

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1901

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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 17th day of January 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Capt T McCracken, Recorder
Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

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

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee reported the following bills, Electoral Board \$18.00, Engineering Record \$8.00; Manufacturing Record \$3.00, E D Cole expenses &c \$5.31; Southern Stamp Stationary Co, \$33.00; Fredericksburg Star \$8.25; R A Kishpaugh \$1.50 aggregating seventy seven and 06/100 dollars, which on motion were ordered to be paid

Col Cole stated that pursuant to the resolution of the Council adopted on November 8th 1900, directing the Finance Committee to deliver the \$12000 of Electric Light bonds "to the parties making the loan and shall turn over the said \$12,000 to the Treasurer" said Committee had carried the said resolution into effect as evidenced by the receipt of the Treasurer, which is in words and figures as follows, viz;

Fredericksburg, Va January 1, 1901

Received from Col E D Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee

Twelve Thousand and thirty dollars, being proceeds from Electric Light Bonds sold by order Council (22 of \$500 each, 10 of \$100 each) amounting in all to \$12,000 premium thirty dollars.

Robert T Knox, Treasurer

\$12030

Col Cole presented the bond of Wm Fitzpatrick Sept Gas Works in the penalty of \$2000, with T McCracken as surety therein which bond was read, accepted by the Council when the said bond shall have been properly stamped and the Mayor will deposit the same in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Col Cole presented the receipt of "A B Botts, Agt" of the Fidelity and Deposit Co of Maryland for \$10 being premium on bond #120829 to City of Fredericksburg of S J Quinn for one year from January 1, 1901 to January 1st 1902. Said receipt was accepted and the Mayor requested to attach same to the original bond and deposit it in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

Col Cole then offered the following

Resolved by the Council; that the Mayor execute the deeds of Trust upon the Electric Light Plant for Lighting the City, embracing therein all rights of water-power [Page 381] connected therewith to secure the \$12,000.00 of Electric Light Bonds with interest thereon, and attach the seal of the Corporation to the same, and said deed of trust shall be attested by the Clerk of the Council, which was unanimously adopted
And

Col Cole offered the following

Resolved by the Council that the Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement and are hereby directed to obtain from the approaching extra session of the Legislature of Virginia the necessary legislation to carry out the recommendation of said Joint-Committee in their report, heretofore adopted in relation to the issue of \$38,000.00 of bonds of the City; and in relation to its assessment of property benefited by such improvements,

And also giving the City the power of condemnation for right-of-way for sewerage.

Mr Bradley, Chairman of Alms & Alms-House Committee stated that the Committee of Mrs Margaret V. King had paid to the Treasurer the sum of \$5.00 per month for the period from July 1st 1900 to January 1st 1901, pursuant to the request of the Council as of record December 20, 1900.

Mr Jones, Chairman Committee on Schools reported that at the request of said Committee the Finance Committee had paid the 1st and 2nd quarters payments to the Fredericksburg College and of motion of Capt McCracken the action of the School Committee and the said payments by the Finance Committee were both approved by the Council.

Mr Jones presented & had read the reports for the month of October 1900 of the Scholars attending said College under the arrangement of the Council with the College.

The Mayor reported fines collect & paid to Treasurer \$32.50
And dog licenses issued 5.50 less 15¢ each to Treasurer 4.75
And that the Police had performed their duty.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement made a report and statement from Engineer Davis setting forth that 12 bids had been received for construction of sewers ranging in amounts from \$22,743.70 down to \$13,292.80 = \$14,492.80

And offered the following:

Resolved by the City Council that the bid of T C Hookway of Syracuse, NY for sewerage the City in accordance with the plans and specifications of Engineer Davis be accepted by the Joint-Committee on sewerage and street improvement so soon as the legislation directed by resolution of the Council is obtained, provided said Joint Committee [Page 382] shall approve said bid and said contractor; and when said bid is accepted the said Committee shall execute contract with said contractor.

A recorded vote being called for on said resolution, was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Embrey, McCracken, Jones, Gately, Chancellor, Bradford and Perry (10)

Against nobody, and the resolution was declared adopted unanimously.

Col Cole presented a communication of Mr M C Hall touching the efficiency of the gas light which was read.

Mr Embrey moved that the same be laid on the table, and a recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For Mr Embrey's motion to lay on the table Messrs Wroten, Embrey, McCracken and Gately (4)

Against Messrs Cole, Bradley, Jones Chancellor, Bradford and Perry (6) and the motion was lost
Whereupon

Mr Jones moved that Mr Hall's communication be turned over to the Light Committee which was carried
And on motion of Mr Bradford the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City, pursuant to notice, on Thursday the 21st day of February 1901, at 7:30 o'clock PM
There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, C W Jones, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford.

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

The Mayor stated that Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland had lodged a new bond guaranteeing S J Quinn as Superintendent of the City Water Works, in lieu of the renewal receipt continuing said Company's old bond for 1900, which new bond the Mayor had placed in National Bank as directed.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee; presented the following bills, to-wit: Star, \$4.50; Corbin \$5.48; Corbin, Clerk Court [Page 383] \$13.50 which on separate motion were ordered to be paid

Col Cole also presented the old 6% Bridge Bonds of par value of \$25,000, which had been redeemed by the new issue of 4% bonds of a like amount.

And the old 6% Gas Bonds of par value of \$25,000. Which had been in like manner redeemed by the new issue of 4% bonds of a like amount.

And asked that a Special Committee be named to examine and check off said \$50,000 of bonds together with the un-matured coupons attached to said bonds

Whereupon, the Mayor appointed the following committee Messrs W E Bradley, S S Bradford and C W Jones, who proceeded to examine said bonds and coupons thereto attached which examination resulted as follows, to wit:

Gas Bonds

10 bond of \$100 each	\$1000.00
28 bonds of \$500 each	\$14000.00
10 bonds of \$1000 each	\$10000.00
48 bonds amounting in all to	\$25000.00

To which were attached all coupons maturing on and after July 1st 1901

And Bridge Bonds

10 bonds of \$100 each	\$1000.00
20 bonds of \$500 each	\$10000.00
14 bonds of \$1000 each	\$14000.00
44 bonds amounting in all to	\$25000.00

To which were attached all coupons maturing on and after January 1st 1901

Whereupon

Capt McCracken moved that the said Gas Bonds and Bridge Bonds aggregating the sum of \$50,000.00 together with the coupons attached to said bonds be burned by said Special Committee in the presence of the Council which was accordingly done.

And said Special Committee reported as follows:

The Committee to burn the \$25000.00 of old Bridge Bonds and \$25000.00 of old Gas Bonds with coupons attached report that the same were counted and found correct and burned as ordered in the presence of the Council

W E Bradley, C W Jones, S Sydney Bradford

Febry 21, 1901

Col Cole then presented a bill of J A Taylor Cash'r of the National Bank of Fredericksburg, for his services in holding and handling the said Gas & Bridge Bonds when were being redeemed, amounting to \$10.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

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Col Cole then offered the following;

Whereas the Council by resolution bearing date on the 29th day of March 1900 directed the Finance Committee to negotiated a loan of \$25000.00 to redeem the bonds known as Bridge Bonds and further resolved that said bonds when sold should be secured by a deed of trust on the said Bridge;

And whereas said bonds were duly issued and disposed of and the same have been secured by a deed of trust as authorized by said resolution and by the Act of the General Assembly of February 18, 1898, which said deed of trust secured all of said bonds alike without priority of right to satisfaction of one bond over another; the aforesaid deed of trust was executed by the Mayor and Clerk of the Council on the 6th day of July 1900;

Resolved that the said deed of trust is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Which on motion of Capt McCracken was adopted.

