

5. The Commissioner shall begin, annually, as soon as may be, after his appointment, and proceed, without delay, to ascertain the persons and personal property, and other subject liable to taxation by the Corporation. To ascertain the same he shall call upon every person in the city having such property in his possession or care, for a list thereof, and upon every person therein chargeable with taxes, for a list of the subjects on account of which he is chargeable, or which is liable to taxation, and he shall endeavor, by asking proper questions to have in such lists a correct and true statement of the persons, personal property, and other subjects liable to taxation, which were in the possession or care of each person on the first day of February preceding. The answers to the Commissioner's questions shall always be on oath.

6. If any person shall, when applied to by the Commissioner of the Revenue, refuse to furnish a list, or the means of making out a list, or refuse to swear, or answer untruly, any question lawfully asked of him by the Commissioner in relation to his property or subjects of taxation in his possession care, such person shall, for every such offence, pay a fine of not less than ten dollars.

7. When the Commissioner, in consequence of the absence refusal of any person to do what is required of him, is unable to obtain such list, the Commissioner shall proceed to make it out from the best information he can obtain.

8. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall, annually, make a book, (to be called the Book of Personal Property), in which shall be entered the names of the owners of property, or other subjects liable to taxation, and the names of all the males residing in the town, above twenty one years of age, the number of horses, carriages, buggies, or other vehicles owned by such person, and their value, and, in all other respects, it shall conform to the book prescribed by the First Auditor of the State for the Commissioners of the Revenue for this Commonwealth so far as the same may be applicable to this Corporation. Opposite the name of each person shall be extended the whole amount of Corporation tax due from him or her,
9. The Commissioner, after completing this Land Book, and Book of Personal Property, shall make two fair copies. At the foot of each copy he shall make and subscribe the follow oath: " I, A. B., Commissioner of [Page 236] the Revenue for the Corporation of Fredericksburg, do swear that, in making out the foregoing book, I have, to the best of my skill and judgment, faithfully pursued the Ordinances of the Corporation prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of the Revenue." And the Justice, before whom the oath is taken, shall annex thereto a certificate in the following form: "Sworn to before me, C. D., a Justice of the Peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg, on the ____ day of ____;" which certificate shall be subscribed by the Justice. The original of each book shall be retained by the Commissioner so long as he continues in office, and then to be delivered to his successor.
10. The two copies of each book, sworn to as aforesaid, shall be delivered by the Commissioner, on or before the fifteenth day of September in each year, to the Treasurer, who shall keep a copy of each book in his office, and deliver the others immediately to the Collector of Corporation Taxes, and, upon the Commissioner producing the receipt of the Treasurer therefor, the Council may order the whole stipend or compensation of such Commissioner to be paid by the Treasurer.
11. If, after the delivery of the books aforesaid, the Commissioner ascertain that any merchant or other person, by reason of his beginning business after the usual period of assessment, or from any other cause, is liable for Corporation taxes or licenses, which could not be, or were not, entered on the books, he shall furnish the Treasurer and Collector with a statement showing the name of the person liable for such taxes or licenses, the amount thereof, on what account.
12. Any person having a license issued or transferred shall pay the same fees to the Commissioner of the Revenue for the Corporation's license as for a State license.
13. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall report regularly each month to the Mayor any person doing business without having paid in full his or her Corporation license.

Chapter VII.

The Collector of Taxes and the duty of the Collector

1. The Collector shall, in every year, so soon as he receives a copy of the Land and Personal Property Books from the Treasurer of the city, give notice for two weeks, in two of the newspapers published in the city aforesaid, where he can be found after the first day of October, to receive Corporation levies. Whereupon any person may discharge the levy against him on the said books, by paying to the Collector the amount of such levy, in conformity with the ordinance levying the same, and all levies received by him in the month of October, shall be paid to the Treasurer every day, and all received by him after [Page 237] said month, shall be paid weekly.
2. On the second Monday in November, in every year, the Collector shall begin to collect the levies assessed on the Commissioner's books, which are not previously paid, and, from time to time, pay over to the Treasurer all moneys and levies collected by him for the use of the Corporation, and finally settle his account of collections on or before the thirtieth day of June in each and every year. In such settlement the said Collector shall not have credit for any list of insolvents or absentees, but upon the oath of the Collector that such list is correct and true.

3. The levies on real estate and personal property, and on all other subjects, (except the tax on drays, carts, and wagons, which shall be paid annually, on the thirtieth day of April), shall become due and payable on the second Monday in November in every year, and may be distrained for on and after that date.
4. The Collector, after ascertaining which of the taxes and levies assessed in said Corporation cannot be collected, shall, not later than June twentieth, in each year, make out and deliver to the City Treasurer lists of two classes, to-wit: First, list of property on the Commissioner's Land Book improperly placed thereon, or not ascertainable, with the amount of levies charged on such property: second, a list of other real estate which is delinquent for the non-payment of levies thereon. In making out the said lists the Collector shall conform to the requirements of section six hundred and six, Code of Virginia, in all respects.
5. The Collector shall, faithfully perform all the duties imposed upon him by the Charter of the city and all Acts amendatory thereof; and all other duties imposed upon him by Ordinances of the Council.

Chapter VIII.

Concerning the City Police, their duties, service, etc.

1. The Mayor of the city for the time being shall be the head of the Police, and subject to such provisions as the Council may prescribe; shall have full control over them, and may for cause suspend any member of the force. And, in case of any such suspension, he shall report the same in writing to the next meeting of the Council, with his reasons therefor.
2. The regular police force shall consist of four officers, two from each ward, to be elected by the Council, and, in case of emergency the Mayor may appoint as many special policemen the public safety may require; provided, he shall report said appointment to the next meeting of the Council for its confirmation or disapproval; and, provided further, that [Page 238] the services of such special officers shall be promptly dispensed with when the emergency ceases. The compensation of such special officers shall not exceed one dollar per day, and shall be paid only upon order of the Council.
3. One officer, to be designated by the Mayor, shall have control of the Council chamber, and keep its keys; he shall attend every meeting, have the doors open and the Council chamber heated and lighted in due season for all meetings of the Council.
4. One officer, to be designated by the Mayor, shall, after each meeting of the Council, apply to the Clerk of the Council, who shall furnish him with the copies of all ordinances passed at such meeting, as required in Chapter III, one of which copies shall be given to each officer of the city, one left at the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court, and one placed in the drawer of each Councilman's desk in the Council Chamber.
5. The regular police officers of the city shall, from the adoption of this ordinance, do alternate night and day duty, two officers serving as day officers for one month and two as night officers and vice versa, during the year. The special officers appointed in cases of emergency shall perform such duty as is assigned them by the Mayor.
6. It shall be the duty of the police officers to patrol regularly all the streets and alleys of the city within their respective wards, and no member of said police force shall, while on duty, enter any bar-room or other public place unless in the discharge of his duty, and no police officer shall, while on duty, stop on his beat or on the streets to enter into conversation or discussion; but shall at all times and under all circumstances be polite and courteous to all persons seeking information from him.
7. It is expected and required that all members of the police force shall aid and assist each other in the discharge of their respective duties, and shall promptly respond to any call for assistance and help from each other, or from any person on their beats or in the immediate vicinity.
8. The officers shall frequently, during their tours in the night-time, examine all doors and lower windows of dwellings and stores to see that they are properly secured; also, yards and yard-gates of the several houses on their beats.
9. Every policeman shall make, daily, a note of and report at the Mayor's office during office hours: First, all doors of entrances he may find open in the night time; second, all nuisances on his route that should be

promptly removed; third, all violations of city ordinances, the names of offenders, witnesses, etc.; fourth, all public lamps found [Page 239] out of order, etc.

10. Any violation of, or refusal to comply with, any or either of these rules shall subject the policeman to immediate suspension by the Mayor, either on sight or report, or by a Councilman who may have personal knowledge of said failure or refusal.

Chapter IX.

Concerning the Market and the Clerk of the Market

1. The Committee on Public Property shall, annually, before renting out the butchers' stalls in the Market House, fix the distance to which each stall, with blocks, benches, and other fixtures, extend out from the side walls, and also assess the amount of rent for each stall for the year; and, after such assessment, the Collector of Taxes shall, at the Market House, rent out to the highest bidder, each stall for a year, so that each bid be not below the assessment of the Committee, and shall take bond with good security for the rents, payable in national currency of the United States, to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, on the first day of March ensuing the renting, and deliver such bonds to the Treasurer for safe keeping, until due, and then receive the same again for collection.

2. There shall be two stalls set apart by the Committee on Public Property for the use of the country people, other than butchers, who may bring things into the Market House for sale.

3. Any butcher or other person who shall sell or offer for sale at market, or anywhere within the city's limits, any unsound meat, fish, fowl, eggs, or other unsound article, or any meat which is distempered, shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars, and forfeit what is so sold or offered.

4. The Clerk of the Market shall examine all meats, fish, and fowls offered at market for sale, and take possession of such as by the preceding section are prohibited from being so offered, and unless on an appeal by the person offering the same, to the Mayor, or a Justice of the Peace, the decision of the Clerk be reversed, the said Clerk shall cause what he so takes possession of to be buried or otherwise destroyed according to its condition.

5. No person selling fruits or vegetables at market, by measure, shall sell the same by any other than dry measure. No person shall buy or sell at market any beef, pork, mutton, veal, shoat, lamb, or butter in any other manner than by weight. Every butcher shall keep, in a conspicuous part of his stall, his scales and weights; the scales well balanced and in good order, and the weights correct. Any person [Page 240] violating this section shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.

6. The Clerk of the Market shall, from time to time, examine the scales, balances, weights, and measures used by persons at such market to see whether they are correct, and conform to the preceding section; and, also, examine butter and other articles sold or offered for sale by weight to see that they are not deficient. And if any person shall refuse to have the same weighed, he shall pay a fine of one dollar. Persons having at market incorrect scales, weights, or measures, shall have the same corrected by the Clerk. In every case in which the Clerk of the Market shall have good cause to believe that anything is forfeited under any section of this chapter, he shall seize the same, and summon the person in possession thereof at the time of the seizure to appear before the Mayor, or some other Justice, at some time within twelve hours, to show cause why the said thing should not be adjudged forfeited.

7. If any butcher, or any other person, leave in the market lot, or throw, or cause to be thrown in the market lot, or in any of the streets of the city any part of a slaughtered animal, or of fish, fowl, or game, he shall pay a fine of two dollars.

8. No butcher, or other person, shall rent more than two stalls in any one year, and no butcher or other person, besides those who shall have rented a stall or stalls in the Market House, shall sell or expose for sale, in the Market House or market lot, any meats or fish of the kind hereinafter named, except upon the payment, to the Clerk of the Market, the following rates: For each slaughtered bullock, cow, or steer, or any part thereof, fifty cents; for each veal, mutton, lamb, hog, shoat, or sturgeon, or any part thereof, twenty-five cents.

9. If any person, liable for the payment of the rates aforesaid, shall refuse to pay the same to the Clerk of the Market, upon demand, he or she shall pay a fine of one dollar.
10. All moneys collected for rates under this chapter, shall enure to the Corporation entire, but all moneys collected for fines, under this chapter, shall enure: one-half to the Corporation, and the other half to the Clerk of the Market, who shall keep a regular account thereof, and report and pay over the same weekly to the Mayor, taking his receipt therefor.
11. If any butcher shall use any stalls or benches in the Market House other than those rented by such butcher, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every time he shall so use them, or either of them.
12. No butcher or other person shall sell or offer for sale any meats, vegetables, or other thing or things, in the Market House or market lot on a Sunday. If any person offend [Page 241] against this section he shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every offence.
13. Market hours shall be from daylight to seven o'clock on every day, except Sunday, between the first day of April and the first day of September, and from daylight to eight o'clock on every day, except Sunday, between the first day of September and the first day of April.
14. No horse or vehicle shall be fastened or stand in any of the alleys leading into the market lot, and no person shall withdraw his horse or vehicle from the market, when in the judgment of the Clerk of the Market by doing so would create confusion or unreasonably disturb the horses or vehicles remaining; and any person offending against this section shall pay a fine of one dollar.
15. If a person at market use obscene, profane, or threatening language, or shall fight thereat, he shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence.
16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Market to have the Market House and market space, or lot, and alleys and steps leading thereto, kept clean, the market scales and weights in good order, to be in market always during market hours, and to weigh all articles bought or sold in market, if desired by the buyer or seller, without fee or reward, and to demand and receive all fees under this chapter; to perform such other duty in relation to his office as may from time to time be required of him by the Mayor and Council.
17. The Clerk of the Market shall prosecute all offenders against this ordinance. To enable him the better to execute his office and preserve order about the market, he shall have the powers of a police officer within two hundred yards around the market in every direction.
18. If the owner, or agent of the owner, of any meat, fish, butter, eggs, vegetables, or other marketing, brought into the town, enter the market with the marketing aforesaid and leave the market until after the expiration of market hours, and shall offer the same for sale or sell any of the said articles upon any of the streets or elsewhere within the limits of the Corporation, during the market hours, he shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding two dollars for each offence, provided, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to prevent the sale of any marketing brought into the Market House of the town, subject to existing ordinances regulating the same, and, provided further, that it shall not apply to sales by merchants of articles bought for sale and sold in their stores.

Chapter X.

Concerning Weigher, Measurer, and Inspector of Coal, Grain, Gumber, etc.

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1. For the purpose of enabling the City Weigher, Measurer and Inspector the better to perform his duties hereunder, what is known as the "hay scales of the Corporation" shall not be rented out as heretofore, but after the expiration of existing contracts for the same, the said scales shall be located as near the depots as the Public Property Committee may deem expedient, and shall be in charge of the City Weigher, Measurer and Inspector, who shall at all times keep them clean and perfectly balanced.
2. It shall be the duty of the Weigher, Measurer and Inspector, when called upon to do so, to measure, inspect, and mark all lumber, and to inspect and count all shingles that may be brought to this city for sale and delivery at the wharf or elsewhere and to measure all wood, when called upon so to do, brought to the city for sale and delivered at any place therein.

3. He shall divide all plank and scantling into three classes, to be designated first, second, and third quality, and all shingles into two classes, to be designated first and second quality.

4. The Weigher, Measurer and Inspector shall be entitled to have from the person calling him the following fees:

For measuring, inspecting, and marking plank and scantling, twenty-five cents for every thousand feet.

For inspecting and counting loose shingles, ten cents for every thousand.

For inspecting and counting bunch shingles, three cents for every thousand; and,

For measuring wood, six cents for every cord.

5. If the owner or consignee of any anthracite or bituminous coal brought to this city, shall sell the same and have it delivered previous to its being deposited in the lot or store house of the owner or consignee, without having such coal weighed by the Coal Weigher of this Corporation, allowing two thousand two hundred and forty (2,240) pounds to the ton, said owner or consignee shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every ton of such coal so sold and delivered.

6. It shall be the duty of the said Weigher, Measurer and Inspector to weigh, or see weighed, all anthracite or bituminous coal brought to this city for sale, and to weigh, or see weighed, or measure or have measured, when called upon to do so, all wheat, corn, oats, and rye; also, salt and potatoes brought to this city for sale.

