

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1905

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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 Thursday the 19th day of January 1905 at 7:30 o'clock PM

President in the Chair

There were present President E D Cole

Vice President E M Young Jr

Councilmen Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson (11 members)

Minutes of the last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Vice President Young in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill of Johnston and Pearson \$3.75

Ordered paid

Col Cole reported that the matter of Engineer's bill referred to Finance and Water Committee had been adjusted and paid.

Col Cole presented communication and receipt book for fines from A B Yates, Clerk of Corporation Court. Referred to Finance Committee

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

The undersigned Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Va pursuant to section 714a.

Paragraph (3) of the Code of Virginia respectfully produces the receipt books for fines Nos 28 and 30 furnished him by the auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia under said section. These are all the books of receipts that have been furnished him by the Auditor, except No 29 which has been delivered to the Hon Thomas P Wallace Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

No 28 used by the Clerk shows that since said books were delivered to him he has receipted for one fine Series D, No 1357, December 22nd 1904, \$5.00 from Thomas P Wallace, Mayor for violation of Game Laws by W T Jones; Book No 30 has not been delivered to or used by any one.

He respectfully asks that this Statement be examined corrected and countersigned and transmitted to the Auditor of Public Accounts as direct by the Statute.

A B Yates, Clerk

Col Cole presented the Report of the Mayor

President and members of the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

I respectfully report to your honorable body that Chas C Gore, Policeman is still confined to his house, being unable to perform [Page 287] the duties of Policeman. That B S Pates has been performing the duties of policeman very faithfully and actively.

All other policemen of the City of Fredericksburg Va have been active, faithful and efficient in the performance of their duties.

I will respectfully report that I think crime has somewhat abated, one of the causes of this is the extension of the R F & P R R The hands who were often at the depot, and on the streets are now so far off that they do not come here. And have carried with them many lewd women who have been before the Mayor.

I have nothing special to report to your honorable body.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Report adopted

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported that his Committee had formulated plans for the construction of house in the market lot for the sprinkler, sweeper & plow, and asked the Council to grant his Committee

the privilege of letting out to contract or of having the same built as in their judgment would be most to the interest of the City.

Granted by the following recorded vote

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole (10 votes)

No; Mills (1) vote

Mr Embrey of Streets reported that the two matters referred to his Committee namely drainage of the upper end of Town and side walk on Lee Avenue had been delayed on account of the very bad weather, but would be taken up as soon as weather permitted

Mr Embrey reported that many of the W U Telegraph Poles were on the out skirts of the City, and asked the Council for instructions with regard to painting same. Referred to Street Committee

Mr Watson of Water Committee had read the following communication

Wilmington, Del Dec 29, 1904

City Water Works, Fredericksburg, Va

We find for our Engineer's report that you are using considerably more water than we are receiving revenue for. The amount has been carefully and conservatively estimated by our Engineer. This of course we naturally expect compensation for. As you may wish to have an engineer measure the flow and check our Engineer's work, we will allow you a reasonable time to do so, with the understanding that the rental for the surplus shall be due and collectable from Jan 1, 1905. We enclose bill for and due to 31st Inst.

Yours truly,

Fredericksburg Power Co Inc

Jos Swift Pres.

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Reply

Fredericksburg Power Co

Fredericksburg Va, Jan'y 4, 1905

Gents,

Your favor of 29th Ultimo received. You state that your Engineer's report that the City of Fredericksburg is using considerably more water than you are receiving revenue for. This statement is a surprise to the Superintendent of the Water Works, as we are not using more water than we have used for many years. And Mr Clark never made any such claim. Please let us know the method of measurement made by your Engineer's and what amount in excess they report. And who are your Engineers? Upon receipt of this information the Council will take up the matter.

Very respectfully,

St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Atty

Water power furnished at City pumping station per estimate Chas Ruffin, Eng'r

Head	Cu-ft per sec		Horse Power		Paying fo
	Obligated	Supplied	Obligated	Supplied	
11.06	24.00	21.45	30.00	26.80	\$15.00

The Water Committee asked the Council to instruct the Water & Light Comm to employ a hydraulic engineer to have the water used by the City measured. And the Council so instructed on motion Mr Young

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee stated that his Committee report unfavorably on the Ordinance referred to his Committee at last meeting prohibiting the raising of hogs in the City and offered the following

“An Ordinance to amend and re-enact section 20, Chapter XII, of general ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg Va, approved the 19th day of May 1899 and in effect July 1st 1899.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that section 20 of Chapter XII of a general ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg, Va approved the 19th day of May 1899, and in force July 1st 1899 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows;

Section 20

Part 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep within or upon any lot within the corporate limits of Fredericksburg, any hog, pig, or shoat, without such person shall have obtained from the Mayor a permit, which permit shall specify the person to whom it is issued, the premises upon which the said person it to be permitted to keep any swine and the number of such animals such person is to be allowed to keep under such permit. Any person having upon any premises located within the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg, any hog, pig, or shoat without first having procured from the Mayor a permit as provided in this paragraph shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) for each offense; and each day any pig, hog or shoat [Page 289] is kept without a permit shall be deemed a separate offence.

