

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1904

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At a Special Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on Thursday the 14th day of January 1904 at 4 o'clock PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen J P Rowe, T McCracken, (H Dannehl) E W Mills, H L Wallace, T N Brent

The President called the meeting to order and stated that it was called "to consider the matter of securing for Fredericksburg the State Normal School"

Whereupon Capt McCracken offered the following

"Whereas a Committee has been appointed by the General Assembly of Virginia to select or recommend a suitable site for the location of a State Normal School soon to be erected; and whereas Fredericksburg has advantages and can offer many inducements for the location of such a school in this place; Therefore Resolved that a Committee of twelve be appointed by the President of this body, six from the Council and six from the body of the Citizens, who are requested to visit said Committee in Richmond or invite it to visit us and present to the members thereof the advantages and inducements offered by Fredericksburg, and use their influence to get the said State Normal School located at this place."

Which was unanimously adopted

And Mr Rowe moved that his Honor the Mayor and the [Page 156] President of the City Council be added to said Committee which was adopted

And Capt McCracken moved that the Hon J H Biscoe of Spottsylvania County be invited to accompany the said Committee when it visited Richmond to meet the Legislative Committee which was adopted.

President Cole then named the following committee on part of the Council

Messrs T McCracken, W S Embrey, M S Chancellor, W E Bradley, G W Wroten, T N Brent and on part of the citizens

Messrs St G R Fitzhugh, Alvin T Embrey, S J Quinn, H H Wallace, B P Willis, A P Rowe

Mr Mills moved that the Rules be suspended to entertain the location of telephones of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co for the use of the City

Which motion was adopted by the following recorded vote

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Mills, Wallace, Brent = 7; Against no one and the rules suspended

(Mr Dannehl appeared)

And Mr Mills moved that the four telephones to be furnished free, and two of those to be furnished by said Company at \$10.00 each per year be placed where the Public Property [Committee] may direct which was adopted.

And on motion of Capt McCracken the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

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 21st day of January 1904 at 7:30 o'clock PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

Maj W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen F H Revere, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace, T N Brent

The meeting was called to order and the minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read Whereupon the President of the Council, Col E D Cole, stated that his ruling in declaring the defeat of the Ordinance relative to expectorating on side-walks at the regular meeting in December last had not been according to law and that the said ordinance should have been declared adopted. He withdrew said ruling and on motion of Mr Rowe the minutes of said December last meeting were corrected so as to read as follows

“Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

That it shall be unlawful for any person to expectorate upon or throw fruit skins or peelings on the side-walks or floors of public halls.

Any violation of this section shall subject the offender to a fine of not less than one nor more than five dollars.

It shall be the duty of the police to have copies of this section posted on conspicuous public places

This ordinance shall take effect on and after 60 days from its passage”

And a recorded vote was had on said ordinance as follows

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Bradley, McCracken, Dannehl, Brent = 6

Against Messrs Rowe, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace = 4

And the Ordinance was declared adopted. And the said minutes of the December 1903 meeting so corrected to with the minutes of the Special Meeting in January Inst were approved by the Council and signed by the President

(The Recorder, Maj Embrey in the Chair)

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee, stated that the said Committee had reduced the floating debt of the City by paying two notes of \$2,000.00 each, one at the National Bank of Fredericksburg and one at the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank, and asked that the action of the Committee be approved by the Council which was adopted. And

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Col Cole presented the renewal receipts of Guaranty Company giving security on the official bonds of S J Quinn as Superintendent of Water Works and William Fitzpatrick as Superintendent of Gas Works for the year 1904 and it was ordered that said renewal receipts be handed over to the Mayor to be by [him] placed in the National [Bank] with said bonds.

And Col Cole presented the following bills

Fredericksburg Journal 1.00

J Willard Adams 1.40

Which on motion were ordered to be paid and Col Cole then presented the bill of Chas H Vass for Street Sweeper amounting to \$300.00

And stated that in accordance with direction of the Council given on December 17th last the said Sweeper had been given a thorough trial and that it had proved satisfactory, and said bill of \$300.00 was ordered [to be paid] by the following recorded vote, viz;

For Messrs Cole, Revere, Rowe, Bradley, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Wallace, Brent = 9; Against no one

And Col Cole reported fines collected by the Mayor and paid over to the Treasurer as shown by his receipt amounting to \$32.00

Maj Embrey asked that \$500.00 be placed to the credit of the Street Committee for general work and on motion of Mr Bradley (Mr Mills here appeared) the sum of \$500.00 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Street Committee, by the following recorded vote, viz;
For Messrs Cole, Revere, Rowe, Bradley, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace, Brent = 10;
Against no one

By request the Ordinance Committee was granted further time on the Electric Light & Power and the Street Railway franchises.

Mr Rowe of Light Committee made a verbal statement as to condition of Gas Works, and on motion of Mr Brent the Supt of Gas Works, Mr Fitzpatrick was heard on the condition of the said plant

Mr Bradley of Schools read a letter from Mr Frank T West and said letter was on motion referred to the Committee appointed January 14 instant in the matter of the Normal School

And the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
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 the 2nd day of February 1904 at 3:30 o'clock AM[?]
There were present Col E D Cole, President
Geo W Wroten Esqr Vice President
Councilmen F H Revere, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, T McCracken, Henry Dannehl, E W Mills, H L Wallace, T N Brent

The meeting was called to order and the President stated that it had been called to hear the report of the Joint Committee on the Normal School

Whereupon Capt McCracken, Chairman of said Committee offered the following report, viz;
The undersigned Committee (consisting of members of the City Council and citizens not members of said body) to whom was referred an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia entitled "An Act look to the establishment of a State Female Normal School with industrial training" approved January 11, 1904 with instructions to report to the Council such recommendations as to action on its part with the view of having said Normal School located at or near Fredericksburg as the Committee may deem proper beg leave to report

First: That the above mentioned Act of the General Assembly which is returned with this report does not establish another Female Normal School, but as its title declares is "An Act looking to the establishment of " such a School; and the said Act in appointing a special Commission direct them to investigate and report to the General Assembly all the facts in relation to the establishment and location of another Female Normal School, and said Commission is especially directed to report the names of such towns and cities as make special propositions, giving in detail the nature of the gifts, donations or grounds and buildings, etc., and the natural advantages and drainage of the grounds, buildings, and sites, hygiene of the vicinity, the railway and steamboat connections, and the approximate and relative cost of living. The Honorable Chairman of this Commission has indicated to your Committee that some strong inducement in the shape of a donation of money or grounds must be furnished the Commission in order to cause them to visit our City – with a view of considering its suitability for the location of the school.

Second; Your Committee is informed that the present Normal School at Farmville has between five and six hundred students and the proposed School would certainly command as large a [Page 160] patronage hence such an institution would be of incalculable value to any community in which it should be established, both in the way of trade and in the increase of population which it would attract.

Your Committee, in view of those great and obvious advantages of the location of the State Female Normal School with industrial training in or adjacent to the City, have no hesitation in recommending to your honorable body that the City offer to the Commission a suitable site, ample for all the purposes of said school and the industrial training that is wisely to be made a part of the Normal System, and in the event that such site shall be accepted by the State that suitable legislation be obtained by the City to acquire such site.

Your committee further recommend that in connection with the tender of a site for such Normal School the Council shall officially present to the Commission and to the General Assembly the following reasons why said Normal School should be located here:”

[Different Hand] First: Fredericksburg is situated at the head of tidewater, one hundred and twenty-five miles from Chesapeake Bay and forty-miles from Piedmont, Virginia. Thence it is free from the malaria of the low lands and from the Typhoid types of fever of high altitudes.

No City in Virginia has a better health record than Fredericksburg, as can be demonstrated by our Board of Health. The City has never had an epidemic in its history.

Second: The water is equal in purity to any in the world.

Third: As Farmville represents Southern Virginia, so does Fredericksburg represent Northern Virginia and Tide Water Virginia.

Prior to the construction of the rail roads of Middle Virginia and the Valley, Fredericksburg was the market for the major portion of Northern Virginia, including the Valley from Harrisonburg to Winchester, and today there is not in Northern Virginia a more accessible point for both Piedmont, Virginia, the Valley of Virginia and for all that portion of the State from the [Page 161] James River to the Chesapeake Bay, and the Potomac River.

Fourth: The food supply is equal to and cheaper than that of any other City in the State. Fredericksburg is surrounded by truck farms, and its adjacent lands are peculiarly adapted to the raising of all kinds of vegetables and fruit, which are sold here cheaper than in any City—or even small town in Virginia. The Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers and Chesapeake Bay furnish inexhaustible supplies of fish and oysters brought fresh nearly every day during the season to our doors and our market; for fowls and eggs and milk and butter and same cannot be equaled elsewhere.

Fifth: It is situated immediately on the great line of railway from North to South. Within one hour’s (when the said lines from Washington to Richmond is double-tracked) travel from both the Capital of the United States and the Capital of Virginia; and is connected with Norfolk, the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Baltimore by Steamboat.

Sixth: It is the most historic City in Virginia; Both in its Continental and Revolutionary History, and in its Civil War history; Its Revolutionary history is familiar to every school boy and girl in this country Its Civil War history and that of the country adjacent—was more tragic and still more heroic. Being in the most direct-line form [Page 162] Washington to Richmond it was on the firing line of two great armies from the commencement to the close of the War. The City was repeatedly occupied, and its homes sacked by hostile armies, its entire population were refugees, and General R. E. Lee in his report of the Battle of Fredericksburg said “On the 21st of November 1862 it became apparent that General Burnside was concentrating his whole army on the north side of the Rappahannock (in Stafford County—immediately opposite Fredericksburg)

On the same day General Sumner summoned the corporate authorities of Fredericksburg to surrender the place by 5 PM and threatened in case of refusal to bombard the City by 9 o’clock next morning. The weather had been tempestuous for two days, and a storm was laying at the time of the summons. It was impossible to prevent the execution of the threat to shell the city as it was completely exposed to the

batteries on Stafford Hills which were beyond our reach. The City authorities were informed that while our forces would not use the place for military purposes its occupation by the enemy would be resisted and directions were given for the removal of women and children as rapidly as possible. The threatened bombardment did not then take place, but in view of the imminence of a collision between the two armies the inhabitants were advised to leave the city, and almost the entire population without a murmur abandoned their homes.

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History presents no instance of a people exhibiting a purer and more unselfish patriotism or a higher spirit of fortitude and courage than was evinced by the citizens of Fredericksburg. The cheerfully incurred great hardships and privations, and surrendered their homes and property to destruction rather than yield them into the hands of the enemies of their County. General Lee says further in his report, that at 1 o'clock on the morning of December 11th 1862 the Confederate troops withdrew from the City of Fredericksburg to the adjacent heights and soon afterwards one hundred and fifty pieces of artillery opened a furious fire upon the city.

This bombardment was kept up for many hours until nearly every house in the city was mutilated and very many burned and battered to pieces and their contents destroyed.

Seventh: Fredericksburg suffered more during the War in the actual destruction of property and in the desolation of its homes and in the tribulations of its people than all the other cities and towns in the State, and yet the General Assembly has never appropriated a dollar of the public money for the establishment of any state institution in her midst. And notwithstanding the fact that her people today are the descendents and peers of those who gave luster to her history and that of Virginia in the past and whose misfortune it is now that their poverty forbids them [Page 164] to compete on terms of equality with their richer neighbors for the favors which the State has to confer.

T McCracken	E D Cole
W S Embrey	St Geo R Fitzhugh
M S Chancellor	Alvin T Embrey
W E Bradley	S J Quinn
Geo W Wroten	H H Wallace
T N Brent	B P Willis, Supt Schools
M G Willis- Mayor	A P Rowe

And on motion of Mr Dannehl, the report was adopted by the following recorded vote
For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Revere, Rowe, Bradley, McCracken, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace, Brent = 10,
against no one.

And Capt McCracken offered the following

Resolved by the City Council that the Committee heretofore appointed in relation to the location of the State Female Normal School at Fredericksburg, and whose report has just been received and adopted be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to community with the Committee of the General Assembly having the proposed Normal School in charge, and to state to said Committee that the City Council stands ready to donate a suitable site for said Normal School with ample ground for all the purposes of said school and the industrial training to be connected therewith; and that said Committee of the Council invite said Committee of the Legislature to visit Fredericksburg, and to indicate what site in or near the corporate limits of said City would in the judgment of said Committee be adequate for said Normal School [Page 165] and upon the report of the selection made the Council will take appropriate action with a view of securing the same.

Which resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote

For Messrs Cole, Wroten, Revere, Rowe, Bradley, McCracken, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace, Brent = 10

Against no one.
And on motion the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
James P Corbin, Clerk
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At a special 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 9th day of February 1904 at 4 o'clock PM
There were present Col E D Cole, President
G W Wroten, Vice President
Councilmen J P Rowe, W S Embrey, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, T N Brent, H L Wallace.

The Meeting was called to order and Mr Wallace presented the following which was unanimously adopted

While in this hour of dire destruction to Baltimore, the whole country stands appalled at the financial and commercial affliction of that City—the people of Fredericksburg remembering the sympathy of the people of Baltimore and their material assistance at the close of the War, which left Fredericksburg in ruins. Especially desire to express their profound sorrow for Baltimore in its almost inexpressible trial, and through their Common Council to tender its suffering people their heartfelt sympathy and any assistance within their power.

It is ordered that the above minutes be entered on the record of the Common Council and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Mayor McLane of Baltimore, by the Mayor of this City by telegraph.”

And on motion the Council adjourned

President
Clerk
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A special meeting of the City council was held Thursday Feb 18, 1904
There were present G W Wroten, Vice President- presiding
Councilmen Cole, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Rowe, Bradley

Col Cole stated the Council has been called to make provision for a case of smallpox which was in the City & had been taken charge of by the Health Officer.

He also stated that it was necessary that the Council take steps at once, to provide suitable quarters for said case & that Capt M B Rowe had offered the City the use of several of his lots outside of the City on which to build a pest-house in which said case could be cared for & in which others could be put, if the disease spread.

On his motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted
“Resolved that the Health Committee of this Council is directed to act in conjunction with the City Board of Health & have erected on the lots loaned to the City by Capt M B Rowe a suitable house to accommodate small-pox patients, at a safe distance from any public road or railroad or occupied tenements”

The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President
W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va was held Thursday night Feb'y 18th 1904 Those present were Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Wallace, Bradley

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee reported a list of Taxes delinquent & worthless running from 1876 to 1900 inclusive amounting to \$1685.16 mainly Capitation Taxes

On motion of Mr Mills the Collector was instructed to turn over the said worthless tax bills to the City Treasurer and take his receipt therefore, which motion was unanimously carried

Bills of the Free Lance-Star Publishing Co amounting to \$24.75 and bill for expenses of Normal School Committee trip to Richmond \$11.40 were ordered paid

Col Cole reported fines collected by Mayor \$20.00 and turned over to Treasurer

A communication was read from Mrs Nannie T Hicks asking that an appropriation be made to defray the funeral expenses of her late husband, Edward Hicks, who was killed by contact with an electric wire last fall while in the employ of the City,

The sum of \$57.25 was on motion of Mr Wallace was appropriated

A communication was read from Jas T Jones asked that certain lots on the Boulevard and Willis Street be enclosed temporarily or at the pleasure of the Council. On motion was granted.

Mr Embrey, of Streets, presented a report of City Attorney St. Geo R Fitzhugh as to the rights of the City to open Prince Edward Street across the tracks of the P F & P R R & R F & P R R as follows;
To the Street Committee of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia

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You referred to me the following resolution adopted by the Council

Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to ascertain through the Counsel of the City our right to open Prince Edward Street Extended over the tracks of the P F & P R R and the R F & P R R and report the same to next meeting of Council.

In obedience to said resolution I have made a careful and I think thorough examination of the records and maps in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, and of the proceedings bearing upon the subject, and I beg leave to make the following report.

The present P F & P R R Co was originally the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville R R Co.

That Company was chartered by the General Assembly of Virginia on the 1st day of March 1853 and its charter amended from time to time by many subsequent Acts of the Legislature.

On the 28th of June 1854, Hay B Hoomes acquired by deed of record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg from John Howison & wife a large parcel of land, a plat of which I have had made by S S Bradford, C E and I return it, herewith as part of this report—and recommend that said plot be recorded.

Hay B Hoomes and wife by deed of June 29th 1854 conveyed one moiety of the tract which he had acquired by deed of June 28th 1854 from John Howison to Peter Goolrick and a plat of the whole tract is recorded with said deed.

The parcel of land thus owned jointly by Hay B Hoomes and Peter Goolrick on June 29th 1854 has within its boundary the parcel of land west of the run upon which the tracks of the P F & P R R Co, its water tank & other structures are erected and over which Prince Edward Street extended south of Prussia Street would pass.

At the July term 1854 of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, the Court on motion of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville R R Co appointed Commissioners to condemn so much of the land of L J Huffman, Hay B Hoomes, Peter Goolrick [Page 170] John S Caldwell and others as was required by said R R Co.

These Commissioners made their report to the October term of 1854, ascertaining “the compensation for so much of the land of the free hold whereof Hay B Hoomes and Peter Goolrick are tenants, and also for so much of the land of the freehold whereof Peter Goolrick and others are joint-tenants.

The report was confirmed and doubtless set forth the metes and bounds of the parcels condemned, by that report, is not in the Clerk’s Office and is lost.

The valuable papers of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville R R Co were destroyed and the report of the condemnation proceedings under which the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville R R Co acquired the aforesaid parcel of land upon which its tracks, water tanks & other structures are now erected was doubtless taken from the Clerks Office by Col Carter M Braxton who after the War was both the City Engineer and the Engineer of the Fredericksburg & Gordonsville R R Co and its successor the P F & P R R Co to enable him to ascertain the lines of the railroad property at the terminus of the R R in Fredericksburg for Col Braxton in 1878 furnished to the P F & P R R Co an immense bound volume containing a complete plot and profile of the entire railroad from Fredericksburg to Orange Court House, over his own signature, which volume is now in the custody of said Company, and the parcel of land on Mr Bradford’s plat—belonging to the P F & P R R Co, and that shown on the Braxton plat coincide so far as the said parcel is concerned.

Mr Bradford was at great pains to examine all the deeds by which the tract which was owned jointly by H B Hoomes and Peter Goolrick on June 29th 1854 had been from time to time alienated, and to run the lines indicated in such deeds and also the lines of the R F & P R R right-of-way, and has thus been able to prove his work and the correctness of his plat—and to designate with accuracy the land now owned by the P F & P R R Co, which was acquired by the above mentioned condemnation proceedings and which has been in the possession of the P F & P R R Co and its predecessors ever since.

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It thus appears from the records that the P F & P R R Co and its predecessor the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville R R Co have held and owned the parcel of land over which Prince Edward Street—extended would pass for fifty-nine years and four months.

It does not appear from the records that the City of Fredericksburg ever owned or claimed to own a foot of said parcel of land.

There are only three methods by which the City can acquire an interest in land viz;
By purchase, by condemnation, and by dedication.

The records do not show that the City ever purchased a foot of said parcel of land, or that it ever condemned it.

There is no evidence of record that the original owner or any subsequent owner ever dedicated said parcel of land or any portion of it to the City, and as there has been no uses of it by the public as a street there can be no dedication by implication and no acceptance by implication.

But the City as state above has never claimed to own a right of way for a street over said parcel of land. The map of the city, made prior to the War by William Slaughter, City Surveyor, which was in existence subsequent to the Civil War and to which Col Braxton had access when he made a map of the City in 1867 has been lost, but Col Braxton in his Map of 1867 adopted by the City terminates Prince Edward Street but a short distance south of Charlotte Street as it approaches Prussia Street—extended on the North, and he terminates it as it approaches Prussia Street from the North at Frederick Street. This he does with the Slaughter map before him.

Then as we have seen in his plat and profile of the P F & P R R Co made in 1878 when he was still the City Surveyor he makes no mention of, nor does he in any way indicate the existence of any street over said parcel of ground.

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At the September Term 1883 of the Corporation Court the Court appointed Commissioners to ascertain the compensation to be paid A K Phillips, F W Johnston, and Geo W Shepherd for land to open Prince Edward and Wolf Streets.

These commissioners reported to the Court on August 5th 1884 that they had condemned land to open Wolf Street to intersect with Prince Edward Street extended and they extended Prince Edward Street to Prussia Street.

These Commissioners did not undertake to extend Prince Edward Street on any lands other than those of A K Phillips, F W Johnston & Geo W Shepherd, as named in the order appointing them and these lands all lay north of the run or Canal as it is now known, hence they could only extend Prince Edward Street to Canal, and in point of fact, a bridge was built over the canal so that Prussia Street might be extended from Prince Edward.

In 1890 Mr Grabill made a map of the City which has also been adopted by the City, and that only indicates the proposed extension of Prince Edward Street over the rights of way of both the P F & P R R and the R F & P R R by dotted lines that are indicating that Prince Edward Street was not open across said rights of way as late as 1890 and that at that time the City made no claim to own a street across said rights of way.

Hence I conclude and so advise the City that it has no right of way to open Prince Edward Street extended over the tracks or the rights of way of the P F & P R R Co and the R F & P R R Company until they have condemned the land requisite for such purpose and made compensation therefore to both said Companies.

Respectfully

St Geo R Fitzhugh, Feby 2nd 1904

The above report was read and ordered to be filed.

Mr Chancellor of Water Committee presented the following extending and improving the water supply of Fredericksburg at a cost of \$16,893.00 as follows:

To the Honorable President and Members of the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg.

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Gentlemen,

Your joint committee of Water Works and Finance have had under consideration the matter referred to them touching the supplemental report of the Committee on Water Works recommending certain improvements to the City Water Works, which reference is in the following language to wit;

Referred back to the Water & Finance Committees to make recommendation touching the report—and the recommend ways and means for carrying it into effect and report to the Council and would respectfully report as follows,

We recommend

1st That all the addition and improvements to the City Water Works recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Committee on Water be made and that the work be proceeded with at an early day, that is to say the erection of a suitable pump house, the purchase and placing of a new duplex force pump, a new turbine wheel, a flume for conducting water to the wheel, a steam engine and boiler for supplemental power, enlargement of the reservoir at the pump house, connecting the new pump with the distributing reservoir by a new line of cast iron pipe and the laying of water drains recommended in said report.

On Doswell Field and on Washington Avenue, with necessary pipe connection and also of laying larger water mains in the western portion of the town with proper pipe connections and the erection of the necessary fire plugs, so as to give those parts of the town ample water supply for domestic use and also for fire protection.

2nd That the machinery be ordered at once to be delivered here as soon as possible and that it be placed in position when received without delay.

3rd That a suitable pump house be constructed at once to take the place of the present decaying one, large enough to cover and protect the entire pumping machinery the first story to be of brick and the second story to be constructed of wood.

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4th That the site for the extension of the reservoir be purchased without delay by a Joint-Committee hereinafter provided for at a reasonable price if such can be obtained, and failing to agree upon a price, they be instructed to apply to the Honorable Judge of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg for the appointment of Commissioners to condemn and appraise the said site and such contiguous grounds as may be necessary for the purpose of said reservoir extension.

5th That at the proper time, say by the middle or last of September, the said Joint-Committee shall proceed to enlarge the said reservoir as recommended by the Committee on Water.

6th That for the work mentioned except laying of the Water Mains, including payment of all machinery say in round number \$11,000 the Finance Committee be authorized, empowered and instructed to borrow money from the banks of the City for sixty day or 70ity days, with the privilege of short renewals if such be necessary on the best possible terms.