7. For his services, as Weigher and Measurer, he shall be entitled to have from the seller of the articles the following fees, viz.:

For weighing anthracite and bituminous coal, eight cents per ton.

8. For measuring, when called upon to do so, all wheat, corn, [Page 243] rye, oats, potatoes, and salt, twenty cents for every hundred bushels; the fee to be paid by the party calling in his services. For weighing, when called upon to do so, any wheat, corn, rye, oats, potatoes, and salt, ten cents for every hundred bushels, to be paid by the party calling in his services.

9. It shall be the duty of the said Weigher, Measurer and Inspector, to weigh, when called upon to do so, all hay, fodder, sheaf oats and shucks brought to the hay scales for that purpose, and give a ticket to the owner or person having such provender in charge, with the signature thereto, expressing the gross weight of the wagon or vehicle, and hay, fodder, sheaf oats, and shucks, weight of the wagon or vehicle, the net weight of the provender, and the date when weighed, for which he shall be entitled to demand and receive from the owner of the provender so weighed by him, three cents for every net hundred pounds thereof.

Chapter XI.

Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys

1. If any person shall place, or permit to be placed, on any street or public alley of the city of Fredericksburg any wood, coal, casks, boxes, merchandise, or lumber, or other thing belonging to or consigned to him, and shall not remove the same within a reasonable time--not to exceed twenty-four hours after such articles or any of them shall have been first so placed, or permitted to be placed--he shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every offence, and for every hour such articles shall remain in the streets over and above twenty-four hours, he shall be fined one dollar.

2. It shall not be lawful for any person to display or cause to be displayed any goods, wares, or merchandise, or other property on the sidewalk more than four feet from the wall of his building. Any person violating this ordinance shall be warned by the police upon the first offence, and any subsequent offence may be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.

3. Any person engaged or about to be engaged in building, repairing, excavating, or making any improvements on a house, or lot on which materials are to be used, or from which they are to be removed, may deposit materials in that part of the street or public alley in front of his premises, on so much of the carriage way as does not exceed one-half of the width thereof, so that the use of the gutter be not obstructed. But where two persons are building or making other improvements hereby authorized,

opposite each other on the same street, each shall occupy but one-fourth of the street. And no such deposit of materials shall be made in a street so as to obstruct improvements which the Corporation is making in said street, or for a longer time than is necessary for the work. And a person engaged in repairing a roof, wall, or chimney of a house on a street or public alley, shall place barriers sufficient to warn a foot passenger against passing such [Page 244] roof, wall, or chimney. If he fail to place the same he shall pay a fine of five dollars, and every day on which the failure continues shall be a distinct offence. In no case shall a sidewalk or paved gutter be obstructed under this section, unless it be actually necessary for placing such barriers, or for the execution of the work.

4. When it shall be alleged by any two residents, upon complaint to the Mayor, that any building, chimney, or wall of any kind, or any tree, has become dangerous to citizens or to adjoining property by dilapidation or otherwise, the Mayor shall have the owner thereof summoned before him and upon proof that the said building, chimney, or wall or any part thereof, or tree, is dangerous as aforesaid, the Mayor shall order the owner or his agent to remove or repair the same, or so much thereof as is dangerous. And if said order be not obeyed in a reasonable time, to be fixed by the Mayor in his order, he shall direct the Chairman of the Street Committee to cause such removal or repair to be made forthwith at the expense of the city, but the costs thereof shall be repaid to the city by the owner of said property together with twenty per centum for damages, said costs and damages to be enforced and collected as fines and taxes are authorized to be enforced and collected.

5. If a brick wall or brick chimney on any lot in this city fall into any of the streets in the city, it shall be the duty of the owner of the bricks of which such wall or chimney was composed, to have the same forthwith removed from the streets, and if such owner fail to do so within forty-eight hours from the time such wall or chimney shall have so fallen, he shall forfeit and pay five dollars, and for every day he shall let such bricks or any part of them remain in the streets after the first forty-eight hours as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay five dollars, and if the person who owned such wall or chimney disclaim ownership of the bricks, the same shall be removed by the police officers as soon as practicable, or sold by them for ready money, to be removed immediately, and accounted for, by them, to the Treasurer.

6. If a wheelwright, carpenter, blacksmith, or other person shall use any part of the public streets or footways of the city for the purpose of shoeing horses, hooping wheels, making or mending carts, wagons, drays, carriages, or other vehicles, or in any way occupying the streets or footways in their respective trades or occupations, without the leave of the Council first had and obtained, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence five dollars.

7. If any person or persons shall suffer his or their dray, cart, wagon, carriage or other vehicle, when not in use, to remain in any street longer than four hours, he or they shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every offence.

8. The sidewalks of the city shall not extend into the [Page 245] streets more than ten feet from the line of the streets, except before the churches and the public buildings, where they may be twelve feet wide. Nor shall any steps, or cellar-doors, or cellar-ways hereafter constructed, extend into the sidewalks more than four feet from the house. And all cellar-doors hereafter constructed on the sidewalks shall be strongly built and on a level with the sidewalk. If any person violate this section in putting up steps, cellar-doors or cellar-ways, he shall forfeit and pay ten dollars; and shall forfeit and pay five dollars for every day that he shall permit any such steps, cellar-doors or cellar-ways attached to or adjoining his house to remain in conflict with this section.

9. The Committee of Streets, when a vault is desired under a street may, by writing, grant permission to a person to have the same made; and the person obtaining the permission shall file the same with the Committee of Streets. Such person shall have it made with a substantial brick or stone arch, which shall extend in the street from the front wall of the house before which the vault is, no further than two feet six inches from where the inner edge of the curbstone is, or will be when laid down. The openings to the vault shall not be more than eighteen inches in diameter, and shall be near the said line, unless, in the opinion of the Committee of Streets, that it is impracticable. It shall be level with the sidewalk, as it then is, but may

afterwards be removed, if necessary, when the grade of the street is established or changed. It shall be secured with a cast-iron covering, fixed in solid frame of stone or iron, so laid that the upper part of the frame shall be as nearly level with the pavement as it can be, consistently with the turning the water from the opening; and it shall be secured with such bolt or weight as the Committee of Streets may direct; and the person obtaining permission to make a vault shall have the same completed, under the direction of the Committee of Streets, within thirty days, unless further time is allowed by the Committee of Streets.

10. If any cellar or vault, heretofore, made, conform neither with this ordinance nor with the ordinances in force at the time of the passage hereof, or, if hereafter, when a cellar or vault is made or repaired, the same be not such as is required by this ordinance, the owner of the house to which the cellar or vault is attached, shall pay a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars; and every day that the cellar or vault shall not be as hereby required, shall be a distinct offence. And if the occupier of a house to which a vault is attached suffer the same to be open or unfastened at any time, other than when it is opened for putting something therein, or shall then suffer it to be open or unfastened longer than [Page 246] is absolutely necessary for that purpose, or if the owner or occupier of a house, to which a vault or cellar is attached, shall fail, in any respect, to keep in safe and proper order the opening to such vault, or the doors to such cellar, (whether made heretofore or hereafter,) he shall pay a like fine. The suffering a vault to be opened or unfastened as aforesaid, or the failure to keep in safe and proper order such opening or doors, shall be deemed a distinct offence each day or night thereof.

11. If any person shall put up a horse-rack, awning, shed, or sign, in any of the streets of the city without first obtaining permission of the Street Committee, he shall be fined two dollars, and it shall be the duty of the police officers to remove the same immediately.

12. It shall not be lawful for any wagoner, cartman or other person to camp at night, or feed their horses, mules or oxen by day or night, in any of the streets of the city; and if any person shall offend herein after being warned by a police officer or citizen, that it is not lawful so to do, he shall be fined for every offence not less than one nor more than five dollars, in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice of the Peace before whom the offender is tried.

13. No person shall take any sand, gravel or dirt from any of the streets or alleys of the city without permission of the Street Committee. If any person shall offend against this section, he shall be fined one dollar for every offence.

14. Hereafter it shall not be lawful for the owner or occupier of any tenement or lot in the city to raise or in any manner change or alter the graduation of the footway before his or her tenement, without the permission of the Committee of Streets, or a majority of the Street Committee of the Council. Any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay ten dollars, and shall be moreover liable to a fine of one dollar for every day said footway shall remain so raised, changed or altered, so that the same shall be considered by said Committee an impediment to foot-passengers, or any injury or inconvenience to the owner or occupier of the adjoining tenement.

Chapter XII.

Offences Concerning Streets, Sidewalks, Bridges, etc.

1. No person shall drive any horse or horses, when attached to any dray, cart or wagon, within the limits of this city, faster than six miles an hour. Every person violating this section shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every offence.

2. If any horse or horses, attached to any vehicle shall run [Page 247] away in any street of this city, in consequence of the want of due care and caution on the part of the driver of such horse or horses, such driver shall forfeit and pay five dollars.

3. If any person shall drive, or cause to be driven, any horse or horses attached to any carriage, buggy, carryall or other like vehicle, faster than an ordinary traveling gait, he shall be fined not less than one or more than five dollars, at the discretion of the Justice before whom the offence is tried.

4. If any person shall strain any horse or horses in the city, or ride or drive any horse or horses in said city without holding in his hands the bridle or reins, he shall be fined for each offence not less than two nor more than ten dollars.
5. If any person or persons shall put, or cause to be put, any horse or horses to a dray, cart, wagon, or carriage of any kind within the limits of this city, for the purpose of breaking such horses to work, he or they so offending shall forfeit and pay five dollars for every such offence.
6. If any person shall willfully drive any horse, horses, mules, or oxen, or ride or lead any horse or mule on any sidewalks of the city aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every such offence.
7. If any person shall stop any horse, or dray, cart, wagon, carriage, buggy, or other vehicle on any of the footways of this city, where the streets intersect each other, he shall in the discretion of the Mayor forfeit and pay one dollar.
8. If any person shall roll any hand-cart, hand-wagon, or wheel barrow, or ride any bicycle on the sidewalks of the city, or any part of them, he shall forfeit and pay not less than fifty cents nor more than five dollars.
9. Any driver of a vehicle meeting another vehicle in a street shall reasonably drive to the right hand, so that each may pass the other without interference. And when in a street a vehicle is overtaken by another vehicle, the driver of the former shall bear to the right, and the driver of the latter shall bear to the left until the latter shall have passed. In no instance shall a driver of a carriage, wagon, dray, cart, or other vehicle stop the same in the middle of the street, or opposite to an intersecting street, but he shall always stop the same as near to the sidewalk as he can without being on it or in the gutter. A driver violating this section in any respect, shall pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.
10. If any driver of a wagon shall, in any street of the city, except on that part of William street or on that part of George street, which lies between Princess Ann and Caroline streets, drive such wagon with a wheel locked after being forbidden so to do by any citizen or police officer, or if any driver of a wagon, dray, or cart, whether [Page 248] licensed or not, shall wantonly crack his whip in the streets, to the annoyance of others, such driver shall pay a fine of one dollar.
11. Any police officer of the city may order any vehicle standing on a street to be removed as may seem to him most convenient for persons passing by. If a driver fail to obey such order, he shall pay a fine of two dollars.
12. If a driver of a cart, wagon or vehicle containing marketing for sale, shall remain with the same and expose said marketing for sale in any of the streets or at the corners of the streets of the city, and fail to remove after due notice to do so, he shall forfeit and pay not less than one nor more than five dollars for each offence.
13. It shall not be lawful for any person or persons to raise or cause to ascend any balloon or balloons from any lot or street within the limits of this city, without the consent of the Mayor, in writing, first had and obtained. Every person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay for every offence five dollars.
14. It shall not be lawful for any person to raise or fly any kite in any of the streets of the city. Every person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every offence.
15. It shall not be lawful for any persons to assemble in any street of the city and play at any game which shall annoy the citizens near them, or impede persons in their passage along the streets or sidewalks, under the penalty of one dollar for each person so assembled and engaged.
16. If any person shall draw any indecent figure, or write any vulgar or obscene words upon any house, railing or paling in the city aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every offence.
17. It shall not be lawful for any person to throw any stone or other missile, or use any sling-shot, air-gun, etc., in any of the streets of the city. Any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay not less than one nor more than five dollars for every offence.

18. If any person shall carry fire about in the streets of the city without having the same secured under cover, or shall fire on the streets any paper, straw, or other thing, or shall make a fire in the market house or market lot, he shall, in the discretion of the Mayor, forfeit and pay for every offence one dollar.
19. It shall not be lawful for hogs, shoats, or pigs, to go at large in the streets of the city, and all hogs, shoats, or pigs found going at large shall be caught by the police officers, and when so caught shall be forfeited to the Corporation, and shall be sold by the police officer in front of the Mayor's office to the highest bidder for cash, one moiety whereof shall go to the officer who caught and sold the [Page 249] animal, and the other moiety shall be paid over to the Treasurer for the use of this Corporation.
20. It shall not be lawful hereafter for any hogs, shoats, or pigs to be kept in pens or houses, in this city, during the months of June, July, August, and September. If any person offend against this section, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars; and every day that a hog, shoat, or pig, shall be confined as aforesaid, in the months aforesaid, shall be a distinct offence.
21. It shall not be lawful for any person to turn loose in the streets of the city any horse, mare, cow, calf, mule, bull, goat, sheep, geese, or ducks, or suffer or permit the same to run at large in the streets of the city. Any person offending against this section shall forfeit and pay one dollar for every offence; and every such animal found going at large shall be presumed to be going at large by the permission or sufferance of its owner.
22. No person or persons shall tie animals to any tree or lamp post along the side walks of the city. For any violation of this ordinance the offender shall be fined not less than twenty-five cents for each offence.
23. It shall be unlawful for anyone to ride a bicycle through the streets of the city except such vehicle has an alarm bell attached, and at night there shall be attached to the bicycle in addition to the bell, a lamp which shall be kept burning. And no bicycle shall be ridden on the streets of the city at a greater speed than ten miles per hour. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined one dollar.
24. Every person who shall cast, place, or lay any rubbish, oyster-shells, glass, filth, dirt, shavings, stable manure, or offal of any trade, business or occupation; or any rubbish from buildings, cellars or back yards, or any refuse or dirt from coal or firewood, or ashes, or any obnoxious or offensive matter, substance, or thing whatsoever into, or in any public square, place, street, lane or alley in the city; or cause the same to be done, except when the same may have been removed from his, her or their premises for immediate removal, the same to be removed within twenty-four hours, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar for every such offence; and after due notice, the further sum of one dollar for each and every day the same shall remain in such place.
25. If the owner or occupier of any lot in the city shall let any soap-suds, dye-water, dish-water, fish-brine, or other dirty water run from his or her lot into any of the streets or gutters; or shall throw or cause to be thrown any soap-suds, dye-water, slops, or any dirty water whatever into any of the streets or gutters, he or she shall forfeit and pay not less than one nor more [Page 250] than five dollars for every such offence after due notice thereof.
26. It shall not be lawful for any persons to congregate on any sidewalk or crossing in such a manner as to hinder or obstruct any person walking along the same, and it shall be the duty of the police to keep the crossings clear and the sidewalks open for the passage of persons using the same. Any person violating this ordinance shall, on conviction, be fined not exceeding five dollars. This ordinance, at the discretion of the Mayor, may be suspended on public occasions.
27. It shall not be lawful for any person to loaf or loiter on any street, pavement or sidewalk of the city to the annoyance of the occupant of any property along the same, or to the annoyance of persons passing on the same. Any person found so loafing or loitering shall, upon the complaint of any person so annoyed, be arrested by the police, and upon conviction before the Mayor be fined not more than five dollars for each offence.
28. No person using or occupying any cellar the door of which is in any street or sidewalk in the city shall allow such door to remain open unless the same is properly guarded by a railing or grating covering the

whole opening in such street or sidewalk, and every violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence.