Part 2. It shall be the duty of the Mayor to keep in a suitable book, a record of all applications for permits to keep hogs, pigs or shoats with the corporate limits of Fredericksburg;

When any application is made to the Mayor under this ordinance, he shall grant or refuse the permit as in his discretion he may think proper, granting the permit if the locality proposed is suitable; and when the Mayor shall refuse a permit or revoke the same, he shall record the refusal or revocation noting the premises proposed; and his reason therefore, and if he grant a permit he shall record the same, to who issued, and the premises upon which the swine are to be kept and the number of swine allowed to be kept.

Part 3. All hogs, pigs, and shoats kept in the City under permits as hereinbefore provided shall be confined in pens, lots or other safe enclosures, and the pens in which such swine are confined shall be located and constructed as to be easily and thoroughly cleansed and delivered of all offensive or noxious matter whatever; and it shall be the duty of any person keeping any swine under permit aforesaid to keep the pen, lot or other enclosure, in which said swine is confined thoroughly and effectively clean and free from all offensive or noxious matter, or odors, and to spray the same with proper disinfectants when necessary to prevent or destroy noxious matter or odors.

Part 4. It shall be the duty of Mayor to require the Police officers of the City to make systematic and frequent inspection of all pens, lots and enclosures in which same are confined, and to this end the Mayor shall require the Police officers of the Upper and Lower wards to keep in a small book a list of the persons and places having permits for the keeping of swine, with the number authorized to be kept, in their respective wards and during the months of May, June, July August and September of each year, at least two inspections shall be made monthly of all pens, lots or enclosures in which swine are confined, by the Police officers of the respective wards, who shall report in writing to the Mayor after each inspection, the condition of each place where swine is kept, and whether a lawful permit has been issued, for such places and the number of swine there kept. And whether or not such places are being kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, if it shall appear from the report of the Police officer or from any other source, at any time that any person keeping swine under any permit as aforesaid is not keeping the pen and the lot adjacent to the same, or other place in which swine is kept in a proper sanitary condition such person shall be summoned before the Mayor and the case inquired into. If the Mayor shall find upon investigation that there has been any violation of this ordinance the person so offending shall be fined not less than one dollar (\$1.00) for the first offense, and if the same person be convicted a second time for any violation of this ordinance besides imposing a fine of not less than two dollars the Mayor, may, in his discretion revoke the permit formerly issued to such person.

No fine imposed for violation of this ordinance shall be less than one dollar; and the Mayor may, in his discretion revoke any permit issued by him under this ordinance at any time that he may deem the ordinance not faithfully observed by the person holding such permit.

Part 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to take away or abridge the right of any citizen to proceed by any method heretofore lawful to have abated any pen, or other place used for keeping of swine within the Corporate limits of this city whenever any such pen or other such place shall be or become [Page 290] offensive or dangerous to health.

Part 6. This ordinance shall take effect March 1st 1905”

Approved and recommended by H Dannehl, M S Chancellor; Committee

Col Cole offered as a substitute the following presented at last meeting.

“An Ordinance to amend and re-enact section 20, Chapter XII, of general ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg Va, approved the 19th day of May 1899 and in effect July 1st 1899.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that section 20 of Chapter XII of a general ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg, Va approved the 19th day of May 1899, and in force July 1st 1899 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows;

Section 20

It shall not be lawful hereafter for any hogs, shoats, or pigs to be kept in this City. If any person offend against this section he shall forfeit and \$2.00; every day that a hog, shoat or pig shall be kept in the City aforesaid shall be a distinct offence.

This ordinance shall take effect March 1st 1905

Lost by the following recorded vote

Aye; Cole (1) vote

Noes; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (10) votes

The ordinance recommended by the Committee was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Aye: Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (10) votes

Nos Embrey (1) vote

Geo H Morrison of Light Committee made the following report for the Joint Committee on Light To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Joint Committee consisting of members of the Committees of the Council on Light and Finance and four citizens not members of the Council to whom was referred by the Council for consideration and report thereon, the question of whether the erection of a new Gas Plant for the City was a necessity, and if so the method of raising the necessary funds to defray the cost of the same, beg leave to report

First That after a most careful consideration of the matters submitted in all their bearings the Joint Committee is clearly of the opinion that the present Gas plant of the City is in capable of repairs, and hence that a new Gas Plant is indispensable and that the new plant should be a Coal Gas Plant.

Second. That the increasing consumption of Gas for both lighting and cooking will render the new plant highly profitable from a financial point of view and at the same time diminish the cost to the consumers [Page 291]

Third. That the erection of the new plant can be financed without difficulty, the has now authority to raise bonds to the amount of \$10,000.00 and can obtain authority to raise \$6,000.00 more upon the basis of the present assessed value of the real estate, and it is fair to assumer that the new assessment now being made will materially increase the assessed value. These sources taken in connection with temporary loans will enable the City to meet the cost of the new plant.

Fourth. The Joint Committee recommend that the Joint Committee be authorized to employ a competent engineer and have bids in accordance with the plans and specifications in the hands of the Light Committee received without delay.

Geo H Morrison, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, E D Cole, W S Embrey (Council)

Geo W Shepherd, M G Willis, John M Griffin, H H Wallace (citizens)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes Cole, Rowe, Bradley, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (11) votes

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee employ an engineer as recommended by report of said Joint Committee, and obtain bids for the Gas Plant called for by said report. And said Committee is empowered to make contract for the purchase of said plant and it is made optional with said Joint Committee whether they shall advertise for bids or obtain same by correspondence.

Said Committee being invested with full power and discretion to purchase the necessary plant upon terms most advantageous to the City.