7th That when the Legislature of Virginia meets in the Fall that the Finance Committee be authorized and instructed to apply to said body for such legislation as may be necessary to authorize the town to issue bonds to the amount of \$18,000 to meet and defray the expense of the entire improvement, enlargement and extension of the Water Works as herein provided for.

8th That when such authority is obtained from the Legislature that the said Joint-Committee shall without unnecessary delay proceed to lay cast iron Water Mains and make pipe connections and erect fire plugs on Doswell Field, Washington Avenue and in the southwestern part of the town, sometimes called "Scattersville", continuing the large main to the lower end of Main Street for better fire protection all along its line, as recommended by the said Committee on Water.

9th That this entire improvement be done [Page 175] by day work under the direction and supervision of a joint Committee consisting of the Committee on Water and the Finance Committee, and that they be authorized and empowered to employ such expert assistance as they shall find necessary from time to time in connecting any part of said enlargement and extension.

Estimate costs of enlarging the City Water Works:

Suitable building	\$1,500.00
Flume lead to turbine wheel set	\$500.00
1 23 inch turbine wheel set	\$275.00
1 duplex force pump 9x12 inch set	\$2,750.00
Enlargement of reservoir	\$800.00
250 sections of 10 inch pipe 2790 feet & laying	\$3,040.00
1-40 horse power engine and 50 horse power boiler in place	\$1,250.00
	\$10,115.00

Water for Doswell Field, take water, new pump and cross canal at bridge up Canby Street to Hupful, thence to Cedar Lane down same to Canal, cross to Prince Edward thence to Pitt thence to Charles, 3250 feet 4 inch pipe

Cost of pipe	\$1,152.00
Laying pipe	\$300.00
Special valves, lead packing &c	\$75.00
5 fire plugs	\$100.00
	\$1,627.00

4 inch pipe from bridge to connect with pipe on Washington Avenue for fire protection 950 feet

Cost of pipe	\$352.00
Labor of laying pipe	\$75.00

Lead, valves, packing & one fire plug	\$50.00
	\$477.00

For increase domestic supply and fire protection for that portion of town known as Scattersville from McDonnell's Corner on Hanover Street, up road to Mercer thence to Weedon thence on Willis Street to Boulevard connection, 2700 feet 4 inch pipe

Cost of pipe	\$960.00
Cost of laying pipe	\$135.00
Leads, specials, packing &c	\$25.00
4 fire plugs	\$80.00
	\$1,200.00

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Commerce Street near Canal bridge to Hanover at Weedon, on Weedon to Boulevard, thence to Prince Edward thence to Dunmore, thence to Charles, thence to Dixon, thence to Princess Anne, 5,350 feet 6 inch pipe.

Cost of pipe	\$2,759.00
Work of laying pipe	\$450.00
Lead, valves, packing, specials &c	\$150.00
5 fire plugs	\$115.00
	\$3,474.00

Recapitulation

Doswell Field	\$1,627.00
Washington Avenue	\$477.00
SW Suburbs	\$1,200.00
Central Main	\$3,474.00
	\$6,778.00

The following resolution of Mr Chancellor was adopted by a unanimous recorded vote:

Resolved by the Council that the report of the Joint Committee in reference to the Water be received and further resolved that this Council in the Main approves the recommendation of said Committee as contained in this report and that it is the sense of this Council that so much of this work and so many of the machines recommended by said Committee as are necessary to meet the pressing demands be done and ordered[?] by the Committee, but that said Committee shall submit their recommendation as embraced in the aggregate of \$10,115 to a competent hydraulic engineer for his approval, and so soon as so much of their recommendation aforesaid is approved by said engineer, said Committee is directed to ascertain at what price said machinery can be obtained and report the same to this Council and that the work to be done in connection with the placing said machinery, erection of the building called for, the enlargement of the reservoir and the laying of the pipe be done under the supervision of said Committee. The said Committee will also submit their recommendation touching the enlargement of the water system of the city to a competent [Page 177] engineer and when the same shall be approved and reported to the Council, this body will authorize such extension.

Mr Dannehl of Ordinance presented a paper signed by Committee composed of Messrs Dannehl, Wallace and McCracken reporting adversely on two ordinances, one for electric franchise and the other for a street railway franchise.

This was adopted by a vote of 10 to 1. Mr Bradley voting no.

Mr McCracken of Light, reported that an engineer would be here in a few days to make report as to cost of proposed improvement to gas works, that this Committee is at work, that as soon as practicable, plans and specifications will be furnished the Council as to cost &c.

Mayor Willis returned the ordinance as to expectorating on the pavement with the following veto; Return this ordinance without my approval. I should have approved it if the ordinance had limited the restriction to the six squares of sidewalk recently improved with granolithic.

A motion to re-consider it was defeated by a vote of six to five.

Col Cole asked that the reported small pox question be taken up and that health officer Dr. Barney be heard.

Dr Barney stated the case reported was small pox.

On motion of Capt McCracken it was resolved by the Council that Dr. W J Chewning shall be employed by the City to give proper medical attention to the small pox case now on Dr. Geo H Chewning's premises and to be removed to the pest house as soon as the same is ready, and that he be paid for his services at the rate of \$15.00 fifteen dollars per day for so many days as the Board of Health [Page 178] shall deem necessary, said service to commence Friday Morning Feb'y 19th

Aye Cole, Rowe, Revere, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Wallace, Mills, Chancellor, Bradley, Wroten

A letter from S J Quinn, Clerk of School Board was also read announcing a vacancy in the board caused by the death of D C Cole.

On motion of Mr Bradley an election was gone into and Mr W L Brannan was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr Dannehl, in accordance with his previous announcement moved that the Council deems it expedient to create the office of Police Justice

Capt McCracken asked that the resolution be tabled. This was lost by the following vote;

For tabling, Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Bradley

Against: Revere, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Wroten

The question then came up on the original motion and it was lost

Ayes; Cole, Dannehl

Noes; Rowe, Revere, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Wallace, Bradley, Chancellor, Wroten

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A special meeting of the City Council called by the Finance Committee was held Tuesday evening March 8th 1904 for the purpose of asking the Legislature for authority to issue \$20,000 of bonds to make extension and improvements to the Water and Gas Works of the City

Vice President G W Wroten presided

Councilmen Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley were present

On motion the rules were suspended and Health Officer Dr. J N Barney presented a communication from the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania stating that said Board would co-operate with the City Council in the selection of a suitable place in the County of Spotsylvania for the establishment of a pest house.

Col Cole offered the following resolution and on motion adopted

Resolved by the Council that the Heath Committee of the Council in connection with the Health Board of the City, confer with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Spotsylvania in regard to the selection of a suitable site in the County for the location of a pest house for the city.

And the said Health Committee will report to the Council the probable cost of any site or sites which may be satisfactory to said Board of Supervisors, and to the said Health Committee & said local Health Board.

Col Cole of Finance Committee stated that the Joint Committee of Finance & Water, previously appointed to devise ways and means to enlarge the Water Works and improve the Gas Works of the City so as to give ample supply of each for all purposes, recommend that authority be obtained from the Legislature to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for said purposes.

On motion of Col Cole the following [Page 180] resolution was adopted.

An act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg Virginia to issue coupon or registered bonds of the City for the purpose of improving and enlarging the City Water Works and for improving the City Gas Works

1st Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that it shall be lawful for the Council of the City of Fredericksburg in order to enlarge and extend the City Water Works and in order to repair and improve the City Gas Works to issue coupon or registered bonds in sums not less than one hundred dollars to an amount not to exceed the par value of twenty thousand dollars to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 4 per centum per annum payable semi-annually, said bonds may be made payable and may be redeemable at the option of the Council at such time as the Council may declare on the face of the bonds, the said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer and attested by the Clerk of the Council, with the Corporation Seal of the City affixed thereto, and the coupon s shall each bear the signature of the City Treasurer signed thereto.

The said bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxation by the City of Fredericksburg, Va or the City Council and shall not be sold for less than par value.

2nd That the Council may secure the payment of the principal and interest of so many of said bonds. The proceeds of which are used to enlarge & extend the City-Water Works, by a deed of Trust upon said Water Works, and may secure the payment of the principal and interest of so many of said bonds, the proceeds of which are used to repair and improve the City Gas Works, by a deed of Trust to be executed by the Mayor with the Corporate seal of the City affixed thereto.

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3rd That the Council be authorized annually to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on all bonds issued under this act and the said Council shall provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds when the same shall mature and become payable and in their discretion may create a sinking fund to be applied to the redemption and payment of said bonds.

4th This act shall be in force from its passage.

On motion of Mr Rowe the following resolution was official unanimously adopted

The Chairman of the Finance Committee have presented to the Council the draft of a bill to obtain from the Legislature authority to issue bonds to an amount of not to exceed \$20,000 for the Water Works and Gas Works of the City, said bill is approved by the Council and the City Attorney is directed by the Council to procure its adoption by the Legislature if practicable.

A request was received from the Weems Line of Steamers asking for permission to land their steamers if necessary at the Gas House wharf while the river in front of the Steamboat wharf is being dredged.

On motion the request was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting 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 March 1904 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present Col E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, Vice President
Maj W S Embrey, Recorder
Councilmen McCracken, Rowe, Revere, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

The meeting was called to order by the President and on motion Mr Bradley was elected Clerk Pro Tem and the minutes of the last regular & called meeting were read and approved and signed by the President. (The Vice President presiding)

Col Cole of Finance presented the following bills which were ordered paid
Expense of Officer Hall to South Carolina to go after a man supposed to be Burns, who committed murder here last fall \$27.84
S Sydney Bradford for engineering work at P F & P R R platting the territory adjacent to the P F & P R R terminus in order to locate the property of said Company at said terminus and furnishing map for same \$50.00
and Charles D Foster for legal services in defending Chas Washington and Joseph Terrill \$10.00

Col Cole reported fines collected by the Mayor and paid over to the Treasurer as shown by his receipt amounting to \$48.00
A Tax bill for \$100.00 due by the People's Steamboat Co for City Taxes was presented by Col Cole, he had read a letter from President W D Carter of said line, in which he declined to pay the bill. He asked for instructions.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee to dispose of in such manner as in their judgment seemed proper.
The Finance Committee presented the tax bill Ordinance for 1904-1905 which will lie over until next regular meeting.
On motion of Capt McCracken fifteen typewritten copies were ordered for the benefit of the members of the Council.

The following letter was read from City Counsel St Geo R Fitzhugh in regard to [Page 813] Bradford building & property of Messrs Johnston and Pearson on corner of Commerce and Princess Anne Streets which explains itself
Fredericksburg, Va Mar 17th 1904
To the Joint-Committee on Streets Improvements
Gentlemen,
You referred to me for my opinion whether Mr S S Bradford should be allowed anything for the removal of the steps leading into the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank, which were comparatively new when the grade of the pavement was changed.
I am of the opinion that he is legally entitled to an allowance of \$160.00, but the City will in fact only pay \$140.00 since Cartright & Davis has allowed \$20.00 for the steps removed.
You also left it discretionary with me, subject to the approval of the Council to make such concessions as I deemed expedient to Mr H H Johnston, by reason of his peculiar case in reference to his store house at corner of Commerce and Princess Anne Streets.
It was, I think, demonstrated in the trial of his case against the City in the light of the law as correctly expounded by the Court, that he has no legal claim against the City, and I do not think any precedent will be made if the Council shall recognize the exceptional nature of his case and make him a small allowance. I advise that the sum of \$190.00 be donated to him.

Very respectfully,
St Geo R Fitzhugh
The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

An ordinance was presented determining the amounts to be paid by owners of property for sidewalks along Main and Commerce Streets when the late improvements have been made. It provides that two thirds of cost be paid by property owners and one-third by City. Payments are to be made in three [Page 184] installments running through 1904, 1905, and 1906. This ordinance will be acted on at April meeting.

Mr Embrey advocated the continuation of the Street Improvements on the three blocks from Charlotte Street down Main Street to railroad tracks and along Prussia to Princess Anne. He said the work could be done this Spring from the General fund without increasing the floating debt or interfering with the propose extension of Water Works or improvements to Gas Works. Looking to this, Capt McCracken offered the following, which was adopted
Resolved, that the Joint-Committee on Street Improvement ascertain and report to the next meeting of the Council what will be the cost of paving the road-bed and walkways on three blocks of the City as follows
The two blocks on Main Street extended from Charlotte to Prussia Street, from Main Street to Princess Anne and in addition thereto that portion of Main Street from Prussia Street to the tracks of the R F & P R R, said paving of road bed and walkway to be of similar material to that of the six blocks already paved. And that the Finance Committee shall at the same time report whether said improvements can be now carried out and their cost met out of the General Fund of the City

Mr Chancellor of Water stated his Committee had almost perfected the plans and specification of enlarging the Water Works. Said plans will be presented to the Council in a few days, and he was pleased to say that his Committee had secured the services of an engineer who was up to date in every respect and that he believed the whole work will be done at less cost than was first estimated.

Mr McCracken of Light had just received full plans and specifications for improving the Gas Works, which we be submitted after consultation with Committee engineer.
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Mr Mills of Public Interests, reported he had corresponded with Congressman W A Jones in regard to dredging the River near the wharfs in this City and he had replied that work will be commenced between March 25 and April 1st.

Mr Revere of Fire & Police presented bills amounting to \$65.00 for nozzles and etc for Fire Department, which were ordered paid.

Mr Mills asked what had become of the Street Fountains purchased some time since.
Mr Chancellor stated they are here, paid for, and will be put in place as soon as weather permits.

On motion the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
W E Bradley, Acting Clerk
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A called meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday evening April 12th 1904 to consider Street paving, enlargement of Water Works and improvement to Gas Works
President Col Cole presided
There were present Col E D Cole, G W Wroten, F H Revere, J P Rowe, Capt T McCracken, Maj W S Embrey, Henry Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, T N Brent, W E Bradley

Mr Embrey of Joint Committee on Street Improvement presented the following

To Hon City Council of Fredericksburg

The Joint Committee on Street Improvement to whom was referred the resolution adopted by the Council at its regular meeting on the 17th March 1904 in relation to the farther extension of the improvement of the road bed and side walks on Main and Prussia Streets in Fredericksburg, beg leave to report:

First, That to pave Main Street from Charlotte Street to the right-of-way of the R F & P R R Co, where the same crosses Main Street, and to pave Prussia Street from Main Street to Princess Anne Street laying granolithic side walks on both sides of the blocks paved, with the exception of the South side of Prussia Street will, according to the estimate carefully made for the Committee by E T D Myers Jr, engineer, not to cost more than \$12,000 and most cost much less, in lieu of the laying of a granolithic sidewalk on the south side of Prussia Street along the property of the R F & P R R Co, said Company should be required to lay at its own expense a suitable walkway from its passenger depot to the intersection of Princess Anne and Prussia Streets, where the above contemplated City Improvement terminates, so that there may be a continuous safe and clean walkway from the R F & P R R Depot to the heart of the City.

Second, The Finance Committee, who are members of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements, beg leave in pursuance of said resolution of the Council to report that the funds necessary to defray the cost of the proposed extension of street improvement can be supplied out of the General funds of the City.

Thirdly, the Joint Committee respectfully recommends that said street improvements be ordered by the Council and that the Joint-Committee be authorized to proceed without delay to obtain bids for same.

W S Embrey, E D Cole [Page 187], T McCracken, J P Rowe, David Hirsh, H H Wallace, B J Marshall

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received and unanimously adopted by a recorded vote

Messrs Cole, Wroten, Revere, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Mr McCracken offered the following resolution which was on motion adopted by the following recorded vote: Messrs Cole, Wroten, Revere, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Resolved That the Joint Committee on Street Improvements be and the same is directed to proceed without delay to have plans and specifications drawn to carry out the recommendations of the Joint Committee in their report adopted tonight, and so soon as said plans and specifications are ready that the Committee proceed to advertise for bids for the execution of said work, and the said bids be submitted to the Council reserving the privilege to reject any and all bids, and the Committee is hereby authorized to employ an engineer to enable it to carry out this work.

Mr Chancellor of Water Committee had read by the Clerk a communication from engineer C L Ruffin to his Committee, which he said contained some valuable suggestions as to the proposed enlargement of the Water Works.

Then Mr Chancellor presented the following report from Supt S J Quinn

To Messrs M S Chancellor, E D Cole, Geo W Wroten, Committee on Water
Gentlemen

Engineer Ruffin and I have gone over the recommendations of improvements in the Water Supply of the Town made by me, and he suggests some changes, which I readily agreed to if they shall be approved by you, he suggests

1st To abandon Water power direct, as applied to the pumping machinery, and use electric power from [Page 188] the present Electric Plant.

2nd This transfer would do away with the necessity of a larger turbine wheel and a flume for conducting the water to it.

3rd Instead of purchasing a new and larger pump, repair the small one we now have idle and use it in connection with the one we now have, it is believed that these two pumps will be able to furnish the town for several years to come.

4th Dispense with the 10-inch supply pipe from the pumping house to the reservoir and run an 8 inch pipe from the pump along Washington Avenue to and connecting with the 8 inch main on Commerce Street. This pipe would serve the double purpose of a discharge pipe and also for furnishing better fire protection in the Western part of Town.

All the other improvements recommended including the piping of those parts of town now very deficient for domestic supply and fire protection are approved as necessary for the use of the Citizens and the protections of property from fire.

The approximate cost of these improvements is as follows

Suitable building at pump house	\$1,500.00
Enlargement of reservoir	\$800.00
Generator, Motor, and line to pump	\$3,000.00
Repairs to small pump	\$250.00
Replacing small pump & gearing	\$100.00
140 HP Engine & 50 HP boiler	\$1,250.00
8" pipe to Commerce Street, valves & fire plugs (3)	\$1,675.00
	\$8,575.00

Piping complete in Doswells Field	1,627	
For Scattersville & lower end of Town	3,474	
Line of pipe on Willis Street to Boulevard	1,200	\$6,301.00
Total Expenditure		\$14,876.00
Subject to as credit for present turbine & flume		500.00
Total		\$14,376.00

The cost of the ground for the enlargement of the reservoir is not included in this estimate, it is suggested that the King Ice pond, which is almost a natural reservoir, and sufficient in capacity might be utilized for a reservoir, or the demands may be met by enlarging the reservoir on the hill.

Respectfully submitted

S J Quinn Supt.

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He next presented report of Joint Committee of Water and Finance as follows

To the Honorable Common Council of Fredericksburg

The Joint Committee of Water and Finance be leave to make the following report

They return herewith a communication from Mr Ruffin, and one from Capt Quinn, they make the following recommendation,

That a suitable building be erected at the pump-house, that the impounding reservoir spoken of by Mr Ruffin in his communication to Capt Quinn be constructed on the City property contiguous to its present distributing reservoir on the hill, that the generator, motor and line pump mentioned in Capt Quinn's communication to the Committee be purchased and installed as recommended by Mr Ruffin, that the small pump be repaired and put in position, that the City lay 8" inch pipe to Commerce Street, valves and fire plugs, that all of the above work be done and machinery procured by putting the same to the lowest bidders.

M S Chancellor, Chair of Water Committee

E D Cole, Chair of Finance Committee

W S Embrey, T McCracken, Geo W Wroten

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received and unanimously adopted

Mr Wroten offered the following resolution

Resolved that the Joint Committee composed of Water and Finance Committee, proceed without delay to have plans and specifications drawn for the different parcels of work embraced in the said Committee's report, which has just been adopted, and to advertise for bids for the execution of the same, which bids when received shall be submitted to the Council with privilege reserved to the Council to reject any and all bids

On motion it was unanimously adopted.

Mr McCracken, of Light, said his Committee after much delay and work was pleased to be able to present a report which embraces every detail for renewing the Gas Works, except the actual bids for doing the work.

The Clerk read a letter from Engineer Cutshaw of Richmond, which recommended that a Water [Page 190] Gas Plant be installed at double the capacity of that of your present maximum consumption that an expert gas engineer be employed to prepare plans and specifications covering the needs of the City, and upon these plans have competitive bids to carry out the works under proper guarantees.

Mr McCracken submitted a letter from J A Myers, gas engineer and Manufacturers Agent in New York City, who had been here without cost to the City examined the plant and prepared an estimate of cost of the proposed work amounting to \$12,950 for coal gas apparatus, and \$12,647 for water gas apparatus, Also an estimate from the United Improvement Gas Co of Philadelphia for Water Gas, who had sent a representative here amounting to \$15,000; he then offered the following resolution.

Whereas the Joint Committee of the Council of Light and Finance has submitted a letter of March 25th 1904 from Col W E Cutshaw in relation to a water gas plant for Fredericksburg, and also two propositions for the establishment of a water gas plant for this City;

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee shall employ a practical gas engineer to whom said committee shall submit Col Cutshaw's letter and the aforesaid propositions and obtain from said engineer plans and specifications forming fully the needs of the City, and said Committee shall invite bids upon said plans and specifications which said bids shall be submitted to the Council reserving the right to the Council to reject any and all of said bids.

On motion it was unanimously adopted

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting 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 21st day of April at 8 PM o'clock

There were present Col E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, Vice President

Maj W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen Revere, McCracken, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent

Minutes of the last regular and call meeting was read and approved and signed by the President

Col Cole of Finance reported fines received by Mayor Willis and turned over to Treasurer Knox during past month \$45.15. He reported several small bills as follows

Free Lance-Star Publishing Co	\$32.25
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Fredericksburg Journal	\$1.50
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Which was on motion were ordered paid

Communications were received from Messrs M G Willis, Doggett & Scott, G Arnaud and Chas Towles asking the Council for action in regard to alleged damage to property by the recent improvement to the Streets. They were on motion of Capt McCracken referred to Joint-Committee for report.

Mr Cole reported the license Tax bill for 1904-1905 which was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote

Messrs Cole, Wroten, Embrey, Revere, McCracken, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent as follows.

An Ordinance

Imposing Taxes on Property, Incomes, Persons, and Imposing licenses for the payment of interest on the City debt, for the support of the City Government, other expenses and providing for the collection thereof Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that no person shall engage in any business in the City of Fredericksburg for which a license is required by the laws of the Commonwealth or the Ordinances of the said City, without first having applied for and obtained such license, under the penalty of penalties hereinafter provided as a part of this ordinance; and that for the year beginning the first day of May 1904, and for each year thereafter, while this ordinance is in force there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms and Corporations or Association in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and associations named in this ordinance [Page 192] and enumerated below for the year thereafter while this ordinance is in force; and that for the year beginning on the first day of February 1904, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force in addition to any special tax levied and known as a sewer tax or street tax or otherwise, the taxes on persons, property and incomes for the year commencing the first day of February 1904 and each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force shall be as follows to wit:

General Levy

Lands, Lots, Ground Rents, Rent Charges

§1. On tracts of lands and lots and improvements thereon no exempt from taxation, ground rents and rent charges, there shall be a tax of one dollar & twenty five cents (\$1.25) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

Tax on Persons

§2. Upon every male person who has attained the age of twenty one years the tax shall be fifty cents (50¢) provided for by the Constitution and laws of the State of Virginia.