29. All owners or occupants of property within the limits of the Corporation shall, when requested thereto by the Mayor, be required to remove or cause to be removed the snow from their sidewalks within twelve hours after snow has ceased to fall: provided, however, that if the snow fall during the night or on Sunday it shall be removed within four hours after sunrise of the following day. A fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars shall be imposed for each and every time the snow is suffered to remain beyond the time prescribed by the ordinance, and the Street Committee shall remove the same at the cost of the city.

30. All gates opening on any of the streets or alleys of the city shall open inside enclosures, except those that are hung on hinges which will not stand open, and those which are shut with springs.

31. It shall not be lawful for any person to ride or drive on the Fredericksburg bridge over the Rappahannock river faster than a walk, and any one who shall be convicted of willfully riding or driving over this bridge faster than a walk shall pay a fine of five dollars for the first offence, and ten dollars for each subsequent offence.

32. It shall not be lawful for any person to ride a bicycle on the Fredericksburg bridge over the Rappahannock river [Page 251] at a speed to exceed five miles an hour. Such persons shall be required to use whistles or bells on said bicycles during the day, and lamps or headlights at night. Any one violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than five dollars.

Chapter XIII.

Nuisances

1. If any horse, dog, cow, or other animal die within the limits of the city, and the owner of such animal, at the time of its death, shall not immediately remove it one mile beyond the limits of the city, or bury it two feet below the surface of the ground, he shall forfeit and pay five dollars.

2. If any person shall keep in his storehouse, warehouse, cellar, lot, or other place, any fish, beef, pork or any animal or vegetable substance, after it has become putrid or offensive, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars, and shall moreover forfeit and pay two dollars for every day such things shall be kept, after having been required by a police officer to remove the same.

3. If any lot or ground in the city or within one mile of its corporate limits shall be covered with stagnant water, or shall be subject to be covered with stagnant water, or if the owner or owners, occupier or occupiers thereof, shall permit any offensive or unwholesome or stagnant water or substance to remain therein or thereon, the Mayor shall summon such owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, before him for a hearing and, the fact being found, shall order such owner or owners, occupier or occupiers to fill up, raise or drain such lot or ground or cover or remove such substance there from within five days after such order. And for every day after the expiration of said five days that said owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, neglects to fill up, raise, or drain such lot or ground, or cover or remove such substance, such owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, and the Mayor, acting for the Council., shall cause such ground to be filled up, raised or drained, or such substance covered or removed, and shall collect the expense of so doing from said owner or owners, occupier or occupiers by distress or sale in the same manner in which taxes levied upon real estate for the benefit of said city are collected. In case of non-resident owners, who have no agents in the city or on the said land, or in case the owners are unknown, the notice required by this section shall be given by publication for four weeks in any newspaper printed in the city. And, in addition to the remedies of distress or sale, the expense incurred under this section may also be recovered by suit or motion in the manner prescribed in [Page 252] section three thousand two hundred and eleven of Code of Virginia.

4. If the owner or occupier of any lot in this city shall suffer a necessary, hog-pen, stable, or cow-house, on the lot so owned or occupied by him, or shall suffer the lot itself, or any part of, it to become offensive to the occupiers of a dwelling on an adjacent or neighboring lot, or to persons passing along the streets

and sidewalks of the city, such owner or occupier shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and after notice to remove or cleanse the same, every day such necessary, hog-pen, stable, or cow-house shall remain offensive shall be a distinct offence.

5. If any person shall erect or maintain on any lot in this city a necessary, hog-pen, or cow-house, within twenty feet of a dwelling-house on an adjacent or neighboring lot, or within ten feet of a street, such necessary, hog-pen, or cow-house are hereby declared to be nuisances, and he or she shall forfeit not less than one nor more than ten dollars for every day after notice to remove the same that such necessary, hog-pen, or cow-house shall stand in such position.

6. Upon its being alleged by any citizen or any police officer, to the Mayor of the city, or any other Justice, that a necessary, hog-pen, or cow-house is placed in such a situation as to be offensive to the occupiers of a dwelling-house on an adjacent or neighboring lot, the said Mayor or Justice shall cause the owner of the lot on which such necessary, hog-pen or cow-house is, to be summoned to appear before him, and upon proof of the allegation, shall order such necessary, hog-pen, or cow-house to be removed. And unless such removal be effected within forty-eight hours, the Mayor or some other Justice shall, from time to time, cause the said owner to be summoned to appear before him, and shall fine him not less than one nor more than ten dollars for every forty-eight hours, after the first, that there may be a failure to effect such removal.

7. If any person shall clean any fish or vegetables, or wash any clothes at any of the pumps, public hydrants, or springs, of the city, he or she shall pay a fine of fifty cents.

8. If any person shall throw any water at and around any of the public pumps, except in the drain leading from the pump, he shall forfeit and pay one dollar.

9. If any person or persons shall use any building in this city for a soap or candle factory, other than those now occupied for such purposes, without first obtaining permission of the Council, he or they shall forfeit and pay ten dollars, and shall moreover forfeit and pay ten dollars for every day such building shall be so used after the first offence.

10. If any person shall erect, have or keep any [Page 253] slaughter-house in this city without permission of the Council, he shall, on proof thereof, be held guilty of a nuisance, and be fined not less than ten dollars for each day the said nuisance shall continue.

11. If any person shall place, or cause to be placed in any of the canals in the city or west of the city or in the basin or reservoirs, or in or on any street, alley, sidewalk, or lot within the city limits the carcass of any animal, or any other thing, or matter offensive to any citizens, or to the public, or shall suffer any such nuisance to remain on any such lot owned or held by him, he shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for such offence, and not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars additional for every twenty-four hours such nuisance or offensive matter may remain.

12. If any person shall fire a cannon, musket, gun, pistol or other firearm in the city, unless in the execution of some law, or by a soldier in a military parade in celebration of some festival, or cause an explosion of gunpowder in the streets, he shall forfeit and pay two dollars.

Chapter XIV.

Offences against Morality, Decency, and Public Policy

1. Professional street walkers shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, or imprisoned in jail not exceeding thirty days, or both in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice.

2. If any person commit adultery or fornication he shall be fined not less than ten dollars.

3. If any person keep a house of ill fame, resorted to for the purpose of prostitution or lewdness, he or she shall be fined not less than five dollars, or confined in jail not less than thirty days, or both in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice.

4. If any person cruelly beat, torture, or abuse any horse or other animal, whether his own or that of another, he shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars; and it shall be the duty of the police officers to see that this ordinance is strictly enforced.

5. Any person convicted of the use of indecent or insulting language to another person, or of making any indecent, insulting, or immoral proposal to any female shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars and fifty cents, or imprisonment in the city jail not less than ten days, or both in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice.

6. No bar-room, saloon or other place for the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be opened, and no intoxicating bitters or other drink shall be sold in any bar-room, restaurant, saloon, store, or other place, between twelve o'clock on any Saturday night and day break of the [Page 253] succeeding Monday morning; and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be punished by fine of not less than ten dollars.

7. If any merchant, or tradesman, or the keeper of any inn, bar-room, ordinary or saloon, sell, barter, give or furnish, or cause to be sold, bartered, given, or furnished, or permit any person in his or their employment to sell, barter, give, or furnish any spirituous, intoxicating or malt liquor of any kind to a minor, having good reason to believe him to be such, without first obtaining the written authority of the said minor's parent or guardian he shall be fined not less than ten dollars, and required to give bond in the penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars for good behavior for one year; and any subsequent violation of this section shall be a forfeiture of said bond.

8. If any person on a Sunday be found laboring at any trade or calling, or employ his agents, apprentices or servants in labor or any other business, except in household, or other work of necessity or charity, or if any person bring into or carry about this city on a Sunday, any fowls, chickens, eggs, fruit, vegetables, meat, or any other thing whatever, for sale or barter, such person shall pay a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars

9. If any person, not being an apothecary, livery stable keeper, keeper of an ice house or keeper of an ordinary shall keep his or her store, shop or place of business open on Sunday, at any time of the day, such person shall forfeit and pay five dollars for every offence.

10. If any person sell, barter, give, or furnish, or cause to be sold, bartered, given or furnished to any minor under sixteen years of age, cigarettes or tobacco in any form, or pistols, or dirks, or bowie-knives, having good cause to believe him or her to be a minor under sixteen years of age, said person shall be fined not less than two dollars and fifty cents.

11. Any person who shall willfully disturb any assembly of persons met for the worship of God, whether he be in or outside of said assembly, shall be fined for every such offence not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, or confined in jail not less than five nor more than thirty days, or both in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice.

12. Hereafter it shall not be lawful for any person to strip and bathe in the river opposite to the city before dark, or to bathe whether stripped or not in that portion of the canal or race west of the city at any time. Any person offending against this ordinance shall, on conviction, be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence; one-half of the fines imposed and collected under this section, shall entire to the Corporation, and the other half to the officer furnishing the information.

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13. If any person shall hereafter put, or cause to be put, any stallion or jackass to a mare or jennet, within the limits of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, or shall exhibit either in the streets of the city, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

14. If any person shall curse and swear, use abusive language, or behave in a violent or disorderly manner in any public place in the city, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence.

15. If any person shall keep a noisy or disorderly house, or shall be guilty of noisy, disorderly, riotous or indecent conduct not otherwise provided for, he shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.

16. Any person willfully interfering with a police or other Corporation officer in the discharge of his duty shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars, and in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice, confined in jail not less than five days.

Chapter XV.

Vagrants

1. 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 guilty of being tramps or vagrants the said Mayor or Justice shall impose a fine of not less than one nor more than ten dollars and costs for each offence, 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 term.
2. 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 provided for in the chain gang ordinance aforesaid.
3. Any person who wanders about without any visible occupation, means of support, or place of abode; who lodges in out-houses, railroad cars, market places, or other public buildings or places, 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.

Chapter XVI.

Peddlers

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1. It shall not be lawful hereafter for any person to carry from place to place, within the limits of this Corporation, any goods, wares or merchandise, and offer to sell or barter the same, or actually sell or barter the same without first obtaining a license therefor. Any person or persons so found offering to sell or barter, or actually selling or bartering the same, shall forfeit and pay not less than the license tax for each offence, to be recovered by law. The police officers shall see to the execution of this chapter, and they shall be allowed one-half of all fines recovered under and in virtue hereof.
2. In case of failure to pay the fines for violation of section first of this chapter, the person or persons convicted shall be imprisoned and held in custody for thirty days.
3. The Mayor is authorized to grant the license under this chapter, upon the exhibition of evidence of authority to sell or barter under the laws of the State of Virginia, and of the receipt of the Treasurer of the payment of the license.

Chapter XVII.

Disorderly Conduct at Public Meetings, etc.

1. Any person who shall, at any public meeting of the citizens of the city, or at any lawful exhibition or show held within the limits of this city, interrupt or annoy the people there assembled, by loud talking, whistling or Singing, or exclude others from participating in the enjoyment of such representations and exhibitions by standing up amongst the people there assembled, or in any other way disturb the harmony and good order of such assemblages, shall pay a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars, at the discretion of the Mayor or Justice before whom the offence is tried. And it shall be the duty of the police officers to attend such meetings and shows, and to suppress all riotous conduct tending to a violation of this chapter, or a breach of the peace; and they are hereby required to take the offender or offenders before a Justice of the Peace, that he or they may be dealt with according to law.

2. Every exhibitor of a public show, or exhibition of any kind, held in this city for pay, shall employ at least two police officers of the Corporation to keep order, and pay them one dollar each for their services for each exhibition; and on failure of any exhibitor so to employ such police officers, and to pay them as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars. But this section shall not apply to any show, exhibition or performance in a room for which a license by the year is taken out, as provided in chapter twenty-four, section one.

Chapter XVIII.

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Hindrances and Obstructions at Railroad Stations by porters.

1. It shall be unlawful for any agent or porter of any hotel or boarding house, or for any owner, agent, or driver of any hack or other vehicle, or for any other person at any station of any railroad in this Corporation, to throng or obstruct the way to such station so as to hinder or prevent the free and unimpeded access to or departure from such station by passengers carried or to be carried on the cars of said railroads, or of those attending or receiving them at said stations.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person at any such stations to make any unnecessarily loud outcry or clamor, or to solicit custom or employment in a tone louder than a conversational one, or to take hold of any passenger, person, clothing, baggage or property, unless previously requested by such passenger to do so.
3. No such porter, agent, owner or driver of any hack or other vehicles, or other person, shall go into or upon any such car for the purpose of soliciting custom or employment, unless previously authorized to do so by the proper person having charge of same.
4. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to designate the limits, not less than ten feet from every such railroad station, within which it shall not be lawful for any such hotel or other porter, or agent, or owner, or driver of any hack or other vehicle, to come for the purpose of soliciting custom or employment for five minutes after the departure of any such train; and the policemen are specially charged to enforce this ordinance.
5. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, and the employer of any such person so violating the same, if the keeper of a hotel or boarding house, or owner of a hack or other vehicles, shall, on conviction before the Mayor or any Justice of the Peace of this Corporation, be fined not less than one nor more than five dollars.

Chapter XIX.

Injuring Pumps, Trees, Springs, and Lamp Posts

1. If any person shall willfully break or move from its place the handle of any pump in the city, or choke any pump or public spring by conveying into it any brick, stone, or other substance, or remove the cap from any pump in the city, or in any manner injure any one of them, or any public spring, he shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay five dollars, and shall be moreover liable to this Corporation for the expense incurred in repairing the same.
2. If any person shall willfully break, bark, belt, or otherwise injure any tree or trees, shrubbery, or flowers, now set in the streets of the city, or in any cemetery, or public place, or grounds of any association, corporation or individual, he [Page 258] shall pay a fine of not less than two nor more than ten dollars or be confined in jail not less than five nor more than thirty days.
3. The Committee on Streets shall have the authority to prune and trim any and all trees now planted or set out in the streets or on the sidewalks of the city, or that may be hereafter planted or set out, and to cut down or remove any such tree whose removal or cutting is deemed by them necessary or advantageous or that may be, by them, regarded dangerous or an obstruction to the public, and no tree shall hereafter be set out in the streets of the city without the permission of said Committee first; obtained.
4. If any person shall willfully throw any stone or filth of any kind into or within fifteen feet of any spring or well within this Corporation, or in any way deface or injure the wall around any such spring or well, he

shall forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars, and be liable to the Corporation for the expense incurred in repairing the same.