Mr Watson of Health and Police, reported that his Committee on account of marked difference in cost, had been compelled to give contracts for furnishing police uniforms this year to parties outside of the City.

Mr Watson also offered this report which was unanimously received

To the Honorable Council of Fredericksburg

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Mayor reporting the incapacity by reason of ill health of C A Gore to discharge the duties of regular police officer of this city, respectfully report. That they have fully investigated the condition of said Gore, and find that his health is so bad at present as practically to incapacitate him from performing any of the duties of a police officer. And hence that the election of another regular Police officer for the Upper Ward is both indispensable and of pressing necessity at this time. The said Committee in view of the past service of the said Gore extending through a long term of years, recommend that he be not removed from office but continued for the present at a reduced salary to be determined by the Council.

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Hence the Committee returns herewith a resolution the adoption of which they recommend inserting the allowance.

W L Watson, E W Mills, H Dannehl, Committee

It appearing to the Council that C A Gore, one of the regular Police Officer of the City is by reason of ill health able to perform but a very small part of the duties of his office rendering the appointment of another regular police officer indispensable.

And the Council being unwilling in view of his past services as police officer to remove him from office, provided he will consent to the reduction of his salary to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars per month.

Resolved that from and after this date the said C A Gore shall only receive the aforesaid sum of (\$25.00) per month as police officer, and shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Council, and this action of the Council must receive the consent of said C A Gore in writing on a copy of this resolution furnished him by the Clerk of the Council. Salary to commence February 1st 1905

Unanimously adopted by the Council. (accepted C A Gore, Jan 24, 1905)

Mr Watson offered an ordinance relating to rules and regulations governing the Police force, referred to Ordinance Committee

On motion of Mr Dannehl the election of a police officer for the lower ward was taken up.
Mr Embrey nominated J H Robinson for policeman lower ward and he was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Mills the question of an officer in the Upper Ward in place of Mr Gore was taken up, it being necessary under the ordinance to suspend the rules to elect a fifth officer.

Mr Rowe offered the following which was unanimously adopted

Whereas Chas A Gore, one of the regular Police officers of this City is at present disqualified for the discharge of the duties of said office which renders the election of fifth Police Officer indispensable therefore

Resolved that the rules be suspended, which restrict the City to four Police officers to enable the Council to elect a fifth officer tonight.

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary was made \$40.00 per month unanimous vote

On motion of Mr Bradley, T Jackson McDonnell was unanimously elected Policeman for the Upper Ward to Sept 1, 1905.

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Mr Dannehl asked that a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Council to act in conjunction with the Committee of the Businessmen's Assn heretofore announced, to invite President Roosevelt to visit Fredericksburg on his way south. It was adopted, and the following committee appointed.

H Dannehl, E W Mills, M S Chancellor, E M Young Jr, W E Bradley. On motion of Mr Mills, Mayor T P Wallace, City Counsel St Geo R Fitzhugh and President E D Cole were added to the Committee.

Mr Somerville moved that the Ordinance Committee be requested to bring in an ordinance in regard to planting trees along the granolithic side walk on Main Street in keeping with the final report of the Joint Committee on Street Improvement.

The matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

The Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, held pursuant to notice I the Council Chamber of said City Thursday the 16th day of February 1905 at 7:30 o'clock PM

President E D Cole in the Chair

There were present E D Cole, President

Councilmen Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Chancellor, Morrison, Somerville, Watson

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report

Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 16, 1905

To the Hon President and members of the Common Council

I respectfully report to your honorable body that since my last quarterly report, I have issued nineteen (19) dog licenses amounting to (\$20.50).

I have paid to Robt T Knox Treas, since my last report the sum of (\$264.80) amount of fines collected by me as Mayor, for which I hold his receipts. I also hold his receipts for the (\$20.50) derived from the dog licenses. I have paid for the burial of animals the sum of (60/100) sixty cents. Have taken no bonds of any kind since my last report. I will state that the number of dogs has greatly decreased in the City and at present there is a reduction in the criminal offences brought before me.

Since my last report your honorable body have elected John H Robinson and T J McDonald the in the lower and the latter in the upper ward. They have both qualified before me and entered upon the duties of Policemen. I further respectfully report that all the police have faithfully and efficiently discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Report received

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Mr Dannehl moved that the time of paying Police Officers shall be on the 15th of each month instead of the 1st of each month as formerly for service rendered for the month previous to said 15th of each month. Unanimously adopted and salary's now due ordered paid.

Col Cole reported the floating debt reduced to \$11,000.00.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bills of the Star Publishing Co amounting to \$17.70 which on motion were ordered paid.

Col Cole of Finance Committee offered the following resolution,

Whereas the General Assembly by an Act offered March 15th 1904, authorized the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, to issue (\$20,000.00) of Coupon bonds for the purpose of enlarging & extending the City Water Works and for the purpose of repairing and improving the City Gas Works.

Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee proceed without delay to have said bonds lithographed and executed in accordance with the requirements of the said Act of the General Assembly of March 15th 1904, and made payable on the first day of April 1935, but redeemable at the option of the Council at any time after ten years from their date, which option shall be set forth on the face of each bond.

