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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 day of January 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present Capt T McCracken, Recorder, Acting Mayor Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, C W Jones, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of all meetings held since October 21st last were read and approved (but not signed by the Recorder)

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented bills of the *Free Lance* for \$3.00, a bill of R A Kishpaugh for \$1.00, a bill of Dr K N Goolrick for medicine furnished prisoners in Jail \$5.20 and a bill of Dr J N Barney for medical services to prisoners in jail amounting to \$9.25 (said services having been rendered in the absence or indisposition of the regular Jail physician and not included said physician's account against the State) in all amounting to \$18.45 were on motion ordered to be paid.

And Col Cole presented a tabulated statement of the insurance now carried on the buildings belonging to the City

On Fire Department Building, expiring in 1904	\$1,000.00
On Alms House, expiring in 1903	\$2,800.00
On Court House, perpetual	\$10,000.00
On Town Hall perpetual	\$8,800.00
On White Schools perpetual	\$5,000.00
On Colored Schools perpetual	\$2,500.00
Total insurance now carried.	\$30,100.00

Mr Jones, Chairman of Schools stated that he had received a personal letter from the President of Fredericksburg College saying that all students entered in said College by this Council on behalf of the City were doing well.

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On motion of Mr Rowe the Hon Alvin T Embrey, Commonwealth Atty of the City addressed the Council, Mr Embrey stated that he appeared voluntarily on behalf of the Police Officers of the city to ask that their salaries be increased, he stated that they were paid less than such officers of any other City or Town in the State. After Mr Embrey's remarks Mr Rowe moved the salary of the four police officers of the City be increased in the sum of ten (10) dollars per month each, to take effect on and after the first day of February, 1902. A recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For said increase in salary Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Jones, Chancellor, Bradford and Perry = 7
Against Mr Bradley = 1 and the motion was adopted

Capt McCracken called Col Cole to the Chair and as Chairman of the Light Committee stated the Electric Light plant was about completed and asked that the sum of \$5,500.00 be placed to the credit of said Light Committee to be entered on account of said Plant

And on motion of Mr Chancellor the said amount was ordered to be placed to credit of said Committee for said purpose and

Capt McCracken presented a communication from John C Melville, manager of the Melville Woolen Co claiming \$500.00 damages caused by the City's Electric Light Plant in the recent washout, said communication was on motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Light Committee with request to investigate

the claim, confer with the City Attorney about it, also with Engineer Willis and report to the Council thereon.

Capt McCracken also presented a letter from J G Clark, agent for Martha E Clark for water rent from Sept 1st 1901 to Dec 1st 1901 amounting to \$202.50, which on motion of Mr Bradley was referred to the Light Committee for investigation conference with the City Attorney and report thereon to the Council.

Mr Rowe moved that a Committee of the Business Men's Association who were present should be heard, which was carried and Mr W D Carter on behalf of said Committee addressed the Council on behalf of the importance of investigating the condition of the gas mains, particularly in the Streets proposed to be paved or macadamized and also the water mains in said streets before the same are so improved.

Mr Bradley moved that the matter be referred to the Light Committee for investigation and report and Mr Rowe amended the motion empowering the Light Committee to employ an expert engineer, a recorded vote was called for on the amendment and had as follows;

For Messrs Rowe, McCracken, Perry = 3

Against Messrs Cole, Bradley, Jones, Chancellor, Bradford = 5 and said amendment was lost Whereupon a recorded vote on the original motion to refer was demanded and had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Bradley, McCracken, [Page 433] Chancellor & Bradford = 5

Against Messrs Rowe, Jones & Perry = 3 and the motion declared adopted

A letter from Mr St G R Fitzhugh & Capt M B Rowe, a committee of the Executive Committee of the Fredericksburg and adjacent National Battlefield Park Memorial Association of Virginia asking that the sum of \$250 be paid out of the City Treasury to further the purpose of said Association was read and on motion of Mr Bradley the Treasurer of this City was directed to pay to Hon H F Crismond, Treasurer of said Association the sum of \$250.00

Col Cole presented an ordinance relating to carrying concealed weapons, and

An ordinance relative to the sale of torpedoes, pop-cracker &c both of which were on motion referred to the Ordinance Committee for report thereon

And Mr Jones offered an ordinance concerning signs & sign boards which on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee for report on same

Mr Jones moved to pass by the election of Superintendent of City Water Works, a recorded vote was called for and had as follows

For motion to pass by Messrs Bradley, Jones & Bradford = 3

Not to pass by Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Chancellor, Perry = 5 and the said motion was defeated

Mr Rowe moved to go into the election of Superintendent of City Water Works which was carried

Mr Chancellor moved that the salary of said Superintendent be fixed at same as last year \$900

Mr Jones moved to amend said motion and fix said salary at \$750; a recorded vote was demanded & had on the amendment with result as follows

For Messrs Jones & Bradford = 2

Against Messrs Cole Bradley, Rowe, McCracken, Chancellor, Perry = 6 and the amendment was lost and Mr Chancellor's motion fixing said salary at \$900 was adopted and the application of Capt S J Quinn for re-election was read and a ballot being had he was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Water Works for the year 1902

Col Cole moved to go into election of Superintendent of City Gas Works, which was adopted

And Col Cole moved to fix salary at same as last year \$800.00

Mr Bradford moved to amend & fix salary at \$900.00; Mr Bradley moved to further amend by fixing salary at \$700.00, the question being on Mr Bradley further amendment a recorded vote was called and had as follows

For said further amendment Messrs Bradley & Jones = 2

Against Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Chancellor, Bradford & Perry = 6

And said amendment was lost, and a recorded vote being demanded on Mr Bradford's amendment to the original motion was had as follows;

For [Page 434] said amendment Messrs Bradford & Perry = 2

Against Messrs Cole, Bradley, Rowe, McCracken, Jones & Chancellor = 6 and said amendment was defeated

And the question was on the original motion of Col Cole to fix salary at \$800 and another recorded vote being demanded was had with the result, viz;

For Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Chancellor, Bradford & Perry = 6

Against Messrs Bradley & Jones = 2 and the salary was fixed at \$800 per year

An application of Wm Fitzpatrick for re-election was read & a ballot being had he was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Gas Works for the year 1902.

On motion Mr Chancellor was excused and retired

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted

"Resolved that the Light Committee of this Council be requested to ascertain at once the probable cost of an incandescent system of electric lighting to be generated in conjunction with the Arc system now owned by the City of Fredericksburg"

Col Cole had read a petition from sundry citizens asking that an electric light be placed on the corner of 11th & G Streets (presumably Amelia & Douglas Streets) which on motion was referred to the Light Committee.

Col Cole had read a letter from Capt S J Quinn together with one from Judge Beverly R Wellford Jr of Richmond, Va calling attention to the importance of pushing the matter of a monument in Fredericksburg to General Mercer of this City who was killed at the battle of Princeton and for which the Congress appropriated \$5000 some 125 years ago, and moved that the said letters be referred to a committee of six members to be appointed by the Mayor, 3 of whom shall be members of this Council & 3 from the Citizens, 2 of whom shall be members of the Business Men's Association, the motion was adopted and Col Cole moved that in connection with the foregoing the Committee on Public Interests of the Council take up the matter before the Congress of Harbor Improvement of our City and that the Committee of the Businessmen's Association for said purpose be requested to co-operate with said Council Committee

The Recorder as acting Mayor reported fines collected \$24.00

Dog licenses 2.50

And asked what dispositions he should make of the same. On motion of Col Cole moved that the Recorder be requested to pay the same over to the Treasurer & take his receipt therefor which was carried. And the Recorder reported the police had done their duty.

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Mr Rowe, Chairman of Ordinance Committee offered the following amendment to the ordinance passed on December 11, 1901, relating to the postings of notices, signs, posters &c, so that the same shall read as follows

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

1st That it shall be unlawful for any Corporation, Firm, City official, or other person to nail, tack, paste or in any other manner attach or cause to be attached any sign, notice, advertisements, or any other posters, to any telegraph, telephone, or electric light pole or curbing, or any public property whatever, within the limits of the Corporation, or on any trees on the streets or sidewalks or to 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 to offender to a fine of not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$2.00 for each offence.

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

Which was adopted the rules being suspended therefor

And then on motion the Council adjourned

T McCracken, Recorder, acting 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 on Thursday the 20th day of February, 1902 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, 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 and signed by the Recorder acting Mayor and the minutes of the meeting held on December 11th 1901 which had been approved by not signed were duly signed by the Mayor.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented the following bills, viz; S S Bradford for one half of expenses of Committee on Public Improvement to Washington \$9.50; *Free Lance* \$3.00, J W Adams, 3 bills one approved by Mayor for \$7.10; one approved by City Collector for \$6.00 & one for sundries furnished for Elections \$2.64; which were ordered paid

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And Col Cole presented a statement from the Treasurer's books setting out the cost of the Sewers to be \$18,045.57, leaving a balance on hand to credit of Sewer account of \$8.43 which balance was on motion of Mr Bradley ordered to be turned into the general fund of the City.

Major Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee asked for an appropriation of \$400 which sum would fill out the annual sum appropriated and on motion of Mr Wroten \$400 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee.

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance which had been referred to said Committee at the meeting in January

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

That it shall be unlawful for any person in the said Corporation to carry about his person hid from common observation any pistol, dirk, bowie knife, razor, sling shot, or any weapon of the like kind and any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than ten dollars; provided that this section shall not apply to any police officer, sergeant, constable, sheriff, conservator of the peace or collecting officer while in the discharge of his official duty; and on his motion said ordinance was adopted.

And Mr Rowe asked further time in which to report of the other ordinances referred to said Committee at the January meeting which request was granted.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee, presented and had read a report which containing a full history of the Electric Light Plant built and owned by the City from its inception to its acceptance by the Committee from the contractors, which report on motion of Col Cole was received.

And Capt McCracken also presented a comparative statement of the cost of lighting the City by its own plant and under the old contracts with the R E L & P Co

And Capt McCracken further reported for the Light Committee that the Claim of the Melville Woolen Co against the City for \$500 damages, which had been referred to said Committee had been carefully considered and after consultation with the City Attorney they recommend that the sum of \$300 be paid to said Melville Woolen Company and further reported that Mrs Martha E Clark had waived any claim for water rent prior to January first 1902

And Capt McCracken asked that the sum of \$200 be place to the credit of the Light Committee for the purpose of putting in the additional Electric Lights heretofore ordered by the Council and on motion of Mr Bradley \$200 or so much thereof as may be needed for the purpose was ordered to be place to the [Page 437] credit of the Light Committee for putting in said additional street lights.

Col Cole presented a statement from the Treasurer's books showing the cost of the City's Electric Light Plant to be \$17,905, leaving a balance to credit of said account of \$321.44 which he moved be turned into the general fund of the city and the motion was adopted.

Mr Wroten of the auditing Committee reported that said Committee had audited the accounts of Treasurer Robert T Knox in the matter of sewers and Electric Light Plant and had found the same correct.

Mr Bradford, Chairman Committee on Public Interests made a verbal report

The Mayor reported fines collected since October \$54.00 producing Treasurer's receipt therefor

Dog tax collection on 30 males at \$1.00	30.00
4 females at \$1.50	6.00

Mr Bradley moved that the usual fee for dog licenses be allowed the Mayor which motion was adopted When the Mayor further reported that the Police had done their duty

Col Cole presented a letter from Dr J N Barney the health officer of the City in relation to sinks or wells for reception of sewage and presented also an ordinance on the subject which was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee for report

Mr Chancellor, Chairman Water Committee presented the official bond of S J Quinn as Supt of City Water Works in the penalty of \$2000 with the U S Fidelity & Guaranty Co of Baltimore as his surety and it appearing that there was a clerical error therein it was withdraw for correction.

Capt McCracken, Chairman Light Committee stated that Mr Fitzpatrick Supt of City Gas Works would give a surety Company as his surety on bond and that until said bond was prepared he considered himself bound as surety for said Fitzpatrick

Col Cole moved that when the Council adjourns that it do so to meet on Thursday February 27, 1902 which motion was adopted and

Thereupon on motion the Council adjourned to said day at 7:30 o'clock PM

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va held on Thursday the 27th day of February 1902 pursuant to the adjournment of said Council on February 20th 1902

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, George W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, C W Jones, M J Gately, S S Bradford and Lawrence Perry.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Major Embrey, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement stated that that Committee was not prepared to report fully, but that the Committee desired that Mr St G R Fitzhugh the City Attorney be heard.

And Mr Fitzhugh was heard and suggested securing additional legislation to collection of costs of sewerage.

Major Embrey then stated that the said Joint Committee would need the services of a civil engineer before it could determine important questions bearing on Street paving, such as grades, the condition of gas and water pipes &c

And Mr Wroten moved "that the Joint Committee on Sewer and Street Improvement be empowered to employ an engineer and report to the Council his findings as to grades, pipes and other matters pertinent to Street paving and said committee shall also report to the Council the terms of its contract with said Engineer which motion was carried and

Col Cole moved the following

Resolved that the joint Committee on Sewerage & Street improvement obtain such legislation from the present Legislature in relation to the collection of the cost of Sewerage as may be necessary in the event that the recommendations of said joint Committee shall be adopted by the Council which was carried.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee, stated that the bond of Mr Fitzpatrick Supt of City Gas Works had been presented & referred to the City Attorney, said Attorney not approving the force of said bond it had been returned to said Superintendent for revision

Col Cole gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the Council he would call up the matter of the election of a Police Justice for the City.

Mr Bradley moved to adjourn till next Thursday the 6th of March next at 7:30 o'clock PM or to such time as the Joint Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvements were prepared to report which was adopted and 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 on Thursday the 20th day of March 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber of said City

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 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 adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented a bill of the Commercial Printing Co for \$.50 and a bill of R A Kishpaugh for \$1.15 both of which bills were approved by the Clerk and on motion were ordered to be paid.

Col Cole stated that the bonds given by the Supt of City Water Works and the Supt of City Gas Works were in his possession and Mr Bradley moved that said bonds be presented to the Council at its next meeting which motion prevailed

Col Cole also presented the License Tax Ordinance and stated that it would be called up at the next regular meeting.

Mr Rowe of Ordinance Committee submitted the following ordinance which had been referred to said Committee

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

That it shall be unlawful for any person to dig or otherwise construct any well or sink to be used for the reception of sewage of any kind or description within the limited of the City;

That this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

And said ordinance was adopted and

Mr Rowe asked further time for the consideration of the ordinance proposed by Mr Jones at the January meeting, whereupon

Mr Jones moved that said ordinance be now considered and Mr Bradley moved as a substitute that the consideration of such ordinance be postponed till the meeting of the Council in May next, a recorded vote was called for on the substitute and it was adopted by the following vote;

For Messrs Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Hurkamp, Gately & Chancellor = 8

Against Messrs Cole, Jones, Bradford and Perry = 4 and it was so declared

Capt McCracken of Light Committee stated that said [Page 440] Committee had settled satisfactorily and in full with the Melville Woolen Co for its claim of \$500 for damages sustained by the washout at the City Light plant last fall by paying to said company \$300 as ordered by this body on February 20th last And also stated that the delay in putting up the additional Street Lights was due to the failure to secure proper poles the roads being so bad they could not be hauled.