Col Cole then offered the following;

Whereas by recent Act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed at the extra session in January 1901, the City Council of Fredericksburg were authorized to issue and dispose of coupon or registered bonds not to exceed the par value of \$38,000.00, said bonds to conform to the requirements of Section I of the Act of February 1st 1896, except that said bond or any of them may be made payable and may be redeemable at the option of the City Council at such time as the Council may declare on the face of the Bonds;

Resolved that the Finance Committee of the Council do have the bonds provided for in said Act, not to exceed the par value of \$38,000.00 lithographed

Said bonds to bear date April 1, 1901, being payable (30) thirty years after the date of their issue and redeemable at the option of the City Council at any time after (10) ten years from their date, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed four per centum per annum, payable semi-annually;

Said bonds when lithographed to be signed and attested as required by said Act of February 1st, 1896

Which on his motion was adopted.

Whereupon

Mr Rowe offered the following;

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Finance Committee of this Council be and they are hereby directed to advertise in the (3) three newspapers published in this City and in any other manner that said Committee may deem advisable for bids for the sale of \$18,000.00 of the issue of \$38,000.00 of four per cent bonds of the City of Fredericksburg authorized by the foregoing resolution adopted by the Council, and said Finance Committee shall as [Page 385] herein provided effect a sale of said bonds, and upon receipt of the price therefor shall deliver the same to the purchaser or purchasers and deposit the money received therefor in Bank to the credit of the City Treasurer; But the said Committee shall not accept any bid for any of said bonds which is below the par value thereof.

Which resolution was adopted.

The Hon Alvin T Embrey, Commonwealth's Attorney for this City was on motion of Capt McCracken, invited to address the council which he did, and requested the Council to set aside a fund to be called the "Criminal Contingent Fund) and explained the purposes for which said fund should be used. He further stated that in the proper preparation of a criminal case the pending in our Corporation Court he had had occasion to seek expert evidence to be used in the discharge of his office, and that the laws of Virginia made not allowance for such expenses to be paid from the State Treasury, so that he personally had felt obliged to assume the payment of said expenses which were necessary under the circumstances.

Whereupon Col Cole moved that the sum of \$30.00 being the amount so expended by the Attorney for the Commonwealth be refunded to said officer.

Which motion was adopted

And Mr Bradford offered the following, to-wit;

On the request of the Attorney for the Commonwealth of this City and on his representation to the Council that said fund will promote the ends of public justice in this city;

Resolved by the Council that the Treasurer of this City be directed to set aside for the year 1901 a fund amounting to \$100.00 to be known as the "Criminal Contingent Fund" and the said Treasurer is directed to pay out the same on the order of the Finance Committee of this Council.

Which was adopted

Mr Embrey, Chairman Street Committee asked for the sum of \$200.00 which he said would complete the annual appropriation for Streets and on motion of Mr Chancellor the amount of \$300.00 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee.

Mr Embrey also presented a petition of sundry citizens asking that Wolfe Street be opened from Prince Edward to Spottswood Street.

Which on motion was referred to the Street Committee to [Page 386] ascertain the cost of said work.

Mr Jones, Chairman of Schools, presented and had read a letter from Dr. Rosebro, President of the Fredericksburg College stating that some of the scholars sent to College by the Council were not doing as well as they should and recommending that such scholars be withdrawn and others substituted.

On motion of Capt McCracken, Dr. Rosebro's suggestions were adopted and the Committee on Schools were authorized withdraw such in affective pupils and substitute such others from the Town as in the judgment of the said Committee was advisable.

Mr Jones stated that the 3rd quarter's payment had been made on the Council's agreement with Fredericksburg College.

The Mayor reported fines collected and paid to Treasurer \$45 and that the police had performed their duty

Capt McCracken presented and had read a petition signed by 33 citizens pray that "Charlotte Street, between Mr Bowering's corner and the Mill Race be filled up &c"

And moved that the same be referred to the Street Committee to ascertain cost of said work and report same to the Council, which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Bradford the Council adjourned

M G Willis, 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 March 6th 1901 at 4:30 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon M G Willis Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called at the request of the Joint-Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement

Whereupon Maj Embrey, Chairman of said Joint-Committee presented the contract for building the sewers, duly signed by said Joint-Committee and the contractor T C Hookway of Syracuse, NY together with the bond of said Contractor in the penalty of \$4830.00. The said contract was read and it together with said contractor's bond was place in the hands of the Mayor for deposit in the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping.

And Maj Embrey presented a statement of Mr Davis, Engineer, setting forth that they was due the said Contractor the sum of

	\$3882.00
Less 15% as per contract say	582.30
	\$3200.70

And offered the following;

Resolved by the Council that the Treasurer of the City pay to C T Hookway, contractor the sum of \$3,299.70, that being the amount certified by N Wilson Davis, engineer to be due said Contractor as of March 5th 1901.

And said Treasurer shall charge said account to the Sewer construction and the same shall be reimbursed to the Treasury so soon as the sewer bonds are sold and the proceeds thereof paid into the Treasurer, which was adopted.

And Maj Embrey, chairman of said joint committee

Presented a bill of \$200 of N Wilson Davis, Engineer, on account of services to the City in superintendence of sewer construction together with the following resolution

Resolved by the Council: that the Treasurer of the City pay to N Wilson Davis, engineer, the sum of \$200.00 on account of his services to the City in Superintendence of Sewer Construction

And said Treasurer shall charge said account to the Sewer Construction and the same shall be reimbursed to the Treasury so soon as the Sewer Bonds are sold and the proceeds thereof paid in to the Treasurer, which resolution was adopted.

On motion Col Cole, the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 21st day of March 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

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

The Mayor stated that the contract with T C Hookway and said Hookway's bond had been deposited in the City's box in the National Bank.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented the following bills made in connection with the Sewer Construction

The <i>Baltimore Sun</i> advertising bonds	17.23
The Star Publishing Company	8.00
The Free Lance Company	8.00
The Journal Company	1.25
E D Cole telegrams sent & received	4.28
	\$38.76

Which on motion were ordered to be paid

And also a bill of the *Free Lance* for printing \$5.75 and a bill of E D Cole for one galvanized iron box & lock amounting to \$1.00 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Col Cole presented the License Tax Bill for 1901-1902 and gave notice that it would be called up at the April meeting of the Council.

The Mayor reported fines collected and paid to Treasurer \$24.50; and that the Police had performed their duty.

Col Cole offered the following

Resolved by the Council that a Committee composed of the following citizens, viz; William D Scott, A M Garner, John M Griffin, E T Baker and J S Wallace, be and the same is hereby appointed and said Committee is clothed with full power and discretion to determine the amount of money to be to the said owners respectively in Fredericksburg through whose land the City Sewer has been or is to be laid as a just compensation therefor, and to offer in the name of the Council to such land owners the said amount, so determined, and said Committee shall report to the Council the acceptance or rejection of said offer. Which was adopted.

Mr Rowe presented and had read a communication [Page 389] from Mr G H Morrison in reference to the sidewalk in front of his residence on Lee Street.

After some discussion Mr Jones offered the following;

Resolved that the City Surveyor be instructed to survey and establish a permanent grade line for Street and side walk on west side of Lee Avenue between Hanover and Charlotte streets the cost to be ascertained by the Street Committee and reported to the Council at once, which was adopted.

And

Mr Jones offered the following;

Resolved, that the City Surveyor be requested to establish the permanent grade line of Street and sidewalk of Hanover Street Southside from the Canal to Fair Street, which was adopted.

Mr Rowe presented and had read a communication from Mrs M E Beck, asking that \$25.00 damages be allowed her for injury to her cellar & contents of same by overflow water during the heavy rainfall on October 7th 1900.

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

Mr Perry presented and had read a communication from Mr W D Williams requesting permission to lay a railroad track on Lower Main Street from the R F & P Rail Road to the Machine Shop of said Williams, for the purpose of hauling heavy freight & machinery to and from his shop and for testing engines &c Which on motion of Mr Wroten was referred to the Street Committee with the request that they investigate the matter and report thereon to the Council

On motion the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on Wednesday the 27th day of March 1901, at 8 o'clock PM;

There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, M J Gately, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called at the request of Mr Perry to consider a petition of sundry citizens concerning sewerage

Whereupon, Mr Perry presented and had read a petition signed by fifteen residents and tax payers on Lower Main Street asking that a lateral or extension be put in to extend along lower Main Street from the

Rail Road to the top of the grade on Main Street about opposite the Weems line Wharf; and from that point to the Gas House discharging into the Main Street sewer at Griffin's corner and into the Western Sewer at the Gas House."