And the said Finance Committee is authorized to sell said Bonds for not less than their face value, and may advertise for sealed bids for the same, if said Committee deems that the best method of disposing of said Bonds. And the proceeds of (\$10,000.00) of said bonds shall be paid to the City Treasurer for the improvement of the City Water Works and (\$10,000.00) shall be paid to the City Treasurer for the improvement of the City Gas Works, and said City Treasurer shall keep the two funds separate and distinct and one fund shall be known as the City Water Works Fund, and the other shall be known as the City Gas Works Fund, and no part of either fund shall be used for any other purpose than that for which it is herein designated.

And it is further resolved by the Council that it will secure the payment of (\$10,000.00) of said fund on the City Water Works and (\$10,000.00) on the City Gas Works by a deed of trust upon said properties respectively as provided for in the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly. But the said deeds of trust herein provided for shall be subordinate to the deeds of trust on the Gas Works, and the Water Works of the City heretofore executed to secure the Gas and Water Bonds heretofore issued. That is to say the Gas Bonds heretofore issued shall constitute the first lien on said Gas Plant now to be erected whether on the same or on a new site. And the Water Bonds heretofore issued shall constitute the first lien on the present Water Works and the enlarged works soon to be constructed.

The Mayor of the City shall execute the two deeds of trust provided for herein with the Corporate Seal of the City affixed thereto and have the same duly recorded.

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Adopted by the following recorded unanimous vote; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson and Cole (10 votes)

Mr Rowe of the Street Committee asked that \$500.00 be appropriated to the Street Committee and on motion it was appropriated by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Geo H Morrison of the Joint Committee on Gas Works offered the following resolution which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

The Joint Committee on the Gas Works hereby report to the Council that it is not expedient to erect the new Gas Plant on the old site by reason of its exposure to over flow and serious damage in case of high water, and because of the expense of carting and the said Joint Committee recommending the obtaining of a site contiguous to the railroad.

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee be empowered to select a suitable site near enough to the R F & P Railroad to use a switch, and to ascertain whether the same can be purchased at a reasonable price, and if the same cannot be purchased at a reasonable price, deemed so by the said Committee, the City Attorney will institute proceedings according to law without delay for the condemnation of said land as the Committee shall deem necessary for the site of the new Gas Plant.

M S Chancellor of the Water Committee presented the following schedule of improvements to the City Water Works.

1st A pump house 28 by 38 feet, two stories high, 1st story of concrete or granite and the 2nd story frame. Cost \$1,800.

2nd One 9 by 12 duplex force pump capable of throwing 528 gallons of water per minute, making 40 revolutions (Blake's make) \$1,140.

Hauling the same from cars or boat and setting same on good hard brick foundation with 8 inch flanged pipe connections for suction and discharge \$200.

3rd For power to run said pump; 1 Corliss steam engine of good quality of 40 horse power and one 50 horse power boiler, both put in position with shaft and connected with the pump \$1,300.

4th Line of 8 inch pipe from pump as a discharge pipe crossing canal back of building of Cartright & Davis to Washington Avenue, and along said Avenue to Commerce Street connecting it with the 8 inch supply pipe on said Street, and also connecting it with the 3 inch pipes on Fauquier and Lewis streets with a fire plug at pump house and three on the Avenue, thus giving better fire protection to the upper end of Town \$2,460.

5th In order to insure clear water for the town at all seasons of the year, enlarge the receiving reservoir at pump house by an addition of 400ft in length by the present width thus increasing its capacity from 4,500,000 of gallons to 10,000,000 \$3,500.

6th The land for the enlargement of the reservoir and which would give us sufficient dirt for use in case of any bread in the reservoir hereafter, which it might do can be purchased for \$750.

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Recapitulation of Cost

Pump House	\$1,800.
Duplex pump in position	\$1,340.
40 horse power engine, 50 horse power boiler in position	\$1,300.
Line of pipe to Commerce Street	\$2,460.
Enlargement of Reservoir	\$3,500.

Ground for Reservoir	\$750.
Contingencies	\$850.
Total	\$12,000.

On motion the report was unanimously received
M S Chancellor, E D Cole, W L Watson, Water Committee

Mr Dannehl offered the following resolution

Resolved by the Council that the Committee on Water and Geo W Shepherd, M G Willis, and H H Wallace are hereby appointed a joint Committee for the improvement of the Water Works of the City and said Joint Committee are hereby authorized and empowered to obtain bids for the work and material for the enlargement and improvement of said Water Works called for by the report of the Water Committee which has been adopted at this meeting and said Joint Committee is empowered to make contracts for the erection of said building, the purchase of the pump and other machinery, the construction of the reservoir, the purchase of the land and all other work and material embraced in said report. And it is made optional with said Joint Committee, whether they shall advertise for bids for any of said material and work or obtain the same in any other manner deemed most advantageous to the City by said Joint Committee.

Adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison and Watson = (10 votes)

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee offered the following ordinance which was unanimously adopted.

“An ordinance to amend Section 10, chapter 42 of the General Ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg approved May 19th 1899.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Section 10, Chapter 42 of the General Ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg approved May 19, 1899 be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows;

To the Health and Police Committee shall be referred all matters relating to the City Police. The Committee on Health and Police in conjunction with the Mayor who shall be ex-officio a member of said Committee, shall promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the government of the Police Force of Fredericksburg and the performance by the officers of their duties”

H Dannehl, M S Chancellor, Committee

Mr Bradley offered a petition from colored citizens asking that Pitt St be opened from Prince Edward to Colored Cemetery, referred to Street Committee to report back expediency of same.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Friday March 3rd 1905 at 10:30 AM o'clock

There were present E D Cole, President

Councilmen W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, S W Somerville, M S Chancellor, G H Morrison, W L Watson.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President stated that the meeting was called to hear the report of the Joint Committee on Gas.