Mr Jones, Chairman School Committee stated that the terms of Messrs A B Bowering and D C Cole as School Trustees from the Lower and Upper Wards respectively would expire in April next, whereupon Mr Rowe moved to proceed to the election of School Trustees to succeed said Trustees, which was adopted and Mr A B Bowering from the Lower and Mr D C Cole from the Upper Ward were nominated as such School trustees and a ballot being had they were unanimously elected.

And Mr Jones stated that Dr Roseboro, President of Fredericksburg College had reported to him stating that all of the city's pupils were doing well save one.

Mr Embrey chairman of Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street improvement stated that said Committee was ready to report and requested Mr St G R Fitzhugh the City Attorney to read the report, which Mr Fitzhugh proceeded to do

After which Capt McCracken moved that the report be received and 1000 copies thereof be printed for distribution which motion was carried.

As the report recommends two ordinances in relation to sewer it, under the rules lies over

Col Cole moved that the ordinance passed tonight in relation to well or sinks be reconsidered, which motion prevailed, and Cole presented and had read another ordinance on the same subject which lies over under the rules.

Col Cole offered the following

Resolved by the Council that this City shall have a Police justice in pursuance of the Act of February 18, 1898 (pending which the Mayor called the Recorder to preside and vacated the chair)

And Mr Perry offered the following as a substitute for Col Cole's resolution.

Resolved that the matter of creating the office of Police Justice be postponed and that the Ordinance Committee of this Council be and is hereby instructed to report at the next meeting of the Council such an ordinance as will provide for submitting to the people in the Spring election the question whether Fredericksburg shall have a Police Justice?

And a recorded vote being called for was had as [Page 141] follows

for the substitute Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Hurkamp, Jones, Gately, Chancellor and Perry = 11

Against the substitute Mr Bradford = 1 and the substitute prevailed

And then 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 Wednesday the 9th day of April 1902 at 4 o'clock PM

Present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, Geo W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, M S Chancellor, W H Hurkamp and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order

Col Cole stated that the meeting had been called to hear a proposition from a Committee of the Businessmen's Association composed of Messrs C J Steigle, Dr J E Tompkins, and Henry Dannehl who were present

On motion of Col Cole it was ordered that the Committee be heard.

Mr Steigle addressed the council and stated that an extended correspondence had been conducted between the Businessmen's Association and the Union Veteran Legion in reference to the latter holding its annual meeting in this place this year. He stated that the organization asked in case they decided to come here that a hall should be furnished them in which to meet, a few committee rooms, that each member should be provided with a badge and that the commander and his staff, ten persons in all should be entertained while here, which would be about three days. The total cost he thought would not exceed \$200, half of which the Businessmen's Association agreed to pay. He was instructed to ask that the Council would unite in the invitation and appropriate \$100, for the entertainment of the Legion.

Whereupon Col Cole submitted the following paper which was unanimously adopted

It having come to the knowledge of the City Council through the Businessmen's Association that the Union Veteran Legion proposed to hold its annual session in this city in October, be it [page 442]

Resolved: that the City Council does most heartily approve of the request of the businessmen's Association, having in view the extending of an invitation to the Union Veteran Legion to hold their annual session in city in October next, and

Resolved further that this Council does hereby request the Mayor to appoint a special committee of three to act in co-operation with a like committee from the Businessmen's Association in extending this invitation and in preparing for the guests should the invitation be accepted

Resolved that the Council does hereby appropriate the sum of \$100 to the entertainment of the Union Veteran Legion where a like amount shall have like been appropriated by the Businessmen's Association.

Resolved further that the Mayor instruct the clerk of the Council to extend this invitation to the Union Veteran Legion in behalf of the City

And

The mayor under the 2nd resolution appointed the following committee viz; Col E D Cole, Maj W S Embrey and Mr William E Bradley.

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, Virginia, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 17th day of April 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

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

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

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented and had read a list furnished by the Commissioner of the Revenue containing the names of all merchants doing business in the City, the account of their purchases annually and the amount of license tax levied thereon and

Presented also, pursuant to notice given at the regular meeting in March, the License Tax ordinance for the year beginning on the 1st day of May 1902. He stated that with the exception of a few changes, it was the same as last year, and proceeded to call attention to said changes namely in Section 8, 10, 11, 38, and 41, and in paragraph 4 of the General Provisions, and Mr Bradley moved to amend Section 38 making the tax therein act out \$7.50 instead of \$3.50, which amendment the Committee accepted and the said License Tax Ordinance as reported and amended was adopted by the Council. It is as follows, viz;

An Ordinance imposing Taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for the support of the City Government, the payment of the interest on the City debt and 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 of each year and ending on the 30th of April of each year.

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

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.

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 [Page 444] to the agent of accident 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 (\$25)

8. On every agent for the sale of real estate, residing or keeping an office in the City, twenty dollars (\$20)
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, 1902 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, \$20 whether he derives any compensation for his services or not.

11. Concession crier, fifteen dollars (\$15.)

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 ten dollars (\$10)

Bakers and Confectioners

16. On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants, ten dollars

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.

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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 doing business in the city, done exclusively in the city not including business done to & from points without the State or business done for the Government of the United States its officers or agents \$100, and in default of the payment of the license tax for thirty day after the same becomes due a penalty of double the assessment of the tax hereby imposed half be incurred and shall be paid by each such defaulting company.

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 (\$4); on every one horse wagon, dray or cart used for hire four dollars (\$4).

Liquor Dealers

29. On every person selling by wholesale wines, 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.

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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, 1902 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 embraced 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 seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for each day or night the same may be done. This license shall be a personal privilege, and only be granted by order of the Mayor.

Oysters and Fish

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

Patent rights

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

Peddlers &c

41. On every peddler, fifty dollars (\$50). Any person who shall carry from place to place any goods, wares or merchandise, and offer to sell or barter the same or actually sell or barter the same in transit or otherwise shall be deemed a peddler.

Railroad Tickets

42. On every person buying or selling railroad tickets other than the duly authorized agent of some railroad 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 [Page 447] 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.

The specific license tax on every show, or exhibition of trained animals, Athletic or acrobatic performances in a tent twenty dollars (\$20) per day.

47. The specific license tax on any theatrical performance of any kind, professional juggler, necromancer, Negro minstrel shows concerts, lectures or other exhibitions or entertainments of like kind three dollars (\$3) for each exhibition; twelve dollars (\$12) for six consecutive days by the same exhibitor 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 such 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 license included in the above clause shall be only granted upon the order of the Mayor. And each exhibitor 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. Upon every telegraph company doing business in this City, for business done exclusively in the City, not including business done to and from points without the State, or business done for the Government of the United States, its officers or agents, thirty five dollars (\$35). And in default of the payment of the license tax herein imposed for thirty days after the same becomes due a penalty of double the amount of the tax hereby imposed shall be incurred, and shall be paid by such defaulting company.

Telephone Companies

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

Dealers in Futures

50. Every person who shall conduct the business of dealing in what is known as futures in grain or other produce or merchandise, shall pay a specific license tax of twenty five dollars (\$25) and if a similar business be done in railroad or other stocks or bonds an additional license of twenty five dollars (\$25), but this shall not be deemed as interfering with 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 [Page 448] 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) per week.

General Provisions

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 assess 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 1902, he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries thereon made during the preceding quarter, properly classified. These extracts shall be certified under oath.

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

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 1903.

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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 first of April annually. He shall assess each person or firm named in the list with the license tax imposed by the ordinance and he is not authorized to release or discharge any of the persons or firms enumerated in this list who are engaged in the occupation, profession, or business upon which license tax is imposed without a judicial decision in the case.

IX. Should there be an assessment made and not paid, it shall be the duty of the City Collector to make collection by levy and sale of the goods and chattels of the person assessed as is provided by the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the assessment ley and collection of taxes. A commission of 5

percent shall be allowed on collections so made from default or persons and such commissions shall be paid by the person or persons in default.

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

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

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance which had been referred to said Committee and said ordinance was read and adopted it as follows to-wit;

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg

1. That is shall be unlawful for any person to dig or otherwise construct any well or sink to be used for the reception of sewerage of any kind or description with the limits of this City.

2. And it shall be unlawful for any person to use such well or sink already constructed for the reception of said sewerage or to permit such well or sink to remain open on his premises where the City provides sewer facilities contiguous to said property.

3. Anyone violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$5, nor more than \$25, and this fine shall be imposed for each day that this ordinance is violated after the same takes effect.

4. This ordinance shall take effect for May 15th 1902

And Mr Rowe also reported in response to a resolution passed on March 20th last, requesting said Committee to report on ordinance providing for submitting to the people in the Spring election [Page 450] the question, whether Fredericksburg shall have a Police Justice, that no ordinance is necessary for the purpose set forth in the resolution, that should an election for that purpose be had the ticket should read "For Police Justice", "Against Police Justice", and that separate ballot boxes, judges and clerks of election would be required as the judges and clerks conducting the May election could not act and On motion of Mr Jones the report was received and filed.

Mr Rowe of Light Committee asked permission to change the Electric Street Light from Washington Avenue & Amelia Street to Amelia and Douglas Street, read on motion the request was referred to Light Committee with power to act.

The Mayor reported fines collected \$27.50 and had read the Treasurer's receipt for same, and reported that the Police had done their duty.

Col Cole stated that an unruly child of [blank] needed restraint of some kind and Maj Embrey moved that said child be turned over to the Alms House Committee which was adopted

Petitions of sundry citizens resident of "Doswell Field" asking and Electric Street Light, and a request from E D Wheeler for an Electric Street light at the corner of Princess Anne and Charlotte Streets, were on motion referred to the Light Committee with power to act in each case.

Mr Bradley offered the following

"Resolved that the Water Committee be directed to purchase at once at a price not to exceed \$250 a street sprinkler, and put the same in operation as soon as needed to keep our streets properly sprinkled" and the resolution was adopted, and

Mr Chancellor presented a proposal from Julian School & Co to furnish a sprinkler (street) Studebaker, capacity 450 gallons for \$204.25 f.o.b. South Bend, Indiana.

Mr Bradley offered the following

Resolved: That from and after July 1, 1902, all bonded officers of this City be and are hereby required to furnish bond in some reliable Trust Company, said bond to be approved by the City Council. The resolution was adopted.

Major Embrey called up the report of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement which had been read at the March meeting and
Mr Bradley moved that when the Council adjourned that it adjourn to meet on Friday the 25th Instant for the purpose of considering said report, which motion prevailed.
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Mr Jones gave notice that he would call up at the next regular meeting of the Council the report of the Committee on Fire Department made on September 20th 1900.

And on motion of Col Cole, the Council adjourned pursuant to motion this evening adopted.
M G Willis, Mayor
James P Corbin, Clerk

At a meeting of the Council on April 25, 1902 held pursuant to adjournment on the seventeenth instant, There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Councilmen Col 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 Lawrence Perry.

The Mayor called the body to order and announced the order of business to be the consideration of the report of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement

Whereupon, Major Embrey, Chairman of said Joint Committee had said report (the same having been printed for distribution read, it was as follows

“The undersigned Joint-Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement respectfully report that the cost of the partial sewerage of the City was as follows:

Paid to C T Hookway, the contractor	\$16,355.65
Paid to N Wilson Davis, the Engineer	800.00
Paid for right of way for sewers and incidental expenses	879.72
Making total cost of sewers	\$18,035.37
The bid of the contractor was	\$14,492.80

The differences between said bid and the above amount actually paid him was for extras allowed by the Engineer under the contract.

The Joint Committee in their original report to the Council based their estimate of the probably burden of one half of the cost of the sewers if laid on the property benefited on the original bid of the contractor for the construction of only the two main sewers east and west and the Commerce Street sewer.

It was after that estimate had been made and embodied in the report that the Committee by an addendum to their report recommended the additional sewerage from Bowering’s Bridge over the Canal up Charlotte Street to Weedon Street; thence along Weedon to Mercer and Willis Streets. The Committee in said estimate did not take into consideration the cost of right of way which could not be then ascertained, nor did it estimate for the cost of [Page 452] connections of the main sewers brought to the pavements along streets to be paved.

Your Committee after the most mature reflection and after fully considering all the difficulties in the way of assessing one-half of the cost of the present sewerage against the real estate beneficial thereby, has reached the conclusion that as the present sewerage is only of limited extent, and yet the two main sewers that one the east traversing the entire length of the City – and that on the West traversing three-fourths of the length of the City were the indispensable initial step in the complete system of sewerage for the City

which had been fully mapped out by Engineer Davis by direction of the Council, the entire cost of the work already accomplished should be borne by the whole city.

The Committee is also of the opinion that one half of the said cost should be returned to the City Treasury by a sewer tax extending through three years and that as said sewer tax is collected it should be applied to the further extension of the City Sewerage.

The assessed value of the real estate of the City is \$1,446,898, a sewer tax of 62½ cents of the \$100 of said assessed value would raise the sum of \$9,017.68, which sum is one-half of the entire cost of the sewers already completed.

If this amount should be raised in three annual installments the annual sewer tax for the three years would be (discarding fractions) 21 cents on the \$100 value of the real estate of the City.

The Joint Committee further recommend the adoption of the following ordinance:

“Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that:

1. The owner of every lot in the City with a dwelling house, Store or office building thereon which adjoins by the front, rear or side a street or alley in which there is a sewer owned or controlled by the City in which it is practicable to enter shall be assessed annually for the privilege of connection with said sewer the sum of \$3.
2. The owner of every lot with a house thereon as above described which adjoins by the front, rear, or side a street on alley in which there is a sewer owned or controlled by the City and into which it is practicable to enter shall form a connection from his lot with said sewer into which shall be carried all waste water except rain water, and any person failing herein for 90 days after this ordinance takes effect shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars and each day thereafter until the connection is made shall constitute a separate offense. All such connections shall be made under the Supervision of the Superintendent of Sewers and with his approval and his written permit shall be first obtained.
3. Any owner of a lot who makes or causes to be made any such connection without the permit of the superintendent of sewers hereinbefore mentioned or any agent who makes or causes the same to be made without the aforesaid permit, or any plumber, bricklayer, or other person who makes such [453] connection or any part thereof without the permit aforesaid shall be fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$25.00.
4. No person shall either in a street or alley or upon any lot put any stone or brick or any other solid thing into a sewer, or shall in any way whatever injure, impair, or obstruct a sewer of fixture thereof. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, each day's violations of this section to constitute a separate offense.
5. Before any owner of a lot shall be required to comply with the provisions of section 2 of this ordinance, pipe connections with the sewers, owned or controlled by the City shall be made by the City at such points extending from the sewer to the inner side of the curb line of the street or to any alley as may be determined by the Water Committee at which points the connections from the premises provided for in said second shall be made.