Mr Rowe moved that the said petition be referred to the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement with instructions to said Committee to ascertain from some competent engineer and report the cost of said addition to the sewerage, with plans and specifications for same at the next regular meeting of this body.

A recorded vote on the motion was called for and had with the following result

For the motion Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe and McCracken 5

Against the motion Messrs Hurkamp, Gately, Bradford and Perry 4 and the motion was declared adopted

On motion of Mr Perry the rules were suspended for general business and

Mr Bradford offered the following, seconded by Mr Rowe;

Resolved by the Council that the Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement report to the next meeting of this Council what action the Council shall take in relation to the private sewers laid in the streets of this City; and in the meantime, that said Committee have said private sewers inspected to ascertain their sanitary condition, and whether any immediate action is necessary to render them wholesome. Which was unanimously adopted.

Col Cole reported that the Commerce Street Bridge over the canal was in bad condition.

Mr Wroten moved that the Street Committee be requested [Page 391] to ascertain the cost of a new bridge over the canal at Commerce Street and report to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Perry presented and had read a paper purporting to be from the petitioners who asked for the opening of Wolfe Street, by petition read at the February meeting of the Council & referred to the Street Committee, and moved that the Street Committee be instructed to report on said petition a the next regular meeting of the Council, which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on Tuesday the 2nd day of April 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen, E D Cole, G W Wroten, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called at the request of the Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement. Whereupon

Col Cole acting in Chairman Embrey's absence presented an estimate of Engineer N Wilson Davis of work done by contractor T C Hookway on the sewers to date as follows viz;

Estimate of work done to date	\$9,505.80
Less 15% reserve pr contract	\$1,425.87
	\$8,079.93
Less amt pd Hookway Mch 6, 1901	\$3,299.70
Balance due Hookway	\$4,780.23

Which amount of \$4780.23 was ordered to be paid to said Contractor T C Hookway

A protest of said Hookway touching said estimate of Engineer Davis was read & field with the estimate. Col Cole also presented a bill of Engineer N Wilson Davis on account of his services in superintending the construction of the sewers amounting to \$200.00 which was ordered to be paid. Also on bill of Rubber Company for printing Sewer & Street Improvement bonds amounting to \$40.00 and a bill of E D Cole for express paid on said Bonds amounting to 30¢ was on motion ordered paid

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Col Cole stated that 36 - \$500 sewer bonds amounting to \$18,000 had been duly signed and delivered to the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank and that the same had been paid for according to the bid of said Bank for said bonds viz; the sum of \$18054.00 and that said sum had been paid over by the Fire Committee to the Treasurer of this City as evidenced the said Treasurer's receipt, which receipt on motion of Capt McCracken was ordered to be spread on the records which is accordingly done as follows \$18054.00

Fredericksburg, Va April 2, 1901

Received of E D Cole Chairman Finance Committee

Eighteen thousand and fifty four dollars for \$18,000 of sewer bonds being of \$500 each, 36 bonds and placed to my credit at Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank

Robert T Knox, Treasurer

Col Cole stated that \$20,000 of blank bonds were in the hands of the Treasurer and asked how they should be cared for;

Whereupon Mr Jones moved that the Finance Committee be requested to put said blank bonds for \$20,000 in a sealed package and place the same in the National Bank of Fredericksburg specifically for safe keeping, which motion was carried.

Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee asked that \$5200 be placed to the credit of said Committee to use for construction of Electric Light Plant and on motion of Col Cole \$5000 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Light Committee for Construction of Electric Light Plant.

Mr Bradford called attention to condition of bridge over canal on Commerce Street and on motion of Col Cole the condition of said bridge was referred to the Street Committee with power to act in the premises. Col Cole of Water Committee had read a communication from Capt S J Quinn Supt of City Water Works calling attention of the said Committee to the importance of enlarging the reservoir at the pump house. Capt McCracken moved that the communication and the subject be referred to the Water Committee with request that investigate it and report thereon to the Council.

On motion of Mr Bradford the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 18th day of April 1910 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, C W Jones and S S Bradford.

No quorum being present no meeting was held

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 26th day of April 1901, at 10 o'clock AM pursuant to notice duly given.

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, S S Bradford and L Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called at the request of the Finance Committee to consider the License Tax ordinance for the year beginning on the first day of May 1901.

Whereupon Capt McCracken of the Finance Committee offered the following ordinance notice of which had been given by Col Cole, chairman of said committee at the regular meeting of the Council held on the 21st day of May last, to-wit

An Ordinance imposing Taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for the year ending April 30th 1902 for the support of the City Government, the payment of the interest on the City debt and for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof

1. 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 the City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning on the 1st of May 1901.

The license tax shall be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the 1st of May 1901.

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, 1901 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, Jenny Lind 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 metals, 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

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29. On every person selling by wholesale wine, ardent spirits, 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, 1901 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

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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 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)

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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 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 1901, 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 [Page 399] 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.

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 1902.

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.

And on motion of Capt McCracken the foregoing ordinance was adopted

And on motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City pursuant to notice on Friday the 3rd day of May 1901 at 5 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, C W Jones, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called at the request of the Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement

Whereupon, Mr Embrey, Chairman said committee presented an estimate of Engineer N Wilson Davis of work done on Sewers by T C Hookway the contractor to day as follows

Estimate of work to day	\$14,536.05
Less reserve	2,180.40
	\$12, 355.65
Less previous payments	7, 971.47
Amt due T C Hookway	\$4,384.18

It was ordered that the above amount of \$4,384.18 be paid to T C Hookway, was filed with said estimate and Mr Embrey as Chairman of said Committee presented a bill on N Wilson Davis on account of his service in superintending the Construction of the sewers amount to \$200.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned

M G Willis, 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 May 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon Marion G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford, and Lawrence Perry.

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

Mr Embrey of Finance Committee presented a bill of the Commercial Printing Co amounting to \$4.25 which on motion was ordered to be paid, and he also presented three bill of the Free Lance for printing &c say \$3.50, \$1.75; & \$4.25 amounting to \$9.50 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten Chairman Public Property Committee made a report setting out that the Committee had found it impossible to secure workmen to paint the Free Bridge last fall as directed by the Council in October last, and that the work had been purposely put off this Spring to let the frost get out of the iron; and further reported that a majority of the Committee were in favor of having the work done by contract rather than be day labor, and submitted bids for said work as follows

Wright & Jefferson	\$520.00	Rodgers & Revere	\$512.00
Cox & Gouldman	\$443.00	George F Rodgers	\$439.50
R L Jefferson	\$427.50		

And recommended that the work of the free bridge be done by contract.

Whereupon Mr Bradley moved that the action of the Council heretofore taken directing said work on Free Bridge to be done by day labor be reconsidered; that the report of the Committee on Public Property be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted and further that the Committee be authorized to let the work to the lowest bidder and if the Committee so desire that it be empowered to secure the services of an expert in such work to see that it is properly done, which motion was adopted.

Mr Bradford stated that the bridge over the Canal at the north end of Washington Avenue had been taken up by the contractor who is dredging the canal and that the timbers in the bridge were found to be rotten and unsafe and not fit to be [Page 402] put back and used again, and that said Contractor would put in new timber free of cost for the work provided the City would furnish the timber. Whereupon Mr Wroten moved that the City furnish said contractor with suitable timber to replace said bridge which said motion was adopted

Mr Jones Chairman of School Committee reported that the last quarter's tuition under the agreement with Fredericksburg College had been paid to said College and that the Committee had named Sidney Hunter to fill the vacancy in the City's quota of pupils in said College.