Tangible Personal Property

§3. Upon all personal property, as defined in Section 13 of the state tax bill approved April 16th 1903, Chapter 148, Act Extra Session 1902-3-4, not exempt from taxation, there shall be a tax of (\$1.25) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof

Personal Property in Choses in action etc

§4. Upon all personal property in choses in action, on all personal property not tangible personal property, not otherwise taxes herein and taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of \$1.25 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof, under this section shall be included all property under schedule C of the general tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid,

On all property which may be taxed by the City of Fredericksburg, required by law to be reported annually by the State Corporation Commissioner showing the character of the property, its value and location for the purpose of taxation in this City there shall be a tax of \$1.25 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

No tax shall be assessed upon the Capital of any bank or banking association, trust or security Company [Page 193] shall be assessed and taxed on the Market value of their shares of stock therein at the same rate this is assessed and taxed by this ordinance upon other moneyed Capital in the hands of individuals.

Each bank or banking association, trust, or security Company, aforesaid, as soon after this ordinance takes effect as possible and hereafter on the first day of February of each year, shall make up and return to the Commissioner of the Revenue of this City a report in which shall be given the names of stockholders, the number of shares owned or held or controlled by each, the market value of said stock and the stockholders residence. The Market value of said stock herein shall be ascertained as is provided for in the State tax bill. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of the Revenue as soon after this ordinance takes effect as practicable, and on or after the first day of February in each year hereafter to assess each stockholder upon the shares of the stock estimated at the Market value on the first day of February 1904, and on the first day of February in each year hereafter, a tax at the same rate per (\$100.00) of the said market value thereof as is imposed by this ordinance on other moneyed Capital in the hands of individuals residing in this City, and it shall further be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to make out four assessment lists and give one to such bank or banking association, trust or security company, shall be notice to the bank or banking association, trust or security Company, of the tax assessed against its stockholders and each of them, and have the legal effect and force of a summons upon suggestions formally issued and regularly served, the tax assessed upon each stockholder in said bank or banking association, trust or security company shall be the first lien upon the stock standing in his name and upon the dividends due and to become due thereon, no matter in whose possession found, and here priority over any and all liens by deed of trust, mortgage, bill of sale, or other assignment made by the owner, holder, and take priority over all liens by garnishment or execution, attachment process sued out by the creditors of the Stockholder, the bank or banking association, trust, [Page 194] or security company, shall hold the dividend or other fund which belongs to the stockholder and in its custody at the time the assessment list is received, or that shall thereafter come under its control for the use of the city; and apply the same to the payment of the taxes assessed and where thus applied shall be acquitted and discharged from all liability to the stockholders for the money thus disbursed; provided, that after making report to the Commissioner of the Revenue, any bank or banking association, trust or security company, on or before the first day of June in each year, which shall so elect, may pay the taxes assessed against the stockholders directly to the City Treasurer, but should said bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay to the said City Treasurer the tax amount against its stockholders on or before the first day of June in each year, then it shall be the duty of the Collector of City Taxes and Levies to collect said taxes therein assessed, and to this end levy upon the stock of the tax payer or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said tax, and sell the same at public auction for cash, as other chattels and personal property are sold under execution. He shall give the purchaser a bill of sale made under his hand and sale, the bank or banking association, trust or security company, in which such stock stands, on presentation by the purchaser of his bill of sale, shall cause the stock therein described to be transferred to said purchaser and he shall take a clear and unencumbered title to the stock purchased.

Should the taxes assessed against stockholders evidenced by the lists aforesaid be not paid or collected as hereinbefore provided, the list aforesaid shall stand and be treated and have the legal effect of tax tickets regularly made out against each of said stockholders named in said list as to which tax the right-of-levy and distress had accrued to the City and the Collector of City Taxes and Levies shall proceed to collect the same by levy or distress and possess all and singular the authority conferred upon him by law to collect other city taxes.

Should the bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay the tax assessed against its stockholders on or before the first day of June in [Page 195] each year, the Collector of City Taxes and Levies may in addition to the powers given above, proceed to collect the tax in the same manner as other personal taxes may be collected.

The bank or banking association, trust or security company which shall fail or neglect to comply with each and every provision of this section, for each separate offense shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The real estate of all banks or banking associations, trust or security companies shall be assessed on the Land Books of the Commissioner of the Revenue with the same taxes with which other real estate is assessed in the City.

No tax shall be levied on any share of stock in any Corporation when said Corporation is required to pay a tax to this city on its capital.

Income

§5. Upon all incomes in excess of \$600.00 as defined in Schedule D of the General Tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid, taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of \$1.25 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

All persons, firms and corporations engaged in business in this City or having an office in this City not herein specially provided for, shall turn in for taxation their capital, stating of what it consists and distinguished between tangible personal property and choses in action and real estate, and when such capital consist in whole or in part of the tangible personal property or choses in action, it shall be taxed at the rates hereinbefore provided for; provided, however, that such capital is not hereinafter exempted from taxation and a license tax placed in lieu therefore.

§6. Upon any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be \$1.25 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

A deduction of 5 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th of October of the year for which the same shall be levied; and on all taxes remaining unpaid after the [Page 196] 15th of October there shall be added 5 per cent penalty and 6 percent interest thereon from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City.

Taxes imposed by the sections above shall be payable in National currency of the United States and in the coupons of the 7 percent bonds of the City matured, or maturing on the first day of November next thereafter and the coupons of other bonds of the city which have matured.

Licenses

Be it further ordained that for the year beginning the first day of May 1904, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force, there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms, corporations or associations engaged in this City in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning the first day of May 1904 and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force as follows, to be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the first day of May of each year.

Merchants

§7. 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 1st 1904 did not exceed \$2000.00 the tax shall be \$15.00

On all purchases over \$2000.00 and not exceeding \$10,000.00 there shall be an additional tax of 50¢ on the \$100.00 of said purchases, and upon all purchases over exceeding \$10,000.00 there shall be paid an additional tax of 30cts on the \$100.00 of such purchase.

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.

Commission Merchants

§8. On every commission merchant \$50.00. Every person [Page 197] firm or Corporation buying or selling for another shall be a commission merchant and shall have, under a Commission Merchant's license, the same rights and privileges, and none other as under a Commission Merchants license from the State of Virginia.

Peddlers

§9. On every peddler, \$100.00. The term “peddler” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a peddler shall have like privileges and none other, under his city license as under a State license.

Patent Rights

§10. On every person, except the patentee, selling patent rights \$10.00. This license shall not be construed to authorize the sale of articles or things patented.

Land Agents

§11. On every agent for the sale of real estate, residing or doing business in or keeping an office in this City, \$25.00.

Book Agents

§12. On every book agent, \$10.00. The term “book agent” shall be constructed as defined in the State tax bill and a book agents shall have like privileges and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Auctioneers

§13. On every auctioneer, \$35.00. Whether he receives compensation for his services on not; The term “auctioneer” in this ordinance shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, whether general auctioneer, real estate auctioneer, or tobacco auctioneer, and an auctioneer shall perform like duties and have like privileges and none other, under his City license as under a State license.

No person, firm, or corporation by virtue of a license to conduct such business, shall be authorized to confer such privilege on any other person, firm, or corporation not duly licensed under this section.

Retailers of Tobacco

§14. No person not a producer shall be allowed to sell by retail tobacco, snuff, cigarettes, or cigars without having obtained a specific license to do so. The sum to be paid by retailers of tobacco, snuff, cigarettes or cigars shall be for said privilege a [Page 198] specific tax of \$5.00 which shall be assessed and collected as other assessments upon licenses but which shall not be in lieu of Merchants licenses on purchases.

Junk Dealer, Canvassers for Junk etc

§15. On every junk dealer \$40.00 and for the privilege of canvassing for the purpose of buying any junk or other matters or things for any such junk dealer or for sale to a junk dealer, each person so engaged shall pay the sum of \$15.00. The terms “Junk dealer and Canvasser” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a junk dealer or canvasser hereunder shall have like privilege and none other, and be subject to the same restriction under his City license as under a State License.

Common Crier

§16. On every common crier, \$25.00. The term “Common Crier” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a common crier shall have like privilege and none other and be subject to like restrictions under his city license as under a State license.

No persons, firm, or Corporation by virtue of a license to conduct such business shall be authorized to confer such privilege on any other person, firm, or corporation not duly licensed under this section.

Ship Brokers

§17. On every ship broker \$25.00. The term “ship broker” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a ship broker shall have like privilege and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Stock Broker and Private Banker

§18. On every Stock broker and private banker \$250.00. The term “Stock Broker” and “private banker” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and a Stock broker or private banker shall have like privileges, and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Pawn Brokers

§19. On every pawn broker, \$25.00. The term “pawn broker” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and a pawn broker shall have like privilege and none other under his City license, and no person

shall be licensed [Page 199] as a pawn broker who shall not first have complied with section 79 of the State Tax bill.

Brokers who receive and Distribute Merchandise, including Flour, Hay and Grain.

§20. Every person, firm, or corporation doing business in this state, who receives or distributes, provisions and merchandise, including flour, hay or grain shipped into the State for distribution on account of the shipper and who participates in the profits ensuing from or accruing out of the sale of said provisions and merchandise including flour hay or grain and who invoices such sales and collects the money therefor, shall be deemed to be a broker who receives or distributes provisions and merchandise including flour hay or grain and shall pay a license tax of \$50.00.

Building and Loan Association or Companies

§21. On every building and loan association or company \$150.00. Provided the capital of said company actually paid in, whether from paid up stock or partially paid stock is less than \$25,000.00. The term "Building and Loan Association or Companies" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill and a building and loan association or Company shall have like privileges and none other under its City license as under a State license.

The shares of stock issued by any building and loan association or company, which has paid the license tax herein imposed shall not be taxable in the hand as the holder nor shall any additional tax be imposed on the paid in Capital of such association or company.

Insurance Brokers

§22. On every insurance broker \$100.00. The term "insurance broker" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and an insurance broker shall have like privilege and none other under his city license as under as state license.

Mercantile Agencies

§23. On every mercantile agency \$25.00. The term "Mercantile Agency" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and the Mercantile agents shall have like privilege and none other under his City license as under a State License.

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Undertakers

§24. On every undertaker \$25.00. Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of embalming or burying the dead shall be deemed an undertaker.

Barbers

§25. Any person, firm, or corporation doing business as a barber, or supplying baths for compensation, shall be deemed a barber or proprietor of a bath house, and shall on the first day of May in each year procure a license from the Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg. Which license shall be upon the following basis; for each barber shop \$10.00 and for each chair in excess of three the sum of \$1.00 additional; for one bath tub \$1.00 and for each additional bath tub the sum of 50¢. Any person, firm or Corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than two dollars and not more than ten dollars for each offense.

Contractors

§26. The term contractor shall be construed as defined in Section 90 of the State Tax bill. Every such contractor for the privilege of transacting this business in this city shall pay a license to be ascertained in the following manner.

If the gross amount of all orders or contracts aggregate \$1,000.00, he shall pay the sum of \$10.00, if the amount of such orders or contracts are more than \$1,000.00 and do not exceed \$3,000.00 the sum of \$15.00, if the amount of such orders or contracts exceed \$3,000.00 and do not exceed \$5,000.00, the sum of \$20.00, if the amount of such orders or contracts exceed \$5,000.00 the sum of \$25.00.

And when any such contractor shall have obtained a license for any year for which he has paid a license tax of less than the maximum above prescribed, he shall not accept any contract or contracts during such year the aggregate amount of which exceeds the maximum amount for which his said license was

obtained, unless and until he shall have paid such additional sum as will make the total license tax paid by him for that year sufficient to cover the aggregate amount of such contracts as prescribed above and unless he pays such additional sum he shall be deemed to be acting without a license.

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Architects

§27. On every architect \$15.00. The term “architect” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and an architect shall have like privilege and none other under his city license as under a State license.

Houses of Private Entertainment

§28. On every house of private entertainment, \$20.00. The term “Houses of private entertainment” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and any person keeping such an house shall have like privilege and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Eating Houses

§29. On every eating house \$15.00. The term “eating house” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a person keeping an eating house shall have like privileges and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Bowling Saloon

§30. On every bowling saloon \$10.00. Any person who shall keep a saloon for the reception of company to play at bowles shall be deemed to keep a bowling saloon.

Billiard Saloon

§31. On every billiard or pool saloon \$25.00, whether a charge is made for playing or not, and on each additional table above one \$10.00.

Bagatelle, Jenny Lind, Dexter Table or other tables of like kind

§32. On each bagatelle, Jenny Lind, Dexter table, or other tables of like kind \$10.00. And if said table is kept in the same house with, or is in any way attached to a bar-room, hotel, boarding-house or eating house, this tax is imposed whether any charge is made by the proprietor for the use of said table or not, and whether said table is in use or not.

Theatres, Shows, Circuses, etc

§33. On every proprietor or lessee of a public or private building to be used for any theatrical or similar performance, panorama, or any other public exhibition, show or entertainment, whether any charge for admission thereto is made or not \$15.00 [?], and no building shall be used for any such purpose until such 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 [Page 202] religious congregation in this City.

The specific license tax on every Circus and on the exhibition of a menagerie \$50.00 per day; on the outside shows, whether attached thereto or not \$5.00 each per day; and on every Circus parade in the City of Fredericksburg, whether a free show or not; \$50.00, without the payment of which the Mayor shall not issue permit for such parade, provided that when in any case, a license tax as hereinbefore provided shall have been paid on a Circus, no tax shall be required or exacted on the parade of said Circus.

The specific license tax on every show or exhibition of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performance in a tent \$20.00 per day, and on every parade in the City of Fredericksburg, whether a free show or not, of every show or exhibition of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performance \$20.00 without the payment of which the Mayor shall not issue permit for such parade; provided that when and in any case a license tax as hereinbefore provided shall have been paid, on such show or exhibition of trained animals, athletic or acrobatic performances in a tent, no tax shall be required or exacted on such parade.

The specific license tax on every theatrical performance of any kind, professional juggler, necromancer, Negro Minstrel Show, concerts, lectures or other exhibitions or entertainments of like kind \$3.00 for each exhibition, \$10.00 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 this 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 only be granted upon the order of the Mayor, and each exhibitor shall pay the City Collector the sum of seventy-five cents for collecting, provided 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 [Page 203]

Hobby Horses, Merry Go Round or other machines

§34. On every hobby-horse, merry-go-round, or other like machine, whether the same is propelled by hand, horse, steam, electric, or other power on which persons are charged for riding \$20.00.

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, etc

§35. On every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, Surgeon, osteopath, manicure, dentist, optician, oculist, chiropodist, surveyor and civil engineer, \$15.00. On veterinary surgeon \$5.00. All person other than duly licensed attorneys-at-law, who for compensation shall prepare deeds, contracts, will or other writings, shall be deemed conveyancers.

Vendors of Medicines, Salves, Liniment, etc

§36. On every vendor of medicine, salve, liniment, or other compound of like kind, except a licensed merchant at his regular place of business, \$7.50 per day, and no person shall sell any medicine, salve, liniment, or compound of like kind unless he be a licensed merchant, or that he be the manufacturer thereof or not without a license.

Daguerrean and Photograph Artists and their Agents

§37. On every daguerrean or photograph artist, or the agent of any such daguerrean or photograph artist \$25.00. The term "daguerrean and photograph artist" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and he or his agent shall have like privileges and none other under the City license as under the State license.

Agents for Renting House

§38. On every agent for renting houses \$15.00, the term "Agents for renting houses" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and the said agent shall have like privileges and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Labor Agents

§39. On every labor agent \$50.00. Any person who hires or contracts with laborers, male or female, to be employed by persons other than himself shall be deemed to be a labor agent.

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Persons Operating Laundries

§40. On every person operating a laundry other than by hand \$25.00, and of a hand laundry, \$5.00.

Storage and Impounding

§41. No person shall without a license authorized by law, keep for compensation any house, yard, or lot for storage or impounding any produce, goods, wares, or merchandises, including wood, coal, lumber, guano, marl, or any other commodities, or any like stock, or made demands or receive in any manner compensation for storage or impounding.

Every person who shall keep for compensation any house, yard, or lot for storage or a wagon yard, or other impounding shall pay for said privilege \$10.00

Livery Stables, Vehicles, etc

§42. On every keeper of a livery or feed stable \$50.00, and on all vehicles for hire, not owned by a livery or feed stable keeper shall be paid the specific tax of \$4.00 on each one horse vehicle, and \$8.00 on each two horse vehicle.

On every milk wagon, from which milk is sold or delivered in this City there shall be a license tax of \$5.00.

Persons Selling or Offering to Sell Sewing Machines, etc

§43. Persons other than merchants at the regular place of business selling or offering for sale sewing machines and accessories in this City, shall pay a license tax of \$15.00.

Agents for the sale of Manufactured Implements

§44. The term “Agents” in this paragraph shall be construed as defined in Section 136 of the State Tax bill, on agents for the sale of manufacturing implements or machines by retail other than sewing machines there shall be a tax of \$15.00.

Peddlers of Manufactured Implements & Machines

§45. On every peddler of manufactured implements and machines other than sewing machines, and on peddlers of cooking stoves, ranges, and clock, as is provided in section 138 of the State Tax bill, there shall be a license tax of \$25.00.

Slot Machines

§46. On any slot machines, permitted by law to be licensed under section 139 of the State Tax bill, there shall be a license tax of \$25.00.

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Dealers on pistols, dirks, or Bowie Knives

§47. On every person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of selling pistols, dirks, or bowie knives, there shall be a specific license tax of \$10.00

Liquor License

§48. On every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixture thereof \$160.00. But where a person sells only malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be \$150.00

Retail liquors including the privilege of drinking where sold \$350.00.

Retail Malt, \$350.00.

On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits \$100.00; and manufacturing malt liquors \$100.00.

On every rectifier \$50.00

Social Clubs

§49. On every social club \$2.00. For each and every person a member of such social club that said tax shall not exceed \$350.00. The term “social club” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and the said club or the members thereof shall have like privileges and none other and be subject to the same restrictions under a City license as under a State license.

Bill Posters

§50. On every bill poster, \$25.00.

Steamboats

§51. Any steamboat Company or any person, firm, or corporation operating a steamboat who shall engage in the business of receiving property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg, to be carried or delivered to a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, engaged in the business of delivering property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg from a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, shall pay for doing such business, but not including any business of delivering property or person in the City of Fredericksburg from a point without the State of Virginia, or of receiving property or persons in the City of Fredericksburg to be delivered at a point without the State of Virginia, and not including any business done for the [Page 206] Government of the United States, its officers or agents, a license tax of \$40.00, and if more than one steamboat is so operated \$10.00 on each additional boat shall be paid.

Express Companies

§52. On every express 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 \$100.00. And in default of 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.

Telegraph Companies

§53. Any person, firm, or Corporation who shall engage in the business of sending telegrams from the City of Fredericksburg to a point within the State of Virginia, or receiving telegrams in the City of

Fredericksburg from a point in the State of Virginia excepting, however, telegrams sent to or received by the Government of the United States or their agents or officers, shall pay a license tax of \$35.00.

Telephone Companies

§54. Any telephone company or person or firm furnishing telephones and doing the business of furnishing connection for conversation between two points, both of which are within the City of Fredericksburg and not including any business done for this State or the United States or their officers or agents shall pay a license tax of \$25.00.

§55. Any telephone company of person, or firm furnishing telephones and doing the business of furnishing connection for conversation between two points one of which is within the City of Fredericksburg and the other of which is without the City of Fredericksburg, but within the State of Virginia, but not including any business done for this State or the United States or their officers or agents, shall pay a license tax of \$25.00, but this tax shall not be required of any person or company which pays a license tax for doing a telephone business between points [Page 207] in the City of Fredericksburg as required in the preceding section.

Agents Canvassers, etc

§56. On every "agent" for copying pictures \$13.00. On each agent of each insurance company doing business in this City or having an office herein \$35.00, but this shall not apply to the agents of the companies doing a purely accident business, upon whom the tax shall be \$10.00. On all claim and collection agencies or agent \$25.00. On each detective agency \$25.00 or on each detective \$10.00. On each lightning rod agent having an office n or putting up work in this city \$15.00. Canvassers or agents not otherwise provided for \$15.00. Licenses under this section 56 shall not be pro rated.

Bakers and Confectioners

§57. On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants \$15.00. On every persons delivering bread from house to house and not licensed as a baker, \$15.00.

Hotels

§58. On every person keeping a hotel, \$20.00, but this license shall not cover the right to sell wines, spirituous or malt liquors.

Itinerant Doctors

§59. On every chiroprapist, cancer, eye, or other itinerant doctor or optician \$50.00.

Oysters and Fish

§60. On every person selling oysters and fresh fish, other than licensed merchants, \$5.00.

Railroad Tickets

§61. On every person buying or selling railroad tickets, other than the duly authorized agent of such company, with depot in this City, \$10.00.

Medicines

§62. 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 \$7.50 for each day or night the same may be done. This license shall be a personal privilege and be granted only by order of the Mayor.

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Shooting Galleries

§63. On the proprietor of every shooting gallery \$5.00.

Dealers in Futures

§64. Every person, firm, or Corporation who shall carry on the business of dealing in what is known as "futures" or on margins in grain, stocks, or any character of produce or merchandise, whether bought or sold direct or through others, or by wire or by mail, either in the City or elsewhere, \$100.00

Guarantee Insurance Companies

§65. On every license to a person or firm to act as agent or solicitor for any company guaranteeing official or other bonds, not having its principal or home office in this City, there shall be a specific license tax for doing business in this City of \$25.00 for each company represented.

Wagon Yards

§66. Every person or firm keeping a wagon yard in this City shall pay upon each yard so kept a specific license of \$10.00 for each year or fractional part thereof.

Fortune Telling and Palmistry

§67. Fortune Telling or Palmistry, where charge is made, either for admission or hand reading \$5.00 per week.

Ice Dealers

§68. Any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of delivering ice from house to house in this city from vehicles, or otherwise selling the same in this City shall pay a license tax of \$25.00.

Electric Light and Power

§69. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall engage in the business of furnishing electric light or electric power or both, \$125.00

Advertising Distributors

§70. Every person engaged in distributing advertisements for other parties than citizens of Fredericksburg shall be known as “advertisement distributors” and shall pay an annual license tax of \$10.00. By “advertisement distributors” it is intended to designate any person who distributes in the City sample of medicines on the streets or from house to house of said city.

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Soda Fountains

§71. The specific license tax on every soda fountain shall be \$5.00 for one year or fractional part thereof.

Job Printing

§72. Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of job printing, when by other than hand or foot power \$15.00, in addition to the tax on the capital invested.

Kerosene and other illuminating oils.

§73. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall engage in the business of selling or offering for sale to wholesale or to both wholesale and retail merchants in this City, kerosene oil or other illuminating oil, shall pay a license tax of \$150.00. Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of selling or offering to sell only to retail merchants in this City, kerosene oil or other illuminating oil shall pay a license tax of \$150.00. Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of selling or offering to sell to consumers in this City kerosene oil or other illuminating oil, shall [pay] a license tax of \$150.00.

Hucksters

§74. On every huckster, both in and out of Market, \$15.00. But this license shall not give the right to have more than one cart or stall in the market or more than one place of business in the City.

But no person bringing marketing of their own produce from the country and selling the same from their wagon from door to door, shall be construed as a huckster under this section. Those who purchase marketing to sell from house to house in the City, shall pay the huckster license required by this ordinance.

Plumbers, Fitters, etc

§75. On every plumber, gas-fitter, steam or hot water fitter, who shall not be duly license as a merchant, there shall be a tax of \$15.00. Hereafter no permit shall be issued under this section to any one who has not complied with all ordinances regulating the same.