(and) The Joint Committee further recommends in accordance with the written opinion of the City Attorney of June 25th 1901, the following ordinance:

Whereas a number of private sewers were laid in the Streets of the City prior to the establishment by the Council of a system of sewerage for the City;

And whereas said private sewers constitute a menace to the health of the City and one likely to become dangerous and offensive;

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg

That all persons owning or interested in the private sewers laid in the streets and alleys of the City are hereby required within fifteen days after the adoption of this ordinance to remove said sewers from the streets and alleys of the City, and upon their failure to do so this Council at the expiration of said period will take the exclusive possession and control and regulation of said private sewers and they shall become the public sewers of the City and shall be subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the

public sewers constructed by said City and connections therewith and shall be equipped with man holes; and proper connections shall be made with the public sewerage system of the City and the drainage of said private sewers into the river shall cease”

Respectfully submitted

W S Embrey	E D Cole
H F Crismond	J P Rowe
H H Wallace	Committee

And, Mr Rowe moved that the ordinance in relation to private sewers set forth in the foregoing report be modified as follows “that the former owners of said sewers who have made connections with the same shall be relieved for a period of seven years from the charge in the Sewer ordinance [Page 454] prescribed for connection with the City sewerage”, which was adopted by the following recorded vote, said vote having been demanded

for the motion Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Gately, Chancellor, Bradford = 8
Against Messrs Bradley and Perry = 2

And, Mr Wroten moved that the provision in the ordinance in relation to the change for the privilege of connecting with the City Sewer be amended so as to substitute the sum of two dollars in the place of \$3.00 as recommended by the Committee, and a recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For the amendment Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Gately, Chancellor and Bradford = 6
Against Messrs Bradley, Embrey, Jones and Perry = 4 and the said amendment was adopted

And, Mr Rowe moved to amend so much of the foregoing report in relation to the collection of one half of the entire cost of the sewer by an annual sewer tax of twenty-one cents on the \$100 of value of the real estate of the City for 3 years, and to substitute therefor the following “that instead of laying of a tax of 21 cents on the \$100 for 3 years, that a tax of 10½¢ cents on the \$100 of value of real estate of the city be laid annually for six years, to be known as the “Sewer Tax” and a recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For the amendment Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Gately, Chancellor and Bradford and Perry = 9
Against Messr Bradley, and the amendment was adopted

And Mr Embrey moved that in lieu of the recommendation of the Committee in the foregoing report in relation to the application of the sum raised by the Sewer Tax, the substitution of the following “that the whole collection from sewer tax and charges for connection be treated as one fund, out of which shall first be paid the interest on Sewer Bonds, and a Sinking fund of one per cent be set aside out of said fund and the remainder of said revenue from said sources be devoted to the extension of the Sewer system of the City, which was adopted.

Whereupon, Mr Rowe moved that the foregoing report of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement and the ordinances embraced therein as the same have been amended be adopted.

And Mr Perry offered a substitute for the whole another paper which was read and a recorded vote being called for one, said substitute as had as follows

For Mr Perry = 1

Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Gately, Chancellor, Bradford = 9 and the same was defeated

And Mr Bradley then offered a substitute for the whole [Page 455] which was read and a recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For the substitute Messrs Bradley, Gately and Chancellor = 3

Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Bradford and Perry = 7 and said substitute was defeated.

Whereupon a recorded vote was called for on Mr Rowe's motion, with the following result

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, Gately, Chancellor and Bradford = 7

Against Messrs Bradley, Jones and Perry = 3 and the motion prevailed

And Mr Rowe offered the following which was adopted

Resolved that the Finance Committee proceed to provide for the Sewer Tax set forth in the foregoing ordinance just adopted.

Mr Embrey moved that a sewer be put in from Hotel Dannehl down Princess Anne Street to Frederick and down Frederick to Charles Street to correct the imperfect drainage in that locality sum to be paid for out of the City Treasury.

Mr Perry amended said motion to the effect that the petition of Lower Main Street for a Sewer be likewise granted.

And Col Cole moved that the matter be referred to the Street Committee to bring in an estimate of the cost of each of these sewers, said estimate to be brought in not later than next Wednesday night

Mr Wroten moved as a substitute that the Street Committee be instructed to build the Princess Anne and Fredericks Street sewer at once and bring in an estimate of the cost of the Lower Main Street extension

Mr Bradley offered the following as a substitute for the whole, "Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to bring in an estimate of the cost of building a sewer from the Hotel Dannehl to the Main Sewer on Charles Street and report the same to a called meeting of this Council on Thursday night.

To which Mr Perry offered an amendment: whereupon the Mayor ruled that "a substitute for the whole could not be amended, and Mr Perry appealed from said ruling and asked for a recorded vote, and the Mayor sustained as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Gately, Chancellor and Bradford = 9

Against the ruling Mr Perry = 1

Thereupon a recorded vote was called for and had on Mr Bradley's substitute for the whole which was adopted, as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Jones, Gately, Chancellor and Bradford = 9

Against Mr Perry = 1

And then, Col Cole moved that the Street Committee be instructed to bring in an estimate of cost of Lower Main Street sewer at the next meeting of the Council which was adopted

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Mr Bradley presented a request of Charles L Kalenbach to be allowed the privilege "to erect a temporary building say 10 feet square at the corner of the alley and the church-yard wall in the Market Square for the purpose of exhibiting an acetylene Gas Plant this coming summer" and on motion of Mr Jones the said privilege was granted to the said Kalenbach for one year from the first day of May 1902.

Col Cole stated that the City was in immediate need of a "dumping ground" and Mr Jones moved that the Street Committee be empowered to secure by purchase or permit a suitable "Dumping Ground" which motion was adopted.

The ordinances and amendments thereto adopted in relation to sewers at this meeting of the Council codified are as follows:

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

1. That a tax of ten and one half cents on the one hundred dollars of value of the real estate of the City be laid annually for six years, to be known as the sewer tax;
And that the whole collection sewer tax and charges for connection with the City sewer be treated as one fund out of which shall first be paid the interest on sewer bonds, and a sinking fund of one per cent upon said sewer debt be annually set aside out of said fund and the remainder thereof be devoted to the extending of the sewer system of the City; and it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee of the Council to provide for the collection of the sewer tax herein laid.
2. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

1. That the owner of every lot in the City with a dwelling house, store, or office building thereon which adjoins by the front, rear or side a street or alley in which there is a sewer owned or controlled by the City in which it is practicable to enter shall be assessed annually for the privilege of connecting with said sewer the sum of two dollars.
2. The owner of every lot with a house thereon as above described which adjoins by front, rear or side a street or all in which there is a sewer owned or controlled by the City and into which it is practicable to enter shall form a connection from his lot with said sewer into which shall be carried all waster water except rain water, and any person failing herein for ninety days after this ordinance takes effect shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and each day thereafter until the connection is made shall constitute a separate offense. All such connections shall be made under the supervision of the Superintendent of Sewers and with his approval, and his written permit shall be [Page 457] first attained.
3. Any owner of a lot who makes or causes to be made any such connection without permit of the Superintendent of Sewer herein before mentioned or any agent who makes or causes the same to be made without the aforesaid permit or any plumber, bricklayer, or other person who makes said connection or any part thereof without the permit aforesaid shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars.
4. No person shall either in a street or alley or upon any lot put any stone or brick or any other solid thing into a sewer or fixture thereof. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, each day's violation of this section to constitute a separate offense.
5. Before any owner of a lot shall be required to comply with the provisions of section 2 of this ordinance, pipe connection with sewers owned or controlled by the City shall be made by the City at such points extending from the sewer to the inner side of the curb line of the Street or to an alley as may be determined by the Water Committee at which points the connection from the premises provided for in said second section shall be made.
6. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

1. That all persons owning or interested in the private sewers laid in the streets and alleys of the city are hereby required within fifteen days after the adoption of this ordinance to remove said sewers from the streets and alleys of the City and upon their failure to do so this Council at the expiration of said period will take the exclusive possession and control and regulation of said private sewers and they shall become the public sewers of the City and shall be subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the public sewers constructed by said City and connection there with and shall be equipped with man-holes, and proper connections shall be made with the public sewerage systems of the city, and the drainage of said private sewers into the river shall cease.
2. The foregoing section of this ordinance is modified as follows viz: that the former owners of said sewers who have made connections with the same shall be relieved for a period of seven years from the charge in the sewer ordinance prescribed for connection with the City sewerage.

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

And 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 held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Wednesday May the 7th 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Capt T McCracken, Recorder
Councilman E D Cole, G W Wroten, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, S S Bradford, and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called to receive bids for the sewer on Princess Anne Street from opposite Hotel Dannehl down to Frederick, down Frederick to the Main Sewer on Charles Street

And Major Embrey, Chairman Street Committee presented the following bids, the said work to be done under plans and specifications made by Mr S S Bradford and submitted to said bidders, viz;

William Bernard's bid	\$848.40
Middleton & Co's bid	\$598.40
George H Heflin's bid	\$369.50

Mr Bradley offered the following;

Resolved that the Street Committee be empowered to have the sewer built under the plans and specifications as presented to the bidders and that said Committee use their discretion in awarding the contract.

Capt McCracken moved an amendment that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder requiring a \$200 bond of said bidder and the amendment was adopted

Mr Embrey said the Street Committee would need some competent man to superintend the work
And Mr Bradley moved that the Street Committee be authorized to employ an Engineer who should be a local man.

And Capt McCracken amended as follows "that the Committee be authorized to employ an inspector for said work, said inspector to be one of our local experts."

Mr Bradley accepted the amendment and the motion was adopted

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, called to be held in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 15th day of May 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present M G Willis, Mayor
Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, W H Hurkamp, C W Jones, M S Chancellor and S S Bradford
No quorum appearing the was not a meeting

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 6th day of June 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, G W Jones, M S Chancellor, S S Bradford, Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it was called at the request of the Street Committee Whereupon, Major Embrey, Chairman of said Committee reported that the contract for building the sewer on Princess Anne & Frederick streets had been awarded to Mr George H Heflin at \$369.50

But that an error had been discovered in adding the figures in Mr Heflin's estimate on

Which his bid was based of \$114.00

Making the bid properly to be \$483.50

And that offer conferring with members of the Council the contract was awarded at this sum it still being the lowest bid, that the work as completed and had been done well and he stated that he had employed Mr John Larkin to superintend the construction at \$1.50 a day which for 19 days amount to \$28.50

On motion both bills were ordered to be paid.

Col Cole said a complete map of sewers was needed and Mr Perry moved that the Water Committee be authorized to have a complete sewer map made at a cost not to exceed \$150, said map to embrace all sewers in the City whether the same were laid by private person or by the City, which motion was adopted.

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Mr Embrey presented a petition of sundry parties for sewer from C and 2nd streets to C and 4th Streets, and Mr Bradley moved that the same be received and filed which was adopted.

Col Cole presented the respective bonds of S J Quinn at Superintendent of Water Works and Wm Fitzpatrick as Superintendent of Gas Works and stated that said bonds had been given by the Fidelity & Deposit Co of Maryland and were approved by the City as being in legal form, the said bonds were given to the Mayor (after being accepted by the Council) with request that he deposit them in the National Bank for Safe Keeping.

Col Cole presented a written request of the Judges & Clerks of the Election held in May last for Municipal Officers asking that they be allowed the sum of \$10 each for said services and Capt McCracken moved that the sum be granted & that \$100 be appropriated for said purpose. Mr Bradley asked that a recorded vote be had which was done as follows

For the motion Messrs Cole, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Jones, Chancellor, Bradford & Perry = 8
Against Mr Bradley = 1 and the motion prevailed

Mr Bradley offered the following

Resolved that the Water Committee be instructed to purchase at once a sprinkler similar to the one now in use by the City at a cost not to exceed \$250, said Sprinkler to be used for the comfort of the citizens of the Lower Ward and the one now owned by the City to be used in the Upper Ward" and asked that a recorded vote be had thereon, which was had as follows

For the resolution Messrs: Bradley, Rowe, McCracken, Jones, Bradford, & Perry = 6
Against Messrs Cole, Embrey, Chancellor = 3 and the resolution was adopted

Mr Bradley offered his resignation as a member of the Committee of the Council on entertaining the Union Veteran Legion here in October next, his resignation was accepted and the Mayor named Mr M S Chancellor to fill the vacancy of said Committee.

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, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday, the 19th day of June 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Capt Terence McCracken, Recorder

Councilmen Col E D Cole, Messrs George W Wroten, William E Bradley and Josiah P Rowe, Mayor W S Embrey, Messrs William H Hurkamp, Columbus W Jones, Matthew J Gately, Melzi S Chancellor, S Sydney Bradford and Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the minutes both of called and regular meetings held since April the 9th last were read and approved.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following bills which on separate motions were ordered to be paid.

Bill of the Mayor, M G Willis, sundry small items	\$3.70
Bill of the <i>Free Lance</i> for \$6.00, Bill of Free Lance \$1.00	\$7.00
Bill of the <i>Fredericksburg Star</i> for	\$4.00

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Public Property Committee presented the report of said Committee for year ending the 30th June 1902 showing disbursements amounting to

Amount of annual appropriation	\$852.73
Excess of expenditures	\$600.00

On motion the sum of \$252.73 was to be placed to the credit of the Public Property Committee and said report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Chancellor, Chairman of Water Committee requested that Capt Quinn, Supt of City Water Works be allowed to read his report to said Committee, which report the Committee presented as its report, and Capt Quinn read his report showing

Total amount collected &c &c		\$7318.20
Disbursements for recurring expenses	1041.53	
Interest on Water Bond	1500.00	
Salary of Superintendent	900.00	\$3441.53
Net revenue from Water Works		\$3877.67

It appears from the above that the running expenses [Page 462] of \$1041.53 exceeded the annual appropriation by \$41.53. This last named sum was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Water Committee and that said report be received and filed

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee reported for said Committee touching the Gas Works as follows

Number of feet of Gas made		7,219,780
Number of feet sold & costumer on streets	6,259,224	

Leakage & condensation	960,560	7,219,780
Amt of collections from Gs & sundrys sold		\$8,721.11
Uncollected bills		5.69
Total		\$8,726.80
Amt of disbursements		\$7,910.07
Net earnings for the year		\$810.73

On motion said report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Bradley, Chairman of Committee on Alms & Alms House reported for said Committee as follows

Expenses for Alms House proper	\$1028.18
For City poor outside of Alms House	604.38
Total expenditures	\$1632.56

The amt expended for Alms House after being credited by two doctors. Set out in the report aggregating \$95.00 leaves the said expenditures to be \$944.18 which is \$16.22 below the annual appropriation to said Committee

On motion the sum of \$604.38 expended for City Poor outside of Alms House was ordered to be placed to the credit of said Committee & said be received & filed.

Mr Gately, Chairman Health & Police Committee presents report of said Committee showing

Amounted expended to be	\$200.85
Annual appropriation	\$100.00

And on motion said sum of \$100.85 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Health & Police and said report be received and filed.