Geo H Morrison, Chairman of Joint Committee on Gas made the following report.

To the Hon Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The Joint Committee on improvement of Gas Works of the City, begs leave to report that they recommend the location of the new Gas Works on two parcels of real estate fronting on the south side of Frederick Street between Charles and Prince Edward streets. The one owned by Thomas Rodgers and the other by S G Willis, W M Robinson, R M Lewis, John S Russell, Roots Tibbs, Emmanuel Holmes and Edward Havelow, known as the Armory lot.

Mr Rodgers has offered to sell his lot, upon which there is a good dwelling house, to the City for the sum of (\$800.00) cash, which the Committee deems a fair price for the same. The Committee considers the sum of (\$1,075.00) as a fair price for the Armory lot and recommends that the Council offer said sum in cash to the owners of said lot for the conveyance by them of a good free simple title to said lot.

And while the Committee deems said price a fair one for said Armory lot with all buildings thereon, they recommend that upon the conveyance of said log as aforesaid by the owners thereof to the City, that the City donate the Armory buildings on said lot to the present owners provided they remove the same before the City is ready to occupy said lot.

The Committee return herewith a diagram of the said two lots with their dimensions, made for the Committee by S S Bradford, Civil Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,

G H Morrison, Chairman

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was unanimously received.

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On motion of Mr Rowe the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote.

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Cole (8 votes)

Mr Morrison offered the following resolution; Whereas the Joint Committee on improvements of the Gas Works of the City by its report this day made to the Council recommended the purchase of the two parcels of real estate in this City, described in their report and the accompanying diagram, the one owned by Thomas Rodgers at the intersection of Charles and Frederick streets for (\$800.00) cost and the other owned by S G Willis & others adjoining the Rodgers lot & known as the Armory lot for (\$1,075.00).

Resolved by the Council that the city hereby offer to purchase the aforesaid Armory lot from the owners thereof for the cash price of (\$1,075.00) and so soon as said owners shall convey to the City a good and sufficient fee simple title to said lot and all buildings thereon, the City will donate to the owners of said lot the buildings thereon known as the Armory, provided said parties remove said building before the City is ready to occupy said lot.

And in the event that the aforesaid offer of (\$1,075.00) is refused, then the City will proceed without delay to have said land condemned.

And so soon as the City acquires title to said Armory lot, the Council authorizes said Joint Committee in their discretion to purchase of Thomas Rodgers his aforesaid lot and upon his making to the City a good and sufficient deed for the same will pay him the sum of (\$800.00) Cash.

Mr Bradley offered an amendment that (\$1,000.00) be inserted in place of (\$1,075.00)

Amendment lost by the following recorded vote

Aye; Bradley

Noes; Rowe, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Cole (6 votes)

Mr Mills excused from voting

Vote was then taken on original resolution

Ayes; Rowe, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Cole (5 votes)

Noes; Mills and Watson

Mr Bradley was excused from voting.

Mr Somerville moved, seconded by Mr Mills a reconsideration of the vote just taken in the resolution.
Carried.

The original resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Cole (8 votes)

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City, Thursday, March 16th 1905 at 7:30 o'clock PM

E D Cole President in the Chair

There were present E D Cole President

E M Young Jr Vice President

Councilmen Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved

Vice President E M Young in the chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report

Fredericksburg Va March 16th 1905

To the Hon President and Members of the Common Council

I respectfully report to your Hon body that the four policemen of the City have faithfully performed the duties of their respective office and are justly entitled to their pay.

Respectfully,

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and salaries of the Police were ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the license tax bill Ordinance for 1905 and 1906 which lies over until next regular meeting.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read a list of all persons licensed by the City and the amounts paid by each.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported the floating debt \$10,500.00

On motion the report Finance Committee was received

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that several matters referred to the Street Committee would now be taken up and attended to as the weather was now settled.

On motion the report was received.

By consent of the Council Mr E J Cartright representing the Water Power Co was allowed to address the Council of the question of Electric Franchise.

President E D Cole in the Chair

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Mr Bradley of Public Property reported that his Committee had placed a phone in the house of the Chairman of the Light Committee and asked that the Council approve the action of his Committee
On motion their action was approved.

Mr Masters presented a request from Mr Livingston that the Council grant him a permit to build a house on Wolfe Street.
On motion referred to the Street Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber of said City Thursday April 20th 1905 at 8 o'clock PM
President in Chair
Members present President E D Cole,
Vice President E M Young Jr
Councilmen, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved

Col Cole of the Finance Committee stated that his Committee were in error last meeting of the Council in reporting the floating debt at (\$10,500.00) That is should have been (\$11,000.00) on motion the change was ordered and the minutes approved.

Vice President E M Young in the Chair
Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report
To the Hon President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
I respectfully report to your honorable body that the police officers of the City of Fredericksburg, Va have actively and faithfully performed and discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.
The duties of Mayor during my absence from the City, have been I may say, ably filled by Recorder Embrey, who has rendered most efficient service for which I hereby tender my thanks.
Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of the Mayor for fees for issuing 21 dog licenses
Col Cole moved that the Mayor be allowed the sum of 10¢ each for all licenses issued prior to Dec 15, 1905. Lost

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

R A Kishpaugh	printing	\$3.75	
Free Lance Pub Co		\$7.50	
Free Lance Pub Co		\$1.50	
Free Lance Pub Co		\$11.50	
Free Lance Pub Co		\$7.00	\$27.00

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee offered the license tax bill for 1905 and 1906.