The Mayor reported fines collected and paid to Treasurer for month ending April \$30.00 and same for month ending May \$35.00 making in all \$65.00 and he also reported that the Police had done their duty

Mr Wroten asked on behalf of F L W Green, permission for said Green to erect a shed at the back door of his store opening on to the Market Yard, and on motion of Mr Wroten the privilege was granted, work to be done under the supervision of Public Property Committee.

Mr Bradford, City Surveyor, who was directed to ascertain and report grades of street and sidewalk on Lee Avenue and on Hanover Street from Canal to Freeman's Corner with cost of grading, reported in writing with profiles attached and on motion of Mr Wroten the report was received and ordered to be filed for future use.

Mr Bradford presented a bill for rodman &c necessary help in making requisite surveys amounting to \$4.30, which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Whereupon Capt McCracken moved that Mr Bradford be allowed the sum of \$30.00 for his professional services in making the surveys and profile drawings necessary in the proper preparation of his report, which was adopted.

Whereupon Mr Bradford entered a protest against said allowance on the ground that he was a member of the Council and should not receive compensation for his services.

A communication from the Clerk of the School Board stating that the terms of office of W H Hurkamp and Isaac Hirsh as School Trustees from the Lower and Upper wards respectively had expired on the 4th day of April last was read, and on motion the Council proceeded to elect their successors, Messrs W H Hurkamp from the Lower Ward, and Isaac Hirsh from the Upper Ward were placed in nomination and a ballot being had they were declared duly elected as such [Page 403] School Trustees for the terms ending on the 4th day of April 1904.

On motion of Mr Jones the Council adjourned
M G Willis, 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 24th day of May 1901 at 10 o'clock AM
There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, C W Jones, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and Maj Embrey being recognized, stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of entertaining the following resolution which he offered as follows to-wit;

Whereas Major-General Daniel Butterfield has erected a splendid monument at Fredericksburg, Virginia to commemorate the valor and devotion of the Fifth Corps of the Army of the Potomac commanded by him in the battle of Fredericksburg, and has presented the same to the Fredericksburg and adjacent National Battlefield Memorial Park Association of which he is an honored member, thus testifying his profound interest in the object of said Association, which is to establish here a magnificent memorial of the heroism of both the great Armies whose join valor and sacrifice have made the Battlefields of Spottsylvania immortal.

And whereas, said monument is to be unveiled on May the 30th 1901 at 3 o'clock PM

Resolved, by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that said body will attend the unveiling and will march in the procession and they invite all the City officials to do likewise.

Resolved further, that they respectfully request all places of business to be closed from 2:30 o'clock PM to 4 o'clock PM on that day; and that the citizens generally attend.

The resolution was unanimously adopted and on motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber of said City on Saturday the 8th day of June 1901 at 12:45 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen W E Bradley, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated that it had been called at the request of the Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of said Joint-Committee stated that the Committee had adjudicated the account of T C Hookway the contractor for the construction of the City sewers and found a balance due said Hookway of \$4,000, which amount is in full of all claims and accounts due said Hookway by the City of Fredericksburg for the construction of said Sewers.

Mr Bradley moved that the Treasurer of this City be directed to pay to T C Hookway the sum of \$4,000.00 which shall be in full of all amount due him, and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Embrey then stated that the Joint-Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement found the balance due to N Wilson Davis the Engineer Superintending the work of sewerage to be \$200.00 which amount is in full.

And on motion of Mr Bradley, the Treasurer was directed to pay to N Wilson Davis the sum of \$200.00 being in full for his services in superintending the construction of the sewers

On motion the Council adjourned

M G Willis, 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 20th day of June 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon Marion G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford.

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

Maj Embrey of Finance Committee presented a bill of the Free Lance amounting to \$4.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid, and he also presented three bills of the *Fredericksburg Star* as follows \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$1.25 aggregating \$8.75 which bills were ordered to be paid. Major Embrey stated that the annual report of the Finance Committee would be presented to the Council at an adjourned meeting.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Public Property Committee presented the annual report of said Committee showing expenditures amounting for the year to \$741.96
The annual appropriation being \$600.00
Leaves an excess expenditure of \$141.96
On motion the report was received and filed and the amount of \$141.96 ordered to be placed to the credit of the Public Property Committee

Mr Wroten presented an application of Dr M M Lewis for permission to join the Jail Sewer and moved that it be granted, Dr Lewis paying the same price as other had paid for connecting with said Jail sewer, which motion was adopted.

Mr Wroten reported the contract to paint Free Bridge had been awarded to Mr Jefferson for \$427.50.

Mr Embrey Chairman Street Committee presented the annual report of the Committee with expenditures amounting to \$2,116.83. The appropriation being \$2200.00, leaving a balance of \$83.17 to the credit of the Committee on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr M S Chancellor Chairman Water Committee requested that Capt S J Quinn, Supt of City Water Works be permitted to read his report for the year, which report the Water Committee adopts and presents as the report of said Committee. Said report shows expenditures amounting to \$1320.56, which is \$320.56 in excess of the annual appropriation which is \$1000. The report further shows [Page 406] the receipts from water to be \$6610.01 and the sums paid out amount to \$3720.56, leave a net balance for the City of \$2889.45

On Motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$320.56 ordered to be placed to the credit of the Water Committee.

Mr Bradley, Chairman Committee on Alms and Alms House presented the annual report of said Committee showing disbursements as follows Alms-House proper \$928.08
City poor out side of Alms House \$475.14
Making in all \$1403.22

Which is \$403.22 in excess of the annual appropriation.

On motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$403.22 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Alms & Alms-House

Mr Gately, Chairman Health & Police Committee offered the annual report of said Committee, showing disbursements of \$187.13 which is \$87.13 in excess of the annual appropriation; on motion the report was received and ordered to be filed and the amount of \$87.73 ordered to be placed to the credit of said Committee

Mr Jones, Chairman Committee on Schools said he had not written report, that the school year had been a successful one with the attendance larger than in any previous year

The Mayor reported fines to June	\$27.55	
Dog tax	2.55	\$30.10

Which account had been paid to Treasurer and that the Police had done their duty.

Major Embrey presented a report of the Joint-Committee on Sewerage & Street improvement showing cost of work on sewers. On motion of Mr Bradley the report was referred back to said Committee with the request that the report be held until the accounts for land damages could be ascertained and embraced therein, which motion was adopted.

(Mr Hurkamp on request was permitted to retire)

Mr Bradford presented and read a letter from Dr J N Barney, Health officer & Secretary of the Board of Health, stating that in the opinion of said Board of Health “that flush tanks should be placed on Washington Avenue on Prince Edward Street near Commerce, on Charles Street near Amelia, on Hanover Street near Federal Hill and at a point near the National Bank in order to render the present sewerage system thoroughly sanitary” and the matter was referred to the Mayor.

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Maj Embrey Chairman Street Committee stated that Mr P V D Conway intended to put down a stone sidewalk curbing on his property on Charles Street and desired to widen the pavement in order to save the trees at or in the gutter. On motion the matter was referred to the said Committee with power to act.

Maj Embrey stated that it was the wish of the Finance Committee that when the Council adjourned it should be to an adjourned meeting thereof on the 28th of June 1901, which was agreed to.

Mr Bradley offered the following;

Resolved that the Public Property Committee be requested to find out the reason if there be any why Messrs W D Carter and F P Stearns the contractor for the Bradford Building were allowed to make connection with the jail sewer without being required to pay each the sum of \$12.50 as paid by all others connected with said sewer.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Friday the 28th day Instant at 8 o’clock PM

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held on Friday the 28 day of June 1901 at 8 o’clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E W Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones and S S Bradford

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee presented the annual report of said Committee for the year ending June 18, 1901 which report shows

Total receipts from Gas Works	\$9193.01
Expenditures	\$7753.85
Net earnings	\$1439.16

Cost of Lighting Streets	
Paid Rap Electric Light and Power Co	\$2100.59
Cost of Gas	\$1638.10
Total	\$3738.69

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

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Major Embrey of Finance Committee presented report of said Committee for the year ending June 30, 1901

Said report embraces the reports of A P Rowe, City Collector and R T Knox, Treasurer which said reports have been carefully examined by said Committee and are found to be correct.