Mr Jones, Chairman of Committee on Schools reported a letter from Dr Rosebro, President of Fredericksburg College, saying that several pupils holding scholarships from city have done finely, others have done well and that one has been irregular in attendance & unsatisfactory in work. Letter was received & ordered to be filed.

Mr Perry, Chairman Committee on Fire Department reported for said Committee as follows

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Amount of expenditures	\$70.20
Amount of annual appropriation	\$50.00
Excess	\$20.20

And on motion said sum of \$20.20 was ordered to be placed to credit of said Committee on Fire Department & said report received & filed.

The Mayor reported fines for May	\$13.00
For June to date	\$22.50

With Treasurers receipts for same which were read, and that the Police had done their duty.

Col Cole presented the following;

To the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Application is hereby respectfully made for the privilege of running the Upper Rappahannock Telephone & Telegraph Company into the City, along the streets of said City, under such restriction as was a similar permit granted to the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg and Piedmont Telephone Company

Respectfully

Upper Rappahannock Telephone and Telegraph Co

May 15th 1902 per R L Biscoe

And Capt McCracken moved that the application be referred to the Street Committee with request to look into the franchise of the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg, & Piedmont Telephone Company and report thereon to their body at its next meeting.

And Mr Bradford moved as a substitute that the same franchise now enjoyed by the Rapp, Fredericksburg & Piedmont Telephone Co be granted the Upper Rapp Telephone & Telegraph co, and asked a recorded vote thereon, which was had as follows

For the substitute: Messrs Bradley, Chancellor & Bradford = 3

Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Roy [Rowe?] Embrey, McCracken, Hurkamp, Jones, Gately & Perry = 9 and the substitute was lost and a recorded vote was demanded on the original motion and had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Hurkamp, Jones, Gately, Perry = 10

Against Messrs Chancellor & Bradford = 2 and the original motion prevailed.

Mr Jones moved that the Water Committee be empowered to furnish the Engineer such labor as in their judgment may be necessary, in his work in preparing the sewer map directed by the Council on the 6th of June to be made, which was carried.

On motion the Council adjourned till Monday next June 23rd at 8 o'clock PM

[Blank] Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said city on Monday 23rd day of June 1902 at 8 o'clock PM said meeting being held pursuant to adjournment on the 19th Instant

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 Lawrence Perry.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the following bills, which on separate motions were ordered to be paid, viz;

Bill of J Willard Adams for \$2.35; Bill of Commercial Printing Co for \$2.00; and another bill of said company for \$1.50

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee presented a supplementary report which he read setting forth the comparative cost to the City of Lighting the Streets with its own Electric Light Plant and the method formerly used covering the period of 10 months from September 1st 1901, showing a saving to the City of \$1,215.59 not taking into consideration the increase in candle power of the light now furnished. And on motion the report was received and ordered to be filed

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the report of said Committee (which was read) for the year ending June 30, 1902. Said report covers the reports of the Collector of City Taxes and the Treasurer of this city which have been carefully examined by the Committee and are found to be correct.

The report shows collections by the City Collector of	\$29,323.18
And total receipts by the Treasurer from all sources of	\$55,137.60
And disbursements by the Treasurer of	\$48,020.96
Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of	\$7,116.64

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

Seven percent bonds due 1906	\$119,420.00
Five percent Water bonds due 1909	30,000.00
Four percent Bridge bonds due 1920	25,000.00
Four percent Gas bonds due 1920	25,000.00
Four percent Sewer bonds due 1931	18,000.00
Four percent Electric Light bonds due 1931	12,000.00
Making a total of	\$229,420.00

And the report showed that the amount due the City by the late [Page 465] Treasurer R W Adams is \$4,604.72 with interest.

And the report further showed that the aforesaid balance of \$7,116.64 in the hands of the Treasurer would have been \$13,313.44 if the sum of \$6,196.80 had not been expended from the general fund for the completion of the Electric Light Plant.

Mr Hurkamp, Chairman of Auditing Committee reported as follows;

We the undersigned members of the Auditing Committee of the City of Fredericksburg have examined the accounts of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer of the said City and find the same correct and supported by the proper vouchers showing a balance of seven thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents (\$7,116.64) in his hands due the Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va.

All the coupons from the various bonds, due by the City have been destroyed by burning as shown by the vouchers given to the Treasurer by the Finance Committee.

Was have also examined the books of the Superintendents of the City Gas and Water Works as well as those of the City Tax Collector and found the same correct and supported by the proper vouchers

Respectfully submitted, Wm H Hurkamp, W E Bradley, Geo W Wroten, June 20th

And on motion said report was received and ordered to be filed

Mr Bradley moved that the report of the Finance Committee together with the report of the Auditing Committee be printed at a cost not to exceed \$60.00 which motion was adopted.

Col Cole then offered the annual appropriation bill which was adopted viz;

Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg;

1. That the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1903

Interest & Sinking fund on 7 percent bonds	\$10,000.00
Interest & Sinking fund on 5 percent bonds (water)	\$1,800.00
Interest & Sinking fund on 4 percent bonds (bridge)	\$1,250.00
Interest & Sinking fund on 4 percent bonds (gas)	\$1,250.00
Interest & Sinking fund on 4 percent bonds (sewer)	\$900.00
Interest & Sinking fund on 4 percent bonds (E Plant)	\$600.00
Alms House	\$1,200.00
Police	\$1,920.00
Salaries	\$4,550.00
Public Property	\$800.00
Streets	\$1,500.00
Light, Gas	\$5,000.00
Light Electric Plant	\$3,000.00
Public Schools	\$2,800.00
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Water	\$1,200.00
Health & Police	\$100.00

Fire Department	\$100.00
Contingencies	\$5,500.00

2. 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 thereafter if any of these appropriations are exhausted and not to pay any orders on bills until further appropriations are made to meet them.

And Col Cole offered the following tax bill which was adopted.

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 1902-1903 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 5 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 seven per cent bonds and in the coupons of all other bonds of the City , and on the first day of November next there after, and in coupons of other bonds of the city which have matured

And Col Cole offered the following special Tax Bill which was adopted

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

1st That the following tax on the real estate of the City be assessed, levied, and paid for the year 1902-1903 to be known as the Sewer Tax, viz; a tax of 10½ cents on the \$100 of value be laid on all real estate of the City, which tax shall be due and payable on the 15th day of October next.

On all sewer taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th of October [Page 467] next there shall be added 5 per cent interest from said 15th of October until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the mode prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City.

2nd The said Sewer tax shall not be subject to the deduction of 5 percent on taxes paid on or before the 15th of October as provided in relation to the general taxes of the City, nor shall it be payable in other than National currency of the United States.

Mayor Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee to which committee was referred the application of the Upper Rappahannock Telephone and Telegraph Co, to enter the city, with request to report the franchise of the Rappahannock, Fredericksburg & Piedmont Co to this meeting of the Council, made said report, and moved that a similar franchise be granted to the first named company with the requirement that all new poles erected by said Company shall be not less that 30 feet high in said franchise was adopted and is in words and figures as follows, viz;

1st Be it resolved by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va;

That the Upper Rappahannock Telephone & Telegraph Company be and is hereby permitted to construct and maintain a telephone line and to erect the necessary poles and supports from their telephone exchange through such streets and alleys of Fredericksburg as may be approved by the Street Committee, provided

however that the said Telephone line shall be completed and in operation within six months of the granting of this franchise and provided further that posts shall in no case be erected when the consent of property holders along the route of said lines can be obtained for the fastening of the wires to their buildings.

2nd The posts to be erected shall not be less than thirty (30) feet high and shall be smoothly dressed and neatly painted and be so placed as not to cause any obstruction to the free and convenient passage of the streets and that the said Company shall repair all damages to the streets and pavements caused by their erection remove all surplus material and shall in no case erect posts before any house without permission of the owner thereof.

3rd That the said telephone Company in consideration of the privileges granted be required to fix annual rental for telephones in business houses, shops, offices, etc, not more that \$25.00 per annum, in private houses not more than \$18.00, and to furnish the City free of charge one telephone at the Mayor's office of said City.

And on motion the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Tuesday the 1st day of July 1902 at 10 o'clock AM

There were present Hon Marion G Willis, Mayor

And the following duly qualified members of the Council, Col E Dorsey Cole, Capt Terence McCracken, Maj W S Embrey, Messrs George W Wroten, Josiah P Rowe, Melzi S Chancellor, Columbus W Jones, Lawrence Perry, H Lewis Wallace, Henry Dannehl, Frank H Revere, and Edgar W Mills

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor

Col Cole moved that the body proceed to the elect a clerk which was carried and

Mr Chancellor moved that the Clerk's salary be fixed at \$125.00 per year which was adopted and

Col Cole nominated Mr James P Corbin and a ballot being had he was unanimously elected Clerk and so declared and Mr Corbin qualified by the required oaths

Mr Rowe moved that the Council proceed to elect a Recorder, which was adopted and Mr Perry

nominated Maj W S Embrey and a ballot had he received the whole vote cast and was declared elected and qualified as such Recorder by taking the requisite oaths.

Col Cole moved the Council elect a Collector of City Taxes, which was carried and Mr Jones nominated Mr A P Rowe Jr for said office and a ballot was taken which resulted in Mr Rowe's unanimous election as Collector of City Taxes for the ensuing year

Col Cole moved that the election of a Clerk of the Market be passed by for thirty days or until the next regular meeting of the Council and the motion prevailed.

The Council then, on motion, proceeded to elect a Weigher, Measurer and Inspector of Coal, Grain, Lumber, etc. Applications for the office were read from Mr R H Carmichael and Mr George Hunt and a ballot was had which resulted in Mr R H Carmichael unanimous elected

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On motion the Council decided to elect a Superintendent of the City Alms House, and Mr Wroten moved that the said Superintendent's salary be fixed at \$150.00 per year which was adopted and an application for the place was read from Mr J W Ball and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected.

On motion the Council proceeded to elect two scavengers and a ballot was had which resulted in the election of Mr James A Stone for the Upper Ward and Mr James Shelton for the Lower Ward.

Mr Jones moved that the Council proceed to elect four Police men, 2 from each ward which was adopted, and on motion the salary of said Policemen was fixed at \$40 per month and a ballot was had which resulted in the election of Messrs C A Gore & W N Tansill from the upper Ward and of Messrs Jno H Robinson and Wm R Hall from the Lower Ward and it was so declared.

On Motion the Council proceeded to elect a Superintendent of the City Electric Light Plant and a motion to the salary of said Superintendent at \$50.00 per month having been adopted and the application of Messrs B G Mills and T W Harris having been read, a ballot was had which resulted in the election of Mr Bowie G Mills and it was so declared.

Mr Wroten moved that the salary of the Mayor be fixed at \$4000.00 and the motion was adopted.

Col Cole presented a bill of *Fredericksburg Star* for publishing the Finance Committee's report amounting to \$20.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

The Clerk of the Council was directed to purchase a suitable minute book and to begin said book with the records of this meeting.

The Mayor announced the following committees

1a. Finance	E D Cole	W S Embrey	T McCracken
2a. Public Property	G W Wroten	C W Jones	H L Wallace
3. Streets	W S Embrey	J P Rowe	E D Cole
4. Water	M S Chancellor	E D Cole	G W Wroten
5. Ordinances	H Dannehl	H L Wallace	T McCracken
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6. Light	T McCracken	G W Wroten	J P Rowe
7. Alms & Alms House	J P Rowe	C W Jones	F H Revere
8. Auditing & Claims	H L Wallace	L Perry	H Dannehl
9. Public Interests	E W Mills	W S Embrey	F H Revere
10. Health & Police	L Perry	M S Chancellor	E W Mills
11. Schools	C W Jones	H Dannehl	M S Chancellor
12. Fire Department	F H Revere	E W Mills	L Perry

And McCracken moved that the said Committees as named by the Mayor be approved which motion was adopted.

Mr Perry moved that the ordinance Committee report at the next meeting an ordinance governing the office of the City Surveyor and defining his duties which was adopted.

Mr Perry moved that the Ordinance Committee report at the next meeting and ordinance in reference to sidewalks, touching their construction, maintenance &c

The following was read and ordered to be spread upon the record which is according done, to-wit;
United States Senate

Washington, DC
June 30, 1902

James P Corbin, Esq,
Clerk Common Council
Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt thorough of the resolutions of the Common Council of Fredericksburg expressing appreciation of my efforts in behalf of the Mercer Monument bill. The very day of the Councils' session I succeeded in getting the bill passed by the Senate, and am glad to extend my congratulations upon the establishment of this monument in Fredericksburg.

Pray [?] the Council of my high appreciation of their recognition of my efforts in this behalf and believe me,

Very truly yours,
Jno W Daniel

And 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 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 10th day of July 1902 at 8 o'clock PM
There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Councilmen E D Cole, F H Revere, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and L Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated it had been called at the request of the Committee of the Businessmen's Association and
Col Cole presented and had read a communication embodying the views of said Association concerning the importance of the Council taking steps to endeavor to secure the establishment here of the additional Normal School proposed by the Legislature and also the Odd Fellows Home, and suggested the appointment of a Committee and
Col Cole moved that a Committee of five be appointed to consider the matter which motion was adopted, and the Mayor named the following Committee, E D Cole, W S Embrey, T McCracken, H L Wallace, and Henry Dannehl

Col Cole offered the following which was adopted
Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg
That the City Attorney prepare a proper Bill empowering the City Council to cede to the United States such site in the Streets or on the Public Squares of the City as the Council may select for the monument of General Hugh Mercer
And to place the same in the hands of the Senator and Delegate from the District with request that they secure the enactment of same into law.

And Capt McCracken offered the following which was adopted
Whereas, an Act has passed the Congress of the United States and been approved by the President authorizing the building of a monument in the City to General Hugh Mercer, who died on January 12th 1777, of wounds received at Princeton, New Jersey, on the 3rd day of January of the same year; and

whereas the building of the said monument in this City is conditional upon the City of Fredericksburg, or the citizens thereof, ceding and conveying to the United States such suitable site as in the judgment of the [Page 5] Secretary of War may be required for such monument

Therefore be it resolved that a committee of seven, of which the Mayor shall be chairman, together with three members of the Council and three from the body of citizens, be appointed by the Mayor and association with him for the purpose of recommending a suitable site for the said monument and for the purpose of conferring with the Secretary of War in relation to the selection of the site and the building of the said monument.

And the Mayor named the following Committee, T McCracken, M S Chancellor, & G W Wroten, of the Council and St Geo R Fitzhugh, Geo W Shepherd and E J Smith as citizens.

Col Cole had read a circular letter and schedule sent out by the Veterans of the Seventh Georgia Regiment, Army of Northern Virginia, setting forth that a number of the survivors of said Regiment accompanied by ladies would visit several battlefields in Virginia during July, and that the Veteran party would be in this City from 8:30 o'clock PM July 22nd to 1:00 o'clock PM July 23rd visiting battlefields in this vicinity and offered the following resolution.