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 May the 1st 1905, 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 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 1905, 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 & forty cents (\$1.40) 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 [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 (\$1.40) 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 [Page 302] in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of (\$1.40) 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 \$1.40 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 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 1905, 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, 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 [Page 303] 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 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 \$1.40 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.

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§6. Upon any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be (\$1.40) 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 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 1905, 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 1905 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 1905 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 \$25.00. Every person 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.

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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, \$50.00.

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 or 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 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, \$35.00. 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.

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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 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 hands 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 (\$40.00). 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 (\$2.00) and not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) 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.

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 (\$20.00). 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.

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Bowling Saloon

§30. On every bowling saloon (\$10.00). Any person who shall keep a saloon for the reception of company to play at bowls 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 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 (75¢) for collecting, provided that said Collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection. [Page 309] Such license tax shall be paid to the City Collector before any exhibition.

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, (\$25.00). On veterinary surgeon (\$5.00). All persons 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 dauguerran 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 deem to be a labor agent.

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 [Page 310] 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, and accessories other than at the regular place of business

§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 or machines by retail other than sewing machines

§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).

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 (\$160.00)

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, (\$40.00). And shall not be pro rated.

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 [Page 311] 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 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 (\$125.00).

§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 (\$15.00), but this tax shall not be required of any person or company which pays

a license tax for doing a telephone business between points in the City of Fredericksburg as required in the preceding section.

Agents Canvassers, etc.

§56. On every “agent” for copying pictures (\$15.00). On each agent of each insurance company represented (\$35.00). On each Life Insurance doing business in this City (\$50.00) for each company. On each solicitor for accidental health or liability insurance (\$15.00). 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, [Page 312] 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, (\$25.00), but this license shall not cover the right to sell wines, spirituous or malt liquors. On every person keeping a boarding house (\$10.00), any person other than the keeper of a hotel, eating house or restaurant who shall furnish for compensation board or lodging to more than three persons shall be deemed a boarding house keeper.

Itinerant Doctors

§59. On every chiropodist, 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.

Shooting Galleries

§63. On the proprietor of every shooting gallery (\$5.00). And shall not be pro rated.

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 (\$50.00) 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).

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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 (\$15.00). This license shall not be subject to pro rata.

Soda Fountains

§71. The specific license tax on every soda fountain shall be (\$7.50) for one year or fractional part thereof.

Job Printing

§72. Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of job printing, by hand or foot power (\$5.00) 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 (\$5.00).

Marble, Granite, or Stone Yards

§76. On every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of keeping a marble, granite 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) shall not be pro rated.

Pop, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla or other Aerated Water

§77. On every person firm or corporation conducting the manufacturing of pop, ginger ale, sarsaparilla [Page 314] 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).

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.

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.

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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 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.

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.

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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 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.

98. Every license granted for the unexpired term or portion of term heretofore mentioned, shall be charged pro rata, unless otherwise provided; but no license shall be issued for a less sum than two dollars (\$2.00), nor granted for a longer period than the first of May following.

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 [Page 317] 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.

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 Dannehl moved that the License Tax Ordinance be adopted as a whole.

Mr Bradley offered a substitute the adopting of the ordinance as a whole with three changes, that the rate on real estate and personal property remain at (\$1.25), on the (\$100.00) instead of (\$1.40), and that the license on the sale of whiskey be increased from (\$350.00) to (\$500.00).

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney was heard by request of the Council as to the necessity of an increased rate of taxation.

The vote was then taken on Mr Bradley's substitute and lost by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Bradley, Somerville, Morrison, Watson

Noes; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Young

This being defeated the question came up on the adoption of the Tax ordinance as it came from the Committee. The vote resulted in a tie

For adoption; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor

Against adoption; Bradley, Masters, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

Officer Tansill was sent for Mayor Wallace who soon came into the Council and broke the tie by voting against the adoption.

The tax ordinance was then taken up in sections, and finally passed as a whole as it came from the Committee by the following recorded vote;

For; Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor, Watson, Cole [Page 318] and Young.

Against; Bradley, Somerville, Morrison

Tax bill as adopted approved by Mayor T P Wallace.

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported the cost so far on the Free Bridge (\$992.08) he also reported on an application from the Postal Telegraph Co to attach ten fixtures on the Free Bridge, on which be strung their wires, referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act. He reported the practical completion of the building in the market lot at a cost of (\$300.00), as ordered by the Council, which will

be turned over to the Street Committee in a few days. Also an application from Mr Andrew Murray to increase the price of winding the town clock from (\$10.00) to (\$12.50) per quarter. On motion of Mr Chancellor laid on the table.

Mr Bradley then asked for an appropriation of (\$500.00), which was granted by the unanimous consent of the Council.

Mr Morrison offered the following majority report for the Joint Committee on light, as to the Franchise and sale of Electric Light, which is as follows.