The report shows collection by City Collector of \$27107.54

The report further shows that the Treasurer's receipts from all sources were \$49798.18

That the total disbursements have been \$40635.03

Leaving a balance on hand of \$ 9163.15

The report shows the bonded indebtedness of the City to be as follows

7% bonds due 1906	\$119420.00
5% Water Bonds	\$ 30000.00
4% Bridge bonds	\$ 25000.00
4% Gas bonds	\$ 25000.00
4% Sewer bonds	\$ 18000.00
4% Electric Light bonds	\$ 12000.00
	\$229,420.00

The report shows the amount due the City by the estate of Ro W Adams deceased late Treasurer to be \$4604.71 with interest

The report shows the sinking fund to be estimated at \$8873.57 "to which the committee would recommend be added the sum of \$2000 to be carried to the sinking fund from the General Balance now in the Treasurer's hands, and your Committee would recommend further that this sum of \$2000 be immediately invested either by purchase of the City's 7% bonds or otherwise"

And the Committed recommend the following annual appropriations

First be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th 1902.

Interest & sinking fund 7 percent bonds	\$10,000.00
Interest on 5 % water bonds	1,800.00
Interest on 4 % bridge bonds	1,250.00
Interest on 4 % gas bonds	1,250.00
Interest on 4 % sewer bonds	900.00
Interest on 4 % Electric L bonds	600.00
	\$15800.00
Alms House	1,000.00
Police	1,440.00
Salaries	4,500.00
Public Property	600.00
Forward	23390.00
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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	5,010.00
	\$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.

The report of the Committee was full and in detail and on motion was adopted and ordered to be filed.

The Finance Committee through Mr Embrey offered the following;
Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1901-1902

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
That the following taxes on personal property (real and personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1901-1902 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 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 and in the coupons of all other bonds of the City , and on the first day of November next (without rebate) in pursuance of the ordinance [Page 410] on that subject
- On motion the said Tax Bill for the year 1901-1902 was adopted.

Mr Hurkamp moved that the Finance Committee be requested to have the said report or so much thereof as they deem proper published in the manner they may determine as best, the cost not to exceed \$75.00

Mr Bradley moved as a substitute that the Finance Committee be requested to have the report published in full in the City newspapers at a cost not to exceed \$75

A recorded vote was called for & had on the substitute as follows

For the substitute Messrs Bradley & Bradford, 2

Against the substitute Messrs Embrey, Rowe, McCracken, Hurkamp & Jones 5; and the motion was lost

The original motion of Mr Hurkamp was then adopted.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Joint Com of Sewerage & Street Improvement read a paper proposed by Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh concerning the relation of the City to the private sewers in laid in the Streets. Mr Bradley moved that the paper be received and laid on the table till the next meeting of the Council. A recorded vote was called for on the motion and had as follows
For the Motion Messrs Bradley, Rowe & Bradford 3
Against the motion Messrs Embrey McCracken, Hurkamp, & Jones 4 and the motion was defeated
Mr Jones then moved
That the paper be received and filed with the Clerk for future use by the Council which was adopted.

Mr Bradford offered verbally his resignation as a member of the Street Committee which on motion of Mr Bradley was accepted and the Mayor appointed Mr J P Rowe to fill vacancy on said Street Committee which appointment on motion of Mr Bradley was ratified and confirmed by the Council

Mr Hurkamp, Chairman of Auditing Committee presented the following report
June 28, 1901

To the Hon Mayor & City Council Fredericksburg, Va
Gentlemen

We the auditing Committee have examined the books of the City Treasurer, Gas and Water Works and have found the same to be correct. We find a balance of \$9163.15 due the city in the hands of the Treasurer, Mr R T Knox

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Respectfully

Wm H Hurkamp

W E Bradley

On motion the report was adopted and ordered to be spread on the records of the Council
On motion of Major Embrey, the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At an annual meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on the first day of July 1901 at 10 o'clock AM

There were present Honorable Marion G Willis, Mayor

Captain Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen William E Bradley, Josiah P. Rowe, Winfred S Embrey, William H Hurkamp, Columbus W Jones, Matthew J Gately, M Sanford Chancellor and S Sydney Bradford

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Capt McCracken moved that the Council proceed to the election of Clerk which was carried. On motion the salary of the Clerk was fixed at \$100 the same as the past year.

Capt McCracken nominated James P Corbin for Clerk of the Council and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected and qualified by taking the oath of office.

Capt McCracken moved to go into the election of Collector City Taxes which was carried. An application from A P Rowe the present incumbent was read and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes for the ensuring year.

Captain McCracken moved to go into election of Corporation Surveyor which was carried and Capt McCracken nominated S Sydney Bradford and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Surveyor.

Capt McCracken moved to go into election of Clerk of the Market, which was adopted, Mr Bradley moved the salary be fixed at \$75, the same as the past year, which was adopted. An application from Samuel Fitzhugh and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year.

Capt McCracken moved to go into the election of a weigher and Measurer of Coal, Salt & Grain who shall also be measurer & inspector of lumber, which was adopted. An application from R H Carmichael was read and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected to said office.

Capt McCracken moved to go into the election of Superintendent of Alms House, which was carried and [Page 413] Mr Bradley moved that the salary be fixed at \$100, same as last year which was adopted and Mr Bradley nominated J W Ball and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected to said office.

Capt McCracken moved to go into election of City Scavengers which was adopted and an application from James Shelton from the Lower Ward was read and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected
Applications from Cumberland Miles and James A Stone from the upper ward were read and a ballot being had James A Stone was declared elected he having received 6 votes.

Capt McCracken moved to go into the election of four police officers which was carried, and Capt McCracken moved that the salaries of the Police Officers be fixed at \$ [blank] the same as last year which was carried. Applications were read from Jno H. Robinson, Charles A Gore, Will R Hall and Wallace N Tansill for said positions and a ballot being had they were each unanimously re-elected

Capt McCracken moved that the salary of the Mayor for the ensuing year be fixed at \$400. Mr Bradley called for a recorded vote which was had with the following result, viz;
For the motion Messrs Rowe, Embrey, McCracken (who was presiding), Hurkamp, Jones, Gately, and Bradford 7
Against the motion Messrs Bradley and Chancellor and the motion was adopted.
On motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned
M G Willis, 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 Monday the 15th day of July 1901 at 10 o'clock AM
There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Capt T McCracken, Recorder
Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford.

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called on petition of nine members of the [Page 414] Council to consider the uncovering of the race-way on Prussia Street.

Whereupon Mr Embrey offered the following,

Whereas the Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia had been informed by the City Board of Health that the excavation now in progress on Prussia Street is a menace to health in the present warm weather and will in all human probability cause sickness and disease, and the said work is a nuisance and should be suspended until more suitable weather; and the Council adopting the opinion of the said Board doth hereby decline to permit the excavation to be further continued for the present and doth decline to permit the City Streets to be further excavated at present and doth order the said excavation to be stopped. And the Clerk of the Council shall cause to be served upon the owners of the Mill which the race-way leads which is being repaired a copy of this ordinance. And the said Clerk shall furnish the City attorney Mr Fitzhugh with a copy of this ordinance and the City attorney is hereby directed to see that the said excavation is not further prosecuted until at such time as this Council is informed by the Board of Health and so declares that the said excavation can be further prosecuted with safety to the health of the people of the City.

Mr Bradley offered as a substitute for the foregoing resolution;

“Resolved that the work of cleaning out the flume of the Canal leading from the Fredericksburg Milling Company to the opening near the Kenmore Shoe Company shall be continued provided it can be done the satisfaction of the Board of Health and under its supervision”

A recorded vote being called for on the substitute it was had as follows

For the substitution Messrs Bradley, Hurkamp, Gately, and Bradford 4

Against the substitute Messrs Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Jones and Chancellor 6 and the substitute was declared lost and

A recorded vote was called for on the original paper offered by Mr Embrey, which resulted as follows for the resolution Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Hurkamp, Jones, Gately and Chancellor 9

Against Mr Bradford 1 and the resolution offered by Mr Embrey was declared adopted. And on motion the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia pursuant to notice on Thursday the 18th of July 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon Marion G Willis, Mayor

No quorum appearing, no meeting was held

M G Willis 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 Thursday the 15th of August 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present the following members of the Council Messrs W E Bradley, J P Rowe W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones and Lawrence Perry.