Resolved that a Committee of 15 as named by his Honor the Mayor be appointed to view in an informed way the Seventh Georgia Regiment of "Confederate Veterans" and their lady friends, who will accompany them (and who are expected to be with us for a few hours on Wednesday morning 23rd Inst) and to extend to them in behalf of our citizens, such courtesies and information as they may desire and to do all in their power to make their visit to our city pleasant and to show to this body of gallant Georgians our appreciation of past services,

And that a Committee of 3 be selected from the Committee of 15, one from each of the classes named to receive the Committee of arrangement referred to in this circular letter and which Committee will arrive here between the 15th and 20th of the month.

The resolution was adopted and

On motion of Capt McCracken it was ordered that the sum of \$100 be placed to the credit of said Committee of 15, to be spent so much thereof as may be needed in the entertainment of said Veteran Party as said Committee may see fit.

Mr Chancellor, Chairman of Water Committee had read a communication addressed to said Committee by Captain [Page 6] S J Quinn the Superintendent of City Water Works called attention to the urgent need of increasing the capacity of the Pump and Reservoir and also calling attention to the great leakage now at the same, which leakage materially diminishes the volume of available water, and moved that the Superintendent of the City Water Works be directed to write to Mr Clark and ask him to come down and inspect the dam and endeavor to stop the leakage, which motion was adopted.

Col Cole moved that the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement be requested to report at the next meeting of the Council what steps have been taken towards street paving, &c

On motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

A communication from League of American Municipalities was read and ordered to be filed and the Clerk requested to reply thereto.

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 17th day of July 1902 at 8 o'clock PM
There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Maj W S Embrey, Recorder
Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, J P Rowe, H Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor and L Perry

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor and the minutes of the meetings of July 1st and 10th were read and approved

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented the following bills which on separate motion were ordered to be paid, viz; bill of

R A Kishpaugh for	\$3.00
J W Adams	\$8.25
Commercial Printing Co	\$5.50
Fredericksburg Journal	\$6.50
Julian Scholl & Co for Street Sprinkler	\$223.60

And the Council confirmed the action of the Finance Committee and approved the payment by said Committee of the following bills; Freight on Street Sprinkler \$27.60; The Journal for printed Finance Committee's report \$20; and the Free Lance for same \$20.00

Mr Wroten Chairman of Public Property Committee asked that Hon A T Embrey be heard and Mr Embrey presented the following on behalf of Fredericksburg Lodge No 4 A F & A M
Upon the application of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, permission is hereby granted the said Lodge to to construct the front of the addition to the said Lodge building on Princess Anne Street, near the Fire Department projecting on said Street not over 2½ feet, under the supervision of the Street Committee; and to building on or next to the South Wall of the Fire Department under the supervision of the Public Property Committee; This grant is revocable by the Council at any time, and on motion said permission was granted and,
Mr Embrey then on behalf of residents and property owners in the vicinity and of citizens generally spoke of the [Page 8] propriety and advisability of changing the location of the Mayor's Office from the Princess Anne Street entrance & floor to the Market Yard floor & entrance, and the construction of a cage or lock up on said Market Yard floor of the City Hall, and
On motion of Col Cole, the matter was referred to the Public Property Committee for consideration with request for report as to estimate of cost &c

Messrs W A Bell & Bro, who are erecting a large store house on the west side of Main Street between George and Commerce Streets and who had contracted for the erection of a vault or subway extending from the front wall of Store 12 feet under the pavement (side-walk) under the impression that said side walk would be widened when Main Street was paved asked permission of the Council to construct said vault of said length, and
Mr Jones moved; that Messrs Bell & Bro be permitted to extend the vault under the side walk in front of their new building to the distance of 12 feet from the front wall of the said building on Main Street and that the curb must come on top of the end of said vault and said curb shall be made of granite; and a recorded vote being called for on said motion was had as follows
For Messrs Revere, Rowe, Dannehl, and Jones = 4
Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Embrey, Mills, Chancellor, Perry = 6 and the motion was lost and
Mr Rowe offered the following

Resolved that the Joint Committee of Sewerage and Street Improvement be instructed to employ an engineer as directed by the Council on February 27th last, to establish grades, examine pipes both water and gas and present an estimate of 3 different kinds of material to be used for paving the Streets and report same at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Resolved further, that said Committee also bring in a recommendation as to whether the side walks on Main Street shall be widened on that portion thereof to be paved, and report thereon next Monday night to the Council. And recorded vote being demanded was had as follows

For Messrs Wroten, Revere, Rowe, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor and Perry = 7

Against Messrs Cole, Embrey and Jones = 3 and the resolution prevailed

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And Mr Jones then offered the following

Resolved that Messrs Bell & Brother be permitted to extend the vault under the sidewalk in front of their new building to the distance of 10 feet from the front wall of said building on Main Street, and a recorded vote was asked for and had as follows

For Messrs Revere, Dannehl, Jones & Perry = 4

Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl [twice?] and Chancellor = 6 and the resolution was lost

Mr Dannehl, Chairman of Ordinance Committee asked further time in which to report ordinance asked from said Committee at last meeting and presented an ordinance governing Hurkamp Park, its occupancy during different stated hours by white and by colored people, which was returned to said Committee for report at August meeting of Council.

Mr Rowe, Chairman of Alms House Committee presented the bills aggregated \$81.39 against the Alms House contractor prior to July 1st and payable on that day, and on motion said amount of \$81.39 was ordered to be placed to the credit of said Committee to meet said bills.

Mr Perry, Chairman of Health & Police Committee resented the report of Dr J N Barney, Health Officer for the year ending June 30th 1902, which was read in part and ordered to be filed, and he also presented a drug bill of K N Goolrick amounting to \$7.70 for medicine furnished prisoners in jail which was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Mayor reported fines collect \$67.00 and the Treasurer's receipt for said amount was read and he reported also that the Police had done their duty and the Mayor called to the Council's attention that the sewer ordinance imposed a fine for not connecting with sewers, but that existing conditions made it impracticable for said ordinance to be fully complied with just now and asked that authority be given him in the matter, and on motion of Mr Embrey, the Mayor was authorized to use his judgment as to the time for imposing said [Page 10] fine for non-compliance with said sewer ordinance.

Mr Chancellor moved that the Council do now go into the election of the Clerk of the Market.

Mr Embrey moved as a substitute that said election be postponed until the Public Property Committee makes its report on the proposed changes in the Market House & Mayor's office, a recorded vote was called for on the substitute and had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Embrey, Dannehl and Jones = 4

Against Messrs Wroten, Revere, Rowe, Mills, Chancellor and Perry = 6 and the substitute was lost and Mr Chancellors motion was adopted and Mr Chancellor moved that the salary of the Clerk of the Market be fixed at \$75.00 a year, and Cole moved as a substitute that the said salary be \$50.00 per year, the said substitute was defeated and the said salary was fixed at \$75 a year and applications were read form

Messrs Samuel Fitzhugh and George A Mills and a ballot being had Mr Fitzhugh received 9 votes and Mr Mills 1 vote and Mr Fitzhugh was declared duly elected Clerk of the Market.

Mr W S Embrey announced that he would donate lot for the site of the monument to General Mercer

Mr Revere, Chairman of Fire Department Committee moved that the Council proceed to elect a Chief of Fire Department which was carried and Mr John H Robinson was unanimously reelected.

On motion of Mr Wroten 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 of Monday July 21st 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Maj W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, F H Revere, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl,, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and L Perry.

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who stated that it had been called to receive the report of the Joint Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement touching the width of the Street & Sidewalks of Main Street and Maj Embrey presented the following report

To the Honorable Mayor & Common Council

Gentlemen,

Your Joint Committee on Street Improvement would report that under the instructions received from your body at its last regular meeting that they have inspected Main Street from one end to the other. They find that the width of the Street is irregular, varying from 66 to 68 feet and they recommend that the Street be made of uniform width of 42 feet from curb to curb, which will give pavement on each side not less than 12 feet wide. By doing this nearly, if not all, the shade trees on the Street will be saved whereas if the Street is left at its present width they will in most instances have to be cut down.

Respectfully submitted,

W S Embrey, E D Cole, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H H Wallace, B J Marshall

And Mr Wroten moved the adopted of the report as read. And

Mr Jones presented a petition signed by 45 citizens living or doing business on Main Street asking that said street be made a uniform width of 45 feet and moved the petition be granted. And

Mr Dannehl moved to amend the report of said Joint Committee as follows "except that portion of Main Street from Hanover to Commerce, be made a uniform width of 45 feet from curb to curb"

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And

Mr Jones moved to amend Mr Dannehl's amendment as follows "that the 42 feet as recommended by the report be changed to 45 feet from curb to curb along the line of Street paving extending from Commerce Street to the R F & P R R" and asked for a recorded vote thereon, which was had as follows

For Mr Jones amendment Messrs Revere Dannehl, Jones Mills, Chancellor and Perry = 6

Against the same Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey and Wallace = 6 and having failed to receive a majority said amendment to the amendment was declared lost

A recorded vote being demanded on Mr Dannehl's amendment to the report was had as follows

For Messrs Revere, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, and Perry =6

Against Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey & Wallace = 6 and having failed to receive a majority was declared lost

A recorded vote being demanded on Mr Wroten's motion to adopt the report was had with the following result

For the adoption of said report of Joint Committee Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey & Wallace = 6

Against Messrs Revere, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, and Perry = 6 and having failed to receive a majority of the vote case was declared lost.

And on motion of Mr Perry the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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At a called meeting of the Common Council fo the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday July 31, 1902 at 5 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor and L Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called at the request of Street Committee, whereupon

Col Cole of said Committee at the request of Mr E. K. Wheeler, asked permission for Mr Wheeler to take down the steps leading from the side walk into his dwelling on north side of Charlotte Street which steps project 5 feet on said side walk, and in lieu of said steps build a porch 18 feet long projecting on said side walk 5 feet, the steps leading to said porch to be in line therewith and not at right angles thereto.

Capt McCracken moved that the request be referred to the Street Committee with discretion to consult the City Attorney & report to the Council.

Mr Dannehl amended as follows that the request of Mr E K Wheeler to build a porch from his house line extending into the side walk on Charlotte Street for a distance of five feet be granted, provided that the same is to be removed when directed to do so by this or some other Council. And

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

For Messrs Cole, Dannehl, Chancellor, and Perry = 4

Against Messrs Rowe, McCracken and Mills = 3 and the amendment was adopted

On motion the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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Council Meeting August 3rd 1902

Present M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen T McCracken, Law Perry, E W Mills

The Mayor announced that the Council had been called to take such action in the death of Ex-Mayor J. L. Marye as it might deem appropriate and to attend his funeral.

Mr McCracken submitted the following paper

The announcement of the death of Hon John L Marye, which occurred yesterday morning, brings deep sorrow to all hearts. A man of distinguished ability and a willingness to serve his generation, his great talent was employed for the good of his country and the benefit of his fellowmen, and he goes to his grave after a long and useful life, full of honors, loved and mourned by the entire community. Coming from a

distinguished family that has resided in Fredericksburg for nearly a century and three quarters; he being the fourth generation to make this town his home but Fredericksburg which he greatly loved and no neighbors but her people to whom he was strongly attached. Being a man of unusual vigor and mind, which was richly polished and adorned by a liberal education, including the law, he was fitted for any position in life to which he was called, and so whether as Lieutenant Governor, member of the Constitutional Convention of 1868-69, member of the General Assembly of Virginia, Mayor of this town, or member of this body, he discharged his duties with fidelity and with signal ability and had the confidence and approval of his constituents. As a high type of the Christian and member of the Church of God who was greatly honored by official station, he lived an upright consistent life, carrying a bright example for those who shall come after him, worthy of their imitation. And not only so, but his benevolent heart reached out and shared in the sorrows and distribution of the suffering and needy, which found expression not in kind and sympathetic words alone, but in material aid and relief. For this prominent characteristic of the deceased many shall rise up and call him blessed; but he was a special benefactor of every Virginian. When the Constitutional [Page 15] Convention of 1868-69 adopted disfranchising and disqualifying for office every citizen who aided, abetted, or sympathetic with the South in the late Civil War. Hon Jno L Marye, by his great abilities and magnetic influence, with other Virginians presented such a strong and convincing protest and appeal that President Grant permitted to objectionable clauses to be submitted to a separate vote, and they were defeated, thus averting the shackles which it was proposed to be fastened upon every true Virginian. For this Virginians owe him a debt of gratitude which she can never repay and which should sustain [?] him in her history for all time to come. But we shall see his benignant face and familiar form no more. He is gone from us forever. As a shock of corn ripe for the harvest he is gathered to his reward and recompense of heaven, leaving behind him as a rich legacy to his family and people the sweet incense of an unsullied name.

Therefore, Resolved that in the death of Ex Lieutenant Governor Mayre the State has lost a distinguished public servant, the City an upright public spirited citizen, the church a bright and shining light, and the people a true and loved friend.

Resolved that we deeply sympathize with the family of our deceased friend in their sad affliction and would point them to a kind Heavenly Father for consolation..

Resolved that as a mark of respect for the deceased we will now adjourn and attend his funeral in a body together with the other officials of the Town.

And, on motion of Mr Perry the resolutions were adopted and the clerk was instructed to furnish a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

And on motion of Mr McCracken the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor

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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 Monday the 4th day of August 1902

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, T McCracken, C W Jones, H Dannehl, E W Mills and J P Rowe

Col Cole offered the following:

Yesterday the death of Hon Jno L Marye, Ex-Mayor and Ex-Councilman of Fredericksburg was announced and we were called upon as a body to follow his remains to their last resting place in the City Cemetery. Today we have the said intelligence of the death of Hon Josiah Hazard, the last of the ex-Mayors, and for a number of years a member of this body, and we are now called upon to perform a similar service for him and to follow his remains to the tomb.

Mr Hazard was born in Lancaster County, Va seventy eight years ago, and came to Fredericksburg while a young man where he engaged in business in various branches, until failing health and infirmities of age

compelling him to retire. He served 1 term as Mayor of this town and several years as a member of this body. In all of his official acts he was guided by justice tempered with mercy. He was kind and courteous in his demeanor, gentle and retiring in his manner, generous and benevolent in his disposition. He was a faithful public servant, discharging his official duties with credit to himself and acceptability to the Community; therefore,

Resolved: that in the death of Mr Hazard the town has lost an honored ex-Mayor and a devoted friend.

Resolved: That we sincerely sympathize with the family in their sad affliction and that as a mark of respect to our deceased friend we will attend his funeral in a body with the other officials of the town.

Capt McCracken moved the adoption of the resolutions and that the Clerk be requested to forward a copy of the same to the family of Mr. Hazard, which motion was adopted and 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 in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 21st day of August 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, F H Revere, J P Rowe, H Dannehl, T McCracken, C W Jones, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and E W Mills

Mr J P Corbin, Clerk of the Council being absent, On motion of Mr Cole, Capt S J Quinn was requested to act in his stead.

The minutes of the regular meeting July 17th and the special meetings of July 21st, July 31st, August 3rd and August 4th 1902 were read and approved.