Marble, Granite, or Stone Yards

§76. On every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of keeping a marble, granite [Page 210] or stone yard or manufacturing or selling grave stones or monuments or erecting monuments, curbing, or with stone work not licensed as a contractor under section 25 herein, \$50.00

Pop, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla or other Aerated Water

§77. On every person firm or corporation conducting the manufacturing of pop, ginger ale, sarsaparilla or other aerated water the license tax shall be \$10.00

Shoeing Horses

§78. Any person, firm or corporation carrying on the business of shoeing horses and other blacksmith work \$5.00.

Bricks

§79. On any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of selling bricks, not otherwise taxed as merchants, a license tax of \$25.00.

Planing Mills

§80. On any person, firm or corporation operating a planing Mill \$10.00

Paving, etc

§81. On every paving company engaged in paving streets, road-ways or sidewalks and on each person, firm or corporation doing business or having an officer in this City, not otherwise taxed as a contractor, \$15.00.

Hokey Pokey, Ice Cream, etc

§82. On each vendor of hokey pokey, ice cream sold from carts on the street a license tax of \$15.00 per cart for the year or any part thereof.

Supplying Water in Pipes

§83. On each person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of supplying water pipes, to consumers in the City of Fredericksburg, \$50.00.

Trading Stamps

§84. On each company or person engaged in the trading stamp business in this City there shall be a license tax of \$350.00, which shall not be pro rated. On each agent of any such company, or persons having such agency in this City, there shall be a license tax of \$350.00; which shall not be pro rated. Any person who receives and exhibits or distributes prizes for any such stamps for said company, or who for compensation receives for such company money or stamps, shall be deemed to be an agent for such company.

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General Provisions

85. When any incorporated Company, firm or person is engaged in more than one business which is made by the provisions of this act subject to taxation, such incorporated company, firm, or person shall pay the tax provided by law on each branch of its or his business.

86. Whenever a license shall be especially required by law on any business, profession or employment, where the ordinance aforesaid does not clearly define and provide for the same, the license may be granted according to law which govern in similar cases and be subject to such restrictions as appertain thereto, and the Mayor of the City may authorize the granting of such license, which shall be deemed a personal privilege.

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

88. Every person, corporation, company, firm, partnership, or association desiring to obtain a license to prosecute any business, employment or profession shall make application therefore in writing to the Commissioner of Revenue, in which shall be stated the residence of the applicant, the nature of the business, employment or profession, the place it is proposed to be prosecuted, and in case the business is to be licensed is taxed upon the graduated scale, as hereinbefore provided, shall make such statement under oath. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall thereupon notify the applicant of the amount of the license tax required of him by law, and upon such applicant presenting a receipt from the collector of City

taxes and Levies endorsed on the said application, stating that the amount of such license has been paid, the Commissioner of the Revenue shall issue a duplicate of said application, duly signed by him, to said [Page 212] applicant and shall file the original in his office. Such duplicate shall constitute a license to prosecute the business, employment or profession therein named, unless it be a business for which a license can be granted only on the certificate of the Court, in which case the applicant upon obtaining such certificate, shall be entitled to the license.

89. Every person, firm, partnership, company, corporation or association liable to a license tax under this ordinance, based upon the amount of his actual or probable purchases or of his actual or probable commissions or of his gross receipts from his business or profession or graded in any other way, shall before he shall be granted a certificate for obtaining such license be required to make oath in writing before some notary public or the Commissioner of the Revenue upon forms to be prepared by the City Attorney, under the direction of the Finance Committee of the Council stating respectively the amount of his actual or probable purchases, or of his actual Commissions, or of his gross receipts from his business or any other matter that may be pertinent to the assessment of the tax on said license, provided that in the case of an incorporated company such oath shall be made by the chief officer or agent resident in the City of Fredericksburg or in charge of the business of said Company.

A duplicate of his application for license, including his statement under oath above required, shall form part of the license. All persons, firms and Corporations, required to pay a license tax under the provisions of this section shall post and keep posted in a conspicuous place, their license, and in case said tax is graduated as hereinbefore provided, the license and the application therefore, which said license and the application shall not be separated, detached, mutilated or defaced, and any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section in any way, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 or more than \$100.00 for each day or part of a day of each violation.

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90. Any person, firm, or corporation doing business at more than one place, stall or stand, shall be required to take out a separate license for each of said places, stalls or stands unless said place, stalls, or stands communicate directly and contiguously with or open into each other.

91. It is hereby made the duty of the police officers to report to the Commissioner of the Revenue and Commonwealth's Attorney any and all violators of this ordinance that may come under their notice, and to assist in the enforcement of said ordinance.

92. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal the tax imposed by ordinance upon dogs, or upon persons, property, or subjects not herein mentioned.

93. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as giving any one the right to sell spirituous, vineous, or malt liquors on Sunday.

94. As to all questions in regard to the duty and conduct of officers of the City in Collecting and enforcing the taxes herein imposed and in regard to questions of construction and for definition of terms used in this ordinance and the rule and regulations applicable to putting the same in operation, reference is hereby made to the Act of the General of Virginia, for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the current year, or to so much thereof as is applicable to this ordinance. And is not inconsistent with it and the general ordinance of this City; and for the conduct and guidance of the officers of the City and other parties effected by this ordinance, and for fixing their powers, rights, duties and obligations the provisions of said Act of the General Assembly, so far as applicable, are hereby adopted, without being specifically herein quoted.

95. 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 the assessment made on each quarter, commencing with that commencing on the 30th of April, he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries therein made during the [Page 214] preceding quarter properly classified. These extracts shall be certified under oath.

96. Any person, firm or corporation or association who shall fail to pay a license tax required of them by this ordinance, on the day that the same becomes due and payable shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars a day for each day of failure therefore to pay such license.

97. Every person or firm or corporation 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 98.

99. When any person, firm, or corporation shall, by use of signs, circulars, cards or use of City newspapers, advertise any business it shall be considered prima facie evidence of their liability under the ordinances of this City; for such business.

100. For the collection of taxes and the payment of same to the Treasurer the City Collector is hereby allowed 2½ per cent on all taxes collected before the penalty accrues thereon and 5 per cent on all taxes collected after the penalty has accrued thereon.

101. 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, professionals, or businesses. He shall list and keep such list in his office and report annually; he shall assess each person or firm named in the list with the license tax imposed by this 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.

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

103. A discount of 5 per cent will be allowed to all licenses paid on or before May 15th of each year.

104. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as imposing a license tax on or otherwise regulating or restricting foreign or Inter-State Commerce and any business or portion thereof which is embraced in the term "Foreign Commerce" or "Inter-State Commerce" is not made subject to a license by this ordinance.

105. This ordinance shall be in force from its passage and all ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Mr McCracken offered the following resolution; Resolved that the Finance Committee have the bonds provided for by the recent act of the General Assembly March 1904, namely \$20,000, lithographed in accordance with provisions of said act, the denomination of said bonds be of \$100.00 and \$500.00. Said Committee will have said bonds prepared under the direction of the City Attorney.

On motion it was adopted

Maj Embrey offered the following

Resolved by the Council that the ordinance introduced at the last regular meeting of the Council in relation to assessment of the real estate abutting on the blocks in the City and that have granolithic sidewalks laid for the for the payment by said abutting property of two thirds of the cost of said sidewalks be and the same is hereby adopted which ordinance is as follows.

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Ordinance

An ordinance in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved January 11th 1900, entitled "An Act to Authorize the Council of the City of Fredericksburg to apportion the expense of Street and other local improvements between the City Treasury and the real estate benefited thereby" to apportion the cost of the certain side walks in the City between the City Treasury and the real estate benefited thereby.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg in manner following, that is to say, that the following real estate is benefited by the laying of a granolithic pavement contiguous thereto viz; All the parcels of real estate abutting on both sides of Caroline or Main Street to its intersection with Commerce Street, and all the parcels of real estate on both sides of Commerce or William Street from a point [blank] feet east of the intersection of Main and Commerce Street to a point [blank] feet west of the intersection of Commerce and Prince Edward Streets, that the several parcels thereof are as follows, viz; Commerce Street between Charlotte & Hanover

East Side	No.	West Side	No.
E K Wheeler	701	Jno B Alexander Est	700
Lucy Brown	703	Geo W Shepherd	702
Chas Herndon	705	Geo W Shepherd	704
Wm L Slaughter	707	Kate C. Kale	706
Annie T Harrison	709	Kate C. Kale	708
Mattie Young	711	Annie T Harrison	710
Mattie Young	713	M Long	712
Annie T Harrison	715	Henry Miller Jr	714
A T Embrey	717	Henry Miller Jr	716
Henry Miller	719	Chas Herndon	718
Virginia A Lipscomb	721	St Geo R Fitzhugh	720
Henry Williams	723	Exchange Hotel	722
Jas E Tompkins	725	Exchange Hotel	724

Caroline Street between Hanover and George

East Side	No.	West Side	No.
Mrs M C Buck	801	Enterprise B. Assn	800
Mrs Christina Brulle	803	Enterprise B. Assn	802
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Chas E Cole	805	Enterprise B. Assn	804
S W Howard Est	807	St Geo R Fitzhugh	806
K of P Hall	809	J Wilmore Cox	808
Jno T Donahoe & others	811	Smith Coghill Shoe Co	810
Wm Baylor	813	August Frick	812
Mary C Roy	817	A Loewenson	814
Theo T Miller	819	Mrs M E Tompkins	816
Braxton & Wallace	821	R C & W J Decker	818
B Goldsmith	823	Mrs Olivia C Braxton	820
W E Lang	825	Mrs Va F S Doggett	822
W E Lang	827	Jas T Lowery	824
A & Kate Copenhaver	829	Mrs Lucy W Herndon	826

Caroline Street between George and Commerce

East Side	No.	West Side	No.
W B Goolrick Trustee	901	Wm Bernard	900
A L Magrath	903	C W Jones	902
J Willard Adams	905	F P Burr Est	904
J Willard Adams	907	Dr A C Doggett	906
J Willard Adams	909	Mrs Va B Patton	908
Brown & Crismond	911	W A Bell & Bro	910
Baker & Wallace	913	Herndon & Wallace	916

J H Kelley	915	Miss Sue Pittman	918
J H Kelley	917	Geo W Shepherd	920
Mrs Irene McDonnell	919	Geo W Shepherd	922
Mrs Christina Brulle	921	Isaac Hirsh	924
A B Jones	923	Mrs E E, J R, E F Ficklen	926
C W, A W, H H, J S Wallace	925	Mrs S C Kearsley	928
C W, A W, H H, J S Wallace	927		

William Street between Caroline & Princess Anne

North Side	No.	South Side	No.
Fredericksburg Hall Assn	1001	C W, A W, H H, J S Wallace	927
H B & M C Hall	201	Mrs S C Kearsley	200
H B & M C Hall	203	A E, J R, E F Ficklen	202
Mrs Fannie Scott & others	205	L Slaughter, Trustee	204
Miss S C Pittman	207	Doggett & Scott	206
Magrath & Chesley	209	J H Myer	208
E W Mills	211	J H Myer	210
L O Magrath	213	J H Myer	212
A Gottschalk	215	M A McDowell Trust	214
Miss Lucy T Herndon	217	L O Magrath	216
M C Hall	219	M A McDowell Trust	218
		S S Bradford	220

William Street between Princess Anne & Charles

North Side	No.	South Side	No.
H H Johnston	301	M G Willis	300
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A T Embrey	303	M G Willis	302
C W Wallace	305	J D Ray	304
C W Wallace	307	J D Ray	306
T McCracken	309	J D Ray	308
T McCracken	311	J D Ray	310
Mrs Jencie Monroe	313	Miss Ellis	312
Mrs Jencie Monroe	315	R L Biscoe	314
Myer & Brulle	317	Mrs Jencie Monroe	316
Ann M Berry Est	319	Chancellor & Rawlings	318
Ann M Berry Est	321	Chancellor & Rawlings	320

William Street between Charles and Prince Edward

North Side	No.	South Side	No.
R T Knox & Bro	401	E D Cole	400
R T Knox & Bro	403	E D Cole	402
R T Knox & Bro	405	E D Cole	404
Jas H Bradley Est	407	E D Cole	406
Jas H Bradley Est	409	E D Cole	408
Samuel A Keene Est	411	E D Cole	410
Samuel A Keene Est	413	E D Cole	412
Frank Beckwith	415	Miss Jennie Goldsmith	414
Frank Beckwith	419	O D Foster	416

Decker & Alrich	421	John Haydon Trust for Cole	418
Decker & Alrich	423	John Haydon Trust for Cole	420
Decker & Alrich	425	St Geo Benevolent Society	422

William Street between west of Prince Edward

North Side	No.	South Side	No.
Simon Hirsh & Bro	501		
Simon Hirsh & Bro	503		
Simon Hirsh & Bro	505		

That there shall be imposed a tax or assessment upon the owners of said real estate abutting on the walkways which have been improved by the laying of granolithic pavement for the payment of two thirds of the cost of said granolithic pavement, such assessment not being in (excess) of the pecuniary benefits resulting therefrom to such abutting land owners.

And there shall be imposed a tax or assessment upon the real & personal property in the City not exempt by law for the payment of one third of the cost of making and paving of said walkways, and for the payment of the entire cost of the curbing of said walkways.

That the cost of the making and improving of said walkways is \$10,014.84 exclusive of the cost of the curbing.

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That the mode of assessment of the real estate of the said abutting land owners (for their respective shares or proportion of said two-thirds of said cost) in order to ascertain what portion of the cost of making and improving of said walkways each of said abutting land owners shall bear and pay, shall be, that each of said land owners where land abuts on any walkways which has been improved by the laying thereon of granolithic pavement shall pay two thirds of the cost of the number of square yards of the granolithic pavement upon which his land abuts. The cost of the granolithic pavement at the intersection of streets to the extent that the same extends beyond the lot of the abutting owner shall be borne by the City.

That this tax or assessment of two thirds of the cost of said improvement against the abutting land owner shall be collected as follows; one third thereof in 1904, one third thereof in 1905, and one third thereof in 1906.”

On motion the resolution was adopted unanimously by the following recorded vote

Messrs Cole, Revere, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Wallace,, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley, Wroten

On motion of Mr Dannehl it was resolved by the Council that a board of six Commissioners, namely, E D Cole, W S Embrey, T McCracken, H H Wallace, B J Marshall and David Hirsh, be and the same is hereby appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly January 11th 1904, entitled “An act to authorize the City of Fredericksburg to apportion the expense of Streets and other real improvements between the City Treasury and the real estate benefited thereby” whose duty it shall be in pursuance of said act and the ordinance adopted tonight in relation to paying the cost of granolithic sidewalks and cellar doors, to assess two thirds of the cost of the cellar doors along six blocks of the city upon the property set forth in such ordinance and in accordance with the said act of the General Assembly”

Mr Embrey on Streets asked for \$300.00 for Streets which on motion was granted.

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He also presented a petition from the Fredericksburg Spoke Works asking the City for 680 feet of sewer from their works to the City Mains,

On motion it was resolved that the petition of the Fredericksburg Spoke Works be accepted and referred to the Water Committee with instruction to secure estimate of cost for construction of same and report back as soon as necessary information is obtained.

Judge A T Embrey was heard in regard to a grade for the sidewalk in front of his property in rear of Johnston's drug store. On motion of Mr Bradley, the Joint Committee on Street Improvement was authorized to have established a grade for sidewalks on Princess Anne Street from Commerce to Amelia Street. Authority was also granted Judge Embrey to build a vault under the side walk for coal and other purposes under the supervision of the Street Committee.

A Communication was received from Clerk S J Quinn of the School Board, notifying the Council of the expiration of the terms of Messrs Isaac Hirsh and W H Hurkamp, school trustees for the upper and lower wards respectively. On motion they were both re-elected.

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee gave notice that the Southern Farm Agency would insert in their new pamphlet a write-up of the advantages of Fredericksburg.

On motion of Col Cole, the Public Interest Committee was instructed to thank the Company and get up the date, the sum of \$45.00 was appropriated for the purpose.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A call[ed] meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on 26th day of April 1904 at 8 PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

Geo W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

The meeting was called to order and the President stated that it had been called to receive the report of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements and bids for paving and sidewalk and the report of the Water Committee on Sewerage.

Mr Embrey of Joint Committee said four bids had been received for the work. Two of which the Committee did not consider on account of high price.

He submitted an estimate of cost of work from E T Myers Jr Engineer as follows

Maj W E Embrey, Chairman, Joint Committee on Street Improvement

Dear Sir,

Based on figures in proposal of Cartright and Davis, submitted today, the following is approximately the cost of the work chargeable to City

Curb stone	\$2,137.50
Corner curbs, setting only	\$10.00
Catch-basin curbs	\$42.50
Catch-basins	\$325.00
Granolithic sidewalks	\$1,248.00
Relaying bricks	9.00
Granite Spall paving	\$6,842.30
Re-laying spall paving	\$40.00

Extra grading		\$400.00
Concrete		\$90.00
Brickwork		\$36.00
Terra Cotta pipe		\$217.00
Total chargeable to the City		\$11,397.50
Chargeable to owners		
Roof drain pipes	\$78.00	
Granolithic sidewalks	\$2,132.00	
Cellar doors	\$420.00	\$2,630.00
		\$14, 027.50

Respectfully submitted E T D Myers Jr, Civil Engineer
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He also presented the following letter from E T D Myers Jr, Engineer
Fredericksburg, Va April 25th 1904
Major W S Embrey, Chairman

Dear Sir

I hand you herewith proposals received today for street improvements, I recommend that all bids be rejected for the following reasons:

The proposal of Chas Gasser, while in accordance with requirements as to time of completion, the lowest on road-bed paving and as low as the lowest on sidewalks, does not include curb and other items; and I think all the work should be let to one part, so as to avoid division of responsibility.

The proposal of Cartright & Davis is not in accordance with requirement of specification as to time of completion. The other proposals are too high.

Yours respectfully,

E T D Myers, Jr
Civil Engineer, CLR

On motion of Mr Bradley it was unanimously resolved that all bids be rejected by the following recorded vote, viz;

Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Mr Bradley presented the following communication from Cartright and Davis
Fredericksburg, Va April 26th 1904

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg Va

We hereby agree to modify our bid, which has been rejected, to the extent that we will only charge \$1.10 per yard for granite spall paving instead of \$1.15 and we will contract to complete the contract in 90 days, as called for by the specifications on which we bid.

Cartright & Davis

Mr Bradley then presented the following resolution

Whereas, Cartright & Davis since the rejection of their bid by the Council has offered to modify said rejected bid to the extent of reducing the cost of granite spall paving from \$1.15 as charged in their bid to \$1.10 which was the price paid for paving the six blocks heretofore paved, [Page 223] and are willing to contract to complete the contract in 90 days as called for in the specifications on which bids were invited, [Resolution seems incomplete]

On motion it was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote, viz;

Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee on Street Improvement are authorized in their discretion to accept the said bid of Cartright & Davis modified as above set forth; which was adopted.

On motion of Capt McCracken it was resolved that all the bids received having been rejected, the checks of the respective bidders be returned to them by the Finance Committee.

Mr Chancellor of Water Committee presented the following report as to bids for the sewerage. There were three bidders on Hawke and Winchester Street sewer, J S Courtney 25¢ per foot; E J Cain & Co 23¢; Geo W Heflin 22½¢; Wolf Street Sewer, J S Courtney 46 cents per foot; E J Cain & Co 32¢, Geo W Heflin 37½¢.

The Committee recommended that the Hawke & Winchester Sewer be awarded to G W Heflin at 22½ cents per foot, and the Wolf Street sewer to Messrs E J Cain & Co at 32 cents per foot; which on motion of Mr Wallace was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote, viz; Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Wallace, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

On motion the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
W E Bradley, Acting Clerk
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At a Called Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber of said City on Wednesday May 11th 1904 at 11:30AM
There were present Col E D Cole, President
Geo W Wroten, Vice President
Councilmen McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Brent, Rowe, Bradley

The meeting was called to order by the President who stated it had been called to take action in regard to securing an additional appropriation to clean out the channel of the Rappahannock River here,

Mr Mills of Public Interest stated that under the recent emergency act of Congress appropriating three millions of dollars for river and harbors, a portion of it should be secured for emergency work on the Rappahannock River. On motion of Mr Mills, Chairman of Public Interest, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

The attention of the City Council having been called by the Chairman of the Committee on Public Interest to a recent Act of Congress known as the Emergency River and Harbor Act.

Resolved by the Council that the following communication be addressed to Hon Wm A Jones, member of Congress from this district, and that the Mayor and members of the City Council sign the same, which was accordingly done.

Fredericksburg, Va May 11th 1904

To the Hon Wm A Jones:

The undersigned Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg, Va respectfully call your attention to the alarming condition that threatens the complete suspension of navigation at the port of Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock River.

The unprecedented floods in the Rappahannock in 1889, the date of the Johnstown disaster, swept away a large portion of the great water power dam across the Rappahannock a mile and a half above the city and also dislodged a large part of Hunter's Island situated between the dam and the City which caused a heavy deposit of sand within a short distance above the City wharves.

This immense accumulation of sand in close [Page 225] proximity to the said wharves has by reason of the heavy freshets during and since the summer of 1902 been again dislodged and swept into the channel of the river at and below the City wharves, and has shoaled these wharves and the Canal as to render navigation at times almost impracticable.

In fact the Baltimore and Norfolk Steamboat lines which for forty years have been accustomed to leave Fredericksburg at 2 o'clock PM affording ample time for unloading and loading boats reaching the wharves the previous evening, have for the last year been compelled to leave at high tide, which is often as early as 6 o'clock in the evening, thus seriously interfering with the railroad connections for passenger traffic and delaying the United States Mails, whilst practically defeating the shipment of freight from the City by said boats.

The same is true in relation to the immense number of barges continuously playing between this port and Philadelphia, carrying railroad ties for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co and also poplar wood and lumber. This port is the heaviest oak tie shipping point in the United States, and the steam tugs that carry these barges draw ten feet of water and constantly waste valuable time, waiting for high tide, which cause heavy loss to shippers.

The funds made available under the River and Harbor Act of June 13th 1902 and now being expended by the Government on this portion of the Rappahannock River is wholly inadequate to correct the rapid filling up of the channel at and just below the City wharves, and the continuous shoaling of the channel in front of our wharves by the aforesaid heavy deposits of sand in close proximity being left in motion by the frequent and most unusual floods we have had within the last two years could not have been estimated for under said Act of Congress.

The undersigned respectfully submit that under the strictest construction of the recent Act of Congress known as the Emergency River and Harbor Act a sum sufficient to remove said large deposits of sand from the channel of the river at said point below the City of [Page 126] Fredericksburg should be immediately appropriated and applied to said purpose.

M G Willis Mayor

E D Cole, President

Geo W Wroten, Vice President

W S Embrey, Recorder

T McCracken

J P Rowe

Henry Dannehl

E W Mills

T N Brent

W E Bradley

F H Revere

H Lewis Wallace

M S Chancellor

The undersigned, the heaviest shippers of railroad ties from the Port of Fredericksburg hereby certify that the above communication of the City Council contains the facts of the cause in every particular.

W S Embrey

J M Griffin

J W Masters

I endorse the above communication of the City Council in behalf of the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg

C W Jones, President, B M A

On motion of W S Embrey, the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A special meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on 18th day of May 1904 at 5 PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

Geo W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Brent, Bradley.

The meeting was called to order and the President stated that it had been called for the purpose of adopting grades for curbing and paving Main Street from Charlotte Street to track of R F P R R and for curbing and paving Prussia Street from Main to Princess Anne Street and Princess Anne Street from Prussia Street to R F & P R R.