5. It shall not be lawful for any of the pumps of the city, to be used for the purpose of watering the streets, unless the person or persons so using them, shall keep the same in proper repair or order during such usage. Any person violating this section shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than two dollars for each offence.

6. If the Mayor shall deem it necessary he may, at any time, suspend the use of pumps for the purpose named in the fifth section of this chapter.

7. If any person or persons shall willfully or negligently injure or destroy any lamp-post, pillars, or lamps, or any electric light, or telephone or telegraph pole, lamp, wire, or glass, in this city, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars; and, in any event, shall pay the expense of renewing or repairing the same; and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to collect the said amount of repairs by warrant or otherwise.

Chapter XX.

Concerning Dogs

1. It shall be the duty of the Mayor on the first day of September, in every year, to give public notice for thirty days, by hand bills, printed and posted, that all persons owning or intending to keep any animal of the dog or canine species, to come forward and take out a license for the same from him. After the expiration of the time in said notice mentioned, all persons found with a dog or dogs, or harboring one or more dogs on his, her or their premises, without the required license, shall be fined five dollars for every dog so owned, kept or harbored, one-half of which fine shall go to the informer, and in case of the refusal to pay said fine, the offender shall be committed to the jail or chain gang for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

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2. Every resident of the city owning or in the possession of a dog or dogs shall apply to the Mayor, within thirty days from the first day of September in each year, for a license to keep said dog or dogs, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor, upon such application and the payment of the annual tax imposed by law upon the particular kind of dog for which a license is asked, to issue and deliver to the applicant said license to expire on the thirtieth day of September next succeeding its date.

3. It shall be the duty of every resident of the city who shall come into the possession of a dog or dogs, within ten days after coming into such possession, to apply to the Mayor and obtain from him a license to keep such dog or dogs, which license shall be granted to him in the same manner, upon the same terms, and to expire at the same time as prescribed in the foregoing section.

4. Every resident of the city who shall knowingly permit any dog to remain on his or her premises for fifteen consecutive days, shall be considered the owner or possessor of said dog within the meaning of this chapter.

5. It shall be the duty of the Mayor on or before the first day of January, April, July, and October, in each year to pay to the Treasurer all taxes and fines received by him by virtue hereof, and to take his receipt therefor, and it shall be his duty to lay before the Council at the October meeting in each year an account of said taxes and fines, showing when, and from whom, and how much received by him during the year.

6. At any time, at his discretion, the Mayor may, by proclamation, declare that all of said animals as above licensed shall be properly and securely muzzled, and if any such animal of the dog kind shall be found running at large during the continuance of such proclamation. without the required muzzle, the owner thereof shall be fined one dollar, and failing to pay the fine and to muzzle the animal, it shall be killed.

7. The Mayor shall keep a book in which shall be entered the names and residence of the owner of each dog so licensed and the amount of tax paid by each and the date of payment, which book shall be open for the inspection of the public.

8. Any person or persons who shall forge, counterfeit, imitate or falsely use any license or certificate issued by the Mayor for the purposes of this chapter, shall be fined not less than ten dollars, one-half of which shall go to the informer.
9. All animals of the dog kind which shall be found running at large in the city upon which the license tax has not been paid, shall be seized by any police officer and killed; and one dollar shall be allowed said officer in [Page 260] each such case.
10. If the Mayor shall have sufficient proof that any dog in the city has bitten any person, or any dog has annoyed any person or persons by running after them in the street in a vicious manner, he shall order such dog to be immediately killed by a police officer, whether the license has been paid on said dog or not; and if the owner of such dog shall conceal it, or cause it to be concealed, so that the order of the Mayor cannot be executed, such owner shall forfeit and pay two dollars for every day such dog shall be kept concealed, and failing to pay said fines such person shall be sent to jail or the chain gang for a term of not less than thirty nor more than sixty days.

Chapter XXI.

The Chain Gang

1. In pursuance of the powers conferred on the Council by law, a Chain Gang is hereby established in and for the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of working on the streets and public property therein and on works for the public welfare thereof.
2. The said Chain Gang shall be under the direction and control of the Street Committee of this city, who shall cause to work in said Chain Gang on the streets and public property of the city, and on works for the public welfare and convenience of the city, all male persons now or hereafter confined in the city jail, who, by section three thousand nine hundred and thirty-two of the Code of Virginia, may be required to work in said Chain Gang, and all other persons who are now or who may hereafter be declared by law liable to work in Chain Gangs.
3. The Street Committee shall from time to time designate a reliable and competent foreman or guard to take charge of, and work the Chain Gang, who shall be armed, and shall be responsible for their safe keeping.
4. The Street Committee shall provide balls and chains adequate to prevent the escape of such persons as are in the Chain Gang and shall have the same attached securely to those they may deem liable to make their escape.
5. The Chain Gang shall work during such hours and for such length of time each day as other labor employed by the Street Committee is accustomed to work; and when not engaged in work they shall be returned to jail.
6. The Mayor is hereby required to notify the Street Committee whenever there are any persons as aforesaid liable to work in the Chain Gang; and he shall order any person confined in jail in this city, liable to work in the Chain Gang, who is convicted in his Court or before a Justice of the Peace, to be delivered by the Jailor to the person or persons authorized by the Street Committee to take charge of and work the Chain Gang, which order shall specify the length of time [Page 261] such person is required to work in the Chain Gang, and where the person is to labor for the nonpayment of a fine imposed upon him, the order shall state the amount of fine and costs, and the number of days' labor required to discharge the same. The said order shall be in duplicate, one copy thereof to the Jailor, and one for the Street Committee, or person designated by them to have the custody of said person.
7. The Jailor shall take a receipt from the Street Committee, or from the person designated by said Committee to have charge of and work the Chain Gang, for every prisoner delivered by him under said order, which shall discharge him from all liability for the escape of such prisoner so long as he is not in his custody, but the duplicate copy of the Mayor's order sent to the Street Committee when received by the Jailor from the Street Committee, or person designated by them, shall be sufficient receipt under this section.

8. But the Mayor in his aforesaid orders shall direct such persons to be confined in jail when not engaged at work. If any person ordered to, or in the Chain Gang, shall refuse to work, or shall make an effort to escape there from, the foreman or guard in charge shall report the fact to the Street Committee who shall notify the Mayor, and the Mayor on proof of same may cause said person to be punished by stripes to be administered by the Jailor, or by solitary confinement and fed on bread and water for such time as the Mayor may order; the stripes not to exceed twenty and the confinement not to exceed twenty days for each offence, and such confinement shall be in addition to the original sentence.

Chapter XXII.

Concerning the safe keeping of gunpowder and the Powder Magazine

1. All powder brought within the limits of this Corporation shall be stored in the public magazine, unless within five hours it be carried beyond the limits of the city: Provided, the quantity thus brought in shall exceed the weight of thirty pounds; and that for any violation of the provisions of this section, the owner of the powder in question, or the person who shall receive or take charge of it when brought in, shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for each twenty-five pounds of powder so brought into the city, to be recovered by warrant before any Justice of the Peace of this Corporation, with costs for the use of the Corporation.

2. No person or persons shall keep, in any house, any quantity of powder exceeding thirty pounds at any one time, under the penalty of five dollars for every pound above that quantity.

3. The Mayor, or any Justice of the Peace, is hereby authorized, [Page 262] as often as he shall be informed, upon oath, of probable cause to suspect any person or persons of concealing or keeping within the Corporation, any quantity of powder over and above thirty pounds as aforesaid, to issue a search warrant, to examine into the truth of such allegation or suspicion, and to search any place whatever therein.

4. A fee of twenty-five cents shall be paid to the keeper of the magazine for each keg or part of a keg of powder therein deposited, and he shall have the right to refuse the delivery thereof until the said fee shall be paid.

Chapter XXIII.

Railroad Engines and Cars in the Streets

1. If the officers, agents, or employees of any railroad company shall cause any locomotive to be propelled upon any railroad or rail track in any street of this city, or shall cause any car, carriage or other vehicle to be drawn across any of the streets of this city at a rate greater than four miles per hour, such company shall forfeit and pay ten dollars.

2. If the officers, agents, or employees of any railroad company shall stop, or caused to be stopped, any locomotive, car, or other vehicle used on railroads, in any street in the city, such company shall forfeit and pay five dollars, and shall also forfeit and pay five dollars for every hour such locomotive, car, or vehicle shall remain in any of the streets of the city.

3. If any railroad company shall, in constructing or altering the track of any railroad in the streets of this city, obstruct the free use of the streets for wagons, drays, carts, carriages, or other vehicles, or obstruct the free passage of water through the gutters of the streets, such company shall pay a fine of ten dollars, and shall also pay a fine of five dollars for every day the railroad or the track of the railroad shall remain in such condition.

4. During the passage through or across the city of any locomotive or train of cars, it shall be the duty of the company owning the railroad on which such locomotive or cars are running to cause a bell attached to such locomotive or cars to be rung, and have stationed at the railroad crossing, on Princess Anne, Main, and Sophia streets a suitable person with a flag, which he shall waive upon the entrance of every train into the city, and who shall have authority to stop the passage of all vehicles during the passage of the trains across the said streets; and for every failure so to do, such company shall forfeit and pay ten dollars.

5. It shall be unlawful for any person to climb or get, or attempt to climb or get, upon any railroad car or machinery while in motion within the limits of this Corporation, and any person who shall be convicted [Page 263] of violating this section shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

6. It shall be the special duty of every policeman who shall at any time be in any street where railroad cars shall be in motion, to vigilantly observe them, and to arrest any person who may violate section five of this chapter, and promptly report such violation to the Mayor.

(Hurkamp Railroad --Passed May, 1896.)

7. Whereas, The John G. Hurkamp Company, for the purpose of developing their business, propose to build a track leading from some point on the R., F. & P. R. R., between Princess Anne and Caroline or Main streets northwesterly across Princess Anne street and the National Boulevard, thence along or adjacent to the raceway of C. H. Pettit and across Prince Edward, Charlotte, and Hanover streets and Commerce street extended to the factory of the John G. Hurkamp Company, to be operated by steam locomotives; and

Whereas, It is regarded to the interest of the City of Fredericksburg that such track shall be constructed and such operation encouraged:

Be it ordained, That permission is granted and authority given the said John G. Hurkamp Company to construct such track within the limits of the city upon the route described, crossing the streets named within the jurisdiction of said city at grade with such reasonable modifications of the surface of such streets as may be necessary to operate the same with steam locomotives of the ordinary type, or of special type, at the option of said John G. Hurkamp Company, for drawing trains of construction cars, freight cars, or such other cars as may be necessary for the purpose of the said Company.

This permission is given for the period of twenty years from the passage of this ordinance and thereafter, until by vote of two (2) successive Councils of the City of Fredericksburg the use of said track shall be prohibited. The said Company shall be required to plank every street crossing and keep the same in good order; also, all other places necessary. The speed over such track shall be the same as is now allowed the R., F. & P. R. R. Company in crossing the streets of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The said track may be abandoned by said Company, or any company operating it under the said Company, at any time, in which case it shall be the duty of said Company to restore the streets at points of crossing to the condition as good as at the present time.

Chapter XXIV.

To License and regulate Theatrical and other shows and Exhibitions

1. No person or persons shall, within the limits of this city, exhibit, play or perform any theatrical or [Page 264] dramatical performance, entertainment, or show, or public exhibition for gain, without a license for the purpose from the Mayor, for which the Mayor may demand a fee of fifty cents. And the amount tax shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Corporation in accordance with the ordinance levying taxes for that year. But no tax shall be required on a performance from a lecturer on a literary or scientific subject; or from a mechanic or artist exhibiting a work of painting or sculpture, or a work of production of his own invention or art, or a model illustrating such invention or art. And the Mayor, in his discretion, may dispense with the tax in the case of a performance, exhibition, or show for a religious or charitable purpose; and he may, in his discretion, refuse license, or revoke the license of any improper theatrical or dramatical performance, entertainment, exhibition or show.

2. When, in any case mentioned in the preceding section, the tax shall have been so paid or dispensed with, the Mayor may grant a license to exercise the privilege for which the tax is so paid or dispensed with. Such license shall state what amount of tax (if any) is paid, to whom the license is granted, what privilege may be exercised under it, in what house, room, or place, and for what time.

3. In any case, the Mayor may defer issuing, or after issuing, may suspend a license for any performance, exhibition or show until the house or room in which the same is to be examined by three freeholders of the city, appointed for the purpose by his warrant, and until he is satisfied by their report, in writing, that

such house or room has doors and openings of such number and so arranged, as in case of fire, to afford facilities for escape, and that the same is sufficiently strong and safe. Every such report shall be filed by the Mayor in the Treasurer's office.

4. If any person shall engage in or permit anything for which a tax or license is required by this ordinance, without paying such tax, and obtaining the Treasurer's receipt therefor, or without having a license therefor, he shall pay a fine of not less than ten dollars for every such offence, and if the tax shall not have been paid, be liable also for the same, which shall be recoverable forthwith. One-half of such fine shall go to the informer, the other half to the Treasurer for the use of this Corporation.

Chapter XXV.

New Buildings and Enclosures-Duties of Surveyor and Builders

1. If any person intending to erect a new building or place any old one on the line of any street, or enclose any unimproved lot or square in the city of Fredericksburg, and shall give reasonable notice thereof to the Surveyor of the Corporation, specifying the time and place, when and where such building is about to be erected or [Page 265] placed, or enclosure put up, it shall be the duty of the Surveyor to attend at such time and place, and ascertain and distinctly mark the line or lines of the lot or lots, and the range of the street or streets where such building is to be erected or old one placed, or enclosure to be put up.

2. For such services he shall be entitled to demand and have from the person calling on him for them the following fees: For ascertaining the range of one street and marking the line thereof, two dollars; for two streets, three dollars; for three streets, four dollars; and for four streets, four dollars and fifty cents, provided, such services are required to be done at the same time and for the same person and at the same square; otherwise two dollars for every line surveyed and marked by him shall be charged.

3. If any person shall hereafter attempt to erect any new building, or place any old one, or cause the same to be done, or cause any enclosure to be put within twenty inches of the line of any street or streets of the city, without having the line of such street or streets ascertained and marked off by the Surveyor of the Corporation, such person shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars. And it shall be the duty of the Surveyor, if he have notice thereof, to mark and designate the line or lines of the streets where such buildings are about to be erected or placed, or enclosure put up, and he shall be entitled to demand and have the same fees from the party so building, placing and enclosing as if he had been called upon by him or them to perform such services; and in making such survey, if he shall find any street or streets encroached upon, he shall report the same to the Mayor without delay, in order that such buildings or enclosure may be removed as an obstruction in the streets. But this section shall not be construed to render it necessary for a person to call upon the Surveyor when putting up an enclosure or repairing an old one, if the corners of the lot or square had been previously built on and are distinctly marked.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to erect within the corporate limits of the City of Fredericksburg any building, or to remove any building from one place to another, or to enlarge, or to add to the height, of any building until the owner thereof, or the contractor or builder, or some person for them shall have first made application to the Street Committee, stating the name of the owner, and the location and probable cost of such building, or the building to be removed and the place to be located, or the nature and cost of such enlargement or addition, and obtaining from said committee a permit in writing for the erection or removal of the same. Any person violating the provisions of this section, shall on conviction thereof be liable to a fine of not more than ten dollars, and the Mayor may order such building removed [Page 266] or torn down.