Mr Cole from the Finance Committee presented the following bills, approved by his Committee, which were ordered to be paid, in favor of

Dr K N Goolrick, medicine for the jail	\$7.70
The <i>Free Lance</i> for bill book for City taxes	\$10.00
The <i>Free Lance</i> for advertising Registration	\$3.00
<i>The Journal</i> for advertising Registration	\$2.25

Mr Chancellor from the Committee on Water submitted an approximate cost of the enlargement and improvement of the City Water Works, recommended in the Superintendent's report made to the Council in June last, amounting to \$8,950.00

On motion of Mr Jones the report was ordered to be filed.

Mr Dannehl from the Committee on Ordinance submitted an ordinance regulating the privileges of Hurkamp Park with reference to the white and colored races, which was referred to said Committee at the regular meeting in June last.

Mr Mills moved the adoption of the ordinance upon which Mr Cole called for a recorded vote which resulted as follows;

Ayes Messrs Revere, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace = 5

Nays Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Jones, Chancellor = 5 There being a tied the Mayor voted nay, and the ordinance was declared defeated.

Mr Dannehl from the same Committee stated that the ordinance of City Surveyor was not ready and would be presented at some future meeting.

Mr Dannehl gave notice that he would present an [Page 18] ordinance regulating plumbing within the City and providing for an inspector of plumbing at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr Jones from the Committee on Schools made a verbal report upon the appropriation of \$450.00 for the ten (10) scholarships tendered the Council, and stated that the College management were willing to enter into a similar arrangement for the next scholastic year. He moved that the sum of \$450.00 be appropriated to the Fredericksburg College as heretofore for the ten scholarships furnished the town by said College, which motion was adopted and

Mr Jones moved that the ten scholars of the highest grade of the Public Schools making the highest average last session be selected for the ten scholarships.

Mr McCracken move an amendment that the Committee on Schools of the Council be authorized to select the ten scholars from the Public Schools, provided they are citizens of the town, which was adopted.

The Mayor reported fines collected this month amounting to \$72.15 and had read the receipt of the Treasurer for that amount turned into his hands. He also reported that the Police had discharged their duties.

The Mayor laid before the Council a letter from Mr Bushrod C. Washington, enclosing a commission issued to Augustine Washington by the Trustees of this town, dated on the 20th day of April 1742 appointing him one of the Trustees of the Town.

Mr H Lewis Wallace thereupon submitted the following which was adopted.

An ancient and original paper bearing date on the sixth day of April 1742 appointing Augustine Washington to the position as one of the Trustees of the “Town of Fredericksburgh in Spotsylvania County” having been this day laid before the Council of the City of Fredericksburg by his Honor, Maurice G Willis, Mayor, which paper is in the words and figures following, to wit:

Whereas at a meeting of the Trustees of the Town of Fredericksburgh, April 6th 1742, according to the directions of the Act of Assembly instituted on Act for Erecting a Town [Page 19] in or of the Counties of Spotsylvania and King George

To supply the number of the Trustees in the Room of those gentlemen deceased we have unanimously made choice of and elected Augustine Washington, Gent, to be one of the Trustees or Feoffees for the town of Fredericksburgh in Spotsylvania County to fill up and compleat our full number and for confirming of the same we have according to the directions of the sd Act set our hands & seals this 20th day of April 1742

Js Taliaferro, John Waller, Ira Thornton, John Allan, Rob Jackson

And a letter from Bushrod C Washington being at the same time laid before the Council, said letter being in the words and figures following, to-wit;

Charles Town, West Va, July 12th 1902

Mr Dear Sir;

The enclosed paper which I found among the papers of the late Mr Justice Bushrod Washington, of the U S Supreme County, and associate with Judges Marshall & Story – may be of interest to your from its connection with the early history of your city. If you care to place it among the city archives, it will give me pleasure for you to do so.

Very resply Yrs
B C Washington

To the Hon the Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Fredericksburg, through its Mayor and Common Council hereby express its cordial thanks to Mr Bushrod C Washington of Charles Town, West Virginia for presenting to said City the [Page 20] original and ancient paper above referred to, and as an evidence of its appreciation of the value of this gift it hereby directs James P Corbin the Clerk of the Council to have the same properly framed and covered with glass so as to protect it from injury and to have safely kept in the vault of the Corporation Court House to be shown to the public.

Be it further resolved that this preamble and resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Common Council and that a copy thereof be forwarded to Mr Bushrod C. Washington, Charles Town, West Virginia.

Mr Revere submitted the following resolution

Resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg;

That the Water Committee is hereby authorized and instructed to have a sewer laid on Main Street, beginning at a point between Prussia Street and the R F & P Railroad and continuing thence along Main Street to a point below the Gas-House and there connecting with the main Western sewer. The said new sewer being that section of the sewer system designated as the Main Street lateral in the map and survey of Engineer Davis.

Be it further resolved that this section of the City sewerage system shall be paid for out of the first money derived from the general sewer tax, after interest and sinking fund have been satisfied, and previous appropriations for sewer been paid.

Mr Dannehl moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Water with instructions to ascertain the cost of the work and report at the next meeting which was adopted.

Mr Chancellor from Water Committee had read a communication from Dr J N Barney, the health officer of the City to Mr W E Bradley in reference to the necessity of flush tanks and manholes in the private sewer on Fauquier Street and its laterals, recently taken possession of by the City, and stating that the health of that part of the City demanded them;

Mr Chancellor stated that it was the opinion of his Committee that if flush tanks and man holes were a necessity on that street they were [Page 21] also necessary on the sewer laid on Hanover Street, therefore he offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Water Committee be and it is hereby instructed to place one flush tank each on the Hanover and Fauquier sewers and then man holes on each of the main sewers thereof and their laterals.

Mr Cole moved to amend as follows and that the work be done at once and the cost thereof be paid out of the sewer fund, and the resolution thus amended was adopted.

Mr Chancellor presented a petition from Dr J W Rosebro and Mr A B Yates asking that a sewer be laid from the junction of Prince Edward and Lewis Streets along Lewis Street to the new house now in course of construction by Mr Yates on Said Street, they to pay the cost of construction and

Mr Cole moved that the work by done by the Water Committee and the bill of cost be presented to the said petitioners for payment as soon as the work is completed which was adopted.

Mr Mills presented a petition from several citizens living west of Fauquier and Washington streets, praying that the Council construct a sewer beginning on Hawke Street near Washington Avenue, thence along Hawke to Winchester and then down Winchester to Fauquier Street connecting with the sewer at that point. It was claimed that this would abate a nuisance along those points created by outside water closets.

Mr Dannehl moved to refer the petition to the Water Committee with instructions to ascertain and report the cost of the work at next meeting of the Council.

Mr Dannehl presented a petition of the Virginia Excelsior Co to be allowed to "Cross Main Street" from the R F & P Railroad's reservation on the opposite site with a track suitable for running a hand car &c track to be 39 inches wide &c and in no wise interfere with traffic on Street or obstruct either pavement &c"

Mr Dannehl moved that petition be referred to Street Committee with power to act which motion was adopted.

Mr Dannehl presented a petition from Messrs Charles [Page 22] E. Wright and John B Cox asking the Wolfe Street be opened and moved that it be referred to the Street Committee with instruction to ascertain cost and report at next meeting of Council, which was adopted.

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement submitted the following report.

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

Gentlemen:

The undersigned Joint Committee on Street Improvement, respectfully report that in view of the purpose of the Council to proceed now as expeditiously as possible to redress its oft repeated pledges to the people to introduce a system of street improvement and to enable the Council to take the initiative in so important an undertaking with intelligence the Committee deemed it advisable to seek the suggestions and advice of Col W E Cutshaw, who for twenty nine years has been the City Engineer of Richmond City, and has had to deal therewith conditions very similar to those which confront us here in that Richmond and Fredericksburg were largely built up without regard to any uniform system of grades.

Col Cutshaw kindly visited our City and carefully inspected and scrutinized the two streets embrace in the City's present scheme of improvement, viz; Main Street from the Railroad to Amelia and Commerce Street.

He made number of measurements of both pavements and road-beds and carefully noted the positions of the shade trees on Main Street. After viewing the location of these trees in every aspect with a view to saving them if possible he expressed the emphatic opinion that the proper paving of Main Street could not be subordinated to the matter of preserving the trees, nor could the one object be adjusted to the other, but that the paving of the streets according to the best method should be the paramount object and where it involved the loss of the present trees the City might set out new trees at proper distances (not closer than thirty feet a part).

He also advised that a comprehensive system of paving be adopted and that the grades and levels called for by that system be adhered to in districts not [Page 23] built up, but that in built up portions of the City there be established grades and levels may be for the present modified to meet existing conditions.

Col Cutshaw was told by the Committee that the opinion prevailed on the part of some of the business community that any contraction of the present width of Main Street would interfere with the present as well as future traffic along said street.

He assured the Committee that this view was entirely erroneous, that a 42 feet road bed was ample for all business needs of the future as well as of the present and was abundantly wide to accommodate both street car lines and wheeled vehicle without occasioning any hindrance to either.

Col Cutshaw strongly advises that the Council adopt for the blocks now to be paved a road bed uniformly 42 feet between curbs, leaving the side walks to vary in width as the encroachments will permit.

He is also clearly of the opinion that no satisfactory or proper paving can be made if any trees are permitted outside of the curbing.

The Joint Committee concur in the above view of Col Cutshaw and recommend the same to the Council for adoption.

Until the Council can make a decision in relation to the foregoing questions it would be premature to employ an engineer to ascertain the matters called for by Mr Rowe's resolution of July 17th.

Col Cutshaw promised to recommend to the Committee a suitable man to inspect the pipes under the Street.

W S Embrey, B J Marshall, E D Cole, H F Crismond, T McCracken, H H Wallace, J P Rowe

Mr Chancellor moved that the report be adopted and Capt McCracken called for a recorded vote which resulted as follows

Ayes Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace = 8

Nays Messrs Revere, Jones = 2 and the report was declared adopted

On motion of Capt Mc Cracken the Council adjourned.

M G Willis, Mayor

S J Quinn, Clerk pro tempore

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 18th day of September 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Maj W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, T McCracken, Henry Dannehl, E W Mills, H L Wallace and Lawrence Perry.

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

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented two bills of the Free Lance for \$6.00 & the other for \$5.75 which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Maj Embrey, Chairman Street Committee to which the petition of the Virginia Excelsior Company to lay a hand car track way referred with power in said Committee to act, stated that the Committee had denied the request and as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Sewerage & Street Improvement, Maj Embrey stated that the Committee would report fully at an early day.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of the Light Committee stated said Committee had not advertised for bids for Gas Coal as is done each year because of the general strike in the Coal regions, but had bought such coal in car load lots instead of advertising for bids as usual be endorsed and that said Committee be authorized to continue buying gas coal in car load lots until the existing strike in the coal fields is settled, and Mr Dannehl moved to amend by "approving action of the Light Committee so far in buying coal in car load lots but that the Committee proceed forthwith to advertise for bids for coal" A recorded vote being called for on said amendment, was had with the following result;

For Messrs Dannehl, Mills, Wallace & Perry = 4

Against Messrs Cole, McCracken, and Embrey = 3 and the amendment was declared adopted.

The Mayor reported fines collected \$63.00

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And dog tax collected net \$4.40, making in all \$67.40 and had the Treasurer's receipt for said amounts read and reported that the Police had done their duty.

A petition signed by some fifty or more citizens praying that steps be taken at once to investigate the condition of the Electric Light Plant and remedy defective lighting was read, and on motion of Col Cole received and ordered to be filed.

Col Cole presented a petition of Dr J G king Mr W T Leavell asking that a sewer be laid on Prince Edward "from the termination of the present line &c &c to the line at the corner of Commerce and Prince

Edward Streets” said petitioners to pay cost of same, and Col Cole stated that the work had been done and paid for by said parties and asked that the action of the Committee be confirmed which on motion was done; Col Cole having stated that the petition identical with that Dr Rosebro and Mr Yates which been promptly granted.

On motion of Col Cole, the rules were suspended and the following amendment to Section 46 of the License Tax Ordinance passed April 17th 1902

An ordinance to amend and re-enact section 46 of an ordinance imposing license taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for support of the City Government, the payment of interest on the City debt and for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof, passed April 17, 1902

Be it enacted and ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that section 46 of an ordinance imposing License taxes in the City of Fredericksburg for support of the City Government, the payment of interest on the City debt and for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof, passed April 17, 1902, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows
Section 46. The specific license on every circus and on the exhibition of a menagerie, fifty dollars (\$50) per day; on outside shows whether attached thereto or not five dollars (\$5) each per day, and on every circus parade in the City of Fredericksburg, whether a free show or not, fifty dollars (\$50), without the prepayment of which [Page 26] the Mayor shall not issue a permit for such parade; provided that when in any case, a license tax and herein provided shall have been paid on a circus not tax shall be required or exacted on the parade of said circus.

The specific license tax on every show, or exhibition or of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performances in a tent twenty dollars (\$20) per day and on every parade in the City of Fredericksburg whether a free show or not, of every or exhibition of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performances twenty dollars (\$20) without the prepayment of which the Mayor shall not issue permit for such parade, provided that when and in any case a license tax as herein provided shall have been paid on each show or exhibition of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performances in a tent, no tax shall be required or exacted on such parade.”

And on motion of Capt McCracken the same was adopted.

Col Cole presented a petition signed by some 122 citizens asking that the Council “to open Weedon Street from its present terminus at the junction of Weedon and Charlotte streets through to the Boulevard and to extend Wolfe Street from its termination with Prince Edward through to Spottswood Street and if practicable to Weedon Street extended; also to open a new Street from the Boulevard some where near the shirt factory northerly to Wolfe and Charlotte Streets” and

Mr Dannehl moved that the petition be referred to the Street Committee with power to employ an engineer to survey said streets and plot same, said survey and plot to be reported to the Council by said Committee at a called meeting of this body. Which motion prevailed.

Col Cole on behalf of the R V A & M Society asked permission for said Association to use the Street Sprinklers of the City during the Fair on the 23rd, 24th, & 25th Instant which was granted on motion

Col Cole stated that quite a number of members of the Grand Army of the Republic were expected to visit this city during the week beginning October 6th next and moved

That a committee of 3 from the Council and 3 from the Citizens be appointed by the Mayor to arrange for the convenience of said visitors, which was adopted.