Mr Embrey offered the following resolution:

Mr E T D Myers Jr, the Civil Engineer employed to have charge of the work of paving Main Street from the intersection of Charlotte Street to the right-of-way of the R F & P R R Co across Main Street and from Main Street along Prussia Street to Princess Anne Street having presented to the Council the established grade for curbing and paving Main and Prussia streets aforesaid.

Resolved by the Council that the paper presented by said E T D Myers Jr containing the grades for curbing and paving Main Street from its intersection with Charlotte Street to the right of way of the R F & P R R Co across Main Street and from the intersection of Main and Prussia streets to its intersection with Princess Anne Street be received and the grade set forth in said paper be and the same are adopted and established as the grade for the curbing and paving of the aforesaid portions of said Streets and the said paper shall be spread upon the minutes of the Council as a permanent record of the grade so established.

On motion it was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote

Messrs Wroten, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Brent, Bradley, Cole

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[here insert the plat of the curb grades]

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Secretary

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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 May 1904 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen Embrey, Rowe, Dannehl, Mills, Brent, Bradley

The meeting was called to order by the President and the minutes of the regular & call meetings were read, approved and signed by the President.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee reported fines amounting to \$108.95 paid the Mayor for the past month.

Mr Embrey gave notice that the work of paving the three new blocks would be commenced on Monday May 23 and asked the sum of \$150.00 for special work.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the sum was appropriated

A petition for sewer extension from the Fredericksburg Spoke Works to Spotswood Street and from Hawke Street along Washington Avenue was presented.

On motion of Mr Embrey it was resolved that the Water Committee be instructed to construct a sewer a distance of about 589 feet including laterals from the rear of the Fredericksburg Spoke Works to Spotswood Street, and a sewer of about 340 feet, including laterals from Hawke Street along Washington Avenue to the building owned by Mrs W S White as a cost not to exceed 22½ cents per foot.

On motion of Mr Rowe the Public Interest Committee, Messrs Mills, Embrey and Revere, President Cole and Vice President Wroten of the Council were requested to meet Hon W A Jones, member of Congress from this district, Col Miller, U S Engineer, and others when they come here on May 24th to investigate the needs of an appropriation from the National fund for rivers and harbors for dredging the Rappahannock River, and accompany the part it is deemed advisable.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A call meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City on 28th day May 1904 at 5 o'clock PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

Geo W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen McCracken, Rowe, Dannehl, Chancellor, Brent, Revere, Embrey, Mills

The meeting was called to order and the President stated that it was called for the purpose of taking suitable action on the death of its late clerk, James Park Corbin

Mr Bradley offered the following resolutions;

The Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg having received the said intelligence of the death this morning of the late highly esteemed Clerk of this body, desires to give suitable expression to its deep sense of its loss and to make a permanent record of its loss and to make a permanent record of its estimate of the deceased; therefore

Resolved that the death of James Park Corbin is not only a bitter affliction to his large circle of friends, which embraces our entire community, but it is a calamity to our City, which loses a faithful, efficient and most accomplished officer.

He was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of every public duty, and his intercourse with his fellow men was characterized by a uniform courtesy as natural as it was beautiful, even modest gentle and un-intrusive in his deportment, he was yet firm and inflexible in the performance of every trust reposed in him.

He was absolutely honest in thought and act, and his work whether in the Clerk's Office of our Courts, in the Council Chamber or in the Masonic Lodge was truthful expression of his character.

Frail in physical health, and often a sufferer he never complained or pleaded any disability but met every call for service, whether in the line of his duty or outside of it, with cheerful and prompt compliance.

His delicate consideration for the feeling and comfort of others, his self-abnegation and ready response to every obligation, civil or social [Page 231] which society imposes knew no limits and his spirit of accommodation and helpfulness seemed never to be wearied, much less exhausted.

No one, high or low, rich or poor, ever came in contact with him without realizing that he was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

He was more than a gentleman, he was truly one of God's noble men.

Mr Bradley said, I cannot offer these resolutions without adding my tribute and testimony as a friend of Mr Corbin, for in offering this I not only do so as a member of this Council but desire as well to testify to my personal loss as a dear friend, I have known him long and well and in all the varied departments of life I have always found him faithful and true.

This Council never had a more efficient officer, this community never had a more faithful clerk, this city never a more loyal citizen, and no man who ever had his friendship but knew that he had the friendship of a generous, warm-hearted whole soul Gentleman.

The loss to this community is indeed great but my personal loss I feel deeper and greater for the class and kind of men as he was are fast-passing away, so words are inadequate to express the sentiment of my deep loss.

After much suffering, after much pain, life's fitful fever is over with him and I trust he sleeps well"

These resolutions was seconded by Capt McCracken and on motion they were unanimously adopted, ordered made a record of the Council and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

The Council also resolved to attend the funeral in a body

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting 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 16th day of June 1904 at 8 o'clock PM

There were present Col E D Cole, President

W S Embrey, Recorder

Councilmen Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Rowe, McCracken, Bradley

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

Col Cole of Finance presented the following bills, which were ordered paid:

Salary due to the late Clerk, J P Corbin for seven months \$72.92; salaries of Judges & Clerks in late election \$50.00; G W Shepherd for services in measuring and adjusting the amounts due by property holders on the six blocks of improvements for their pavements and cellar doors \$25.00; Public Interest Committee \$23.35 telegrams and several other bills; the Free Lance Star Publishing Co \$33.25; He also reported fines for the month turned into the Treasurer by Mayor Willis, \$73.65.

Mr Embrey of Streets reported expenditures \$2,497.25, appropriation \$2,300.00, leaving a balance in excess of \$197.25, which on motion was ordered to credit of Committee.

Mr Chancellor of Water, reported expenditures \$1,364.53, appropriation \$1,500.00, expenditures \$135.47 less than expenditures. He also made statement of receipts for year amounting to \$4,218.97, expenses as follows; current expense \$1,364.453, interest on bonds \$1,500.00, salary of Superintendent \$900.00, showing a balance of \$3,454.44 to credit of Works.

Mr Rowe of Alms House reported expenditures \$1,524.17, expense at Alms House \$950.00 and for City poor \$574.17, leaving a balance in excess of \$1,200.00, appropriation of \$324.17, which was ordered to credit of Committee.

Mr Mills, of Public Interest Committee stated that Congressman Jones, accompanied by US Engineer A M Miller had inspected the river at this point, and a letter received since from Mr Jones stated the Engineer recommended the expenditure of \$25,000 of the emergency fund at this [Page 233] at this place. The letter was read for the information of the Council after which Mr Mills stated that the secretary of War had approved the recommendation and that amount would be expended in deepening the channel at and near Fredericksburg.

Mr McCracken of Light, Mr Brent of Health and Police, and Mr Wroten of Public Property did not have reports ready and they will be presented on June 28th.

The following resolution was offered by Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee, was received by the Council and directed to lay over until the next meeting of the Council.

“Whereas the paving of Main Street from Charlotte to the right-of-way of the R F & P R R, and Prussia Street from Main Street to Princess Anne Street is in progress and the sum of five thousand dollars is required to meet the obligation of the City under said contract on said work, therefore.

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On Col Cole’s motion the Council adjourned to June 28th when the Finance Committee report for the fiscal year to July 1st 1904 will be presented.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Secretary

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night, June 28th 1904 to receive such reports of Committees for Fiscal year ending July 1, 1904, as were not previously reported at the meeting of June 16, 1904 and also that of Finance Committee.

The following members were present President E D Cole

Vice President G W Wroten

Councilmen Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Mills, Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Mr McCracken of Light reported sales from Gas Works, \$9,449.11, amount collected, \$9,395.21, balance uncollected \$53.90. Expenses including interest on Gas Bonds \$9,016.03, leaving net earnings for year \$443.08. He also submitted report of cost of running the Electric Light Plant, which furnishes 82 lamps of 2000 candle power lights at \$3,1246.11 with interest on bonds \$720.00 making a total cost of \$3,966.11.

Mr Wroten of Public Property reported expenditures of \$1,038.61, appropriation \$1,000, leaving an excess of \$38.61, which was ordered to the credit of the Committee. He stated that in this amount was special work amounting to \$78.31, cost of lock-up adjoining the jail and 5000 feet of bridge timber on hand which cost \$100.

Mr Brent of Health & Police reported expenditures of \$631.44, appropriation \$100, leaving excess over appropriation of \$531.44 which was ordered to credit of Committee.

Mr Revere of Fire reported expenditure of \$83.45; appropriation \$100, leaving unexpended balance of \$16.55.

Col Cole presented the Finance Committee report which embraces the report of City Collector, A P Rowe, and that of City Treasurer R T Knox. On motion of Mr Mills the report was received, adopted & ordered to record and on motion of Mr Embrey the Finance Committee was instructed to have the report printed in the Daily Star newspaper at a cost not to exceed \$25.00. The report is as follows;

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Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va for the year ending June 30th 1904, and the Sewer Tax levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1904, and ending June 30th 1905. Fredericksburg, Va July 1st 1904

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

Gentlemen,

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1904, embracing settlements of the accounts of the City Collector, A P Rowe, and Treasurer R T Knox, whose reports are adopted as part of this report;

The collectors Report

Fredericksburg, Va June 21, 1904

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

Gentlemen

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collections of revenue due the City of Fredericksburg, Va for the fiscal year ending June 21, 1904.

The report shows separately the amounts derived from each of the different sources of revenue. After I collected the capitation tax from about 450 persons on account of 1903, I was instructed not to collect from any others as a separate assessment of fifty cents capitation by the City was in violation of the new Constitution.

The amount received from that source is included in the personal property aggregate. Included in the amount delinquent for 1903 are several large bills which are now pending in Court and also the uncollected capitations, which were erroneously assessed whilst many worthless bills against persons now dead or insolvent and transients who left before the bills became due are represented in the delinquent lists for the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.

The other years have been recently cleared of such amounts, and I am making up a list of such bills for the years named to be submitted to the Finance Committee with the view of having them dismissed from the books. The following is an itemized statement showing the receipts and balances for each year, together with the recapitulation.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) A P Rowe, Collector of Taxes

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City Taxes collected for the year ending June 21, 1904

On assessment of 1903

Real Estate 16,972.44

Personalty 8,736.23

25,708.67

Less 5% disct 1,285.43

24,423.24

Sewer Tax 1,427.10

25,850.34

In assessment 1903 after Octr 15

Real Estate	1,596.61		
	212.81		
Add penalty and interest	155.66	1,965.08	
Sewer Tax		141.54	2,106.62
			27,956.46

General Licenses from July 1, 1903 to April 30 th 1904	436.25		
Dray licenses from July 1, 1903 to April 30 th 1904	73.00		
Licenses from Opera House Exhibitions	78.00		587.25

On General Licenses 1904-5	11,418.47		
Less 5% discount	570.92		
			10,847.55

On General Licenses 1904-5 after May 1			76.25
On dray licenses 1904-5	132.00		
Less 5% discount	6.60		125.40
			39,593.41

The report which is a very lengthy one then gives in detail a number of collections of small personal bills for the years 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880 amount to 183.85
Making the total collections from all sources 39,777.26

The report gives a detailed account of collection and balances for each year from 1876 to 1903 inclusive Amounting to only 1,765.41
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Treasurers Report

Amounts received by Robert T Knox, Treasurer for Corporation of Fredericksburg from various sources and balance on hand June 24th 1903 during year ending June 25th 1904

June 24, 1903 By balance on hand this day	12,405.02
June 25 th 1904 By receipts from Water	7,218.97
June 25 th 1904 By receipts from Gas	9,395.21
June 25 th 1904 By receipts from Taxes from A P Rowe Collector nett	25,643.80
June 25 th 1904 By receipts from Licenses from A P Rowe Collector nett	11,345.54
June 25 th 1904 By receipts from Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	618.19

By Receipts from Fines fr Mayor M G Willis Jul 16, 1903-Jun 16, 1904 805.75

By Receipts from fr Mayor Willis Sep 10, 1903 from franchise Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co 50.00

By printing franchise Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co 33.00

By rent from Alms House field to Jun 1, 1904 35.00

By order for coffin for stranger from Corporation 3.00

By Receipts from Dog Licenses 350.50

By Board of Mrs Margaret V King for Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct to Nov 1, 1903
From W E Bradley at \$5 pr month 20.00

Jun 1 by board of Mrs Margaret V King for Nov, Dec 1903, Jan, Feb,
Mar, Apr, May 1904 @ \$5 pr month 35.00

Dec 18, 1903 By balance from Street Improvement Fund 968.00

Dec 19, 1903 Rent from Metcalfes Ct from Ase Triplett 2.50

Mar 18, 1904 By amount borrowed from National Bank for 90 days	2,000.00
	70,929.48
By Balance on hand June 25 th 1904	6,223.62

Robert T Knox, Treasurer
Fredericksburg, Va June 26th 1904
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Treasurer's Report

Expenditures by Robert T. Knox, Treasurer, as shewn by vouchers paid by order of various Committees for year beginning June 24, 1903 and ending June 25th 1904

June 25 th To Amt paid by order Water Committee	1,400.27
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Gas Committee	7,770.90
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Street Committee	2,497.25
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Public Property Committee	870.96
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Alms House Committee	1,499.17
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Fire Department	80.45
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Health & Police Committee	631.44
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Finance Committee	8,705.64
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Finance Committee	
From 7% Coupon Bonds	8,298.50
From 4% Bridge Coupons	1,000.00
From 4% Water Coupons	1,500.00
From 4% Gas Coupons	980.00
From 4% Street Improvement Coupons	800.00
From 4% Electric Light Coupons	460.00
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Park Committee	32.33
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Free Bridge Committee	127.82
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Mayor Willis	74.71
June 25 th To Amt paid by order of Court	186.64
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Public Property Committee	870.96
June 25 th To Amt paid J W Bells Salary 13 months	162.50
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Electric Light Committee	3,246.36
June 25 th To Amt paid by order Council	6,654.75
June 25 th To Amt paid 4 policemen \$480 each	1,920.00
June 25 th To Amt paid Wm Fitzpatrick Supt Gas Works	800.00
June 25 th To Amt paid S J Quinn Supt Water Works	900.00
June 25 th To Amt paid R T Knox	500.00
June 25 th To Amt paid Judge A T Embrey	700.00
June 25 th To Amt paid Mayor M G Willis	400.00
June 25 th To Amt paid Commonwealth's Attorneys salary	400.00
June 25 th To Amt paid Clerk of Court	366.66
June 25 th To Amt paid Sergt of Corporation	261.67
June 25 th To Amt paid Clerk of Market	75.00
June 25 th To Amt paid specific appropriation of Sts	172.89
June 25 th To Amt paid granolithic sidewalks & cellar doors	10,335.47
June 25 th To Amt paid watering streets	179.88
	64,705.86
To balance on hand	6,223.62

June 25, Fredericksburg Va 70,929.48
 E& OE Robert T Knox, Treasurer
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Treasurer's Report

New Sewer Account

In Account with Robert T Knox, Treasurer

Balance on hand from last account and amounts received

1903

June 25	By balance in Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat Bank		328.16	
Aug 4	by cash received from Capt S J Quinn sewer tax on water tax bills		38.00	
	By cash rec'd of A P Rowe Collector from Sewer Tax		1,427.10	
	By delinquent bills turned over to me by AP Rowe Col whole amt	38.08		
	Collected by me		26.58	
			11.50	

Sold by Treas & purchased by State	3.71			
Not sold but turned over to the Court	7.53			
Forbes & Wellford	.26	11.50		26.58

1904

May 21	By cash rec'd from Capt S J Quinn		228.00	
June 25	By cash recd from A P Rowe	141.54		
	Less 5% his Commission	7.08		134.46
	Whole amount Sewer Taxes for 1903 & 1904	1,596.74		

Cr as above \$1,427.10

Delinquent turned over to R T Knox Treasr by A P Rowe Collector

To be collected by Treasurer	25.47			
By cash from A P Rowe	146.54	1,594.11		
Still in A P Rowe's hands by order of Court			2.63	

Total receipts Sewer Tax 2,182.30

Sewer Accounts

To amounts paid out by Robert T Knox Treasurer

Aug 14	Voucher No 1		30.40	
Nov 21	Voucher No 2		600.00	
Dec 5	Voucher No 3		581.45	
Dec 8	Voucher No 4 Coupons		340.00	
1904				
Mar 7	Voucher No 5		32.00	
Mar 31	Voucher No 6		10.00	
Apr 7	Voucher No 7		25.00	
May 7	Voucher No 8		24.85	
Jun 4	Voucher No 9		13.44	
Jun 7	Voucher No 10 Coupons	270.00		
Jun 18	Voucher No 11 Coupons	60.00	330.00	1,987.14
	By Bal on hand at Conway, Gordon & Garnett N Bk, Fredericksburg, Va Jun 26, 1904			\$195.16
1904 Jun 27	To \$180 paid to Cr R T Knox, Treas Sinking and Sewer Bond	180.00		
	Real balance on hand now		15.16	\$195.16
	By balance on hand			15.16

Robert T Knox Treasurer

Report of the Auditing Committee, Fredericksburg Va, June 28, 1904

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

We the undersigned members of the Auditing Committee of the City of Fredericksburg, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of Mr Robert T Knox, Treasurer of said City and find the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers.

The said accounts of the Treasurer embrace the general accounts of receipts and disbursement which shows a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the City of \$6,223.62 and also the account of the sewer tax levied and paid and the charges for sewer connections which shows a balance to the credit of said account of \$15.16.

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.

We have also examined the books of A P Rowe, the City Tax Collector and the books of the Superintendents of the City Gas Works, Wm Fitzpatrick, and the City Water Works, S J Quinn and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

H Lewis Wallace, Henry Dannehl, T N Brent, Auditing Committee

Bonded Debt of the City of Fredericksburg

Seven per cent bonds due by 1906	\$119,420.00
Five per cent Water bonds due in 1909	30,000.00
Four per cent Gas bonds due in 1920	25,000.00
Four per cent Bridge bonds due in 1920	25,000.00
Four per cent Electric Light bonds due 1931	12,000.00
Four per cent Sewer, Street Impvt bonds due in 1931	18,000.00
Four per cent St Imprvt bonds due 1931	20,000.00
	\$249,420.00

Your Committee further reports that the floating debt of the City is as follows

One note due the National Bank on Aug 7, 1904	1,000.00
One note due the National Bank on Aug 21, 1904	1,735.67
One note due the National Bank on Sep 14, 1904	2,000.00
	4,735.67

Finance Committee & Council

The amount due the Corporation by the estate of the late R W Adams, ex-City Treasurer, \$4,604.72 with interest. The matter is in the hands of the Attorneys for settlement and your committee cannot make a definite report thereon at this time.

The following licenses levied are contested, the several amount have not been paid and the same are in the hands of the City Attorney

License of Standard Oil Co 1902-3 and 1903-4 each	\$150.00
License for Orange Telephone Co 1904-5	25.00
License for Upper Rappahannock Telephone Co 1904-5	25.00
License for Fredericksburg Aqueduct Co 1904-5	50.00

Your Committee as a matter of interest reports the total value of the City property subject to taxation for the year 1903 as follows

Real Estate	White	\$1,438,613.00
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Real Estate	Colored	\$80,565.00
Total		\$1,519,178.00
Personal Property	White	\$727,219.30
Personal Property	Colored	\$8,399.00
Total		\$735,618.30
Total White Real & Personal		\$2,165,832.30
Total Colored Real & Personal		\$88,964.00
Grand Total		\$2,254,796.30

Your Committee reports that a comparative statement will show the City's finances to be in a most satisfactory condition. The following comparisons between the receipts from the several sources for the past two years are submitted;

1903-4	Receipts from Water	\$7,218.97	
1902-3	Receipts from Water	\$7,503.36	
	Decrease receipts from Water		284.39
1903-4	Receipts from Gas	\$9,395.21	
1902-3	Receipts from Gas	\$9,230.65	
	Net gain from Gas		164.56
1903-1904	Receipts from Taxes	\$25,643.80	
1902-3	Receipts from Taxes	\$21,924.05	
	Increase from Taxes		3,719.75
1904-05	Receipts from Licenses	\$11,345.54	
1903-04	Receipts from Licenses	\$10,522.83	
	Increase receipts from Licenses		822.71
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1903-4	Receipts fr Delinquent land	\$618.19	
1902-3	Receipts fr Delinquent land	\$260.72	
	Increase fr Delinquent land		357.47
1903-4	Receipts from fines	\$805.75	
1902-3	Receipts from fines	\$561.15	
	Increase receipts from fines		244.60
1903-4	Inc bal on hand fr last year total rec't	\$70,928.48	
1902-3	Inc bal on hand fr last year total rec't	\$57,460.65	
	Increase total receipts incl balance on hand	\$13,468.83	

Your Committee reports the following ordinance;

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common 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 1904-5 to be known as the Sewer Tax, viz; a tax of 10½ cents on the \$100 of value be laid on all the real estate of the City, which tax shall be due and payable on the first day of October next.

On all sewer taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th of October next, there shall be added five per cent and 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 per cent 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. (approved M G Willis, Mayor)

Annual Appropriations

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1905

Interest on \$119,420	7 per cent bonds	\$8,359.40
Interest on \$30,000	5 per cent water bonds	\$1,500.00
Interest on \$25,000	4 per cent bridge bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$25,000	4 per cent Gas bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$18,000	4 per cent Sewer bonds	\$720.00
Interest on \$12,000	4 per cent Electric bonds	\$480.00
Interest on \$20,000	4 per cent St Imprvt	\$800.00

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Sinking fund on bonded debt viz;

On \$119,420	7% bonds	\$1,194.20
On \$30,000	5% water	\$300.00
On \$25,000	4% bridge	\$250.00
On \$25,000	4% gas	\$250.00
On \$18,000	4% sewer	\$180.00
On \$12,000	4% Electric Light	\$120.00
On \$20,000	4% Street Improvement	\$200.00

Alms House	\$1,200.00
Police	\$1,920.00
Salaries	\$4,550.00
Public Property	\$1,500.00
Streets	\$1,500.00
Light, Gas	\$5,000.00
Light Electric Plant	\$3,000.00
Public Schools	\$2,800.00
Water	\$1,200.00
Health & Police	\$100.00
Fire Department	\$100.00

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.

Finance Committee

June 28, 1904

The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held Friday evening July 1st at 5 o'clock

Present E D Cole, President

Councilmen Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Brent, Dannehl, Bradley

Col Cole of Finance presented the following resolution for action which had been presented by him at the meeting held on Thursday June 16th 1904.

“Whereas the paving of Main Street from Charlotte to the right-of-way of the R F & P R R, and Prussia Street from Main Street to Princess Anne Street is in progress and the sum of five thousand dollars is required to meet the obligation of the City under said contract on said work, therefore.

Resolved by the Council, that the Finance Committee be authorized and directed to negotiate a loan for that amount and to execute the obligation of the City therefor, the said amount to be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements and to be paid out upon vouchers signed by the Joint Committee on Street Improvements and Finance Committee of this City.”

At a meeting of the City Council held July 1, 1904 the above resolution was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote;

Messrs Cole, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Mills, Brent, Dannehl, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Dannehl it was unanimously resolved that the date for issuing the (\$20,000) twenty thousand dollars of City 4% bonds for improvement of Gas Works & Water Works be fixed at July 1, 1904 & they shall bear interest from that date.

The Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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The City Council held its regular meeting for July Thursday night 21st at 8 o'clock

Present E D Cole, President

Councilmen Embrey, McCracken, Dannehl, Mills, Dannehl [twice], Chancellor, Brent, Bradley

Mr Cole of Finance reported fines for month \$94 which had been turned over to Treasurer Knox by May Willis, he also presented a bill of \$21.60, cost of judgments obtain on Water delinquents, which was ordered paid to Mayor Willis

He presented the bond of A P Rowe, Collector of City taxes for \$10,000 which was accepted & ordered turned over to the Mayor and to be deposited in the National Bank for safe keeping.