No quorum appearing, no meeting was held

James P Corbin Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the sixth day of September 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called for general business

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee stated that the City's Electric Light Plant was virtually completed and that it was now being run by the contractor, in order to test it thoroughly and have any deficiencies that might show themselves supplied and that he thought the Council should elect a Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant.

And on motion, the Council decided to elect said Superintendent, whereupon Mr Bradford moved that the salary [Page 416] of said superintendent be fixed at \$75.00 a month and Capt McCracken offered as a substitute that the salary be fixed at \$720.00 a year to begin when Superintendent assumes charge and begins his duties.

Applications were read from the following named parties, George J Fletcher, Bowie G Mills, T W Harris, William S O'Donnell and Louis J Johnston and a ballot being had resulted as follows; William S O'Donnell 8, T W Harris 1 and Bowie G Mills 1, and Mr William S O'Donnell was declared elected.

Maj Embrey of Finance Committee presented three bills of the Free Lance amounting to \$12.53 which on motion were ordered to be paid, and a bill of the Commercial Printing Co amounting to \$4.25 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Maj Embrey Chairman of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement presented the following report;

Honorable Mayor and City Council

Gentlemen: We the undersigned members of the Joint-Committee recommend that the present sewer be received by the Council and placed in charge of the proper Committee;

And further recommend that all private sewers be connected with Main Sewer, and all other connections be made by the citizens necessary for the protection of the health of the City and that the Council instruct the Ordinance Committee to bring in an ordinance regulating the connecting with said sewer;

And further recommend that no applications for additional sewers be considered until the above is completed with.

W S Embrey, H F Crismond, H H Wallace, J P Rowe, T McCracken

Whereupon

Capt McCracken moved that the report be received & adopted, a recorded vote was called for and had with the following result

For the motion Messrs Wroten, Rowe, Embrey McCracken and Gately 5

Against the motion, Messrs Bradley, Hurkamp, Jones, Chancellor and Bradford 5 resulting in a tie vote, the Mayor declined to give the casting vote, stating that he was interested in the ownership of private sewers, but said he was in favor of the motion to adopt the report, and Mr Hurkamp who had voted in the negative for a like reason withdrew his vote, whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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Mr Bradley offered the following seconded by Mr Jones

"Resolved that the Joint-Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement be requested to confer with the private sewer owners and find out at once what arrangements can be made so that the City may have control and supervision of said sewerage system"

A recorded vote was called for and had a follows

For the resolution Messrs Bradley, Jones, Chancellor and Bradford 4

Against Messrs Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken and Gately 5; Mr Hurkamp not voting and the resolution was not adopted.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee asked for an appropriation of \$400 for said Committee and on motion of Mr Bradley said appropriation of \$400 was ordered.

Mr Embrey presented and had read a petition form “property owners” of the City “from the R F & P R R to Frederick Street and from Princess Anne St to Charles for a square from the Western Main Sewer at Charles & Ferdinand up Frederick St to Princess Anne, thence up Princess Ann to the Rail Road; said petition was filed for future action thereon.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas we have heard with great sorrow and indignation of an attempt to assassinate his excellency William McKinley, President of the United States at Buffalo New York, this afternoon and whereas we rejoice to learn by the latest telegraph that his physician expresses the firm belief that he will survive the wound inflicted: therefore,

Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia that we condemn in the strongest language we can communicate, this dastardly and wicked act and we call upon the authorities to punish the would be assassin to the full extent of the law

2nd that we tender our profoundest sympathy to Mrs McKinley in her great affliction and earnestly pray that a kind and all wise heavenly father may restore our much loved Chief magistrate to perfect health, to her and to this United and Happy Country.

3rd That our worthy Mayor be requested to communicate this action of the Council to Mrs McKinley.

Capt McCracken offered the following which was unanimously adopted,

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The Common Council of Fredericksburg believing that it hereby express the wish of the entire population of the City of Fredericksburg, respectfully petitions the Constitutional Convention now sitting at Richmond to make no provision in the contemplated constitution which would have the effect of abolishing the existing Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, or which would impair its present jurisdiction

This Court is open for business with the except of the month of August and a part of July, on every weekday not including public holidays during the year, which is of great importance to a commercial community and which the expense of the Court is largely paid by the City, the fact that crimes will be speedily punished is a great preventive force it commission, and a protection to the persona and property of the citizens of the Commonwealth and tends to the saving of the expense to the State of imprisonment for long periods of time before trial.

The City of Fredericksburg differs in one respect from Staunton, Charlottesville, Winchester and some others in that these cities are the County seats of the Counties in which they are territorially situated while Fredericksburg is twelve miles from the County seat, and the Hustings Court of Fredericksburg with present jurisdiction has been in existence since the incorporation of Fredericksburg in 1781, after the Revolution, and has been the depository of the records ever since.

The Common Council of Fredericksburg trust that the Convention may grant the request of this petition. It is ordered that the above petition be spread upon the records of the Council and that a copy of the same be certified to Hon H F Crismond by the Clerk of the Council with the request that the same may be read before and presented to the State Constitutional Convention now setting in Richmond

Mr Jones, Chairman of Committee on Schools, moved that the Council receive the agreement for ten pupils from the City public Free schools residents of the City which the city had last session with Fredericksburg College, giving said College the same amount, viz; \$450 for the tuition of said 10 pupils. Which motion was adopted and Mr Jones presented the report of Mrs A L Magrath setting forth “names

of pupils who attained the highest average grade standing of scholarship in Grammar Grade No 1 P S for the session ending June 7, 1901” as follows

Miss Annie Rice	Miss Linda Clift
Susan Rawlings	Lettie Rose
Maurice Timmons	Estelle Ballard
Bessie Burrows	Maud Franklin

And moved that the aforesaid ten scholars be designated [Page 419] as entitled to attend Fredericksburg College during the session of 1901, 1902; which motion was adopted.

Capt McCracken asked that a telephone be placed at the Electric Light Works, and on motion of Mr Jones it was so ordered.

Mr Gately, Chairman of Health & Police, presented the report of Dr J M Downey, Health Officer, for the year ending June 30, 1901 which was read and on motion received and ordered to be filed, and On motion the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, 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 Saturday evening September 14th 1901 at 8 o'clock

There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen George W Wroten, William E Bradley, Josiah P Rowe, Wilfred S Embrey, Columbus W Jones, Melzi S Chancellor, S Sydney Bradford, and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called for the purpose of taking suitable and appropriate action no the death of William McKinley, President of the United States.

Whereupon Captain McCracken offered the following, viz;

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg desire to unite with all the world in paying tribute to the memory of President William McKinley, as a patriotic American, a pure citizen, a peerless executive and a Christian gentleman.

It is with pride and pleasure that we recall his recent visit to our city and his expressions of gratification at being with us,

This tribute to his memory is to testify and further emphasize our sincere sorrow at his death.

It is resolved; that the public buildings of this city will be draped in mourning for thirty days; that during the hours of the funeral services the bells of the City be tolled; and that a committee of three members of this Council be appointed by the Mayor to confer with the [Page 420] members of our churches in order to arrange a memorial meeting of our citizens and that these resolutions be spread on the records of the Council.

That a copy of these resolutions with our expressions of sympathy in this hour of her great bereavement be forwarded to Mrs McKinley, widow of our distinguished President, signed by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk under the seal of this City.

And the said resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Mayor appointed Messrs McCracken, Bradley and Perry as the Committee to confer with our ministers concerning the memorial meeting.

And it was understood that the Public Property Committee should have the City Hall and Court House appropriately draped.