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And the Mayor said he would announce the Committee at an early day.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Street Committee stated that Mr C H Hurkamp had asked permission to use the Road Machine belonging to the City to use on his training Track at Boscobel, and on motion of Capt McCracken said permission was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Dannehl moved that the salary of the Health officer Dr J N Barney be fixed at the same as last year with motion was seconded by Mr Cole & adopted

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 the 23rd day of September 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, F H Revere, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and L 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

Major Embrey, Chairman of said Joint Committee presented the following report

To the Hon Mayor and Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Joint Committee on Street Improvement most respectfully reports that in pursuance of the directions of the Council they have ascertained the approximate cost of paving with three different materials and report as follows [Page 28]

That the cost of paving Commerce Street from a point about on a line with the rear of Opera House to a point slightly west of the store of David Hirsh with

granite spalls upon a cement foundation should not exceed \$11,500.00

The cost of curbing said blocks \$1,600.00

\$13,100.00

The estimate includes four crossings and the necessary sewers at those crossings to carry off the water

The cost of paving Main Street from Commerce Street to the north side of Charlotte Street (which is the cross street below Exchange Hotel) with

granite spalls upon a cement foundation should not exceed \$9,850.00

The cost of curbing said blocks \$1,532.00

\$11,382.00

The cost of paving Commerce Street as above

With vitrified brick would be \$15,350.00

The cost of paving Main Street as above with

With vitrified brick would be \$13,265.00

The cost of macadamizing Commerce Street as above would be \$7,200.00

The cost of macadamizing Main Street as above would be \$5,000.00

The Engineer, Mr C E Dickinson is of the opinion that the bids for the above work would be less than the above estimates

The Joint Committee respectfully recommend that the above indicated portion of Commerce Street be paved with Granite spalls upon a cement foundation and that the remainder of the fund be applied to

paving the indicated portion of Main Street or so much thereof as it will pave, with the same material at that used of Commerce Street.

And the Committee further recommend that the curbing for said streets be included in the bids and that said bids shall indicate how much of the bids is for curbing and that the property abutting on said paved streets be charged with the cost of the curbing.

The cost of paving the above indicated portions of Main and Commerce Streets with vitrified brick would exceed the cost of paving with granite spalls by \$7,265.00. Col Cutshaw and Mr Dickinson both recommend the granite spalls on a cement foundation

Respy submitted,
W S Embrey, Chairman
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Mr Perry moved that the report be received and Capt McCracken moved to amend that the report be received and the recommendations therein contained be taken up seriative [?] which was accepted by Mr Perry, and Col Cole moved as a substitute that the report be received and adopted, a recorded vote being called for on the substitute was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Rowe, Embrey, Chancellor & Wroten = 5

Against Messrs Revere, McCracken, Dannehl, Jones, Mills & Perry = 6 and the substitute was defeatured and a recorded vote was called for on Mr Perry's motion and had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Revere, Rowe, Embrey, McCracken, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace, Perry and was unanimously adopted.

And

Capt McCracken moved that such portion of Main and Commerce Streets as the Council shall determine to pave, shall be paved with granite spall on concrete foundation and

Mr Perry amended by moving to strike out the word "Main" (referring to Street) and

Mr Jones moved as a substitute for the whole "that the Joint Committee be instructed to advertise for bids for paving such parts of Main and Commerce Streets as are recommended to be paved with three different materials, viz; granite spalls, vitrified bricks and Belgium Block with the right to reject any and all bids and a recorded vote being called for on said substitute, was had as follows;

For Messrs Cole, Revere, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace & Perry = 10

Against Mr McCracken = 1 and the substitute was declared adopted.

Mr Dannehl moved that the Joint Committee be instructed to have the Engineer make specification for uniform pavements on side walks and said Committee shall advertise for bids for paving same with hard paving brick or granolithic paving, the Council no intending hereby to assume the cost of laying side walks but desire this information for the benefit of abutting owners, in the event that the Council shall order the laying of side walks by said owners, which was adopted.

Mr Embrey, Chairman Joint Committee presented a bill of Mr C E Dickinson, Engineer amounting to \$109.29 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

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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 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on the 3rd day of October 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, T McCracken, H Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor & Lawrence Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called at the request of the Committee appoint some time in July last concerning the securing the establishment of the Odd Fellows Home of Virginia in this City

Col Cole had read letters from several parties concerning said House, and Mr W D Carter was invited to address the Council on the subject on behalf of Myrtle Lodge of this City, and Capt McCracken asked that Mr St G R Fitzhugh, the City Attorney be heard as to whether the Council could make a donation to said Home on condition that it be established here, and after hearing Mr Fitzhugh.

Capt McCracken offered the following viz;

Whereas the Council is informed that it is the purpose of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Virginia to establish at some point in Virginia an eleemosynary institution to be known as the Odd Fellows Home of Virginia, and that said Order is now looking through the State for a suitable location for said institution, and our City desiring to secure its location in or near its limits and the Odd Fellows Lodge of this City having resolved to contribute the sum of \$500 to that end;

Resolved that the City Council of Fredericksburg will donate a site for such institution in or near the City to cost not less than \$3000.00, provided that said Odd Fellow House shall be established in or near said City, with buildings and improvements to cost not less than \$20000.00.

A recorded vote being called for on said resolution [Page 31] was had with the following result

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, McCracken, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, Perry = 8

Against, nobody and the resolution was declared adopted.

And the Mayor declared his approval thereof

And Capt McCracken moved that the Committee appointed on July 10th last be authorized to visit Richmond and present the advantages of this City for said Home before the meeting of Odd Fellows soon to be held in that City

And then, 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, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on 13th day of October 1902 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, F H Revere, J P Rowe, H Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, H L Wallace & L Perry

The meeting was called to order & the Mayor stated it was called at request of the Street Committee And Maj Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee stated that pursuant to an order of the Council passed on the 18th of September 1902 said Committee had had made a plat of the proposed extension of Weedon Street through to National Boulevard and an extension of Wolfe Street west from Prince Edward Street to join Wolfe running east from Spottswood Street and a new Street to be called Mary Washington Avenue running from the National Boulevard north to Charlotte Street which plat made by Engineer C E Dickinson was submitted to the Council, and Col Cole offered the following

Resolved by the Council that a Committee of three citizens not members of the Council shall be appointed by the Mayor whose duty it shall be to examine the lands proposed to be taken for streets, as laid down on [Page 32] the map presented by the Street Committee and that they value said lands, or ascertain what in their judgment will be a fair compensation to the owners thereof for the taking of the same; and that

they ascertain whether such compensation would be acceptable to the land owners if the same should be approved by the Council and that they report their action hereunder to the Council.

Which resolution was adopted and the Mayor pursuant thereto appointed the following Committee William D Scott, Howson H. Wallace, and A Mason Garner.

And 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, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on the 16th of October 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM pursuant to notice

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

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

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

And Col Cole, Chairman, Finance Committee presented the following bills against the City, viz;

Free Lance	\$0.75
Free Lance	\$9.50
Engineering News Pub Co	\$8.40
Star Pub Co	\$3.00

Grand Army Committee \$17.20

Grand Army Kishpaugh \$13.00 \$30.20

Registrars Upper Ward \$141.50

Registrars Lower Ward \$141.50

All of which on motin were ordered to be paid, and
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Col Cole stated that the Finance Committee had paid a bill contracted by the Street Committee amounting to \$50.00 being cost of survey and plot of "Street extension" in West end, and which action of the Finance Committee was on motion approved by the Council

Mr Rowe of Street Committee asked for a special appropriation of \$200.00 for work on the Street just North of the Silk Mill and for the Silk Mill hill, and

On motion of Mr Dannehl the sum of \$200.00 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee for said work.

Mr Jones, Chairman of Schools stated that only seven of the ten scholars the City is entitled to enter therein had enrolled themselves at Fredericksburg College and that he had not been able to get the names of three others to complete the number from Mrs Magrath, and suggested that three scholars from the number attended said College last session be allowed to enroll themselves at said College and Col Cole moved that the Committee on Schools be empowered to select three scholars to fill said vacancies as in their judgment they deem proper which was adopted

The Mayor reports fines paid in \$46.00

Dog taxes collected \$232.00

And on motion the usual fee was allowed the Mayor on the said Dog Tax; the receipt of the Treasurer for said fines and dog tax was read, and the Mayor reported the Police had done their duty.

A letter from Dr J N Barney, Health Officer asking an increase in salary was read and on motion of Mr Wroten same was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr Jones 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 October 24th 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Maj W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, F H Revere, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and L Perry members of the Council

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor who said it had been called at the request of the Joint Committee on Sewerage and Street Improvement, whereupon

Maj Embrey, Chairman of said Joint Committee presented and had read the following report, to-wit;

To the Hon Mayor & Common Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Joint Committee on Street Improvement respectfully report as follows

1. They herewith return all the bids for Street paving
2. The six blocks proposed to be paved at the present are as follows; Commencing at the building line on the North side of Charlotte Street where it intersects with Main Street [?] the intersection of Main and Commerce Streets, thence from the rear line of the Opera House up Commerce Street to a point 44 feet west of David Hirsh's Corner.
3. The entire cost of paving these six blocks with granite spalls on a sand foundation will be according to the lowest bid that of J A Gude is
\$19,448.84
The cost of curbing on these six blocks \$4,017.60
Total cost \$23,466.44
4. The entire cost of paving these six block's
With granite spalls on concrete foundation \$24,074.09
The cost of curbing \$4,017.60
Total cost \$28,091.69
5. The paving of these six blocks with granite spalls on concrete will cost \$4,625.25 more than paving with granite spalls on sand.
The curbing costs the same in either case, viz; \$4,017.60
6. The entire cost of paving these six blocks with vitrified brick on a sand foundation will be \$26,978.32
The cost of curbing \$4,017.60
Total cost \$30,995.92

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7. T The entire cost of paving these six blocks with vitrified brick on concrete foundation of six inches will be \$32,894.34
The cost of curbing \$4,017.60
Total cost \$36,911.99
8. The paving of these six blocks with vitrified brick on sand will cost \$7,529.48 more than granite spalls on sand
9. The cost paving Commerce Street with granite spalls on sand will be \$11,816.40
The cost paving Main Street with vitrified brick on sand will be \$15,371.91
\$27,188.31
10. The using of Brick on Main Street would make the paving of the six blocks cost \$3,722.31 more than if granite spalls were used on both Main and Commerce streets

Hence your Committee respectfully recommends that the six blocks be paved with granite spalls on sand and the curbing laid and that when said curbing is laid by the City, the Council shall collect the cost of said curbing from the abutting land owners.

The Committee further recommend that they be authorized to accept said bid for said paving and curbing with any modification of the same that the Committee may deem proper, and that the Mayor execute the contract for the City.

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

And Capt McCracken moved that the report be received and adopted and

Mr Perry moved as an amendment to the report "that the Blocks to be paved on Main Street shall be paved with vitrified Brick laid on sand foundation."

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

For Messrs Revere & Perry = 2

Against Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, & Wroten = 8 and the amendment was declared defeated and a recorded vote being called for on Capt McCracken's original motion was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor & Wallace = 8

Against Messrs Revere & Perry = 2

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And the report was declared adopted and Capt McCracken offered the following

"Resolved by the Council, that the Joint Committee on Street Improvement be and they are hereby authorized to accept the bid of J A Gude for the work as recommended by their report just received and adopted with any modification thereof that they may deem proper, and that the contract made with said Gude be executed by the Mayor for the City.

Furthermore, resolved that the work under said contract be supervised by said Joint Committee.

Further resolved that before said paving is laid the pipes in the streets to be paved be inspected by a competent person to be selected by said Joint Committee and such repairs made as shall be necessary.

Further resolved that so soon as said contract is executed the Finance Committee of the Council shall be authorized to negotiate a sale of the \$20,000 of Street Improvement bonds reporting any offers for the same to the Council for action thereon." And

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

For Messrs Cole, Revere, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace, Perry = 10

Against nobody

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 October 29, 1902 at 4 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, T McCracken, E W Mills, H L Wallace, L Perry and J P Rowe

[Mr Corbin, the clerk being absent on Court Duty Mr H L Wallace was requested to act as Clerk]

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

A bill of Engineer C E Dickinson for survey & plat for Street extension Wolfe, Weedon &c and amounting to \$45.15 and a bill of said Engineer for work in connection with Street Improvement amounting to \$75.00 were presented and on motion ordered to be paid.

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A petition signed by six citizens praying that Weedon Street not opened to the Boulevard was read and on motion of Col Cole it was ordered that the petition do lie over until the Committee appointed on October 13th “to examine the lands proposed to be taken” for said extension shall make its report.

And on motion the Council adjourned
M G Willis, Mayor
[H L Wallace] Clerk pro tem

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Tuesday the 11th day of November 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor
Maj W S Embrey, Recorder
Councilmen E D Cole, T McCracken H Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace and L Perry.

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it was called at request of the Finance and Street Committees

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee stated that pursuant to a resolution passed by the Council on October 24th last, said Committee had advertised for bids for the \$20,000 of 4% Street Improvement bonds, and presented the following bids, viz;

Of the New 1 st National Bank of Columbus, Ohio for \$20,000 of 4% bonds par value of \$20,000	
Less Commission of	\$1,000
	\$19,000.00
Of S A Kean, Chicago for \$20,000 of 5% bonds	\$20,220.00
Of Wm S Lowe, Jr for \$4000 4%	\$4,130.00
Of the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank of Fredericksburg, Va for \$20,000 4% bonds at \$100.25 (making total of)	\$20,050.00

And Mr Chancellor offered the following

Resolved that the bill of the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank for \$20,000 of bonds at one hundred and a quarter (\$100.25) be accepted as of the 1st day of December 1902, the said bidder paying to the City the interest accruing to the 1st day of December 1902 [Page 38] upon the last coupons to mature.” Mr Perry moved that the record touching the Street Improvement and the bids for same be brought before the Council by the Clerk, which motion prevailed and said records were so produced except the bids which had not been placed in the hands of the Clerk.

A recorded vote was then called for on Mr Chancellor’s resolution and had with the following result For the resolution Messrs Cole, McCracken, Emrey, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace and Perry = 9

Against the resolution nobody and the cause was declared adopted. Whereupon

Mr Wallace offered the following, Resolved that the Finance Committee is hereby ordered to receive from the National Bank of Fredericksburg the bonds of said City heretofore lithographed of the face value of \$20,000 and that the same be executed in accordance with the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly under which they were issued and that the seal of the City be attached to said bonds, and Resolved that the Finance Committee deliver said bonds to the Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank on the first day of December 1902 and collect the proceeds thereof and turn the same over to the Treasurer of the City and take his receipt for the same, and that said Treasurer be directed to keep said fund separate and distinct from the other funds of the City, the account of the same to be kept on the “Street Improvements Fund” and to be used for no other purposes

A recorded vote was had on the said resolution as follows

For the resolution Messrs Cole, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace and Perry = 9

Against nobody and the same was declared adopted.

I approve the above, M G Willis Mayor

Major Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee presented and had read the report of the Committee of 3 citizens appointed pursuant to resolution passed on October 13th 1902 in reference to the opening of Streets.

And on motion of Mr Perry said report was received and

Col Cole moved that proper application be made by proper authority to the Corporation Court to appoint Commissioners to condemn the lands mentioned in said report which was adopted.

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And after some discussion of the Street opening Col Cole moved that his motion for the appointment of Commissioners by the Court be re-considered and said motion to re-consider was adopted. Whereupon Mr Dannehl moved that the further consideration of the said report on Street Extension be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Council which motion was carried

On motion of Col Cole the Council then adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 20th day of November 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, H F Revere J P Rowe, T McCracken, Henry Dannehl, C W Jones, E W Mills, M S Chancellor and Lawrence Perry.