On Col Cole's motion it was ordered that Mr Bradley be paid for services as Acting Clerk of the Council from the death of the late Clerk James Parke Corbin, at the same salary to Sept 1, 1904.

Mr Embrey offered the following, which was laid over for three days as required by law.

“Whereas the City is indebted for work and material in connection with the Street Paving now in progress, and the ordinary revenues of the city are not immediately available to meet said indebtedness.

Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee be and it hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars on short time and to execute the obligation of the City to renew the obligation executed for said loan from time to time until the same is paid, and to likewise renew the obligation executed for the prior loan for said street paving.

And the said amount above directed to be borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Street Improvement and be paid out on vouchers signed by said Joint Committee and the Finance Committee of this City.

Mr Chancellor of Water Committee asked permission to make a brake test of the water wheels at the City Electric Plant to determine the amount of power than can be obtained from them; Mr Ruffin, the engineer explained the manner of making said test.

On motion of Mr McCracken the permission to make the [Page 246] test was granted.

Mr McCracken of Light reported that his committee had been unable up to the present time to secure the service of a competent engineer to commence the improvements at the Gas Works

He also presented the following letter

City Electric Works

Fredericksburg, Va July 14, 1904

To the Electric Light Committee and members of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
Gentlemen,

Considerable dissatisfaction having been expressed in regard to the management of the Electric Light Plant, and having been informed that the management is worse than before I took charge, I herewith respectfully tender my resignation and request that it be acted upon at the first possible opportunity, and I be relieved of further duties as soon as such action is taken.

Yours Respectfully,

S S Brooke, Jr

On motion of Mr Bradley, the resignation was received to take effect at once.

On motion of Mr Chancellor, the Light Committee was instructed to employ a competent electrician to take charge of the Electric Plant until a Superintendent is elected by the new Council on Sept 1st.

On motion of Col Cole, the Council adjourned to Monday night July 25th at 8 o'clock

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held Monday night July 25th 1904,

The following members were present E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, J P Rowe, T McCracken, E W Mills, T N Brent, Henry Dannehl.

The following resolution offered Thursday night July 21, 1904

“Whereas the City is indebted for work and material in connection with the Street Paving now in progress, and the ordinary revenues of the city are not immediately available to meet said indebtedness. Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee be and it hereby authorized and directed to borrow the sum of (\$5,000) five thousand dollars on short time and to execute the obligation of the City to renew the obligation executed for said loan from time to time until the same is paid, and to likewise renew the obligation executed for the prior loan for said street paving.

And the said amount above directed to be borrowed shall be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Street Improvement and be paid out on vouchers signed by said Joint Committee and the Finance Committee of this City.”

Was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Messrs Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Mills, Brent, Dannehl, Cole

A bill of Charles Vass for broom to Street Sweeper amounting to \$28 was ordered paid.

A bill of Officer J H Robinson, approved by the Mayor, for expenses in securing information as to the whereabouts of one Burns, fugitive, amounting to \$14.92 was ordered paid.

On motion the sum of \$6.75 was appropriated to the Special Council Committee on Normal School for expense in entertaining the Committee of the Legislature.

A resolution amending the ordinance & rules governing the appointing of Committees of the Council and defining the duties of the President and Vice President of the Council offered by Mr Mills was under the rules laid over

The Council then adjourned
D E Cole, President
W E Bradley, Acting Clerk
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The City Council held its regular meeting for August on Thursday night 18th Instant
The following members were present President E D Col
Vice President G W Wroten,
Messrs J P Rowe, T McCracken, W E Embrey, H Dannehl, M S Chancellor, H L Wallace, T N Brent, W E Bradley

Mr Cole of Finance presented the following bills which were ordered to be paid
The Free Lance-Star Pub Co \$11.25 & \$3.25
M G Willis, Mayor for expenses in Mayors office \$5.75

Mr Cole also presented the following letter which on motion of Capt McCracken was ordered to be filed & a copy spread on the minutes of the Council.

Fredericksburg Va, Aug 18, 1904

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report fines since last report, \$59.55, for which I enclose Treasurer receipt, also Treasurer's receipt for Dog Licenses to date, making in all for the fiscal year 332 Dogs.

As this is my final report, I am pleased to say that the police performed their duty as far as I am informed and I will call your attention to the fact that you have paid one (\$1.00) dollar for extra police during the whole time I have served, more than four years.

This speaks well for the four officers you selected, who have always responded promptly to every call I have made on them either day or night. I feel it due your honorable body as well as the officers that I make this statement.

I must also note the many improvements in our Historic City, and say that in time to come, as well as now you will be thanked for your faithful work.

I am not unmindful of the many kind courtesies I have received always at your hands, for which I thank you. I bespeak for our City,

Health, Happiness and Prosperity

M G Willis, Mayor

On motion of Col Cole the sum of \$49.80 was allowed Mayor Willis for issuing 332 Dog licenses during the year.

Col Cole offered the following which under the rules lays over for a period of three days.

“Whereas the City is indebted for work & material in connection with the Street paving now in progress [Page 249] and the ordinary revenues are not immediately available to meet said indebtedness’

“Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee of the Council be & is authorized and directed to borrow the sum of (\$5,500) Fifty Five hundred dollars on short time, and to execute the obligations of the City for such loan, and to renew the same from time to time until the same is paid.
And the said amount shall be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements and to be paid out upon vouchers signed by said Joint Committee and by the said Finance Committee.
And said Committee is hereby authorized to renew from time to time the obligations heretofore authorized as they mature until the same is paid.”

Col Cole also offered an ordinance apportioning the cost of sidewalks between the City & property owners under the contract now in process of completion which will lay over.

On motion of Col Cole a special appropriation of \$150) one hundred and fifty dollars was placed to the credit of the Street Committee

Mr Chancellor of Water reported that a most successful brake test had been made of the power at the Electric Light Plant, the result was 196 horse power. He stated that Engineer Ruffin would have ready in September all the plans & specifications for the improvements of the Water Works. He reported the cost of sewer on Hawke St at (\$52.80) fifty-two dollars and eighty cents.

On motion of Mr Dannehl the action of the Committee in building the sewer was ratified.

Mr McCracken of Light, reported that the Electric Light Plant was in charge of E M Green, Supt pro tem and the plant is working nicely under his management. That his Committee had been unable to secure an expert for the Gas Plant although continued effort had been & was now being made.

A petition from S Sydney Bradford asking that he be reimbursed to the amount of \$15 for damages caused by Street Improvement to his building on corner of Princess Anne & Commerce St was referred to Joint Committee on Street Improvements

On motion of Col Cole the light Committee was instructed to have all the City Electric Light Plant poles painted.

The Council then adjourned.

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday night Aug 24th 1904

Present E D Cole, President

Geo W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen J P Rowe, T McCracken, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, M S Chancellor, W E Bradley

On motion of Col Cole the following resolution introduced at the regular meeting Aug 18th 1904 was taken up

“Whereas the City is indebted for work & material in connection with the Street paving now in progress and the ordinary revenues are not immediately available to meet said indebtedness;

“Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee of the Council be & is authorized and directed to borrow the sum of (\$5,500) Fifty Five hundred dollars on short time, and to execute the obligations of the City for such loan, and to renew the same from time to time until the same is paid.

And the said amount shall be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements and to be paid out upon vouchers signed by said Joint Committee and by the said Finance Committee. And said Committee is hereby authorized to renew from time to time the obligations heretofore authorized as they mature until the same is paid.”

On motion of Col Cole it was adopted by the following recorded vote;
Ayes Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Bradley

A bill of the Free Lance Star Pub Co for Board of Health amounting to \$4 was ordered paid. An erroneous assessment against Capt M B Rowe of \$11.40 was referred to the Water Committee with instructions to allow said bill.

A bill for water rent against the Mary Washington Hospital Association for \$66, running through a period of 5½ years was referred to the Water Committee with instructions to allow said bill.

A bill of Capt Terence McCracken amounting to \$67.14 for granite curbing laid in front of his residence on Main St, and used in the late street work was ordered paid.

Mr Embrey of the Joint Committee on Street Improvements stated the new work had been completed and accepted. He presented the final report of the Committee which is as follows

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Fredericksburg, Va Aug 24th 1904

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen, Your Joint Committee on Street Improvement beg leave to submit herewith their final report for work contracted for by Cartright & Davis.

The final estimate received by the Committee and approved by the engineer in charge, Mr E T D Myers Jr shows that the entire cost of all work including rain spouts, cellar doors, granolithic sidewalks, curbing &

spall paving is	\$15,324.86
Engineers Salary	\$1,060.48
Total	\$16,385.34

You have authorized the Finance Committee of this body to borrow money to pay for this work as follows

July 2 nd 1904	\$5,000
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Aug 8 th 1904	\$5,000
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Aug 24 th 1904	\$5,500
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Total money borrowed	\$15,500
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This leaves a balance due on the work of \$885.34

Respectfully submitted

W S Embrey, Chairman

The report was received, filed and ordered to record & on motion of Mr Embrey the sum of \$885.34 was ordered to the credit of the Joint Committee to make a final settlement with Cartright & Davis by the following recorded vote;

Messrs Cole, Wroten, Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Bradley

On motion of Capt McCracken, a vote of thanks was tendered President E D Cole & Vice President G W Wroten for their universal courtesy to the Council in presiding officers during the terms which closes Sept 1, 1904.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk
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Fredericksburg, Va Aug 30, 1904

A called meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday night Aug 30th 1904 to consider unfinished business.

Present E D Cole, President

G W Wroten, Vice President

Councilmen Rowe, McCracken, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Bradley

The minutes of the meetings held Aug 18th & 24th were read & approved. The Council adjourned after the minutes of this meeting were approved

E D Cole, President

W E Bradley, Acting Clerk

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Fredericksburg Va Sep 1st 1904

The City Council was convened by Major T P Wallace, Mayor of the City presiding

E D Cole, W S Embrey, W L Watson, E M Young, Geo H Morrison, J W Masters, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, M S Chancellor, E W Mills, S W Somerville, H Dannehl.

W E Bradley was chosen temporary clerk

J P Rowe nominated Col E D Cole for President, H Dannehl seconded Cole nomination

Mr W L Watson nominated S W Somerville for President, E W Mills seconded Somerville nomination.

A vote was taken

For E D Cole for President; Embrey, Dannehl, Rowe, Chancellor, Bradley & Cole = 6 votes

For S W Somerville for President; Mills, Morrison, Watson, Young, Masters & Somerville = 6 votes

Mayor Thomas P Wallace cast the deciding vote for Cole for President of the Council as Mayor of the City.

Mr Watson entered his protest against the Mayor's vote, joined in by Morris, Mills, Martin, Somerville & Young.

W E Bradley nominated E M Young Jr for Vice President

E W Mills nominated J P Rowe for Vice President

For J P Rowe for Vice President; E W Mills, Masters Morrison, Watson, Young = 5 votes

For E M Young for Vice President; J P Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Cole & Beasley = 7 votes

Mr E M Young was declared elected.

Mr E Bradley nominated S E Eastburn for Clerk of Council, W L Watson seconded Eastburn's nomination

Vote for Eastburn: Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole, Bradley = twelve (12) & he was declared elected Clerk

On motion of Mr Chancellor, the Council appointed Mills, Morrison & Young, a committee to notify S E Eastburn of his election and bring him to the Council Chamber.

Eastburn appeared and was sworn in by Justice S J Quinn

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Clerk's salary was fixed at one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125.00) per annum, by a unanimous vote of the Council

Mr Dannehl nominated W S Embrey for Recorder

Mr Young nominated W S Watson for Recorder.

Vote for Embrey; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole = seven (7) votes

Vote for Watson; Somerville, Masters, Morrison, Young, Watson = five (5) votes.

W S Embrey was declared elected recorder.

The Council then proceeded by lot to decide their terms of office:

E M Young, W S Watson, H Dannehl, E D Cole, E M Mills, S W Somerville drew for 4 year term

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G H Morrison, W S Embrey, J W Masters, W E Bradley, J P Rowe and M S Chancellor drew for 2 year term.

Application of A P Rowe was voted upon he receiving the 12 votes of the Council

Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Master, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison Watson, Young, Cole = 12. He was declared elected Collector of City Taxes

Mr Dannehl moved that salary of Clerk of Market be seventy-five dollars per annum.

Carried Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Morrison, Somerville, Watson, Young, Bradley, Cole = 11 for the motion

E W Mills voting against

Samuel Fitzhugh's application for Clerk of Market was then voted on

Vote for Samuel Fitzhugh; Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole = 11

Against E W Mills = 1; Fitzhugh declared elected

Weighmaster, on motion of E W Mills, was passed by by unanimous vote

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of Supt of Alms House was fixed by unanimous vote at one hundred and fifty dollars per annum (\$150.00)

Mr J W Bell's application for Superintendent of Alms House was voted upon and he was declared elected by the following vote;

For: Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young, Mills, Cole = twelve (12) votes

Applications of James A Stone and Cumberland Mills for scavenger of upper ward were voted upon

Voting for Stone; Bradley, Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole = four (4) votes

Voting for C Mills; Rowe, Masters, Mills, Embrey, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young = eight (8) votes. Cumberland Mills elected scavenger of upper ward

Applications of E W Jones, R S Carneal & J W Shelton for scavengers of lower ward were voted on

Voting for E W Jones; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson & Young = six (6) votes

Voting for J W Shelton; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole = six (6) votes

No election

Second ballot

Voting for E W Jones; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Somerville, Morrison, Watson & Young = nine (9) votes

Voting for J W Shelton; Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole = three (3) votes

E W Jones was declared elected scavenger for lower ward.

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of the Police officer was fixed at forty dollars per month \$40.00, by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Application of J B Rader, W N Tansill, C A Gore, policemen for upper ward were voted upon.

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T N Tansill received eleven votes (11)

C A Gore received seven votes (7)

And they were declared elected Police of the upper ward

Applications of W R Hall, W O Pound, J H Robinson were voted upon for police in lower ward
On first ballot W R Hall received the unanimous vote of the Council twelve (12) and was declared elected.

Forty eight ballots were had on J H Robinson and W O Pound with no election

Jno Robinson; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole

Pound; Mills Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young on each ballot

On motion of Mr Dannehl the Council adjourned until 4 PM

At 4 PM Sep 1, 1904 The Common Council met

President E D Cole called the Council to order

Members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Watson, Morrison, Young

Mr Bradley moved to pass by the election of the fourth policeman until next meeting.

For; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Cole = 6 votes

Against; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young = 6 votes

The motion to pass by was declared lost

On motion of Mr Dannehl the final report of Mayor M S Willis was read by the Clerk

Fredericksburg Va, Aug 18, 1904

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report fines since last report, \$59.55, for which I enclose Treasurer receipt, also Treasurer's receipt for Dog Licenses to date, making in all for the fiscal year 332 Dogs.

As this is my final report, I am pleased to say that the police performed their duty as far as I am informed and I will call your attention to the fact that you have paid one (\$1.00) dollar for extra police during the whole time I have served, more than four years.

This speaks well for the four officers you selected, who have always responded promptly to every call I have made on them either day or night. I feel it due your honorable body as well as the officers that I make this statement.

I must also note the many improvements in our Historic City, and say that in time to come, as well as now you will be thanked for your faithful work.

I am not unmindful of the many kind courtesies I have received always at your hands, for which I thank you. I bespeak for our City,

Health, Happiness and Prosperity

M G Willis, Mayor

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Voting on Policeman until the conclusion of the 60th ballot

For W O Pound; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young six (6) votes on each ballot

For J H Robinson; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor & Cole six (6) votes on each ballot

E M Young Vice President was called to the Chair

Col Cole moved to pass by the election of Police, seconded by Dannehl

Vote Against; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young six (6)

Vote for; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Chancellor, Dannehl, Cole six (6)

The motion to pass by was declared lost.

The President Col E D Cole took the chair and voting on Policeman was resumed until the conclusion of the 110th ballot

For W O Pound; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young six (6) votes on each ballot

For J H Robinson; Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor & Cole six (6) votes on each ballot

A communication from Mayor Thomas P Wallace was presented by the President and received and ordered read by the following vote

For; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Cole = nine (9) votes

Against; Morrison, Watson, Young = three (3) votes

The following communication from the Mayor was read by the clerk

September 1904

To the Honorable President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

I herewith enclose a list of the Standing committees appointed by me from the members of your honorable body, with the hope that the member assigned to each Committee may at once enter upon the work imposed upon them.

I will most cheerfully unite with your honorable body in every effort to build up our City, Let us unitedly advance her material interests.

With my best wishes to each and every member of your body

I am very truly,

Thomas P. Wallace, Mayor

Committee on Finance	E D Cole	W S Embrey	S W Somerville
Committee on Public Property	W E Bradley	H Dannehl	J W Masters
Committee on Streets	W S Embrey	J P Rowe	E W Mills
Committee on Lights	G H Morrison	S W Somerville	J P Rowe
Committee on Water	Sanford Chancellor	E D Cole	W L Watson
Committee on Ordinances	H Dannehl	Sanford Chancellor	E M Young Jr
Committee on Alms & Alms House	J P Rowe	W E Bradley	G H Morrison

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Committee on Public Interest	E W Mills	J W Masters	W S Embrey
Committee on Health & Police	W S Watson	E W Mills	H Dannehl
Committee on Schools	S W Somerville	E M Young Jr	S Chancellor
Committee on Fire Department	J W Masters	G H Morrison	E D Cole
Committee on Auditing	E M Young	W L Watson	W E Bradley

President E D Cole approved the standing Committees appointed by Mayor Thomas P Wallace

G H Morrison entered his protest to the method of the appointment of the standing committees by the Mayor

S W Somerville, J W Masters, E M Young Jr and E W Mills joined in the protest

W L Watson entered his protest under Chap 1, Sec 9 page 40 of City Ordinances.

On motion of Mr Bradley voting on policeman was resumed

At the conclusion of the 126th ballot, Robinson (6) votes; Bradley, Rowe, Cole, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor

Pound (6) votes; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

J W Masters moved to adjourn until 8 pm, lost by same votes

On motion voting on Police man resumed at the conclusion of the 129th ballot, E D Cole and E M Young were excused from voting

At the conclusion of the 137th ballot

Rowe, Bradley, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor voting for Robinson (5 votes)

Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, vote for Pound (5 votes)

Cole and Young resumed voting and on motion Dannehl & Morrison were excused from voting

At the conclusion of the 146th ballot

Mills, Masters, Somerville, Watson, Young voting for Pound (5 votes)

Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Chancellor, Cole voting for Robinson (5 votes)

On motion of S W Somerville a recess of 15 minutes was taken

After the recess on motion of Mr Bradley it was decided to pass by the election of Policeman until the 3rd Thursday in September.

Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young, Cole voting to pass by
And Morrison voting against passing by

By unanimous consent the election of Supt of Electric Light was taken and the application of E M Green read.

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of Supt of Electric Light was fixed at nine hundred (\$900.00) dollars per annum. Mr E M Green was unanimously elected Supt of Electric Lights

On motion of City Surveyor was passed by

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President Cole offered a paper relative to granolithic sidewalks which was read by the clerk and laid over for next meeting in accordance with the rule.

On motion of J P Rowe the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

The City Council held its regular meeting for September on Thursday night 15th Instant at 8 o'clock

The following members were present President E D Cole

Councilmen W E Bradley, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, M S Chancellor, G H Morrison W L Watson, J P Rowe, E M Young Jr

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

W L Watson moved to have read and spread on the minutes a certain paper presented by him seconded by S W Somerville.

Recorded vote for; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (6)

Against; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor (6)

Motion to spread on the minutes lost

V President in the Chair

E D Cole offered the following paper which was read at last meeting and laid over;

“An ordinance in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved January 11, 1900, entitled an Act to Authorize the Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va to apportion the expense of Street and other local improvements between the City Treasury and the real estate benefitted thereby. To apportion the Cost of the improvements of certain side walks in the City between the City Treasury and the real estate benefitted thereby.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va in manner following, that is to say, that the following real estate is benefitted by the laying of granolithic pavement contiguous thereto, viz;

All the parcels of real estate abutting on both sides of Caroline or Main Street from its intersection with Charlotte Street to the right of way of the R F & P R R Company, where the same crosses Caroline or Main Street, and all the parcels of real estate abutting on both sides of Prussia Street, from its intersection with Main or Caroline Streets to its intersection with Princess Anne Street, and all the parcels of real estate abutting on both sides of Princess Anne Street to the right of way of the R F & P R R Co, where it crosses Princess Anne Street.

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That the several parcels thereof are as follows

Prussia St north side between Main & P Anne, etc

M J Gately

Henry Dannehl

Geo Wroten

Susan Pittman

Princess Anne North[South] of Prussia

Henry Dannehl

Princess Anne both sides south of Boulevard and Prussia streets

Prussia st S side between P Anne and Main St and W side Main, South of Prussia St

R F & P R R Co

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Princess Anne Ss side north of Boulevard, and Boulevard South side W of Main St

Mrs Knight

Mrs Knight

Main street East side between R R and 7th Street

#413 Adams Estate

#523 & 525

Leach Est

#415 Stoffregen

#527

Wm Littrell

#417 T C Montague

#529 & 531

Geo Wroten

#501 M J Gately

#601

J W Masters

#503 Sue Pittman

#603

A B Botts

#505 & 507 Geo Wroten

#605

T McCracken

#509 Nannie Pittman Er

#607

St John

#511 Racks Col

#513 & 515 Geo Wroten

#517 St G Kirtley

#519 W Cox

#521 Mrs L Bourne

Main Street West side between Prussia & 7th Sts

#500 M J Gately

#600

J M Griffin Est

#502 & 504 G W Wroten

#602

J M Griffin Est

#506	John Wroten	#604	Richd Bell
#508	Mrs B M Sacrey	#606	Lucy Mullin
#510	G W Wroten	#608	W Wallace
#512	G W Wroten	#610	Mrs Maury
#514	G W Wroten	#612	Miss Bozzell
#516	Miss L McGrath	#614	J Robinson
#518	H D Genther	#616	W Cox
#520	Wm O'Donnell	#618	J M Griffin Est
#522	Baughman Est	#620	Wm Baylor Est
#524	Geo Timberlake	#622	Tyler Foundry Property
#526	Wm T Timberlake		
#528	Edwd Timberlake		

That there shall be imposed a tax or assessment upon owners of said real estate abutting on the walkways which have been [Page 260] improved by the laying of Granolithic pavements for the payment of two thirds of the cost of said Granolithic pavement, such assessment not being in excess of the pecuniary benefits resulting thereupon to said abutting land owner. And there shall be imposed a tax or assessment upon the real and personal property in the City not exempt by law for the payment of the third of the cost of the making and paving of said walkways and for the payment of the Entire Cost of the Curbing of said sidewalks. That the cost of the making and improving of said walkways is \$3,570.81, exclusive of the cost of the curbing.

That the mode of assessment of the real estate of the said abutting property, land owner, for their respective stores or properties of said two thirds of said cost. In order to ascertain what portion of the cost of the making and improving of said walkways, each of said abutting land owners shall bear and pay, shall be that each of said land owners whose land abuts on any side walk which has been improved by the laying thereon of Granolithic pavement shall pay two thirds of the cost of the number of square yards of Granolithic pavement upon which his land abuts including the cost of cellar doors, and rain pipes thereon. The cost of the Granolithic pavement at the intersection of streets to the extent that the same extends beyond the lot of the abutting owner shall be borne by the City.