5. All stoves now set up, or which may hereafter be set up in this city, shall have the pipes leading there from, conveyed into a stone or brick chimney, or be otherwise so secured as to be safe from the danger of communicating fire to the building in which it is put up or to any adjacent building. If any person shall offend against this section, he shall forfeit and pay ten dollars, and moreover forfeit and pay five dollars for every day his or her stove shall be used afterwards without being secured and fixed as by this section directed.

6. If any person shall fire his chimney or suffer it to take fire in fair and dry weather, he shall forfeit and pay five dollars.

7. Every person now building or repairing, or that may hereafter build or repair, any house in this city, shall every day whilst such building or repairing is being carried on, remove, or cause to be removed, to some place of safety, all chips or shavings or other combustible things, before the close of each day, from such building; and every person failing so to do shall forfeit five dollars, and shall also forfeit and pay five dollars for every day such chips, shavings or other combustibles shall remain in such buildings after having been notified by a police officer to remove the same.

Chapter XXVI.

How Fines are Recovered and Disposed of

1. All forfeitures, fines and penalties for violation of this ordinance, or any by-law of this Corporation, or for failing to comply with any order of the Mayor or other Justice of this city, given in pursuance of any ordinance or by-law of this Corporation, except in cases where it is otherwise expressly provided, shall be to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, and recoverable by prosecution before the said Mayor or any other Justice, with the costs of such prosecution.

2. Minors shall be prosecuted for breaches of this or any ordinance of this Corporation in the same manner and to the same effect as persons of lawful age. In the case of a minor, not an indentured apprentice, the judgment for the forfeiture, fine or penalty may, in the discretion of the Mayor or Justice, who shall try the case, be given either against the minor, father or guardian. And if the offender be an indentured apprentice, the judgment may be either against the master or apprentice, in the discretion of the Justice by whom the offender is tried.

3. When judgment shall be rendered for any forfeiture, fine or penalty under this or any other ordinance or any by law of this Corporation, and the same shall not be immediately paid, with the costs of trial, or security given as hereinbefore provided, [Page 267] the Mayor, or other Justice rendering the same, shall issue execution thereon, to be levied of the goods and chattels of the person against whom such judgment is rendered, directed to any Constable of this Corporation, returnable in fifteen days, before the Justice issuing the same. The officer who may levy such execution, shall sell the property thereby taken, at public auction, for cash, before the front door of one of the auction rooms of this city, or before the Mayor's office, after posting a notice of the time and place of sale at the Mayor's office, at least five days before the day of sale, to satisfy said execution and all costs attending the levy and sale thereof.

Chapter XXVII.

City Scavengers and their Duties

1. There shall be elected by the Council; annually, two officers to be known as "City Scavengers" --one for the Lower Ward and the other for the Upper Ward-- whose duties, obligations, responsibilities, and compensation shall be as hereinafter declared and defined. But before the parties so elected shall enter upon the duties of their said offices they shall each enter into bond, with security, to be approved by the Mayor, in the penalty of five hundred dollars, payable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, with condition for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices.

2. Said officers shall be, at all times, under the supervision and direction of the Mayor, to whom they shall promptly report all violations of this ordinance that may come to their knowledge; and they shall, at all times, have the right to enter the lots and premises in the Corporation to inspect the condition of the privies, sinks, etc., in their respective districts. It shall be their duty by themselves or their agents, to cleanse each of the privies, sinks, etc., in their respective districts in this Corporation, and to remove there from the night-soil and other deposits at least once in every month from the first day of December until first day of April, and twice every month from first day of April until thirtieth day of November, except as hereinafter provided; such cleansing and removals to be made during the night between the hours of eleven P.M. and day break--to convey by decent and appropriate method the night-soil, etc. so removed,

and deposit the same at such place or places as may be approved by the Mayor; to deodorize the privies, sinks, etc., so cleansed, and to keep constantly deodorized and disinfected the night-soil, etc., in the place or places where deposited by them as aforesaid, in such manner as may be approved by the Mayor.

3. Said officers shall have and receive for their services, in addition to the night-soil, etc., so removed by them, [Page 268] the sum of twenty cents per month for the months commencing on first day of December and ending thirty-first day of March, and thirty-three and one third cents per month for the months commencing first day of April and ending the thirtieth day of November, to each privy, etc., used by a family or household of six persons or less, and a proportionate increase of pay for each additional person beyond six. The charges for such work shall be paid for by the occupant of the lot or premises on which the service is rendered, and may be collected by said officers by distress and sale, as taxes for the benefit of the city are authorized to be collected: Provided, that said fees and dues provided to be paid to the City Scavengers shall be paid and collected in monthly installments as herein before set forth for each month.

4. If the said officers or their agents, in removing the night soil, etc., shall spill and leave any of it on the lots or in the streets or alleys of the city, or violate this ordinance in any of its provisions, they shall be liable to a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each separate offence.

5. From and after the passage of this ordinance it shall not be lawful for anyone, except the City Scavengers or their agents to remove or have removed from any of the lots or premises in the Corporation the night-soil, etc., accumulated in the privies, boxes, etc. But any person desiring to have his privy, box, or sink cleansed of the night-soil, etc., oftener than once every two weeks, may call upon and require the said City Scavenger of his district to cleanse his privy, box, etc., and remove the night-soil there from as often as he may wish, for which additional service, he shall pay at the same rate as for the regular service hereinbefore provided, or as may be agreed upon with said officer; and it shall be the duty of said officer to respond promptly to any call so made on him. Any person violating this section shall be fined, not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each separate offence.

Chapter XXVIII.

Licensing Drays, Carts, and Wagons

1. No dray, cart, or wagon shall be used or employed, directly or indirectly, in the City of Fredericksburg, for hire, unless the owner or keeper thereof obtain from the Mayor of this Corporation a license to use the same.

2. Before such license shall be issued, there shall be paid to the Collector of Taxes such tax as may be imposed by the Council of the city on said licenses, and the applicant for such license shall moreover give a bond, payable to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, [Page 269] with surety, to be approved by said Mayor, and conditioned for the faithful delivery of all articles which may be entrusted to the driver of such dray, cart, or wagon, during the time of such license, on which bond suits may be brought from time to time in the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the city, for the benefit of any person injured by any breach of the condition of such bond, until damages shall be recovered equal to the penalty of the bond.

3. The time for which a license shall be issued, under this chapter, shall be until the first day of April next after the same is issued.

4. A person obtaining such license may transfer the unexpired term thereof, provided, the transfer be evidenced by the endorsement on the license, and, provided, the assignee give such bond as is mentioned in this chapter.

5. The Mayor shall keep a register of all drays, carts, or wagons, and the names of persons obtaining such licenses, and the names of the persons paying the same, and for what. These things shall be stated in the license, where one is required, and the owner of every dray, cart, or wagon so licensed, shall have painted thereon, if it be a wagon, on the side, and if it be a dray or cart, on the shaft, its number and the initials of its owner's name, in large and legible figures and letters, so that the same may be easily read.

6. If the owner of any cart, dray, or wagon shall use or employ the same for hire, or permit the same to be done, without having obtained a license therefor, or shall fail to have painted thereon the number and initials, as required by the next preceding section, he shall forfeit and pay for every offence five dollars; and in every instance in which a dray, cart, or wagon shall be used for hire in the city aforesaid, it shall be deemed to have been done with the permission of the owner of such dray, cart or wagon.

7. A copy of the register of drays, carts, and wagons kept by the Mayor, and a copy of the list of those who shall have paid to the Collector of Taxes, the license on the same for the year, shall be delivered by the Mayor, on the second day of June, in every year, to the police officers for the more ready detection of violations of this section.

8. From every person to whom a license is or may be issued under this chapter, the Mayor shall be entitled to a fee of twenty-five cents.

9. The rates of drayage shall be not more than forty cents for a dray or cart and eighty cents per load for a wagon to and from the wharves, until changed or altered by an ordinance of the Council; and if the owner or driver of any dray, cart, or wagon demand and receive more, he shall be fined one dollar for every offence; and if the driver of any cart, dray, or wagon shall refuse to work for any person, when unemployed, he shall forfeit and pay one dollar.

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Chapter XXIX.

In relation to dividing Fences

1. In every case in which the owner of an improved lot in the city shall be desirous of having a new fence erected between his said lot and any improved lot adjoining thereto, and the owner of the said adjoining improved lot shall not agree to pay his share of erecting such fence, the Mayor shall, on application of the party wishing to have a new fence put up, appoint three discreet freeholders of the city to view the premises, and under their hands to say whether a new fence to divide the lots of such parties is necessary or not, and the decision of the said freeholders, or a majority of them, shall be binding on the parties. And the party desirous of having a new fence put up may proceed to have it erected, and on the completion thereof, shall recover by warrant, from the owner of the adjoining lot, one-half of the cost of such fence, with the cost of such proceeding: Provided, that the cost of the said fence be estimated as a fence formed of good posts and rails, with undressed pailing, and not exceeding six feet high.

Chapter XXX.

Gas and Water Pipes

1. Any incorporated company or individual who may make use of any street or sidewalk in the City of Fredericksburg, for the purpose of laying down therein, the main pipes or any branches there from, for the distribution of gas or water, or sewer pipes, or for the purpose of removing or repairing the said pipes or branches, shall first obtain permit in writing therefor from the Street Committee, and shall cause the opening so made in the streets or sidewalks to be filled up and well rammed within forty-eight hours after the work has been commenced: Provided, however, that should said company or individual be prevented from completing the aforesaid work in the aforesaid time, by the occurrence of rain, they shall be allowed twenty-four hours for the purpose, after the rain shall have ceased: Provided, that all openings shall be made secure at night against injury to man or beast.

2. Any incorporated company or individual failing to conform to the preceding section, shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars, in the discretion of the Justice by whom the offence is tried.

3. And any cut or opening made in any street or sidewalk in the said city, by or under the direction of any agent, officer, or servant of this corporation, shall be filled up and well rammed within a like time and manner as provided in section one, of this chapter: and any agent, officer, or servant, as aforesaid; failing in the discharge of his said duty shall, in the discretion of the Mayor, be fined not less than one or more than ten dollars.

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Chapter XXXI.

Hurkamp Park-City Property-Burying Grounds

1. The square in this city, bounded by George street on the south, Commerce street on the north, Prince Edward street on the east, and the old Methodist and Masonic Lodge, No. 63, burial grounds on the west, shall be known and designated as "Hurkamp Park."
2. Dogs are prohibited in the Park, and if any person having a dog with him in the said Park, refuses, when requested, to take him out, such person shall forfeit and pay a fine of one dollar.
3. If any person shall write upon any bench, statuary, ornament or any property in the Park, or in any manner cut, deface or mutilate the same, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.
4. If any person shall throw any stone or other missile, or any rubbish of any kind into the Park or public burying ground, or other public place, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than three dollars for each offence.
5. If any person shall chase, set snares for, or catch any hare, squirrel, bird or other living thing, placed or allowed therein, or shall rob any bird's nest of its eggs or young birds, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars for each offence.
6. If any person shall introduce any spirituous or malt liquors into the Park, either for his own use or for sale, and shall use or sell, or furnish to another the same, with or without compensation, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than two dollars.
7. If any person shall attach a swing to any tree within the Park, such person shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar for each offence.
8. If any person shall climb any tree, or walk upon or injure the grass within the Park, he shall forfeit and pay one dollar for each offence.
9. Gambling and playing at cards in the Park or any public place, are prohibited under a penalty of five dollars, to be forfeited and paid by each of the parties to the game.
10. If any person shall make a fire on the grounds of the Park for any purpose, without authority from the Public Property Committee, he shall forfeit and pay three dollars for each offence.
11. If any person shall climb over, or walk upon the wall west of the Park, he shall forfeit and pay not less than one dollar nor more than three dollars for each offence.
12. It shall not be lawful hereafter for any horses, mules, cows, hogs or other animals, to trespass in the Corporation burying grounds, or the Court House lot, or Hurkamp Park. Any animals so found trespassing shall be seized and held, and the owner or owners shall forfeit and [Page 272] pay two dollars in every case for every animal so offending, and one dollar for every two hours such animal shall remain seized and in the possession of the officer or officers so seizing and holding, after due notice to the owner of said seizure. It is made the duty of the police officers to see to the, execution of this chapter, and they shall be allowed one-half of all fines recovered under and in virtue hereof. The fines and costs imposed tinder this section shall be paid within five days, otherwise the animal or animals seized and held be sold at public outcry to satisfy the same, and the residue, if any, shall be paid over to the owner of the animals so sold.
13. It shall not be lawful to make any burial in the Public Burying Ground of this city without written permission of the Mayor. Whoever shall offend herein shall forfeit and pay five dollars.
14. It shall not be lawful for fowls to run in the Park and Court House lot, and the police officers shall strictly enforce this provision within the said Park and Court House lot.
15. Except for such purposes as are authorized by law, the Court House of this Corporation shall not be used by any person or persons, nor shall the Court House bell be rung at any time, by any person, except in cases of fire or on court day, without the permission in writing of the Public Property Committee. Every person violating this section shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

Chapter XXXII.

Relating to Contracts for Work and Supplies

1. All contracts made in pursuance of the ordinances of this Corporation for work, labor, or supplies, amounting to twenty-five dollars or more, by the Council Committees, officers of the Corporation or members of the Committees of the Council, constituted or appointed for the management or control of Corporation affairs, shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and every contract made in violation of this ordinance shall be void; and the officers of this Corporation and members of such Council Committees consenting to such violation, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by warrant for the use of the said Corporation: Provided, that nothing herein shall apply to any order passed by the Council.

Chapter XXXIII.

Fire Department

1. For the purpose of reorganizing and operating the Fire Department of this city, for extinguishing fires and protecting property from fire, the Council shall annually elect a Chief of the Fire Department who shall be authorized and empowered to take charge and control of all fire apparatus belonging to the city, and the building in which it is kept. He shall hold [Page 273] his office one year, or during the pleasure of the Council, and the holding of any other office or position under the United States, State, or City Government shall not disqualify him from holding the position of Chief of the Fire Department.
2. The Chief of the Fire Department, as soon as he is elected, shall proceed to reorganize the Fire Department, which shall consist of not more than twenty men, and shall proceed to appoint one first assistant chief, one second assistant chief, one third assistant chief, and one fourth assistant chief, and such other officers as he may deem necessary for the efficient working of the Department. And the Department when so reorganized may adopt such rules and regulations for its government as may appear to them needful, the same to be approved by the Chief before they shall be operative.
3. The Chief shall take charge at all fires, give general directions thereat, and do what may be necessary for extinguishing the fire and protecting the property. In the absence of the Chief the first assistant shall take his place, and assume his authorities, duties, and responsibilities; and in his absence the second chief, and so on according to the rank of the several assistants, all of whom when actively engaged in extinguishing or superintending at fires shall be clothed with the power and authority of policemen in preserving order and protecting property, and may arrest and hold in custody any person or persons violating any ordinance of the city or law of the State until he or they can be turned over to the proper authorities.
4. After the occurrence of any fire the Chief shall make full report to the Committee on Fire and Police giving particulars and incidents connected therewith, and shall furnish to said Committee a list of the names of all members who were present, and in their duty as firemen at said fire.
5. After any fire, and at other times when it may be necessary the Chief may employ some person to clean up, put in good condition and place in the fire-house all apparatus belonging to the Fire Department, upon such terms as he may think reasonable and just, which shall be paid when approved by him and the Committee on Fire and Police.
6. The Chief shall have power and authority for good cause to dismiss any officer or fireman from the Department.