To the Hon Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Joint Committee on Gas Works respectfully reports that the Fredericksburg Power Company has made the following offer to the City through your Committee, viz;

The said Power Company will pay to the City (\$30,000.00) cash for the City Electric Power and Light Plant and Water Power Rights connected therewith and for the franchise embraced in the ordinance returned herewith this report, and said Company will bind itself by contract satisfactory to the City to erect, operate and maintain the necessary Electric Plant and apparatus, poles, wires, and Arc and incandescent lamps to light the Streets, Alleys, Parks and other public places in the City at a cost to the City of not over \$55.00 per annum for each arc light of 2000 candle power, and not over \$22.00 per annum for each incandescent light of 50 candle power and not over (\$17.00) per annum for each incandescent light of 32 candle power during the continuance of said franchise.

And said Company will further bind itself by said contract to furnish free of cost to the City whatever incandescent lights may, in the judgment of the Council from time to time be needed to light the buildings owned or controlled by the City.

And said Company will further agree & bind itself by said contract not to charge the people of Fredericksburg during the continuance of this franchise for incandescent light power, fan, and motor service rates in excess of those contained in the tariff of rates of the City of Lynchburg returned herewith. The Power Company will further bind itself by said [Page 319] contract to reinstate and so execute the lease which the city has now for Water Power and for site of its Electric Lighting Plant bearing date October 26th 1900 with Martha E Clark. At the expiration of the said franchise—that is to say—that whereas the City has now the right to occupy the side of its Electric Light Plant and to have delivered to it at said site 90 hydraulic horsepower at (\$9.00) per horse power per annum and has the further right to call for additional horsepower to 200 horsepower at the same rent per annum and has the right to a renewal of its lease for such length of time or for ever as said City may elect. The said Power Company will bind itself to restore the City to all its rights under said lease of Oct 26th 1900 at the expiration of said franchise.

The said Power Company will pay said (\$30,000.00) immediately on the acceptance of its bid for franchise, and upon the execution of a deed by the City to said Power Company conveying said Electric Light Plant and Water Power and without regard to the deed of trust on said Plant.

The Power Company will, whenever required by the City Council in the penalty of (\$3,000) conditioned upon the performance of their foregoing obligations.

Provided that the Council will, so soon as the (\$30,000.00) is paid into the City Treasury, proceed to frame and adopt an ordinance prohibiting any other Company or individual from operating an Electric Light and Power Plant in this City, or without the City, transmitting electric currents all or over the Streets and alleys of the City, and from maintaining its poles, wires and other appliances in the Streets and alleys of the City for the next ensuing two years without the purchase of a franchise from said City at a price at least equal to that paid by said Power Co for its franchise, and prohibiting any Company from operating an electric light and power plant in the City, and from using the streets of the City for its poles and wires for transmitting electric currents without a franchise from the City during the continuance of the franchise of the Power Company.

The Joint Committee respectfully recommend that the City Council submit to the voters at a special election the question whether the Council shall sell the Electric Light Plant owned by the City together with the Water Power connected therewith, or whether the City shall borrow on bonds of short term, the sum of (\$25,000.00) to cover the cost of the necessary improvements of the City Water Works and the necessary renewal of the City Gas Works.

Signed,

J P Rowe, W S Embrey, Geo W Shepherd, H H Wallace, M S Willis, John M Griffin; Joint Committee on Gas Works

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Minority Report

The following undersigned members of the Joint Committee on Gas Works report that the Fredericksburg Power Company has made the following offer through your Committee; viz

Proposition—same as majority report.

The undersigned respectfully recommend that said offer be accepted and an ordinance to carry and effectuate the same be formed and adopted embracing the sale of the said Electric Plant and Water Power and the aforesaid franchise.

Signed, G H Morrison, Joint Com on Gas Works

Mr Somerville moved to receive both reports. Carried.

Mr Bradley moved to adopt the minority report.

Mr Young, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Fitzhugh City Attorney was requested to address the Council on the question before them.

Then followed a request from Mr Mills tat a Committee be heard from the Business Men's Association, consisting of W D Carter, Henry Warden and T McCracken. Mr Carter spoke for the Committee and entered the protest made by the Association against the sale of the Electric Light and Franchise.

On motion the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young (12 votes)

Mr Embrey offered the following ordinance as a substitute for the minority report.

“Whereas the Council has contracted for the erection of a new Gas Plant (the present Gas Plant being worn out) at a cost of not less than (\$28,000.00) and has contracted for improvements that were indispensable to the City Water Works at a cost of not less than (\$12,500.00) from both of which undertakings, the City will derive considerable revenue. And whereas it is indispensable that the City in order to meet these obligations should raise the sum of (\$25,000).

Therefor be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that in pursuance of Section 1033.8 of the New Code of Virginia, the City of Fredericksburg will issue short term bonds to the amount of (\$25,000.00) and will devote the proceeds thereof to pay for the renewal of the City Gas Works and the purchase of the site for the same, and to pay for the improvement and repairs of the City Water Works.

Be it further ordained by the Common Council of the City of [Page 321] Fredericksburg that in accordance with Section 1033.8 of the new code the foregoing ordinance shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of said City at a special Election to be held for the purpose of having said ordinance approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified voters of the City, voting upon the question of the issuance of said bonds.”