That this tax or assessment of two thirds of the cost of said improvement against the abutting land owners respectively shall be collected as follows, one-third in 1904, one-third thereof in 1905 and one-third thereof in 1906.

That the Board of Commissioners required by the aforesaid Act of January 11, 1900, is hereby appointed, consisting of E D Cole, W S Embrey, and J P Rowe of the Council and H H Wallace, B J Marshall and David Hirsh of the Citizens in pursuance of the provisions of said act to apportion the cost of the Granolithic pavement, cellar doors, and rain pipes, between the City Treasury and the real estate benefited thereby, whose duty it shall be in pursuance of said Act and this ordinance to assess two-thirds of the cost of said improvements aforesaid upon the property set forth in this ordinance, and in accordance with said act and this ordinance and report the same to the Council.”

On motion the resolution was adopted unanimously by the following recorded vote;
Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson,
Young

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

J W Adams	Framing old paper	.40
Free Lance-Star Pub Co	500 note heads	1.50
Free Lance-Star Pub Co	Bills & Ad Dog License	4.50

Free Lance-Star Pub Co Tax Book & large bills 13.50

President in the Chair

W S Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee, reported that the sand on the new street paving should be removed and that the street leading to Hazel Run was being damaged by accumulating sand and gravel and thereby turning water into the street and asked for instructions from the Council.

On motion of W E Bradley, it was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

M S Chancellor, chairman of Water Committee reported that Engineer Ruffin had finished plans and estimate for improvement of water works, but Committee had not had time to examine them which they desired to do before presenting to the Council.

Geo H Morrison, Chairman of Light Committee report as follows

Fredericksburg, Va Sep 15, 1904

To the President and fellow members of the City Council

The Light Committee appointed by the Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va respectfully begs to submit this, their first report showing as correctly as is possible, the actual condition in which they found the lighting facilities of the City; also to make a statement as to what has already been accomplished toward meeting the immediate and urgent demands.

The Committee made an inspection of the works the day following their appointment and have also had two Gas Engineers to examine into the actual condition of the same throughout, from the retorts through the purifiers and into the Gas holders.

The Retorts are so filled with carbon that it is impossible to get more than one-half of a charge into each or any of them, which condition it may not be ours to trace or place the responsibility for same, but suffice to say, these retorts should and could have been burnt out clean during the past summer, or at times during the summer (so the Committee was informed by the employees) the holder was full when but little gas was consumed for lighting. The gas actually bubbling from beneath the holders. We found the holder almost empty. The retorts being full of carbon are incapable of replenishing the supply in the holder, or even furnishing the amount necessary for daily consumption.

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Therefore your Committee seeing no alternative, ordered two large retorts to be placed in an arch adjoining the old ones, at a cost of \$290.00 including all supplies, and fittings, and installing same ready for coal. These we have reason to expect will be in position in about two weeks.

We have at the same time directed that the old retorts be burned clean of carbon as they can be spared, in fact, one of the smallest is already nearly burned clean, having been burning for the past week. These will furnish a sufficient supply of gas during the coming winter.

In this connection it may be well to add, the impression being abroad that there is an ordinance requiring that bids be advertised for on any work wherein the cost amounts to over (\$25.00), and while we have been unable to find such an ordinance, we fully concur in the opinion that it were wise to have such a one. In justification of our acting, it being far from our intention to violate any existing ordinance, in view of the imperative need for gas, and realizing that none but a specialist can do such work, we felt it would be a useless expense and a waste of time to put an advertisement in a local paper.

Leaving the retorts we found the purifiers incapacitated for the work. The gas holder is in its last stages of oxidation, but on careful examination we find it leaking comparatively little, and take pleasure in assuring you, and the public that it can and will be kept capable of serving through the coming winter.

Advertisements for the proposals for gas coal for the ensuing year have been in both local papers for the past two weeks and contracts will be awarded on Monday, September 19th 1904.

Steps are also being taken to the end that an up-to-date outfit for supplying a good quality of gas for the City, cheaply, and in abundance be provided before another session rolls around.

Just to what extent the old works will have to be replaced with entirely new apparatus, we cannot as yet recommend, for, realizing the importance of the work, it requires a more careful and deliberate consideration than the time since the appointment of the Committee will allow. We, however, submit the following report of Mr Frederick Egner, Gas Engineer for your careful consideration.

Fredericksburg, Va Sep 8, 1904

Mr Geo H Morrison Ch, S W Somerville and J P Rowe Committee on Light

Dear Sirs:

Having looked over your gas plant and City, in am impressed with two facts, viz; that your pretty and picturesque as well as thriving little city, offer exceptional opportunities for the safe and profitable investment of capital in the gas business. And that your present gas plant is the most antiquated, insufficient gas works, which I have ever seen in my 32 year connection with the profession, embracing travelling all over the United States and a large part of Europe in the interest of [Page 263] the Gas business. I beg leave to say also, that everything considered it appear to me that only faithful earnest efforts on part of those connected with the management and operations of your gas works, could account for its being at all able to supply your City to date, as it has done.

Permit me now to state briefly a few pertinent facts concerning the gas business in your City be it conducted by the City or a private enterprise.

(1) To run a works so manifestly behind the times as yours is, means a certain loss of many thousands of dollars for each year of its operation now.

(2) Money expended in the building of a sufficient and modern gas plant at Fredericksburg, Va will be money that will be a very profitable investment, and will easily earn a good dividend enabling you to pay interest and principal and yet sell good gas cheap, hence be a benefit to your people as well, if judiciously managed on municipal account.

A private corporation cannot afford to sell gas as cheaply as the municipality, because as a rule they cannot borrow money as cheaply, and must look for larger profits. But as a rule, municipalities do not sell gas as cheaply as private companies, notwithstanding above facts, because "Politics" too often enter and interfere with the management.

The Gas business is a profession which simple to the uneducated in it, is one that requires far more technical knowledge than any other branch of Civil Engineering; Hence it follows that only a trained manager can make a thorough success of the gas business. It is self-evident that you need a modern gas plant, and I have told you also, that money invested in such would pay, and may be regarded by you quite differently from money invested in, say for instance, a public park. But the most pressing question now is how you may get through the coming winter, for it is too late to count on making improvements so late in the season.

I do not yet clearly see what can be done for your works has been run to the limit with not a bit of margin for anything whatever. But I am inclined to think that the quickest, safest, and cheapest way in the end would be to put in a "Junior" set of the U. G J Co's Improved Lowe water gas apparatus.

If it could be procured in time, this would be also in the nature of a permanent improvement. I mention and recommend above because of your very limited ground space on which your works are situated.

Second choice, which may have to be first, however, is that you immediately order that one bench for which you have an offer, and by possible improvement in the manipulation of your works, tide over until next Spring. This can be done by the hearty cooperation of your Mr Fitzpatrick, your present employees, and following my further advice. I know it would "pay" your City to have a competent gas man in charge of your plant and business, and this would go far to enable you to carry out plan No. 2 as herein stated. I can get you such a man, who would be willing to come here for about \$85.00 per month, and with a little help from one or another competent gas engineer until your new plant was fully installed would soon, for more, than save his salary to your City.

Finally, it is easy for you to write to bids for work, as easy as for me, but unless you are known to have a competent Engineer to look over [Page 264] your work, you would get bids thousands of dollars higher than I would under like circumstances. These are facts.

I should be pleased to be employed in making plans and supervising contemplated improvements of your gas plant, as well as to advise you in up-to-date methods for general successful conduct of your gas business.

I hope you will seriously consider all I have herein written, much more could be said, but for the present I trust that proceeding lines will contain some things which will make it more plain sailing for you all.

Yours Respectfully,

Frederick Egner, Gas Engineer

Norfolk, Va

Mr Egner during his stay here of three or four days impressed the Committee with two facts which are vital to the undertaking and prosecuting of any public works, viz; 1st he comes to us well recommended and our personal contact and association with him convince us that he is a man of high integrity and we are convinced that he is a competent to formulate plans, take charge and prosecute the erection of a gas works for supplying Fredericksburg or for that matter any City with gas as cheap as is possible to make it. We hope by the time the Council meets in next regular meeting session to have more definite plans in reference to such permanent improvements as are most practicable to meet all requirements.

The Committees time being occupied largely in connection with the Gas Works, it has been able to give but little attention to the Electric Light Plant. The casual observer will have noticed, however, that the lights have been running but little interruption, the credit being solely due to the Superintendent, Mr E M Green, last night was an exception, as owing to the very high wind the lights were extinguished for fear of wire being crossed and services if not casualties resulting.

Respectfully submitted

G H Morrison

S W Somerville

J P Rowe, Light Committee

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was adopted and the action of the Committee endorsed.

W L Watson of the Health Committee presented a paper from the Sec of the Board of Health
Sep 14, 1904

To the Chairman of Committee on Health and Police

At a joint meeting of the above Committee with the City Board of Health, the Secretary was directed to present for the consideration of your Committee the following suggestions.

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1st That the City set apart some suitable spot for dumping refuse. There now being apparently no place for such purpose.

2nd That the sand from the intake of the city water down to Commerce street be dug out so as to drain the flats opposite Washington Avenue. These flats are rapidly become marshy and unhealthy.

3rd That the portion of the "basin" south of the partial dam made by digging out the canal be filled.

4th That steps be taken look toward the proper draining of the part of the upper ward from 13th to 16th sts & from C to E. This part of our City has had an unusual amount of Typhoid and malarial fever this season, and in view of the effect upon the health of our citizens as well as the property values involved, it would seem wise to undertake its proper and thorough drainage this fall.

Very respectfully,

J N Barney, Sec City Board of Health

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Health.

Mr E W Mills presented the following paper signed by a large number of citizens of the upper ward.
To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va
Gentlemen

The undersigned voters, taxpayers, and property owners and residents respectfully call your attention to the conditions which prevail in the section of this City for a block each side of Princess Anne St and from about 13th St to the Woolen Mill. In consequence of no work having been done for a long time, looking to the betterment of the section in question, it is practically without drainage. The Street is for much of its extent in the district mentioned, lower than Main St. Surface and rainwater collects in large pools and ponds and slowly evaporates. No sewers are in use to in any degree lessen the deleterious effects of the entire lack of surface drainage. Typhoid fever is prevalent, and is spreading, menacing the health of the City. Large sums of money have been spent on other sections while we have been entirely neglected, for a long time past, as stated. We therefore request, as earnestly as we can, and insist upon having relief, that immediate steps be taken to drain properly the section of the City included in the bounds above mentioned.

On motion of W E Bradley referred to Street Committee.

S W Somerville, Chairman of Committee on Schools made the following report.

We, the Committee on Schools recommend for the coming session the renewal of the contract between the City of Fredericksburg Va and the Fredericksburg College for ten (10) scholarships. The City to pay \$450.00 for the same; We further recommend that these ten (10) scholars be designated by the School Board.

Respectfully submitted, S W Somerville, M S Chancellor, E M Young Jr
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Mr Bradley offered the following resolution

The Committee on Schools having unanimously recommended that the contract formerly existing between the City of Fredericksburg Va and the Fredericksburg College be renewed, to wit
That the City of Fredericksburg Va pay to the Fredericksburg College the sum of \$450.00 in quarterly installments for the education of ten (10) pupils from the public schools for the session 1904 and 1905. To be designated by the School Board. Said ten (10) pupils to be selected who obtained the highest proficiency at the last session of the public schools and if they are not available, the next in point of proficiency, until the roll is exhausted, that may be available.

Resolved by this Council that the School Committee be instructed to make said contract and carry out its provisions at once.

Resolution seconded by J P Rowe.

Vice President in the Chair

The resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote

For; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young
Against; Embrey, Cole

President in the Chair

Geo H Morrison presented a petition for an electric light at corner of Lewis St and Washington Ave.

On motion of WE W Mills it was referred to Light Committee with power to act.

E W Mills had read an ordinance defining the duties of the President of the Council which according to the rules was laid over till next meeting.

On motion of J P Rowe, the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City Friday the 20th day of October 1904 at 7:30 PM o'clock

There were present E D Cole President
E M Young Jr Vice President
Councilmen W E Bradley, J P Rowe, J W Masters, E W Mills, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, M S
Chancellor, G H Morrison, W L Watson

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved

Vice President in the Chair

E D Cole of Finance Committee reported fines received by Act Mayor W S Embrey and turned over to Treasurer Knox during the last month \$78.00.

Her also presented the following bills which on several motions were ordered paid.

Bill of Free Lance	Local, get your dog collars	3.00
Bill of Free Lance	4in Ad, taxes, 8 times, local, city taxes due 7 times	6.75
Bill of Free Lance	4in Ad, pay your taxes 300 tax bills local city taxes	7.00
Bill of R A Kishpaugh	500 dog collars, 400 straps	35.50

He also presented receipt of City Treasurer R T Knox for land and property tax books from the Commissioner of Revenue, A B Bowering, duly sworn to before A B Botts, notary.

On motion of E D Cole, the Treasurer was ordered to pay the salary of the Commissioner of Revenue \$350.00

E D Cole presented the following paper from the Kenmore Shoe Co.

Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, Oct 18, 1904

Gentlemen, Nearly eleven years ago, when my associates and myself known as the Kenmore Shoe Co, proposed to build and operate a Shoe Factory here, we were promised by the Council, through the Finance Committee, that the matter of our Taxes would be "arranged" that is that if we paid our taxes the City would donate us a like sum each year, this to be in force for a period of ten years from July 1st 1894.

The Kenmore Shoe Co, has performed its part, paid its taxes annually, but it has not received its donation.

We desire to ascertain whether the City proposes to keep its faith with us or not, as the ten years have expired. The matter is of immediate importance to us, may we request the favor of an early reply?

Yours Respectfully,

Kenmore Shoe Co, Chas J Green, Pres.

On motion of E D Cole was laid on the table.

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E D Cole, President in the Chair

W E Bradley, Public Property, reported that his Committee were compelled to make some needed repairs to the Free Bridge, and were considering the merits or oak and southern pine lumber for the same, and asked the Council to instruct the Committee to buy the needed lumber as their best judgment might direct for the best interest of the City, in open market if they wished.

On motion of G H Morrison the Committee were so instructed.

J P Rowe of the Street Committee asked for further time with reference to petition concerning drainage for the upper end of the town, offered at last meeting and referred to the Street Committee, time granted.

G H Morrison of Light Committee made the following report
Fredericksburg, Va Oct 20, 1904

To the President and fellow members of the City Council

The undersigned Committee on Light beg leave to submit their report as follows.

The Electric Light Plant is running at about its usual state of efficiency. An occasional open current has caused the lights to go out for a short while several times during the month. Paint has been ordered and the contract let for painting the Electric Light Poles throughout the City, the paint cost 50¢ per gallon and painting 18¢ per pole.

At the Gas Works two (2) new retorts have been installed and are running, the supply of Gas in the holder has been replenished, the holder is half full, and we can now safely say that the City will not want for gas during the winter.

The contract for coal has been awarded, the price being \$2.85 per ton of 2000 lbs FOB cares, which costs \$3.49 per ton of 2240lbs delivered in shed at Gas Works.

The condition of the Gas Works was made known in our report under date of Sep 15th 1904 at which time we also presented a report from Mr Frederick Egner, Gas Engineer of Norfolk, Va. It was shown by both of these reports that under the most favorable circumstances the present Gas Works cannot be expected to much more than survive the coming winter. To undertake to patch or renew any part of the plant would be, in the opinion of the Committee, a great error as putting a piece of new cloth into an old garment, for indeed no one part can be found that would be capable of performing its functions in connection with a new apparatus. We are, therefore, brought face to face with the alternative of worrying along with an inefficient supply of Gas, as during recent years, or building a new plant.

Which shall it be? A new plant we are told by Mr Egner will cost about [Page 269] \$25,000.00. This provides for erecting a new plant on the present site will not accommodate a modern plant without seriously cramping the works, therefore your Committee wishes to open the question of location.

The Present site has two disadvantages besides that of being small, viz; it is occasionally deluged during very heavy freshets, and the cost of hauling and from cars to the works is from 30¢ to 40¢ every ton. The drayage alone costing from \$300 to \$400 per year.

The present location does possess the advantage of good drainage and all objectionable odors are beyond reach of dwellings.

The following statement from Mr Egner is, we think, worthy of careful consideration;
Committee on Light, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sirs; Herewith I respectfully submit a statement showing the approximate cost of Gas viz a small plant, taking 100,000 cu ft daily capacity as basis of calculations, and the most modern method applicable to such a small works into consideration.

You will understand that methods which are applied with advantages at such Gas Works as Washington, for example, are not always practicable at a much smaller plant; but & herewith shall consider the best that, in my opinion can be applied to Fredericksburg.

Your plant here is badly handicapped for a modern coal gas plant by reason of lack of sufficient ground space. Still for a daily capacity of maybe 120,000 cu ft, coal gas, your ground will do; but the retort house will have to be enlarged if modern apparatus is to be installed there, and as only modern apparatus will pay, we will consider this only in this paper in estimating cost of gas in the holder.

With modern appliances, your coal may be figured on yielding about 4.75 cu ft of 17 candle power gas per pound of coal carbonized. A ton (2240lbs) of coal will yield about 150lbs tar, 100lbs ammoniacal liquor, 100lbs coke dust, 1538lbs good coke, and 352lbs gas.

Of this coke 25% will be required in the furnaces of the retorts and for steam. The coke dust also will be used in the boiler.

Neglecting fractions, it may be assumed that you will have 1120lbs or one-half of a ton of coke for sale for each tone of coal gasified or "carbonized" the proper technical term. You will also have about 13 gals of tar per ton of coke; and if you save your ammonical liquor, it will net you about 20% per ton of coal. Modern appliances being considered (I shall assume that you will save your ammonia and sell it. For what you told me yesterday, I think that coke will net you about \$3.00 per ton; Tar 3¢ per gallon; and ammonia I add at 20¢. I shall assume that you will pay you leading retort man in each shift \$1.75; and the second man \$1.50 per shift of 12 hours. For they must be there for 12 hours each shift.

To produce 100,000 cu ft of coal gas with your coal will require about nine (9) tons (2240lbs) of coal, which at \$4.60 per ton will cost

		\$41.40
Deduct receipts from residuals		
Nine (9) half tons coke at \$3.00 per ton net	13.50	
(117) gals tar at 34 net	3.51	
20¢ per ton for ammonical liquor	1.80	\$18.81
Net cost of coal required		\$22.59
Labor, 2 day men, and 2 night men		6.50
Cost of 100,000 cu ft of Gas		\$29.09

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In holder, not counting repairs, purification, amortization (or sinking fund) to provide paying the principal of capital invested

	\$29.09
Now purification in your case will cost at 2¢ per 1000ft; repairs 4¢; and amortization on cost of plant 6¢ per 1000ft; and interest on capital about 6%, 5¢ per 1000 cu ft or a total of	29.09 first cost
	2.00 purification
	6.00 sinking fund
	5.00 interest
	4.00 current repairs

Making cost per 1000 cu ft ready to be delivered \$46.09.

But the cost of distribution is not in this, neither the leakage which is from 5 to 10% always. On average make of 100,000 cu ft per day is 36,500,000 cu ft per year. Assuming the unaccounted for gas to be 8% a not very high figure, this would be 2,920,000 cu ft which at

\$46.09 per 100 for gas lost	424.02	
A Working Superintendent	1,000.00	
An assistant	420.00	
Sinking fund for Street mains	2,190.00	
Repairs to street mains and services	1,825.00	
Stationary, incidentals, office rent	500.00	
Cost of distributing 33,500,000 cu ft of gas (taking out the 8% leakage)		\$6,359.22

It is so nearly 19¢ per 1000 cu ft (18.93¢) that we call it that

Hence cost to make per 1000 cu ft	\$46.09
Cost to distribute 1000 cu ft	\$20.00
Cost of 1000 cu ft sold	\$66.09

I have not figured my compensation in this; and a clerk, perhaps a competent lady clerk might be added to above at say 1¼¢ per 1000 sold per year. My compensation I have included in my estimate of cost of new plant.

If you could be safe to promise your people good gas without danger of stoppage, and at say \$4.00 per 1000 cu ft as you could do in perfect safety with modern plant and management, you would soon sell

more than the amount herein calculated upon, and after providing for a sinking fund, for current repairs, for fair compensation for actual employees, you would have the following left you.

Cost of gas sold (33,500,000) \$67.34	
adding a clerk including interest, repairs, sinking fund etc	\$22,558.90
Receipts at \$1.00 per 1000 cu ft	\$33,500.00
Net profit to your city	\$10,941.10

Per year and giving good service at that.

Some compensation for one might be taken from above without hurt, maybe

Very Respectfully,
Frederick Egner, Engineer

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PS In these figures I give you easily attainable facts. I have assumed your street mains to be worth, or to be made worth \$25,000.00 and your new works to cost about \$25,000.00. If anybody can and does offer it for less, I know that you will get a plant accordingly, and be sorry when too late. I have no object or any interest to serve excepting to try and give you such advice as will, if followed, be a source of satisfaction to you all, now and in years to come. Respectfully F E.

In presenting these figures and facts we do so gentlemen with the request that you seriously weigh and consider them. Shall we continue in darkness or give our people the service they so richly deserve. Shall we have a gas works worthy of the name when the luxury will cost us \$25,000 or \$30,000.00?

The exact cost cannot be ascertained until plans have been formulated and estimates secured, and it would be folly to engage an engineer to draft plans and specifications at a cost of several hundred dollars unless we are willing to expend the amount which he has given as being the approximate cost.

G H Morrison, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Committee

Report adopted

The Light Committee then offered the following recommendations

That your Committee be instructed to secure an engineer to formulate designs, draft plans, and specifications and secure bids on same to be submitted to the Council at a future meeting.

Vice President in the Chair

On motion of E W Mills, the recommendation was adopted by the following recorded vote

For; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young

President in the Chair

Mr Chancellor presented a letter from Mr Blair Lee, Treasurer National Mary Washington Memorial Association asking for remitting of a bill of water rent amounting to \$91.65 due the city for bath tub, closet, and domestic purposes in the Lodge on the monument grounds here, which had been running since 1897.

It was granted by the following vote

Ayes; Rowe, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Young = six votes (6)

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Chancellor, Mills, Watson = five votes (5)

Mr Chancellor of Water Committee asked until Tuesday night to make report of plan and specifications for the purpose of improvements of the water works. Granted

Mr Dannehl introduced an ordinance in regard to painting telegraph and telephone poles, sizes of same etc which according to the rules lays over until next meeting.

Ordinance Committee asked for further time on ordinance defining duties of President of the Council. Granted.

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S W Somerville on Schools, reported that the contract for ten scholarships with the Fredericksburg College had been renewed for 1904 and 1905 and that nine scholars, Bettie Ball, Flossie Garner, Eva Humphreys, Alice Moncure, Susie Tyler, Master Ira Bowles, Willie Cole, Miss May Thomas and Mr Wiley Weaver are in attendance and the tenth will be in attendance in a few days.

On motion of Mr Bradley, The Finance Committee was instructed to pay the Fredericksburg College the sum of \$450.00 for said contract as follows; \$150.00 at once, and balance in three equal installments of \$100.00 each at the commencement of each quarter. By a unanimous vote carried.

Acting Mayor W S Embrey reported through J W Masters that the Police had faithfully performed their duties and on motion their salaries were ordered paid.