Chapter XXXIV.

The Alms-House and Poor

1. There shall be appointed by the Council, annually, in the month of July or August, one Superintendent of the Alms-house of the Corporation, who shall remain in office until the next annual appointment, unless sooner removed [Page 274] by the Council, who, in conjunction with the Committee on Alms and Alms-House, shall constitute a board, who shall have charge of the Alms-House and poor of the city. The Council shall have power to remove said officer at any time for cause, and appoint his successor.

2. The Committee may employ a steward, physician, and nurses when necessary, who shall receive such compensation for their services as the said Committee may deem reasonable.
3. All paupers of this Corporation shall be kept at the Alms-House, unless for good reasons, in the judgment of the Council, exceptions as to this provision may be made, and such as are able to work, shall be made to do so.
4. The Committee may prescribe rules and regulations for the government of the Alms-House, and the discipline of the persons therein.
5. In respect to all matters not especially provided for in this chapter, the proceedings of the Committee on Alms and Alms-House shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Virginia.
6. The Committee on Alms and Alms-House shall advertise, as they deem best, for proposals to furnish the Alms-house and poor with fuel, specifying the kind and amount, at least twice a year, and the contract for furnishing the same shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder. The wood so contracted for shall be measured by the Corporation Measurer, and the coal shall be weighed at the Corporation Scales.
7. All the expenses of the Alms-house and paupers not otherwise provided for, shall be paid by the Treasurer out of the annual appropriation therefor, upon an order signed by a majority of the Committee on Alms and Alms-House.
8. The sums so paid on account of such expenses within the fiscal year, shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose within said year, unless by a resolution of the Council, an additional sum shall be appropriated.

Chapter XXXV.

Public, Free Schools

1. There shall be inaugurated and maintained within the City of Fredericksburg a system of Public Free Schools, as provided for by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth; and in order to put said system in operation, and organize schools there under, the city shall be, and is hereby, divided into two school districts, the centre of George street being the dividing line.
2. Said school shall be maintained and the expense thereof paid by such appropriations as may be annually made by the City Council, the State of Virginia, and such donations as may be made by the friends of education [Page 275] within or without the State, and such further appropriations as may be made from any other source or sources to the Board of School Trustees for said purpose.
3. Said schools shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Trustees, with such principals and teachers as they may deem necessary and shall appoint; the Board reserving the right to dispense with the services of any and all said principals and teachers at any time during the school term.
4. The Board of Trustees shall be elected or appointed in such manner as the State law shall prescribe, and shall consist of six members, three from each district, and shall hold office for a term of three years, provided that it be so arranged that the terms of office of two members thereof, one from each district, shall expire each year, and, provided further, that such members shall always be eligible for re-election.
5. The Board of Trustees may elect such officers, and adopt such rules and regulations for the organization of said Board, and for the Government of said schools as will, in their judgment, conduce to interest and efficiency thereof, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of Virginia in reference to Public Free Schools.
6. It shall be the duty of the City Treasurer to take charge of all funds appropriated for or donated to said schools and disburse the same by order of the Board of Trustees.

Chapter XXXVI.

Vital Statistics

1. Whenever a person shall die in the Corporation of Fredericksburg it shall be the duty of the physician attending such person during his or her last illness (or the Health Officer or Coronor of the Corporation when the case comes under their official cognizance), to furnish free of cost and deliver to the undertaker

or other person superintending the burial of the deceased, a certificate duly signed, setting forth, as far as the same may be ascertained, the name, age, color, sex, nativity, (giving state or county), occupation, duration of residence in the city, cause and date and place of death, and duration of last illness of such deceased person.

2. And it shall be the duty of the undertaker, or other person in charge of the burial of such deceased person, to state in said certificate the place and date of burial, and having signed the same to surrender it within twenty-four hours after death of said person to the Clerk of the City Council or, in his absence, to the Mayor or Chairman of the Health Committee, who will furnish him with a burial or transit permit, for which a fee of twenty-five cents will be required, said fee to be waived in case of a pauper. Any person violating [Page 276] this section shall be fined not more than ten dollars for each offence.

3. And the Clerk of the Council shall furnish necessary blank certificates when required, and shall, upon receiving the same from the undertaker or other person in charge of the burial, enter in a bound volume a record thereof, and file the certificate away.

4. When any physician knows that any person whom he is called to visit, in the city, is infected with small-pox; diphtheria, scarlet fever, or any other contagious or infectious disease, dangerous to the public health, or shall in the practice of his profession discover that any section of the city is peculiarly the seat of preventable disease, such physician shall immediately give notice thereof to the Chairman of the Health Committee. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall pay a fine of not more than ten dollars.

Chapter XXXVII.

City Water Works Water Rents

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

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

2. And in every case where a hydrant, sprinkler, or other like device, is erected in any lot, lawn; or garden, for the purpose of sprinkling or watering flowers or vegetables; or where an extra tap is made for sprinkler or hydrant on any premises; or where a hydrant or other device for drawing water is erected in or for a stable, cow-house or other out-house on the premises a charge of \$4 per annum shall be made on each.

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

On each and every bath-tub used on any premises [Page 277] \$3. On each additional tub used thereon, \$2. On each and every water-closet used on any premises, \$3. If the same has more than one seat, \$2 for each additional seat.

On each and every automatic pump, \$10.

On each and every fountain, the opening not to exceed one-eighth of an inch, restricted to sprinkling hours, \$2.

On each and every lawn-spray or sprinkler, the opening not to exceed one-eighth of an inch restricted to sprinkling hours, \$2.

On Bar-rooms, \$5.

On Restaurants, \$5.

On Bakeries, \$5.

On Barbershops, \$5.
On Slaughterhouses, \$5.
On Livery Stables, \$10.
On Bottling Beer, \$8.
On Wagon Yards, \$3.
On Brick Yards, \$10.
On Gas Engines, \$10.
On Wood-yard Engines, less than ten horse-power, \$10.
On Exchange Hotel, \$25.
On Dannehl Hotel, \$25.
On other Hotels, \$10.

On Builders: 1,000 bricks, 10 cents; 100 yards plastering, 25 cents.

Provided, That the Committee-on Water, in its discretion, shall have authority to place meters on any business or places above mentioned, and charge meter rates for water used therefor.

4. For the use of water for any purpose not mentioned above, the Committee on Water are authorized to fix a price.

5. The hours for street and lawn sprinkling shall be from five o'clock to seven o'clock morning and evening, and the nozzle used for sprinkling shall not exceed three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. Sprinkling means to lay the dust, and more than that is a waste of water and a violation of this ordinance.

6. The Committee on Water are authorized to set meters for water motors, engines, laundries, manufacturing establishments, and any other place where city water is used if they shall think proper to do so, and charge a scaled rate per 1,000 gallons for water used through them, provided the minimum charge therefor shall not be less than \$10 per annum. Bills for meter rates shall be made out on the first of the month, and paid by the tenth, and if not so paid the water shall be cut off.

7. The Committee on Water shall have authority when, in their judgment it is necessary for the public good, to curtail or stop the use of water for any and all purposes, other than domestic, by giving notice by printed circulars or through the newspapers, and any one violating said notice shall be liable to a fine.

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8. It shall not be lawful for any person to have a bath-tub, water-closet, fountain, or lawn-spray or sprinkler, or any other thing or device on his or her premises, and use city water therein, for which a special charge for the use thereof is made, without reporting the same to the Superintendent. Nor shall any person permit another person who is not charged with a water rent to obtain water from his or her premises for any purpose without the consent of the Superintendent.

9. It shall not be lawful for any plumber or other person to put in any water-closet, or bath-tub on any premises, or connect any pipe with the City Water Works for using water for any purpose for which a special charge is made for the use thereof, without first obtaining permission from the Superintendent to do so; and in putting in water-closets they are restricted to the self-closing tank closet.

10. It shall not be lawful for any person to let his or her hydrant, hose-bibb, or other device for drawing water, leak and waste water. All leakage must be reported at once to the Superintendent that the water may be turned off. And the Superintendent shall have the authority to enter any lot or house wherein city water is used to ascertain if there is any waste of water, and to inspect the plumbing.

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

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

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

14. The City Water Works shall be in charge of a Superintendent, subject to the supervision of the Committee on Water. He shall be elected by the Common Council in the month of December of each year, shall enter into a bond of two thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of his duties, [Page 279] and shall hold his office one year from the first day of the following January. He shall collect all water rents and pay them over to the City Treasurer. If the water rents are not paid in a reasonable time, the Superintendent shall proceed to collect them by warrant in the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg.

15. On all semi-annual water bills, a deduction of five per cent shall be made, if paid by the 15th of the month in which they are due, but if not so paid five per cent shall be added, and six per cent shall be charged thereon until they are paid. On monthly bills made by meter measurement five per cent shall be deducted if paid by the 10th of the month in which they are due, but if not paid by that time, five per cent shall be added and six per cent per annum charged until they are paid.

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

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

Chapter XXXVIII.

Gas-House and Works

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

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

(a) Amount expended in construction, extensions, repairs, improvements, and for interest on the gas bonds;

(b) Amount of current expenses;

(c) Amount received from sales of gas and other products and articles, each separately, and from all sources;

(d) Net gain or loss for the past year, and impart to the Council any information in relation to the works which they may deem important or interesting.

3. The Council shall elect a Superintendent in December of each year, who shall go into office on the first of January following; shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall be subject to the orders of the Committee. The Superintendent before [Page 280] acting in office, shall give bond, with approved security, in the penalty of two thousand dollars, for the fulfillment of his duties and for his accounting and paying over to the Treasurer all money that may come into his hands. All money received by him for gas and other products or articles sold by authority of the Committee shall be deposited with the Treasurer at least once in every two weeks, and the Treasurer shall credit all receipts and charge all warrants to the account of the Gas Committee.

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

5. The Superintendent shall see to the laying of all mains and service pipes, and shall have supervision of all service pipes from the curb to the meter, although such piping may not be the property of the city. He shall prepare and preserve duplicate maps of the location of the mains, showing their course, distance and size. When there is an extension of the mains, the plan of such extensions, and the size of the pipe, shall be marked on the maps; a like showing of the service pipes shall also be made, as far as may be practicable and expedient. He shall keep a record of the quantity, description and cost of materials used in such extensions or in erecting any fixtures authorized by the Committee, and report the same to them when desired. The Superintendent shall keep account of the time of all employees, giving their names, the kind of service performed, the rate per day, and the amount due each, in pay-roll form, made out so as to show what is chargeable to current expenses and what to construction in its several branches. He shall present the same to the Committee, who will draw warrants on the Treasurer in his favor, and direct payment to be made; but for payments of the Superintendent and the regular monthly hands separate warrants shall be drawn in each case, which must be endorsed by the payee, and such warrants shall not be negotiable. All extra hands shall be paid when their services are ended, or at the close of the week; the Superintendent and regular hands at the close of each month. He shall, each day, enter in a book provided for that purpose the quantity of coal and other materials used in making gas, and shall keep strict account of the gas passing into the gasometer and out of the gasometer into the mains. At the end of each month he shall make a [Page 281] report to the Committee, showing the quantity of coal and other materials used in making gas, the quantity of gas made, quantity passing into the mains, and quantity sold, as ascertained by taking the state of all the meters, and thus be able to show the loss sustained by evaporation, condensation and leakage.

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

7. The income derived from the gas works shall be sufficient, after paying all expenditures, to pay the interest on the bonds issued for their purchase. Payment for gas shall be made monthly by all consumers except those who by the Committee may be required to pay oftener, and gas shall never be furnished without proper charge therefor. For the protection of private consumers against unjust discrimination in charges, and to relieve such consumers from the burden of supporting at their expense the City Gas Works, the City shall pay for all gas consumed in its public buildings, offices and streets the same rates as paid by private consumers, and the charges shall be collected in the same manner, through the proper channels, and deposited with the Treasurer to the credit of the gas fund, and the value of any coke used by the City or contributed by the Council to charitable objects shall be paid for and deposited and credited in like manner.

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

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

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10. The tenant of any premises shall give one day's notice when about to remove, that the gas may be stopped, or he shall remain liable for any gas that may pass through the meter until notice be given. The quantity of gas consumed shall be ascertained by the meter, and in case of its being found defective will be removed immediately; if it ceases to register account will be taken by the average of another meter or by the amount charged during a previous corresponding period, at the discretion of the Committee, and the Committee may require payment in advance, or security for payment, to protect the works against loss.

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

12. If any person shall deface or injure any house, wall, lamp, or meter, or any other fixture connected with the gas works, or shall tie to a lamp-post any horse or other animal, or any boat or vessel, or shall without authority climb any lamp post, or light a lamp, or open communication into or remove any pipe, or in any manner waste or consume any gas wantonly, every person so offending shall pay the whole cost of restoring the property; the amount to be assessed by the Committee and Superintendent, and also pay a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars; the amount received to go to the credit of the gas fund. If, however, any person shall accidentally injure a street lamp, or other property of the gas works, and shall voluntarily pay damages before being summoned before a magistrate, he shall be exempt from further penalty than paying damages. Employees of the gas works shall report to the Superintendent, or one or more members of the Committee, violations that may come to their knowledge of this or any subsequent ordinance relating to the works, and the Committee shall prosecute all who may violate.

13. The Superintendent, subject to the control of the Committee, shall have charge of all buildings, fixtures and pipes erected or laid down for the gas works, and of the lands on which said buildings are erected. He shall have the [Page 283] works kept in proper operation, and have due regard for the quality of the gas and for its being systematically supplied to the city lamps and buildings and to all persons entitled to its use. When city lamps are to be erected he shall see to the setting of them and to their being kept clean and in good order.

14. The price of city gas shall be one dollar and fifty cents per thousand cubic feet, payable monthly. All bills shall be paid by the fifteenth of the month, and to such as remain unpaid after that date five per cent shall be added, with six per cent interest until paid. And if said bills are not paid in a reasonable time they shall be collected in the mode and manner prescribed for collecting delinquent taxes, and the Superintendent of Gas Works or other person whom the Council or Committee on Gas may authorize to collect delinquent bills, is hereby clothed with the power and authority for collecting such delinquent bills as the Collector of City Taxes for collecting delinquent city taxes.

15. All service pipes and fixtures leading from the curb to the meter that were formerly distinctly the property of the Citizens' Gas Light Company have, since the twenty-eighth day of May, eighteen hundred

and ninety-one, by reason of the City's purchase, become the property of the City of Fredericksburg, and the city authorities reserve the right to remove such pipes and fixtures when they desire to do so; or to charge for them.