On motion the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 19th day of September 1901, at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, S S Bradford and L Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor. The minutes of all the meetings held since June the 8th were read and approved and signed by the Mayor

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance presented two bills of the Free Lance for \$2.25 and \$3.00 respectively which on motion were ordered to be paid, and a bill of the Fredericksburg ? [blank] amounting to \$1.75 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Mr Rowe of Committee on Streets asked for \$125.00 for repairs to "Deane's Hill" and \$50.00 for English's pump and Mr Bradley moved that \$175.00 or so much thereof as shall be needed for the work proposed to be done at said places be placed to the credit of the Street Committee.

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Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee, stated that a washout had occurred at the head-race of the Electric Light Plant, but that the Committee had not report to make concerning as they had not had time to properly investigate it, it having occurred early today. Mr Edward J Willis the Electrical Engineer in charge of the construction of said Plant had only reached the city since nightfall and could not make proper inspection until tomorrow.

The Mayor reported fines collected in July amounting to	\$17.50
And in August & September to date	\$91.50
Making since last report the sum of	\$109.00

All of which had been handed over to the Treasurer, and the Mayor also reported that the police had done their duty.

Mr William H Hurkamp, President of the Fredericksburg Cemetery Company stated that the rebuilding of the wall retaining the pavement on Commerce Street adjoin said cemetery had exhausted the funds of the Cemetery and put the same in debt, and that as the necessity to rebuild said wall was in large measure due to the street gutter which had undermined it, he thought the City should relieve the indebtedness of \$125.00 received by the cemetery and asked that \$125.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

On motion of Mr Wroten it was ordered that \$125.00 be appropriated for said purpose.

On motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Saturday the 21st day of September 1901 at 4 o'clock PM

There were present Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder, acting Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, C W Jones, and L Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Recorder called col E D Cole to the Chair, who stated that the meeting had been called at the request of the Light Committee, whereupon Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee stated that the Light Committee thought some steps should be taken to light the city during the period required for repairs of the work out at the Electric Plant and stated that arrangements [Page 422] could be made for moving the dynamo from the power house of the City's Plant to the Southern Foundry & Machine Works which Foundry would furnish steam power to run the dynamo for \$9.00 per night and that the removal of the dynamo from the power plant would be agreed to by Kingsbury Samuel & Co the contractor who had not yet turned the plant over to the City provided the City paid the electrician now in charge \$4.00 a day for his services while running the dynamo at said Foundry, which would make a cost of \$14.00 per night.

Whereupon Mr Wroten moved that the Light Committee be empowered to make a contract with the Southern Foundry and Machine Works in accordance with the above and move the dynamo for the Electric Light Plant to said Foundry, which motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Friday the 27th day of September, 1901 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present, Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt T McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated it had been called at the request of the Light Committee.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee said that Mr Edward J Willis, the engineer and Mr St George R Fitzhugh, the City Attorney were present and that the Light Committee wishes Mr Willis as the engineer in charge of the construction of the Electric Light Plant to give the Council his opinion as to the cause of the wash-out on the 19th instant at the said plant; and Mr Willis addressed the Council and exonerated the contractor Mr Livingston from all blame for the accident, and said that while he did not consider himself legally responsible in any way, he had begun the day after the wash-out to have repairs made and felt sure that the Council would meet him half way in adjustment of the matter satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Mr Fitzhugh then addressed the Council and said as the City Attorney that there was neither legal nor moral [Page 423] responsibility for the accident on the contractor, Mr Livingston, and that he did not consider Mr Willis legally responsible but he did consider that there was a moral responsibility resting on Mr Willis, which Mr Willis had promptly and fully recognized in the action he proposed to take.

Mr Jones then offered the following

Whereas it has been represented to the Council that the wash-out at the Electric Plant was occasioned by the settling of the earth beneath the concrete head-race intended to transmit the water from the head water of the canal to the power house of the electric plant and whereas Mr Edward J Willis, the Engineer, whilst disclaiming all legal liability for said damage has voluntarily to bear at his own expense all the expense to repair said damage, except the cost of a metal flume to transmit said water, and the cost of a gate to be erected at the head water of the canal and the cost of placing said metal flume in position and connecting the same with the power house

It is resolved by the Council that said offer of Mr Willis is accepted and the Council hereby directs the Light Committee to procure under the direction of Mr Willis a suitable metal flume for the purpose aforesaid and to erect under said direction a proper gate and to take all other proper steps as speedily as possible to complete said Electric Plant'

A recorded vote being called for on the resolution it was had with the following result
 For the resolution Messrs Cole, Bradley, Rowe, McCracken, Hurkamp, Jones, Bradford and Perry
 Against the resolution, nobody and it was declared unanimously adopted and
 Capt McCracken further stated that Mr John C Melville one of the owners of the Woolen Mills adjoining
 the site of the Electric Plant had offered the use of water power free to the City, for running the dynamo
 and that the Light Committee had deemed it to the interests of the City not to carry into effect the
 arrangement authorized by the Council on September 21st inst to move said dynamo to the Southern
 Foundry & Machine works, and had accepted Mr Melville's kind offer.
 On motion of Col Cole the action of the Light Committee was sustained.
 And on motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned
 M G Willis, Mayor
 James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia called to be held at
 the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 17th day of October 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM
 There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
 Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, W S Embrey M S Chancellor and Lawrence Perry
 No quorum appearing there was no meeting
 The Mayor was requested by the members of the Council present to call a meeting for general business on
 Monday the 21st instant at 7:30 o'clock PM
 M G Willis, 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 Monday the 21st day of October 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM
 There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
 Capt T McCracken, Recorder
 Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S
 Chancellor, S S Bradford and L Perry

The Mayor called the meeting to order and stated that it had been called for general business.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented a bill of James P Corbin for postage, express charges paid by him and for typewriting for account of the City in all	\$7.47
A bill of the Free Lance for printing	\$10.25
A bill of the Free Lance for printing	.50
A bill of the Fredericksburg Star for printing	\$6.80
A bill of the Fredericksburg Star for printing	\$2.75
	\$27.77

All of which bills were on motion ordered to be paid.

Mr Gately, Chairman of Health & Police presented a bill of B F Whitner being for disinfecting J D Bay's
 house after diphtheria and amounting to \$10.00 saying that the work had been done by his discretion at
 the request of proper medical authorities and said that Mr Ray declined to pay said bill and Mr Bradford
 moved that the bill be not allowed which motion was adopted.

The Mayor reported fines collected \$31.50 and that same [Page 425] had been paid over to the Treasurer
 whose receipt therefor was read; The Mayor also stated that the police of the City had done their duty and

the Mayor further reported that he had issued and collected tax on 206 dogs – 172 males, 34 females amounting to \$223.00, which had been paid over to the Treasurer whose receipt for said amount was read and Col Cole mover that the usual fee of 15 cents for each dog license be allowed the Mayor, which was adopted and the Mayor stated that he had deemed it judicious to appoint Mr R L Jefferson a special policeman on the 9th of October when there was a crowd I the City, and asked that the Council order one dollar be paid to said Jefferson, for said service, which on motion of Col Cole was so ordered.

Maj Embrey presented a petition signed by numerous residents in the vicinity asking that an Electric Light be placed at the corner of Princess Anne and Princess Elizabeth Streets and Mr Bradley moved that said petition be referred to the Light Committee to make recommendation to the Council as to the location of any additional lights, and Col Cole moved as a substitute that so soon as the Electric Light plant is accepted by the City, the prayer of the petition be granted, a recorded vote being called for on the substitute was had as follows
For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Embrey, Gately, Chancellor, Bradford and Perry = 7
Against Messrs Bradley, Rowe, McCracken and Jones = 4
And the substitute was declared adopted

A petition signed by numerous shippers and business men of the City asking that an Electric Light be place on lower Water Street near the Weem's Wharf to replace the light formerly there but which has been done away with, said petition was accompanied by a letter addressed to Col E D Cole stating that "the Weems Line will pay for the expense of the extension for labor, poles & wire" said letter bearing date October 11th 1901, and signed W D Scott Agt was read and Mr Bradley moved that the petition be granted on the conditions raised in said letter, and that light also be placed at the college corner Prince Edward and Lewis streets at the corner of Charles and Fauquier streets at the corner of Main and Pitt Streets, at the corner of George and Charles streets and at the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail Road Company's Depot, so soon as the Electric Light Plant is accepted by the City, which motion was adopted.