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

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee stated that the matter of the salary of the Health Officer of the City, which on October 16th last was referred to said Committee had been considered and the Committee thought it should remain the same as last year viz; \$60.00

Col Cole presented the following bills which on motion were ordered to be paid.

Bill of Messrs McCracken & Dannehl for their expenses to Richmond in the matter of the Odd Fellows Home \$9.90

Bill of K N Goolrick for medicine furnished the prisoners in jail approved by physician to jail \$2.90

Maj Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee presented an ordinance on new streets to be special, and on motion of Mr Wroten the rules were suspended [Page 40] by a unanimous vote for the purpose of considering said ordinance, which is as follows:

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that the following streets shall be laid off and opened.

Section 1. A street fifty feet wide commencing at the junction of Wolfe Street on the east with Prince Edward Street running thence in a westerly direction to Wolfe Street on the West, as the same is laid down in a plot and survey made by C E Dickinson which is hereby adopted as giving the correct metes and bounds of the street herein laid off and directed to be opened, the same to be known as Wolfe Street.

Section 2. A Street fifty feet wide commencing on the National Boulevard at the southwest corner of the Factory of the Virginia Shirt Company, and running in a northwesterly direction to Charlotte Street, as the same is laid down and described by metes and bounds on the aforesaid plot and survey, the said street to be known as the Mary Washington Avenue.

Section 3. A Street fifty feet wide commencing at the junction of Weedon Street with Charlotte Street and running southeasterly to the National Boulevard as laid down and described by metes and bounds on the aforesaid plot and survey, the same to be known as Weedon Street.

Section 4. The said three streets where laid off and opened as above declared shall constitute streets of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia.”

And Capt McCracken moved that it be adopted and called for a recorded vote which was had as follows
For the said Ordinance Messrs Cole, Wroten, Revere, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Jones, Mills, Chancellor and Perry = 11

Against nobody and the ordinance was declared adopted

Pursuant to the foregoing vote, on motion, Capt J P Woody on behalf of certain petitioners as to Weedon Street, and Mr A T Embrey on behalf of opening said streets as indicated addressed the Council.

Whereupon

Col Cole offered the following;

“Whereas W D Scott, H H Wallace and A M Garner were heretofore appointed by the Council to ascertain and report the value of the parcels of land that would be taken if the three new streets as laid down on the plot and survey made by C E Dickinson should be opened, and

Whereas, the said Committee did report to a former meeting of said Council that the following sums respectively would be just compensation to the land owners for the respective parcels of land that would be taken [Page 41] in the laying out of said streets, viz;

\$150.00 to S A Keen, \$25.00 to Geo W Shepherd or the J G Hurkamp Co; \$40.00 to Geo W Shepherd; \$20.00 to Fredericksburg Manufacturing Co; \$107.00 to W S Embrey; \$104.00 to Matthew Garnett; \$24.00 to Eliza Lucas; \$114.00 to J W Honey; \$65.00 J P Woody; \$117.00 to Henry Miller; \$100.00 to James Goodrick; \$200.00 to Mrs James Goodrick; \$500.00 to Mrs James Goodrick.

Be it resolved that said Committee consisting of W D Scott, H H Wallace, and A M Garner, do in the name of, and on behalf of the City Council aforesaid, offer to said land owners respectively the above amounts for the land owned by them and required for the opening of the Streets set forth in an ordinance adopted at this meeting of the Council; and said Committee shall report “as soon as practicable where the cash offers are accepted.”

And a recorded vote being demanded thereon was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Dannehl, Rowe, Revere, Embrey, Jones, Mills, Chancellor, and Perry = 10

Against nobody (Capt McCracken having been excused from voting) and the said resolution &c was declared adopted.

I approve the above M G Willis, Mayor

Mr Rowe of the Street Committee stated that \$45.34 additional was needed to finish paying for the work on the Silk Mill hill, and

On Mr Wroten’s motion it was ordered that said amount be placed to credit of said Committee for said use.

The Mayor reported fines collected and paid in \$55.00

And the Treasurer’s receipt for said amount was read and [the Mayor] reported that the police had done their duty.

Maj Embrey, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Street Improvement requested Mr Fitzhugh to make a statement in reference to the gas pipes on the Blocks to be pave on Main and Commerce Streets, which Mr Fitzhugh did, and thereupon

Capt McCracken offered the following

“Whereas the Joint Committee on Street Improvement has reported to this Council that a thorough examination of the City gas pipes along the blocks to be paved has been made by a competent inspector, and that the same by him have been condemned.

And whereas it has thus been made evident that it is indispensable that said pipes be renewed along said blocks to be paved before the pavement is laid thereon.

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee on [Page 42] Street Improvement be, and are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City to purchase the necessary piping and lead and other material for the foregoing purposes and to contract for the proper laying of the same.

Further resolved that for the payment of the labor employed in laying said pipe the Chairman of the Joint Committee shall give vouchers which shall be honored by the Treasurer of the City, not to exceed in amount \$250.00”

And Mr Perry moved that the resolution be adopted, and a recorded vote being called for was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Dannehl, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Jones, Mills, Revere, Chancellor and Perry = 11

Against nobody and the resolution was declared adopted

Mr Dannehl offered the following

Resolved that the Light Committee is hereby ordered to buy the Coal Supply for the Gas House in the open market for a period of 90 days from 1st of December next, and to report at each regular meeting of the Council on the advisability of making contract for yearly supply of coal.

And the Council hereby ratifies the previous action of the Committee on Light in purchasing coal in the open market as they have done, which was adopted.

Mr Perry offered the following

Resolved, that the Joint Committee on Street Improvement be instructed to call the attention of the Fredericksburg Aqueduct Company to the fact that three block’s on Main Street and then on Commerce are about to be paved, and that the City will at once renew the gas pipes laid on those blocks so as to delay as little as possible the work of the contractor for paving, and said Aqueduct Company advised to lose no time in making such renewals of their pipes as may be necessary which was adopted

On motion of Mr Chancellor 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 on Friday the 12th day of December 1902 at 3:30 o’clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, C W Jones, L Perry

The meeting was called to order and the Mayor stated it had been called to consider application to lay the Track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road Company across Princess Elizabeth Street

and to take action in relation to condemnation proceedings to open the streets called for in recent ordinance”

Whereupon Colonel Cole offered the following

“Whereas W H Peden who proposes to erect an Excelsior Mill on a lot in this City bounded by Princess Elizabeth, Prince Edward and Dunmore streets, desiring an extension of a railway switch now in that vicinity to reach his mill, has made application to the Council for its assent to the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road Company extending said switch across Princess Elizabeth Street to his said lot:

Resolved that such assent be and is hereby given, said extension to be made under the supervision of the Street Committee” which was adopted

And Major Embrey offered the following

To the Mayor &c &c &c

Gentlemen

Pursuant to as resolution passed by your honorable body on the 20th day of November 1902 instructing the undersigned Committee on behalf of the City Council to offer to the following land owners the following amounts respectively, viz;

\$150 to S A Keen; \$25 to Geo W Shepherd or the Jno G Hurkamp Co; \$40 to Geo W Shepherd; \$20 to Fredericksburg Manufacturing Co; \$25 to T McCracken; \$20 to Fredericksburg Manufacturing Co; \$107 to W S Embrey; \$104 to Matthew Garnett; \$24 Elizabeth Lucas; \$114 to J W Honey; \$65 to J P Woody; \$117 Henry Miller; \$100 to James Goodrick; \$200 to Mr James Goodrick; \$500 to Mrs James Goodrick for the lands owned by them and required for the opening of the streets set forth in an ordinance adopted by the Council Nov 20th 1902,; The Committee begs leave to submit the following report, viz;

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That they have performed the above duty offering the above amounts to each land owner respectively with the result that the amounts have been rejected by all with the exception of W S Embrey and T McCracken who accepted.

Very respectfully, W D Scott, H H Wallace, A M Garner, Committee

On motion of Mr Dannehl the same was carried

And Major Embrey offered the following

“The Committee consisting of W D Scott, H H Wallace, and A M Garner, appointed by the Council at its meeting November 20th 1902 to offer the land owners the sums ascertained by said Committee to be a just compensation for the parties of their lots respectively to be taken for the opening of the streets directed to be opened by an ordinance adopted on the 20th of November 1902 by said Council, having made their report, setting forth that, they had made to said land owners offers to pay them as aforesaid, and that said offers had been rejected by all of said land owners save W S Embrey and T McCracken, who had accepted;

Resolved by the Council that the City proceed to condemn all of the [property? Scratched] required for the opening of said Streets as the same are set forth in the plot and survey made by C E Dickinson heretofore adopted by the Ordinance aforesaid.

Resolved further that the Mayor of Fredericksburg in behalf of the said City is hereby authorized to institute condemnation proceedings according to law to obtain the above parcels of real estate for the purposes aforesaid.

W S Embrey

And on motion of Mr Jones the same was adopted

On motion the Council adjourned

W 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 18th day of December 1902 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Hon M G Willis, Mayor

Major W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen E D Cole, G W Wroten, F H Revere, J P Rowe, T McCracken, H Dannehl, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace

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

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented a statement of the sale of the \$20,000.00 par value of Fredericksburg, Va 4% bonds to the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank as follows:

Ten bonds of \$1000 each	\$10,000.00
Ten bonds of \$100 each	\$1,000.00
Eighteen bonds of \$500 each	\$9,000.00
	\$20,000.00

Which said bonds have had the coupons of October 1, 1901, April 1, 1902, and October 1, 1902 removed.

For said \$20,000 of 4% bonds said bank paid as follows

For value of \$20,000	\$20,000.00
Premium on said bonds at 0.25	\$50.00
Interest at 4% from October 1, 1902 to Dec 1, 1902	\$133.33
Making in all	\$20,183.33

Which said sum had been paid by the said Committee into the hands of the Treasurer of the City, as evidenced by said Treasurer's receipt foer said amount which, was read, and on motion said report was received & ordered to be filed.

And Col Cole stated that the Finance Committee had in its possession the coupons cut from the \$20000 of bonds mentioned which had matured before the sale thereof and that said Committee had found in the custody of the Treasurer 3 blank forms of bonds; No 23 for \$500; No 11 for \$100 & No 14 for \$1000 Whereupon Mr Dannehl offered the following

Resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to destroy the three blank forms of bonds No. 23 for \$500; No. 11 for \$100 and No. 14 for \$1000 which were found in the custody of the Treasurer and are supposed to be these sample bonds which were sent by the lithographer and also to destroy the coupons on the \$20,000 of Street [Page 46] Improvement bonds recently sold, said coupons embracing all from the date of the bonds to the 1st day of October 1902, which resolution was adopted.

Col Cole presented the bill of Mr St G R Fitzhugh the attorney for the City for services to December 1st 1902 amounting to \$380.00 which on motion was ordered to be paid.

Col Cole then made the following report

The undersigned Finance Committee of the Council respectfully report that the Joint Committee on Street Improvement have in accordance with resolutions of the Council purchased all the pipes and other material necessary for the renewing of the Gas pipes on the Streets to be paved, and said Gas pipes are being laid, and that the bills for the same which have been audited by your Committee amount approximately to the sum of \$2150.00 and the cost of laying the same approximately \$850.00 Your Committee asks authority to borrow temporarily the amount necessary to pay this indebtedness of the City, the amount not to exceed \$3000.00.

This Loan can be secured for six months if necessary without interest in view of the fact that the proceeds of the paving bonds is on deposit in one of the Banks of this city.

E D Cole, W S Embrey, T McCracken, Finance Committee

The above report was accompanied by a letter from the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National proffering the loan on said terms, namely without interest and on motion of Mr Wroten the said report and letter were received and ordered to be filed and Mr Dannehl offered the following.

It appearing from the report of the Finance Committee that the City is indebted in approximately the sum of \$3000.00 for gas pipe and other materials and for labor to renew the worn out gas pipes on the blacks in the City to be paved and the funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated being inadequate to pay this indebtedness, the Finance Committee is authorized and directed to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$3000.00 and to execute for the City a proper evidence of indebtedness the same not to be negotiable and to be without interest in accordance with the offer of the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank, said loan to be made on such time as the Finance Committee shall deem expedient not to exceed six months, and they shall apply said sum of money to the payment of the aforesaid indebtedness and to no other [Page 47] "purpose." And a recorded vote being called for on said resolution was had as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Dannehl, Rowe, Embrey, Revere, Chancellor, Wallace = 8

Against no one and the resolution was declared adopted.

I approve the foregoing resolution M G Willis, Mayor

(Capt McCracken came in)

Mr Chancellor offered the following

Whereas James Goodrick & wife have notified the Council of their willingness to accept the amount offered them respectively for their respective parcels of land needed for the opening of the new streets, to wit \$100 to James Goodrick and \$200 to his wife, provided the City will remove the dwelling house standing on Mrs Goodrick's lot from the parcel of land to be taken to the adjoining lot belonging to the said James Goodrick, in such manner that the said house shall be in the same condition after removal as it is at present

Resolved, that this offer be and the same is accepted and so soon as a copy of this paper is signed by said Goodrick and wife, the condemnation proceedings against them shall be dismissed and the Street Committee shall cause said dwelling house to be removed as aforesaid at the expense of the City, and when that is done the Street Committee shall draw a warrant on the Treasurer in favor of James Goodrick for \$100.00 and in favor of his wife for \$200.00 upon their tendering a proper deed for said lots conveying a good and unencumbered title to the same to the City.

The Finance Committee in lieu of removal by the City are authorized to pay to said Goodrick the sum of \$50.00 and allow him to incur the expense of said removal which was adopted.

Maj Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee asked that \$400.00 be placed to the credit of said Committee which on motion of Mr Wroten was so ordered.

Mr. Dannehl, Chairman of Ordinance Committee gave notice that said Committee would report an ordinance regulating plumbing at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Capt McCracken, Chairman of Light Committee pursuant to resolution passed on November 20th last reported that said Committee did not deem it advisable to contract for [Page 48] yearly supply of coal at this time.

Mayor reported that the Police officers had done their duty.

Col Cole asked permission to use some of the Fire Hose of the City to put water used in filling up the gas pipe trench. The use of water being necessary for proper performing of said work, which on motion of Mr Wroten was granted.

Mr Chancellor moved to proceed to the election of Superintendent of City Water Works, which was adopted, and on motion of Mr Chancellor the salary of said Officer was fixed at the same amount as this year viz; \$900.00

Whereupon the application for said office of Capt S J Quinn and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Water Works for the year 1903.

And

Capt McCracken moved to proceed to the election of Superintendent of the City Gas Works, which was carried and Capt McCracken moved that the salary of said officer be fixed at same amount as last year viz; \$700.00 which was carried.

Whereupon Capt McCracken nominated Mr William Fitzpatrick and a ballot being had he was declared unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Gas Works for the year 1903.

And on motion of Mr Wroten the Council adjourned

M G Willis, Mayor

James P Corbin, Clerk

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