Chapter XXXIX.

Prohibiting the Buying and Selling of Corporation Coupons by Corporation Collectors

1. It shall not be lawful for any Collector, Deputy Collector, or other officer charged with the collection of the public revenues of this Corporation, to convert any moneys received by him into coupons, directly or indirectly, by purchase, exchange or otherwise; but such collecting officers shall account to the Treasurer of the Corporation in money, or by check or draft, for money, for all revenue received by them in money; nor shall it be lawful for any such collecting officers to purchase such coupons for the purpose of sale thereof or to sell the same during their continuance in office.
2. Every such collecting officer shall preserve, upon the books of his office, a statement showing the amounts received by him in such coupons, and the names of the parties from whom received, which shall be open to the inspection of the Mayor, Treasurer, or any member of the Council, and shall accompany every settlement made by him with a sworn statement of the aggregate amount collected in coupons.
3. Any officer violating this chapter, or any of the provisions thereof, shall forfeit his office.

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Chapter XL.

Funding the Bonded Debt of the Corporation

1. In pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia conferring said authority, this Corporation shall issue new bonds, bearing seven per cent. interest payable semi-annually, either coupon or registered, non-taxable by this Corporation, said coupons to be receivable at maturity for all taxes and other dues to said Corporation; said bonds to be issued in denominations of one hundred (\$100) dollars, five hundred (\$500) dollars, and one thousand (\$1000) dollars, to be payable thirty (30) years after date.
2. That the said bonds shall be used for funding the existing debt of this Corporation by exchanging said new bonds for said old existing debt in the proportion of two new bonds of one hundred dollars for three old bonds of like amount, said bonds to be dated on the first of May and first of November.
3. That this Corporation pledges its credit to the payment of the semi-annual interest and coupons to become due on said new bonds and all other bonds of the city promptly at maturity, either in current funds or by retiring the same in payment of taxes.
4. And also that a sinking fund of one per cent. per annum on said new bonds issued and on all other bonds of said city shall be created to retire said new debt at maturity, and that the Mayor and Common Council shall cause to be levied, annually, a tax sufficient to pay said coupons and interest of the new bonds, and to provide said one per cent. for said sinking fund.
5. That the Finance Committee of this Corporation, in conjunction with the Treasurer, be authorized to carry out the provisions of this ordinance.
6. That the Collector of Taxes of this Corporation for each year, in the months of September and October, shall receive said coupons and interest on the new bonds, which may fall due on November first, for all taxes and dues to this Corporation.

Chapter XLI.

The Seal of this Corporation

Seal used for authenticity; tax and fee.

The Seal heretofore provided and used shall continue to be the Seal of the Mayor and Common Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg. Such Seal may be affixed by the Mayor to such of his official acts as may require the Seal of this Corporation to authenticate the same. And for every such attestation a tax of one dollar shall be paid to the Mayor for the use and benefit of this Corporation, and fifty cents as a fee to the Mayor.

Chapter XLII.

Standing Committees

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1. There shall be appointed by the Mayor in the month of July following his election the following Standing Committees, each to be composed of three members of the Council, viz: Finance, Public Property, Streets, Water, Ordinances, Public Interests, Light, Alms and Alms House, Health and Police, Schools, Fire Department, and Auditing and Claims.
2. To the Finance Committee shall be referred all claims against the city and all matters relating to the city's finance. It shall be the duty of said Committee to report to the Council annually in the month of May an estimate of the debts and necessary expenditures of the city for the following fiscal year with a scale of taxes and levies for meeting the same. They shall also examine the Treasurer's and Collector's accounts of receipts, payments, and disbursements; and the accounts of the various city officers who receive the city's money, and report thereon to the Council at the same meeting at which such accounts are rendered.
3. To the Committee on Public Property shall be referred all matters relating to public property, such as parks, public buildings, bridges, etc., and all public grounds, except streets, sidewalks or pavements, alleys, gutters, culverts and sewers.
4. To the Committee on Streets shall be referred all matters relating to streets, sidewalks or pavements, alleys, gutters, culverts and sewers, and, also, the erection of buildings in the city by private parties.
5. To the Committee on Water shall be referred all matters relating to the Water Works of the city.
6. To the Committee on Ordinances shall be referred all matters concerning the revision of the ordinances, all amendments of them, or proposed new ordinances. And it shall be the duty of this committee, whenever necessary, to recast any amended section so that the intention of the Council shall find exact expression in its laws and be properly recorded in the minutes.
7. To the Public Interests Committee shall be referred such matters affecting the public interests of the Corporation as do not come within the province of other committees, and all such other matters as the Council may determine.
8. To the Light Committee shall be referred all matters relating to the Gas Works and lighting of the city.
9. To the Alms and Alms-House Committee shall be referred all matters relating to the Alms-House and the poor of the city.
10. To the Health and Police Committee shall be referred all matters relating to the general health of the city, and all matters relating to the city police.
11. To the Committee on Schools shall be referred all matters relating to the schools of the city, and such other matters as the Council may determine.

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12. To the Fire Department Committee shall be referred all matters relating to the Fire Department; and it shall be their duty from time to time to examine and report on the condition of the city as to exposure from fire.
13. It shall be the duty of the Auditing and Claims Committee to examine and audit all accounts of city officers just preceding the end of the fiscal year, and endorse on each report submitted to them their approval or such other report as they may deem just and proper.

Chapter XLIII.

Construction of this ordinance, and General Provisions

1. In the construction of this ordinance, the following rules shall be observed:

First, The word "justice" shall be construed as if the words "of the peace for the Corporation of Fredericksburg" followed it.

Second, The word "corporation" or "city" shall be construed as if the words "of Fredericksburg" followed it.

Third, The words “this corporation or this city” shall be construed to mean “the Corporation or City of Fredericksburg.”

Fourth, The words, “this Corporation” shall be construed to mean “the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg,”

Fifth, A word importing the singular number only may extend and be applied to several persons and things as well as one person and thing; and a word importing the masculine gender only shall extend and be applied to females as well as males; and generally the same rules of construction shall be observed as are prescribed for the construction of the Acts of General Assembly by Chapter one of Title two of the Code of eighteen hundred and eighteen-seven.

Sixth, Any violations of an ordinance for which there is no express punishment prescribed by the said ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars.

Seventh, All the provisions of the preceding ordinance shall be in full force on and after July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances of a general nature in force at the time of the adoption of this ordinance shall be repealed from and after the first of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine. Such repeal, however, shall not affect any act or offence committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any right established, accrued or accruing, or any prosecution or proceeding pending before the passage of this ordinance.

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 Thursday the 14th day of September 1899 at 8 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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

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

Whereupon, Colonel Cole, said that the Water Committee had requested the body to be called for the purpose of hearing a proposition from Dr. Henry Froehling and analytical chemist of Richmond, Virginia on the importance and means of obtaining sewerage in our City and;

On motion of Col Cole the privileges of the floor were extended to Dr Froehling, who presented, and requested the Clerk to read a paper setting forth the advantages or sewerage where the water supply was adequate as in the case in this city, and submitting a proposition to build and introduce a system of sewerage, provided the city would grant him and this associates certain franchises covering a period of thirty years. The same was read.

Capt McCracken said he thought the subject too important and far reaching to be acted on without careful investigation and consideration.

Mr Embrey said he agreed with Capt McCracken and thought the City could take care of its own sewerage when the time came.

Mr Gouldman moved that the Communication be referred to the Street Committee for consideration and report at some future meeting of the Council which was unanimously adopted.

Mr Embrey Chairman of the Street Committee stated that he had begun some important work on the lower end of Main Street which was urgently needed and of a permanent character and wished authority from the Council to make the outlay which would amount to about \$85.00. Mr Embrey stated that he had overlooked the fact that this was a called meeting.

Whereupon Mr Wroten moved that the rules be suspended which was adopted and Col Cole moved that the Street Committee be empowered to proceed with the work pledging the Council to make [Page 288] the appropriation not in excess of the sum named, \$85.00

Mr Knight Chairman of the Health Committee presented and had read a communication from Dr A C Doggett, the City Physician, stating that the health of the City was "as good as it had been for years, and certainly better than it was last year and the year before."

The Mayor had read a letter from S Sidney Bradford, resigning the office of City Engineer to take effect from date, the letter was dated August 28th 1899.

On motion of Mr Hurkamp the same was laid on the table.

On motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

At a regular 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 21st day of September 1899, at 8 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 R Gouldman, J T Knight, M S Chancellor, H B Lane and T McCracken

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented two bills of the *Fredericksburg Star* for \$3.50 and \$3.00 respectively amounting to \$6.50, and a bill of the Free Lance amounting to \$1.50 all of which bills on motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis stated that \$25,000 of Gas Bonds would be redeemable on January 1st 1900, and that the Finance Committee would consider and report a plan on redemption of said bonds.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee stated that the estimate of \$85.00 for the lower Main Street work was some \$20 below cost. He called attention to the condition of Charlotte Street, eastward to the bridge over the canal, and moved that \$100 be appropriated for improving said portion of that Street. And the motion being seconded by Mr Rowe was adopted.

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Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented a report setting forth the opening of the Free Schools and giving the names of the several teachers in the several grades. The report showed an opening attendance of 741 white and 285 colored children and stated that there were 59 white children unable to obtain seats and that an overflow school had been started at the Court House Building with Miss Clarice C Davis as teacher.

Mr Rowe also presented the report of the School Board covering the Normal School held here last summer, which was highly satisfactory and showed an unexpended balance of the appropriation made for

that purpose of \$28.91, which balance, on motion of Mr Bradley was ordered to be turned back into the City Treasury.

Mr Rowe also presented report from Dr Ramsay, President of Fredericksburg College showing that the ten scholars entitled to tuition by action of this body had reported and were enrolled in the College. On motion the first payment due the College amounting to \$150 was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Mr Knight, Mr S S Bradford, Corporation Surveyor, who was present, was accorded the privilege of the floor, Whereupon Mr Bradford stated the reason for his resignation which at a former meeting had been laid on the table by the Council and said that the nuisances reported by him in June last remained unabated.

Mr Embrey moved that the Mayor be requested to notify the owners of the property where these nuisances are located to abate them, and if not promptly abated that the matter be referred to the Health Committee with full power to act in the premises, which was adopted.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution

Resolved that it is the sense of this Council that an extra policeman is not needed at this time, which was adopted.

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 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 19th day of October 1899.

There were present, Hon A P Rowe

M G Willis, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H R Gouldman and H B Lane

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented two bills of the *Fredericksburg Star*, one bill for \$10.05 and one for \$1.50 aggregating \$11.55, and two bills of the *Free Lance* one for \$7.40 and one for \$1.50 aggregating \$8.90 which on his motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Willis offered the following:

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that they will in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 18th 1898, entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Fredericksburg to issue bonds to redeem what are known as her Gas and Bridge bonds "to issue bonds of said city to an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the redemption of the Fredericksburg Gas Bonds and the Finance Committee is directed to ascertain and report the lowest rate of interest at which said bonds can be negotiated, said bonds to be secured by a deed of trust upon the Gas Works and to bear date January 1st 1900.

Which resolution, on motion of Mr Bradley, was adopted.

Mr Willis then offered the following:

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia: That in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 4th 1890 and entitled "An act to allow the City of Fredericksburg to supply Gas for the use of said City and to issue bonds of the City to effect said purpose." Whereupon the city is authorized to borrow \$25,000.000 and to issue and negotiate its bonds for the same, said bonds to be known and designated as Fredericksburg Gas Bonds, and whereon it is expressly provided that "the principal of said bonds shall be payable thirty years after the first day of January 1890, or upon the call of said Council at any time after ten years from said date", the said City

Council doth call in the bonds of the face value of \$25,000.00 bearing date on the first day of July 1891 and payable on the first day of January 1920 issued in pursuance of said Act of March 4th 1890; and doth require all said bonds and the coupons belonging to the same to be presented for payment at the office of the City Treasurer of Fredericksburg in Fredericksburg [Page 291] Virginia on the second day of January 1900, and doth declare and resolve that all interest shall cease upon said bonds from and after the said second day of January 1900, it being the purpose of the City to pay all said bonds on said last mentioned day as said City is fully authorized to do by the foregoing Act of the General Assembly of Virginia. Resolved further that the Finance Committee do publish in such newspapers as they may deem proper and at least once a week for eight successive weeks the foregoing resolution and the same shall be attested by the signature of the Mayor, the Clerk of the Council and the Finance Committee. Which resolution, on motion, of Mr Bradley, was adopted.

Mr Embrey, chairman of the Street Committee said that necessary work on Streets needed an appropriation of \$65.00.

Mr Rowe moved that the said amount of \$65.00 be placed to the credit of the Street Committee which was adopted.

Mr Embrey then made the following report concerning the paper of Dr. Henry Froehling, which on September 14th was referred to the Street Committee.

Your Committee on Streets to which was referred the communication of Dr. Henry Froehling relative to a complete sewerage system for Fredericksburg, would respectfully report that the proposition therein contained appeals favorably to this Committee, and the Committee would recommend that Dr Froehling be requested to submit to the Council for its consideration the franchise mentioned in said communication.

Respectfully,

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

On motion of Mr Hurkamp the report was received in by the Council, and Dr. Henry Froehling requested to present his proposed franchise in writing to the Council

Col Cole, Chairman of the Water Committee stated that there had been put in the sections of the City where most good would be accomplished 23 large new fire plugs at a cost of \$490.00 for said plugs, freight & c \$12.09 and labor \$42.50, making in all \$544.59 and asked that this amount be placed to the credit of the Water Committee.

Mr Bradley moved that the old fire plugs be disposed of by the Water Committee to the best advantage which was adopted.

Col Cole stated that it was the wish of the Water Committee to test the pressure of the water in the five plugs with the pump pressure on the pipes but was [Page 292] apprehensive that the pump pressure might burst some water pipe connections with private houses in which the old lead pipe connections were in use. On motion the matter was referred to the Water Committee with the power to act.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee reported that 250 copies of the City ordinances had been received, 50 copies of which were interleaves and that one copy had been given to each officer of the City.

Col Cole presented a bill of Andrew Murray for \$23.50; \$20 of which was for winding the Town Clock for 6 months and \$3.50 for repairs to said clock.

On motion of Mr Bradley the bill was referred back to the Public Property Committee with full power concerning same.

A letter from Gen Horatio C King, corresponding secretary of the Society of the Army of the Potomac to the Mayor, stating that said Society had at its meeting in Pittsburg on the 10th Inst accepted the city's invitation to hold its annual meeting in 1900 here, was read and ordered to be filed.

Mr Willis offered the following:

Whereas his Honor the Mayor has been officially informed by Gen Horatio C King, Secretary, that the Society of the Army of the Potomac has accepted our invitation and will hold its next annual meeting in the City of Fredericksburg, be it:

Resolved that we express our gratification at this action of the Society and assure it that we will use every effort to make the sojourn of those honoring us with their presence pleasant and agreeable.

Resolved that, we recognize and appreciate the service rendered us by Gen H C King and Judge James B Sener in securing this action of the Society.