A letter for the Fredericksburg Milling Company asking that it be allowed to complete the repairs to its flume [Page 426] which repairs were ordered to be discontinued on July 15, last was read and along with said letter was read one from Dr J. N Barney, Health officer stating that "the work could be prosecuted now with no menace to public health in my judgment" on motion said Company was allowed to resume said work under the supervision of the Street Committee.

A communication from O J Owens asking that a sewer be run on Washington Avenue from Commerce Street to corner of Amelia Street said Owens offering to pay one half of the cost of said sewer, was read, and on motion referred to the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement with request to make some recommendation thereon to the Council

Mr Rowe moved that so much of the report of the Joint Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement which was made on September 6, 1901 as instructs its ordinance Committee to prepare an ordinance regulating the connection with sewers, be reconsidered, which motion was adopted.

Col Cole offered the following
Resolved by the City Council that all matters pertaining to the Sewer System of the City including the sewer heretofore put in by private syndicates, be referred to the Joint Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement, with the request that said Committee prepare at once an ordinance to govern the management of the sewers of the city, including connections by property owners with said sewers and the

assessments to be made for meeting the obligations incurred by the City in the construction of the sewers and report to this Council: which was adopted.

A letter from Drs J N Barney & J E Tompkins, a Committee of the Rappahannock Valley Medical Association of Fredericksburg, asking aid in the entertainment of the Medical Society of Virginia in November 1902, was read and on motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Finance Committee with request to look into the probably outlay and report to the Council.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned
M G Willis, Mayor
James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 21 day of November 1901 at 7:30 PM
There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Capt T McCracken, Recorder
Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M J Gately, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford and L Perry

The Council was called to order by the Mayor. The minutes of the regular meeting in September last and all called meetings held since that time were read and approved and signed by the Mayor

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the bill of B F Whitener for disinfecting J D Ray's premises after contagious disease said work having been done by direction of the Chairman of the Health and Police Committee which bill amounts to \$10 was on motion ordered to be paid, also a bill of the Free Lance for \$1.25 and a bill of the Star for \$2.70 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Col Cole also presented an application of Judge A W Wallace, setting out that he was the owner of a registered coupon 7% bond of this City No. 239 for \$500.00, that the coupon on said bond for \$17.50 payable November 1, 1901 was lost and applied for payment thereof by the City; whereupon it is ordered that so soon as Judge A W Wallace shall file with the Treasurer of this City a bond in the penalty of \$20.00 conditioned to pay all loss and damages to the City of Fredericksburg by reason of said payment, said Treasurer should pay to said A W Wallace the sum of \$17.50 along with said application was the certificate of the Treasurer that said coupon had not been presented for payment up to this date.

Col Cole also stated in pursuance of resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council that the Medical Society of Virginia would not hold its annual session here in 1902 some other city having been selected for said meeting.

Maj Embrey, Chairman Street Committee asked for an additional appropriation of \$100 to complete repairs to Deane's Hill, George Street, which on motion of Mr Chancellor was granted.

Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee asked for [Page 428] an appropriation of \$696.80 to pay Wm Livingston the contractor of the Electric Plant for extra work some on said plant which extra amount has been approved by Engineer Willis and on motion of Mr Bradley the sum of \$696.80 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Light Committee for said purpose.

Mr Gately, Chairman of Health & Police Committee offered the following which was on motion referred to the ordinance Committee, viz;

Resolved, that all physicians practicing medicine in the City of Fredericksburg, shall report all cases of infections or contagious diseases to the Mayor, who shall have the premises where such diseases exist or have existed fumigated or disinfected as he may deem necessary.

The Mayor reported fines collected to date \$30.00 and produced the Treasurer's receipt for same and further reported that the Police had done their duty.

The Mayor presented the acknowledgment made by Mrs William McKinley, widow of our late President to the notions [?] of sympathy and regret sent by the Council, and on motion of Captain McCracken same is ordered to be spread upon on record, which is accordingly done as follows

Mrs McKinley

Acknowledges with grateful appreciation the tender expressions of sympathy extended to her in her sorrow

September 1901

Caseton, Ohio

A request from the Fredericksburg Milling Company Incorporated for the privilege of extending the spur side track which now serves the Excelsior Mill and convey the same further east across Water Street and alongside its flour & Grist Mill was read.

And Col Cole offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that permission is granted the Richmond Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail Road Company to extend the spur side track which now serves the Excelsior Mill across Water Street along side of said Mill, said work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee

A petition signed by 24 firms and citizens to provide the City with a proper street sprinkler was read and on motion of Mr Bradley referred to Water Committee to obtain price & other information & report to this body, and Council adjourned

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 11th day of December 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford and L Perry

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

Whereupon Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee stated that the repairs made necessary by the wash-out at the Electric Light Plant had been finished and the dynamo taken from the Woolen Mill and put back in the Power house and the City was now being lighted by it, and that a superintendent should be elected once Mr O'Donnell who had resigned and presented said O'Donnell's resignation, which was read and on motion of Col Cole the same was accepted.

Captain McCracken then moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering an ordinance concerning the management of the Electric Light Plant which motion was adopted. And Capt McCracken presented the following, viz;

Be it ordained by the Council that the Light Committee shall have control and general management of the City Electric Works and shall regulate the duties of the Superintendent of said works, and said Committee may authorize the employment of such labor about the works as it deems necessary and shall determine the wages of such labor.

The duties of the Superintendent of the City Electric Works shall be to operate and maintain the said works, to attend to and keep in good running condition the lamps, inspect and keep in safe condition all wires and poles recommend to the Committee all supplies needed, keep record of all supplies furnished and the disposition of same and perform all such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by said Committee or Council.” Which ordinance was adopted.

Capt McCracken then presented a letter from Mr Edward J Willis, Engineer, setting for the “the qualifications desirable in the man to run the said Electric Plant which letter was read and order to be filed.

Capt McCracken then moved that the Council go into the election of a superintendent of the City Electric [Page 430] works which motion prevailed and

Mr Jones moved that the action of the Council had on the 6th day of September 1901 (page 416) fixing the salary of said Superintendent at \$720 a year be reconsidered which was adopted and

Mr Bradley moved that the salary of the superintendent of the City Electric Works be fixed at \$50.00 per month from now until the 1st day of July 1902, which motion was adopted, whereupon Applications from the following named parties for said position were read together with the recommendations accompanying said applications, viz;

Bowen G Mills, T W Harris, J A Moran, and J E Cranwell and a ballot being had resulted as follows For Mills 5, for Harris 3; for Moran 3, no one having received a majority of another ballot was taken with the following result; for said J Bowie G Mills 6 votes; for Harris 3 vote and for Moran 2 votes, and Bowie G Mills was declared to be elected superintendent of the City Electric Works.

Col Cole moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of considering an ordinance offered by the Committee on Ordinances, which motion prevailed, and

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented the following; to wit;

Be it ordained by the Council for the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia

1st that it shall be unlawful for any Corporation firm, city official or other persons to nail lash paste or in any other manner attach or cause to be attached any sign, notice, advertisement, or any other posters to any telegraph, telephone or electric light pole with the limits of the City; or any house, wall or fence within said limits without the written permission of the owner or owners thereof.

2nd Any violation of this ordinance shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$2.00 for each offense.

3rd this ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Which ordinance was adopted.

On motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor,
James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday December 19, 1901 at 7:30 o'clock PM
Present Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder, Acting Mayor

Councilmen W E Bradley and C W Jones.
No quorum appearing there was no meeting
T McCracken, Recorder, acting Mayor
James P. Corbin, Clerk