E D Cole presented a petition from a large number of citizens in reference to the bad condition of sidewalk on Lee Street. On motion of Mr Chas Foster was heard in behalf of the petitioners. On motion of W E Bradley, referred to the Street Committee to ascertain cost and report to the Council.

Mr E H Randall of Stafford, applied for position of City Surveyor. It was on motion passed by to next meeting.

On motion of E W Mills, the Ordinance Committee was instructed to bring in an ordinance creating the office of City Engineer, and defining his duties and fees, etc.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Young Jr, Vice President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber in said City, Thursday the 17th day of November 1904 at 7:30 PM o'clock

There were present E D Cole, President

E M Young, Vice President

Councilmen, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson

Vice President E M Young presiding

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved

E D Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills, which on several motions were ordered paid.

Free Lance Pub Co	1800 election tickets	\$10.00
Free Lance Pub Co	ad dog taxes	\$1.50
Free Lance Pub Co	30 sets City government	\$3.00
Dr J E Tompkins	Services	\$9.00

Mr Cole reported the floating debt curtailed \$3,500 leaving it \$16,735.67

On motion of E D Cole the Mayor was allowed 15 cts each for issuing dog collars by the following recorded vote

Ayes Cole, Rowe, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Watson, Young = (7)

Noes Bradley, Mills, Masters, Morrison = (4)

Mr Embrey not voting as he had been acting Mayor

E D Cole presented report of W S Embrey, Acting Mayor for fines collected and paid over to Treas Knox amount \$27.00 with treasurer's receipt for same

Also the issuing of 291 dogs collars (males) \$219.00

Also the issuing of 52 dogs collars (females) \$78.00

With Treas receipt for the same \$297.00

Report adopted

E D Cole offered the following resolution;

The City Collector having reported to the Council the [that] he had collected capitation tax for 1903 from (436) persons amounting to \$218.00 his 5% discount, and that he collection Capitation tax for same year from (30) persons amounting to (\$15.00) with penalty of 5% added. And presents then to the Council a list of such persons from whom said Capitation Tax was collected, be now appear contrary to the new Constitution. And the City Collector further reports that there are now on his books Capitation Tax from said year charged against (756) persons aggregating (\$378.00).

Resolved by the Council that the Capitation Tax aforesaid collected and turned in by the City Collector to the City Treasurer be refunded by the City Treasurer to the persons from whom the same was collected, [Page 274]

And further resolved that the City Collector is relieved from the collection of the aforesaid uncollected capitation tax, and that he deliver the bills for the same to the City Treasurer who shall give the City Collector credit for same.

Adopted by the following recorded vote;

Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young (12 votes)

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee reported that his Committee had purchased the lumber for the repair on Free Bridge, 31,000 ft in open market and had saved the City money. \$150.00. Report adopted.

To the Honorable President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va I have the honor of respectfully reporting to your honorable body my actings and doings as Mayor of your City since I took upon myself the duties of the office of Mayor.

I have granted but one dray or cart license. That one to L C Walker No 39, bond with security filed.

I have transferred license No 33, to J W Shalluck with approved security upon bond of assignor.

I have received bond of A P Rowe as Collector of Taxes with security

I have received bond of E W Jones, Scavenger lower ward with security

I have received bond of Cumberland Mills, Scavenger Upper ward with security

I have signed my approval to two measures passed by your honorable body, those being all that have been presented to me.

By reason of a long absence caused by sickness I have issued but few dog licenses

Issued 20 dog collars males \$20.00

Issued 2 dog collars female \$3.00

Paid to R T Knox Treasurer \$23.00

Amount of fines collected since Sept 1 st 1904 to date	\$101.95
Amount of fines paid Treasurer R T Knox	\$101.95

The following parties have been sent to jail in default of fines assessed;
 Robert Parker, Wm Meredith, [blank] Creighton, E Eagen, H G Buckley, John Smith, Leonard Edwards,
 Beckie Furgasen, Lottie Stanton, Beckie Stanton, Chas Wheeler, Mary Smith, Jim Briggs, Susan Dawson,
 Lucy Miller.

Wm Catlett & Rich Hicks sent to Grand Jury
 Jno Proctor fined \$20.00 for assault, left the City.

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I will respectfully report to your honorable body in regard to police of the City. I regret very much to have to report first, that I felt it my duty today upon what I considered sufficient grounds to suspend for (20) days Policeman W N Tansill.

Further with advancing age comes necessarily weakness, and inability to perform very active service. I would therefore suggest that Policeman Charles A Gore, who has so faithfully for many years performed the duties of Policeman in this City be retained with certain specific duties assigned him, by doing this the Policeman of the City will be upon their respective beats in the discharge of their duties. He amongst his other duties having charge of the Mayor's office, Council Chamber, distributing notices, etc. Giving more time to the other Policeman to perform their duties.

Messrs John Robinson and W R Hall are two most active and excellent officers.

In closing this report I wish to convey to Recorder W S Embrey, my thanks for his kindness to me, and for the admirable and able manner in which he discharged the duties of Mayor during my absence.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Nov 17, 1904

On motion the report was received, adopted and ordered to record.

W S Embrey, of Street Committee reported the streets to be in good condition. In regard to Lee Avenue sidewalks referred to his Committee at the last meeting, his had been unable to do anything, and sked for instructions from the Council with regard to the retaining wall necessary to protect said property.

On motion the matter was referred back to the Street Committee with instructions to have a conference with the property owners along the line of work, and report back to the Council cost of work and also the disposition of the property owner to protect the City from damage.

Mr Chancellor, Water Committee presented and had read an ordinance relative to water works and water rents, according to the rules was laid over till next meeting.

Mr Dannehl also presented the following opinion of the City Attorney with reference to the ordinance referred to his Committee defining the duties of the President of the City Council.

To the members of the Ordinance Committee

I have examined carefully the paper referred to me by your Committee, "An ordinance defining the duties of the President of the Council." The General Assembly of Va in section 1015 f of the act offered May 20, 1903, and in section 1033 of the Act offered January 2, 1904 has defined the duties of the President of the Council both as to presiding, signing the minutes, and convening the Council and when shall act as Mayor

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The first mentioned act also provides for the election of a V. President of the Council and defines his duties. It also provides for election by the Council to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Council or in the Office of President or V President

Hence as to all these matters such proposed ordinance is wholly unnecessary and superfluous.

The 4 section of the proposed ordinance reads as follows, "He (meaning the President of the Council) shall perform all the duties heretofore performed by the Mayor as presiding officer of the Council."

This would authorize the President to break a tie vote in the Council, which authority the Council cannot confer on its President.

Under existing ordinances the Mayor now has the power to appoint all the standing Committees. It is competent for the Council to revoke this power of the Mayor, by a duly adopted ordinance annulling the present ordinance conferring that power on the Mayor. Of course, such new ordinance would be subject to the veto of the Mayor. In my judgment it should be inexpedient to transfer the power of appointment from the Mayor to the President of the Council.

The Mayor is directly responsible to the people for his appointments, and could gain no advantage for himself by making unsuitable selections. Where the President might secure and use influence in the body over which he presided, by the exercise of this power, and would be embarrassed in the selection of himself as chairman or member of important committees, where his services might be very valuable. The Council, in the event that the Mayor should make improper appointments, could by ordinance provide for the selection of the Committees by a vote of the Council itself.

Report Submitted

St Geo R Fitzhugh

Adopted

Mr Dannehl further report that his Committee deemed it unwise to create the new office of City Engineer at this time. Adopted. And no ordinance was necessary without the office.

"Amend Chapter XI. By adding section 15.

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

That all poles placed, or hereafter to be placed along the streets, alleys, and highways of this City, for the purpose of maintaining wires or cables for transmission of electric current for telegraph, telephone, electric light, or electric power; shall be so placed as directed by the Street Committee of the Council. All poles shall be of approved material or of good sound timber, and of neat and symmetrical proportions.

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Any person, firm or corporation now, or hereafter owning such poles shall have the same neatly painted under the direction and supervision of the Street Committee of the Council, which thirty days after receiving written notice from the said Committee to do so.

Any person, firm, or corporation refusing or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars for each days failure to comply."

H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, Ordinance Committee. (adopted)

Mr Dannehl introduced an ordinance governing the City scales according to the rule laid over till the next meeting.

An ordinance in regard to fees for dog taxes, according to the rules laid over till next meeting.

Mr Cole

An ordinance in regard to keeping hogs in the City, according to the rules laid over till next meeting.

Mr Morrison presented application from the Fredericksburg Water Power Co, through Messrs Cartright & Davis for a franchise to operate an electric light system arc and incandescent.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee

Mr Mills, Public Interest, reported Major McKenzie had recommended \$25,000.00 appropriation for the Rappahannock River for next year, and he was in hope that his Committee, and he was in hope that his Committee through Major McKenzie would have it increased to \$50,000.00

On motion of E D Cole, the Public Property Committee was instructed to get bids for a building in the market yard, in which to put sprinkler Street Sweeper and Street plow, and to report same to Council in 10 days.

On motion of E D Cole the council went into the election of City Surveyor. The application of E H Randall was taken up and he was duly elected by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young = (11) votes

No Mr Mills (1) vote

The Water Committee was instructed to construct a sewer from Amelia Street down Charles Street to Commerce St under the supervision of the Supt of Water Works. By unanimous recorded vote.

E D Cole presented a letter stating that the 4th Immune Regiment USV, which served through the Spanish American War and which was organized here in 1898 would hold a reunion here in the Spring of 1905. The Council extended an invitation to hold said reunion [Page 278] and referred the matter to the Public Interest Committee with instructions to notify said secretary of said action.

Mr Morrison presented application for the use of the Court House building by the People's Mission for a pay lecture to be delivered by Dr Hannon. By motion it was laid on the table with regrets on the ground that to do so would be contrary to the City Ordinances.

Mr Mills moved that the report of Mayor Wallace in regard to Police recommendation be taken up, lost by the following vote;

Ayes; Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Young (5) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson (7) votes

On motion of Mr Embrey the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va held pursuant to notice in the Council Chambers of said City on Tuesday the 22nd day of November 1904 at 7:30 o'clock PM There were present E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, M S Chancellor, Geo H Morrison, W L Watson, E M Young Jr

The meeting was called to order by the President, who stated it had been called to receive the report of the Board of Commissioners appointed under an Ordinance of April 21, 1904, and Sep 15, 1904 to apportion the cost of granolithic pavement, cellar doors, drain pipes, between the City Treasury and the real estate benefitted thereby and to assess two thirds (2/3) of said cost of said improvement upon said property.

Vice President in the Chair

Report of Board of Commissioners

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The undersigned Board of Commissioners, heretofore appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Act of General Assembly of Virginia of January 11th 1900, and the Act of January 29th 1901. Amending the same, have fully complied with said Statutes and the Ordinance of the Council of April 21st 1904. Have

made the following assessments (not appealed from) for the paving of the walkways herein set forth as especially benefitted by said improvements, said assessment not being in excess of the peculiar benefits resulting therefrom to the abutting land owners [Page 279] in accordance with the method of assessment, set forth in said Ordinance of the 21st of April 1904.

And closed our report of the same on the 26th of August 1904.

And now in pursuance of said Statutes we return our report to the City Council showing the abutting owners, and the assessments against each and dividing the assessments into three equal and annual installments.

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The undersigned Board of Commissioners herewith return the assessments which were appealed to the Corporation Court, which assessments were by said Court adjudged as follows;

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The undersigned Board of Commissioners heretofore appointed by the Council in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia of January 11th 1900 and the Act of January 29th 1901, Amending the same, have fully complied with the requirements of said Statutes and in pursuance of said Statutes and the Ordinance of the Council of Sep 15th 1904 have made the following assessments (not appealed from) for the paving of the walk ways herein set forth as especially benefitted by said improvements, said assessments not being in excess of the peculiar benefits resulting therefrom to the abutting land owners in accordance with the method of assessment set forth in said Ordinance of the 15th of September 1904, and closed our report of the same on the 4th day of November 1904.

And now in pursuance of said Statutes we return our report to the City Council showing the abutting owners and the assessments against each and dividing the assessments into three equal annual installments.

E D Cole, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, H H Wallace, B J Marshall, David Hirsh; Board of Commissioners

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution

The two boards of Commissioners heretofore appointed by the Council pursuance of the list of the General Assembly of January 11th 1900 as amended by the Act of January 29th 1901 in relation to the paving of walk ways in Fredericksburg, having each made its report of assessments made respectively under the Ordinance of April 21, 1904 and the Ordinance of Sep 15th 1904 and one of said Committees having also reported certain assessments, which were appealed from and the decision of the Corporation Court upon such appeals confirming said assessments.

Resolved by the Council,

That the three said reports are accepted by the Council in pursuance of said Statutes and that said assessments shall become due and payable as follows.

One third of said entire assessment on the 15th December 1904; one third thereof on the 15 December 1905, and one third thereof on the 15th December 1906.

But any person so assessed who shall pay the entire assessment upon the property in which he is interested, within ten days from the date of the payment of the first installment shall be entitled to a discount of 5 per cent.

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The Clerk of the Council shall forthwith furnish to the City Treasurer a list of said assessments contained in said three reports and the Treasurer shall furnish the City Collector with the same who shall proceed to collect the same as they become due, and to collect the whole amount less the five percent where any person shall elect to save the discount as above.

The Collector shall receive commission of 2½ percent in all assessments collected hereunder.

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young (12) votes

On motion of J P Rowe the rules were suspended

The President in the Chair

E M Young offered the following resolution

Resolved by the Council, That the Joint Committee on Street Improvement heretofore consisting of the Finance Committee, Street Committee of the Council and three Citizens not members of the Council, viz David Hirsh, H H Wallace and B J Marshall, as hereby re-appointed for the purpose of concluding said matter as were before them, prior to the election of the present Council.

Adopted by unanimous vote

Vice President in the Chair

W L Watson offered the following resolution

It being represented to the Council that the County of Culpeper has agreed to pay 8/12th of the cost of constructing a bridge across the Rapidan River at Ely's Ford and that the County of Spotsylvania has agreed to pay 3/12^{ths} of said cost, and the City of Fredericksburg being asked to agree to defray 1/12th of said cost provided the same shall not exceed the sum of \$458.00.

Resolved by the Council that when the two above mentioned Counties shall have completed said bridge and shall have defrayed 11/12^{ths} of the cost of the same. Then the City of Fredericksburg will contribute to the cost of said bridge an amount equal to one twelfth (1/12) of said cost, provided that in no event shall her contribution exceed the sum of (\$458.00).

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole (12) votes

On motion of J W Masters the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber in said City, Thursday the 15th day of December 1904 at 7:30 PM o'clock.

There were present E D Cole, President

E M Young, Jr Vice President

Councilmen Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson

Minutes of last regular meeting and of called meeting read and approved.

Vice President Young expressed his deep gratitude and appreciation of the kindness and sympathy shown him in his recent affliction by the members of the Council.

V President E M Young in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported the floating debt of the City reduced to \$15,000.00

Also the following bills which on several motions were ordered paid

Free Lance Pub Co	Tax Books (sidewalks)	3.00
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Free Lance Pub Co	Add Page (sidewalk tax)	2.00	5.00
Dr J N Barney	Services attending Andrew Jackson		5.00
St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Atty	Professional services to Nov 15, 1904		500.00

On motion of Col Cole Dr J N Barney Chairman of Board of Health was allowed the sum of (\$25.00) dollars for services in the recent small pox case by the following recorded vote.

Ayes Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young = ten (10) votes.

Cole Cole presented and read receipt from Treasurer R T Knox for tax books, Granolithic sidewalk received from the Clerk of the Council.

Mr Bradley, Public Property, reported that his Committee had been at work on the question of erecting a suitable building in the market yard for the Sprinkler, the sweeper and plow, referred to them at last meeting and would report bids at next meeting.

W L Watson, Water Committee, Presented and had read the following letter and bill from Chas L Ruffin, Engineer. Mr Sanford Chancellor, Chairman of Water Committee

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find bill for services rendered, payment of which has been deferred from time to time.

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Being informed that bill must be approved by the Council, would ask that you have as personally assured, necessary action taken tonight.

In this connection your will recall, that on or about April or May last, your Committee instructed me to prepare report, plans, specifications and estimate for extension of your water supply system, upon a commission of 2% of cost, for report 5% for plans and specifications; 3% for supervision of construction; the cost to be determined by proposals, if let properly, otherwise by estimate. Work not having been let, objection was made that my estimate of cost was too high and your Superintendent of Water instructed to revise same. While I am of the opinion that the work cannot be properly done for the amount of his estimate, yet as a compromise, I will accept (\$300.00) in full settlement of my account—that being practically 5% of your Superintendent’s estimate of cost

Respectfully,

Chas L Ruffin

On motion of Mr Bradley, Mr Ruffin’s bill was referred to the Finance Committee said Committee to confer with the Water Committee with power to pay said bill if found correct, by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Rowe, Bradley, Dannehl, Morrison, Young, Watson = six (6) Votes

Noes; Mills, Masters = two (2) votes

Cole and Somerville excused from voting

Mr Dannehl, Ordinance Committee presented and ordinance to amend the ordinances concerning weigher & measurer, and Inspector of Coal, Grain, Lumber & etc

“Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va that the hay scales of the Corporation shall be rented out annually on the first day of January at public auction to the highest bidder by the City Collector for a cash rent. The City to keep the scales in reasonable repair, and the Lessee of said scales weigh all such commodities as are related in said Ordinance for the fees therein named, whenever requested to do so, by the or purchaser of such commodities.

But it shall be optional with such purchaser or seller to have said commodities weighed. And the fees shall be paid by the party calling for the service.”

Henry Dannehl, M S Chancellor, Committee

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Bradley, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young = ten (10) votes

“An Ordinance to amend the City ordinance in relation to water works and water rents

Be it ordained by the Council of Fredericksburg Va that the failure of any person liable for water rent under this ordinance to pay the same when it is due, shall, when the default shall amount to a year's such, authorize the Water Committee to direct the Superintendent of the [Page 283] Water Works to cut off the water from the premises of such party in default until all such in arrears is paid.”

Henry Dannehl, M S Chancellor, Committee

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Bradley, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young = ten (10) votes

An ordinance in reference to raising hogs, presented to the last meeting and referred to the Ordinance Committee was returned and a substitute for same was presented by the Committee and laid over till next meeting.

Mr Mills offered as a substitution for the whole an ordinance on hogs which was referred until next meeting of the Council.

An ordinance regulating the fee of the Mayor on Dog Licenses

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va that the Ordinance “Concerning Dogs” Chap XX of the General Ordinances approved May 19th 1899 be amended as follows;

Sec 11. The Mayor shall receive a fee of ten (10) cents for each and every dog license issued, said fee to be paid by order of the Council at the meeting at which the Mayor makes his report of the number of licenses issued for the year

Henry Dannehl, M S Chancellor, Committee

The following vote was cast and recorded

Ayes; Rowe, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young = five (5) votes

Noes; Bradley, Mills, Masters, Morrison, Cole = five (5) votes

Being a tie vote the ordinance was lost

Fredericksburg, Va Dec 15, 1904

To the President and fellow members of the City Council

The undersigned Committee on Light respectfully report that both the Electric Light & Gas works are and have been running at about their usual state of efficiency during the past month.

Ice in the canal has to some extent interfered with the running of the Electric Light works.

Conditions that are continually developing at the Gas Works, more than bear out our former reports as to its deplorable condition. The station meter and purifying boxes have all been sources of expense and annoyance, and the lost or unaccounted for Gas is, indeed, beyond all reason, being from 14% some months to as much as 25 % other months.

We submit herewith plans and specifications for the new Gas works which Mr Frederick Egner has so very promptly and carefully executed for us, together with proposals for the different parts of the works, which when completely installed and assembled ready for operation he estimates will cost about \$22,222.20.

It will be noticed in perusing these plans and specifications that Mr Egner has furnished plans and proposals for water gas as well as coal gas [Page 284]

The cost of the Coal Gas plant being about	\$22,222.20
The cost of the Water Gas plant being about	\$20,036.80
The cost of the Coal Gas plant being about \$2,185.40 greater than Water Gas.	

Mr Egner who gives us the following comparative costs of coal and water gas having his figures on the supposition that one would make about 50,000 cu ft of Gas per day. Taking the gross sum for one year, we have

Cost of material and labor in making Water Gas	\$7,856.40
Cost of material and labor in making Coal Gas	\$4,766.90
Savings in favor of Coal Gas per year	\$3,088.50

(cost of purification is not included in either of above figures which in each case would be about the same)

Therefore your Committee heartily recommends that the necessary legislation looking toward the early building of a new Gas plant on a site best suited to the economical manufacture and distribution of Coal Gas be enacted as speedily as is consistent with sound business judgment.

Your Committee appreciates the fact that there is but \$10,000.00 available money with which to erect the proposed new works which will cost near \$25,000.00 and possibly more if built on a new site, therefore we suggest as a probable means of raising the necessary funds, the consideration of selling an electric franchise together with the Electric Light Plant for which we are assured by responsible parties, a sum worth considering and an arrangement whereby the purchaser will furnish eighty (80) lights, with a privilege of five hundred (500) if wanted, of 2000 CP each for lighting the Streets during the next thirty years at a cost less than the City is now able to furnish them) with the proviso that should any other City in Virginia secure their lights of an equal CP at a less cost from private sources, they will reduce their price accordingly.

This we consider a proposition worthy of your careful consideration, and it being within the premises of the Light Committee we respectfully suggest that a Committee of four citizens be elected viz; H H Wallace, John M Griffin, Geo W Shepherd and M G Willis to confer with the Light Committee in reference to the sale of the Electric Franchise and light plant and report back to the Council as its next regular meeting or at a called meeting with recommendations.

The only alternative for raising the funds for the building of the Gas Works is the issuing of more bonds, which would require a vote of the people.

Respectfully submitted

G H Morrison, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Light Committee

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the report was received.

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On motion the following resolution was unanimously adopted

That the Council appoint the following Joint Committee Light and Finance Committee and the four following citizens namely G W Shepherd, M G Willis, John M Griffin and H H Wallace, and that the matter of the erection of a new Gas plant of the City be referred to said Committee and the method of raising funds for the purpose, whether by the issue of bonds by the vote of the people, or by sale of the Electric Works and franchise thereof.

And the said Committee make report at next regular meeting of the Council, their recommendation touching these matters together with such other matters as the Committee may deem pertinent.

Mr Masters of Fire and Police reported that J A Stone had been employed as janitor of the Fire house at a salary of five (\$5.00) dollars per month.

On motion of Mr Rowe, Wm Fitzpatrick was elected Superintendent of the Gas Works at a salary of \$800.00 per year. Ten (10) votes

On motion of Mr Bradley S J Quinn was elected Superintendent of the Water Works at a salary of \$900.00 per year. Ten (10) votes

On motion of Mr Mills, the action of the Finance Committee in ordering the Treasurer to pay the Police for November was approved.

Mr Morrison of the Light Committee asked that the Council place to the credit of the Light Committee the sum of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars for the Gas Works.

Mr Dannehl moved that \$3000.00 be appropriated for that purpose.

On motion of Mr Somerville the Council adjourned to Monday Dec 19, 1904 at 4 PM to consider appropriations of \$3,000.00 to the Gas Committee.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber December 19, 1904 at 4 PM o'clock

Present, Cole, Rowe, Bradley, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Chancellor, Watson, Morrison

President E D Cole in the Chair

E W Mills moved to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 which sum is to be placed to the credit of the Light Committee for the Gas Works, as was asked for by Mr Morrison at the last meeting of the Council.

Which was appropriated by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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