Resolved that a Committee of three from this body be appointed to consider and suggest such steps as should be taken by this Council looking to a proper reception of these distinguished visitors and report at the next meeting of this body.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Council be requested to furnish Gen King and Judge Sener with an official copy of these resolutions.

Which were unanimously adopted.

And the Mayor appointed the following committee, viz;

Marion G Willis, E Dorsey Cole and John T. Knight

Mr Gouldman stated that complaint had been made by merchants at not being allowed to burn paper and [Page 293] and packing boxes &c in the Streets and

Mr Wroten moved that a general permit be allowed to burn paper, packing, leaves &c on the Streets; a recorded vote was called for which resulted as follows:

Ayes Willis, Wroten and Gouldman 3

Noes Bradley, Rowe, Cole, Hurkamp, Lane 5

Mr Embrey stated that he was in favor of burning leaves but not the other things named n the motion of Mr Wroten and Mr Embrey was excused from voting.

Col Cole presented a request from the Southern Foundry and Machine Works to use the gutters in front of said Works for the temporary storage of manufactured and unmanufactured lumber, and Mr Wroten made a similar request at his place of business, whereupon

Mr Bradley offered the following:

Resolved that the Southern Foundry & Machine Works and Mr George W Wroten be granted the privilege of the use of so much of the Streets, Princes Anne & Charlotte as to the said Foundry and Wolfe as to the said Wroten as may be necessary for the conduct of their respective business, under the supervision of the Street Committee.

Messrs H F Crismond and St G R Fitzhugh, a committee from the Executive Committee of the Fredericksburg and adjacent National Battlefield Memorial Park Assn being present, the Mayor invited them to be heard, whereupon Mr Fitzhugh asked an appropriation from the City for the sake of said Association of \$250.00

Mr Bradley, moved that the amount of \$250.00 be so appropriated, which was unanimously carried.

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 Thursday the 26th day of October 1899, at 4 o'clock PM
There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
M G Willis, Recorder
Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W H Hurkamp, H R Gouldman, M S
Chancellor and H B Lane

The Mayor stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the several members of the Council.

Mr Willis offered the following;

The Common Council of Fredericksburg having learned with pleasure of the proposed visit to Richmond on Tuesday next October 21st of President McKinley and his cabinet, and believing that it would be agreeable to the President, as it would be a great gratification to our people for the President and his cabinet to make a short

Stay in this historic town whilst en route.

Therefore be it resolved that a committee of three Councilmen and four citizens be appointed by the Mayor to visit Washington tomorrow to tender to the

President and his cabinet a most cordial invitation to be the guests of the City whilst enroute to Richmond on Tuesday and for such time as his convenience, proceeding him and his cabinet in advance a sincere, cordial greeting and entertainment.

Resolved further, that should the President and his cabinet accept the invitation tendered here to stop here that the committee on invitation shall be the committee on reception and invitation.

Which was adopted unanimously,

Whereupon the Mayor appointed the following Committee Messrs M G Willis, E D Cole, and W H Hurkamp of the Council and Messrs J S Potter, Jno M Griffin, T E Morris and A T Embrey of the citizens.

Col Cole moved that Judge J B Sener be added to the Committee which motion was adopted

Mr Bradley moved that R B Merchant Esq and Hon W A Jones be added to the Committee which was carried.

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 pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 16th of November 1899 at 7:30 o'clock PM
There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

M G Willis, Recorder

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

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

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Finance Committee offered the following resolution

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va

That the Finance Committee of this Council shall proceed without delay to negotiate a loan of twenty five thousand dollars with which to redeem the Fredericksburg Gas Bonds on the second day of January 1900.

and so soon as said loan is effected said Committee shall have the Bonds of the City lithographed said Bonds to run for twenty years from the second day of January and to bear interest not to exceed four percent per annum and to issue such amounts as the Committee shall deem proper.

Said bonds to be coupon bonds but convertible unto Registered Bonds at the option of the holder and to be secured by a deed of Trust on the Gas Works. The Bonds to be non-taxable by the City and the interest payable semi-annually. The Committee may, if it deems proper advertise for bids for said Bonds.

Mr Bradley moved that the resolution be adopted with the understanding that the Finance Committee advertise for bids for said \$25,000.00 of bonds at three different rates of interest to-wit; 3½ - 3¾ and 4 percent per annum which motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Committee on Streets stated that he had completed the work on lower Main and on Charlotte Streets and that the Streets generally in the City were in good condition and that it was the wish and purpose of the Committee to keep them so, and asked an appropriation of \$300.00 for said Committee, which appropriation of \$300.00, on motion, was unanimously ordered.

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Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee, stated that the Legislature of Virginia would meet before the next regular meeting of the Council and that he thought some action should be taken to have an enabling act passed by which the City could own and operate an Electric Light Plant.

Whereupon Col Cole moved that the Committee (viz: the Light Committee of this body together with Messrs H F Crismond, H H Wallace and B J Marshall of the Citizens) having the matter in charge be requested to take necessary steps to have such act passed by the Legislature as will enable this city to own and operate its Electric Light Plant, which motion was adopted.

Col Cole called attention to the fact that the City under existing laws had no authority to enforce levies on abutting owners for improvements to sidewalks and streets.

Mr Embrey said the city needed a betterment Act

Capt McCracken said he approved but thought the matter should be carefully considered.

Whereupon Mr Rowe moved that the Street Committee be requested to have a betterment act prepared to be submitted to the Council, which motion was adopted.

Mr Wroten presented a petition of Mrs Anna P. Green to be permitted to excavate & lay a sewer for about fifty yards on Prince Edward Street, the same crossing Charlotte Street and offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Bradley,

Resolved: that the request made by Mrs Anna P Green in her petition now presented to this council, be, and the same is hereby granted, with the right of revocation at the will of the Council, and the right and privilege is hereby given Mrs Green to construct a sewer across and on Charlotte and Prince Edward streets, being the same privilege heretofore allowed others in this Corporation, the said sewer to be built at her cost, expense and upon her responsibility, and also upon the express condition that whenever, if ever, a general system of sewerage is adopted by this City, that Mrs Green or those owning said property, shall comply with all the rules and regulations governing the same the work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee.

A recorded vote being called for on said resolution was had and resulted as follows:

Ayes Messrs Willis, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Cole Hurkamp, Gouldman, Chancellor, Lane, McCracken
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No, Mr Embrey, and was so declared by the Mayor.

Mr Bradley stated that Messrs Eugene Bode and F P Stearns requested him to make application for permission to [Page 297] construct a sewer on Commerce Street from Liberty to Canal, subject to the same restriction as set forth in the foregoing resolution in reference to Mrs Anna P. Green and subject to

the supervision of the Street Committee. [side note] Col Cole suggested the importance of advising a change in the schedule of the R F & P R R accommodation train between Richmond & Quantico, and on motion he was appointed a committee to confer with Mr Taylor of said road on the subject. On Motion of Col Cole such permission was granted to Messrs Bode and Stearns.

The Mayor reported fines paid from July 1st to October 1st 1899 amounting to \$13.00 and fines paid during the month of October 1899 amounting to \$25.00 in all \$38.00

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Council adjourned
A P Rowe, Mayor
James P Corbin, Clerk

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 Friday the 15th day of December 1899 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor
W G Willis, Recorder
Councilmen, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, H R Gouldman, H B Lane and J McCracken

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, stated that it had been called at the request of the Committee on Lights and Streets

Mr St George R Fitzhugh, the City Attorney, then read the following bills relating respectively to the issue of bonds for an Electric Plant; to the Collection of delinquent taxes on real estate; and to assessments for street improvements as follows to wit:

An Act to authorized the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue its coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of obtaining an Electric Plant for Lighting the City

Whereas the Council of the City of Fredericksburg did in strict accordance with the requirements of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled "An act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue its coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of constructing and improving streets and for other purposes of internal improvements and benefit to the City," approved [Page 298] February 1st 1896 held an election on the 28th of February 1899 to ascertain whether the said City should own and operate an Electric Plant for lighting its streets,

And Whereas at said election the free hold vote in favor a said improvement was more than double that against it, and the white vote in favor of said improvement was nearly three times that against it, and the entire vote in favor of said improvement was more than three-fifths of the whole vote cast.

And whereas it was impossible by reason of the dreadful condition of the registration books to ascertain what constituted a majority of the registered votes of said City and whereas a new registration of the voters of said city has been had since said election from which it appears that the vote case at said election is more than three-fifths of the registered vote of said city.

And whereas it then appears that the vote in favor of said improvement was substantially in accordance with the requirements of the aforesaid act of the General Assembly; therefore

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that the City Council of Fredericksburg be and are hereby authorized to issue and dispose of as many of the bonds as the Council by the above mentioned act of February 1st 1896 as may be in the judgment of the City Council of Fredericksburg necessary to obtain an Electric Plant for lighting said City, said issue not to exceed the sum of \$12,000.00 at the par value of said bonds.

And said City Council is authorized to enact such ordinances as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out and effectuate the provisions and the full intent and meaning of the aforesaid act of February 1st 1896 touching the bonds issued under this act.

2. This act shall be in force from its passage.

An act to enable the City of Fredericksburg to enforce the collection of delinquent taxes and levies due the City against real estate sold by the state and bought by the Auditor for delinquent State Taxes

Whereas the Council of the City of Fredericksburg was authorized by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled "An act to authorized the collection of corporation taxes on real estate in the Town of Fredericksburg" passed January thirteenth eighteen hundred and fifty eight, to require the sale of all real estate within the said corporation returned delinquent for the non-payment of taxes" and [Page 299] and interest thereon, which shall not have been paid before the day of sale and said Council was thereby authorized to made such regulations for effecting such sale and collecting such taxes, interest and charges of sale as to them may seem expedient; and said act declared further that if no such sale be authorized or required by said Council the taxes assessed upon such real property for the benefit of said City shall remain a lien thereon, bearing interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum for and after the expiration of thirty days from the time when the same shall have been collectable, until the same be fully paid; and Whereas a considerable amount of real estate within the cooperation of Fredericksburg has been delinquent for the non-payment of city taxes ever since eighteen hundred and seventy six, and no sale has been authorized or required by the Council of said City since the War; and the said taxes assessed upon said real estate for the benefit of said City still constituting a lien upon said real estate, under and by notice of the before mentioned act of January thirteenth eighteen hundred and fifty eight; and Whereas much of the aforesaid real estate within the Corporation of Fredericksburg this delinquent for the non-payment of City taxes and levies had prior to the passage of the act of the General Assembly of Virginia titled "an act to authorize the collector of City Taxes and levies for the City of Fredericksburg to furnish a list of real estate delinquent for the non-payment of such taxes to the City Treasurer for sale for such taxes, and to authorize such collector to otherwise enforce the collection of City taxes and levies in the same manner as the collection of State taxes is enforced by the Treasurer of said City" approved February 11, 1896 been sold by the State for the non-payment of State taxes and bought in by the State who now holds the title to said real estate thus undoing unavailing the provision of said act of February 11, 1896 touching a sale of the said real estate for the payment of the delinquent taxes due to the Corporation of Fredericksburg; therefore:

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that the auditor of Public Accounts shall cause to be delivered to the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg a list of the aforesaid real estate within the Corporation of Fredericksburg so purchased in the name of the Auditor which remains unredeemed, with a statement of the taxes thereon due the State and that the Collector of the City of Fredericksburg furnish to said Treasurer a statement of the taxes and levies thereon due the City.

On receiving such list the Treasurer (aided by the Clerk of [Page 300] of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg) shall compare the same with the list and records of the delinquent lands in the Clerk's Office of such Court and make sale of such real estate as has been redeemed.

In all his proceedings he shall be governed by sections 67 and 638 of the Code. All the provisions of sections 639 and the sections following to 644 inclusive of the Code shall apply to sales so made, and the proceeds thereof shall be accounted for the treasurer in the same manner as the proceeds of other sales of delinquent lands.

2. The City of Fredericksburg is authorized to bid for any of such real estate at said sale to protect its claim for taxes and levies due the city, and in the event of its becoming purchaser it is authorized to sell or otherwise dispose of real estate thence purchased.

3. This act shall be in force from its passage.

An act to authorize the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg to apportion the expense of street and other local improvements between the City treasury and the real estate benefited thereby.

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that whenever any street in the City of Fredericksburg shall be laid out or extended or any existing street graded, paved, or macadamized, or repaved, or culvert or sewer built or curbing put down, the City Council shall apportion the cost thereof between the City and the owners of the real estate benefited thereby. Whenever any sidewalks shall be laid, graded repaired or otherwise improved, the whole expense thereof may in the discretion of the Council be assessed against the owners of the real estate benefited thereby.
2. The Council in making the apportionment required by the foregoing section shall not assess against the owners of the real estate benefited thereby more than one half of the expense of such improvements and such assessment as shall be made under this act shall constitute a lien on the said real estate benefited.
3. The Council shall determine and set forth in an ordinance adopted by said Council what real estate is benefited by the proposed improvement or improvements, designating the several parcels thereof and shall further determine and set forth in said ordinance the mode of assessment of said real estate for its share of such expenses, and shall then appoint a board of six commissioner-citizens not members of said Council who shall assess the expenses aforesaid upon the property set forth in each ordinance as specially benefited by such improvement or [Page 301] improvement in accordance with the method of assessment set forth in such ordinance.
4. The said board of commissioners after they have made such assessment and before they have reported the same to the Council shall give at least ten days notice to the owners of the free hold or the guardian or Committee of such owner of the assessment of their respective parcels of real estate. If there be no such owner, guardian, or committee within the City the notice instead of being thus served shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in some paper published in said City. And said board shall fix a day for the hearing of the owners of the said real estate assessed. And any real estate owner or his representative may appear before said board and contest such assessment, and if over-ruled may appeal within five days thereafter to the Corporation Court of said City from the decision of said board, which shall hear and pass upon such matter without delay and without formal pleading, and the decision of said court shall be final.
5. When the board has given to the owners of the real estate assessed a reasonable time in which to contest their assessments it shall close its report as to all assessments not appealed from and shall return the same to the Council. And such assessments shall be payable within ninety days from the date of the acceptance of said report by the Council and shall be a lien upon the property upon which they are assessed from the day of such acceptance.
6. As to any assessment appealed from the decision of the Corporation Court shall be reported to said Board which shall return the same forthwith to said Council and the account adjudged by said Court shall be payable within ninety days from the date of its report to the Council, and shall constitute a lien as aforesaid from the date of such return.
7. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the board after it has closed its report.
8. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Whereupon on motion it was:

Resolved that the Clerk of the Council deliver to Hon A T Embrey delegate from this City the three bills drawn by the said City Attorney, and read to the Council this evening in relation to the issue of bonds for an Electric Plant; in relation to the collection of delinquent taxes, and in relation to the assessments for street improvements, respectively, and the said delegate and the Honorable Senator from this District are respectfully requested to secure the passage of said bills by the General [Page 302] Assembly of Virginia.

On motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, pursuant to notice, on the 21st day of December 1899 in the Council Chamber of said city at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen George W Wroten, J P Rowe, Henry R Gouldman and Harry B Lane.

No quorum appear there was no meeting.

A P Rowe, Mayor

James P. Corbin, Clerk

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