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Chancellor Watson, Young (7) votes

Mr Embrey offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

In Memoriam

The Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg have heard with profound sorrow of the death of General Fitzhugh Lee, who for a number of years was a resident and citizen of our neighboring County of Stafford, and who was a frequent and always welcome visitor to our city. We mourn with out people the loss of a Virginia Gentleman, a loyal and peerless soldier of the late Confederacy and of the United States. A citizen without spot or stain who met his death while serving his beloved Virginia and her people. He was true, loyal, and faithful, in peace and in war. No duty and no obligation which came to him ever failed of faithful and efficient fulfillment. We of this City are especially saddened by the sudden death of this great and good Virginian.

Resolved therefore that this memorial be recorded with the proceedings of our Council and that an official copy be sent to the family of our late distinguished friend and neighbor, and that the same be published in the papers of this City.

Mr Bradley moved that the President appoint a committee to go to Richmond and attend the funeral of General Fitzhugh Lee to be composed of five members of the Council [Page 323] the Mayor of the City, the President of the Council and five citizens not members of the Council, which was unanimously adopted and the President appointed the following:

W E Bradley, W S Embrey, S W Somerville, W E Mills and J P Rowe from the City Council

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor, (corrected E D Cole, President of Council.

Judge A W Wallace, Ex-mayor W G Willis, Judge J T Goolrick, Dr J N Barney and Com of the Revenue A B Bowering from the Citizens.

On motion the Council adjourned and proceeded in a body to the train.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City May 18, 1905, at 8 o'clock PM

President in the Chair

Members present President E D Cole

Vice President E M Young Jr

Councilmen Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Morrison, Watson (8) members

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read, corrected and approved.

Vice President E M Young Jr in the chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report

To the Hon President and members of the Common Council, Fredericksburg, Va

I respectfully report to your honorable body that the Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg, Va have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid by the unanimous vote.

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

Free Lance Star	for 1000 envelopes	\$1.75
Free Lance Star	for 500 off envelopes	\$2.00

Free Lance Star	Memorial Proclamation	\$1.00	
Free Lance Star	Cleaning lots notice	\$1.50	\$6.25
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R A Kishpaugh Jr	100 License Tax Ordinance	\$15.00	
R A Kishpaugh Jr	1000 10x14 bills (Com Revenue)	\$2.50	
John C Mellville	for service of Hydraulic Engineer to measure water used at pump house by notes of the Council	\$13.24	

Col Cole of Finance Committee reported that his Committee under instructions from the Council in Feb'y 16, 1905 have had the \$20,000.00 of Gas and Water Bonds lithographed and executed and sold

Mrs E A Gore	\$1,000.00	\$1,006.00
Miss Agnes Griffin	\$300.00	\$301.80
A A O'Donnell	\$1,000.00	\$1,006.00
Dr J E Tompkins	\$2,800.00	\$2,818.20
Mrs A Bode	\$2,000.00	\$2,010.00
Mrs J Monroe	\$5,000.00	\$5,025.00
Powell Ball	\$2,000.00	\$2,010.00
St Geo R Fitzhugh	\$3,500.00	\$3,517.50
Mrs S Pittman	\$2,000.00	\$2,010.00
A S Embrey	\$400.00	\$402.00
	\$20,000.00	\$20,106.50

And placed to the credit of the Gas Work and Water Works. On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received.

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee reported that the building in the Market Lot had been completed and turned over to the Committee on Streets.

Mr Bradley also reported the following contract made with the Postal Telegraph Company to place ten fixtures on which to hang their wire on the Free Bridge, which was referred to Public Property Committee with power to act.

Contract

This Contract made this 9th day of May 1905 by and between the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg Va by the Public Property Committee of the City Council fully authorized to act in the premises and the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. Witnesseth,

That the City grants to the Postal Telegraph Cable Co the privilege of placing ten (10) fixtures on the five (5) spans of the bridge over the Rappahannock River at the foot of Commerce St in said City. Two (2) fixtures on each span, each fixture not to weigh much over two hundred (200) pounds including weight of wire ask asked for in letter of said Company of April 6, 1905. For which said Company is to pay annually in advance, the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00), and the City reserves the right to revoke said privilege and to require said Company to remove [Page 325] said fixtures at the expiration of any year during the existence of this contract, provided the City shall at least three months before the expiration of said year, give the Company notice of its election to revoke said privilege, and notice to be given by mailing the same to said Co. at Fredericksburg, Va.

W E Bradley, J W Masters, Henry Dannehl; Public Property Committee

On motion of J P Rowe the Council approved the action of the Committee

Mr Watson of the Water Committee presented the following

Hay and straw	950
Flour	6375
Pickles	2500
Cattle	340
Tobacco	100
Can goods	4975
Coal	3650
Manufacturers	2810
Fish	1300
Apples	100
Sumac	300
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Ice	1560
Passenger	6291
Bricks	2000
Lumber	118,345
Railroad ties	109,650
Grain	23,271
Oysters	2250
General merchandise	32,420
Wood	24,903
Farm produce	31,382
Fertilizer	19,730
Total Tonnage	395,202

Respectfully submitted

E W Mills, W S Embrey, Committee on Public Interests

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the report was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Mill presented the following bill

Statement of expenses in securing the tonnage on the Rappahannock River between Fredericksburg and Tappahannock Va

Expenses on Rapp'k River	\$20.50
Expenses to Baltimore Md	\$5.75
Services rendered by Geo E Cole	\$56.00
June 7, 1905	\$82.25

Vice President E M Young Jr in the Chair

On motion the bill of \$82.25 was ordered paid.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Committee were instructed to furnish Col Leach, Chief of Engineers and Hon W A Jones with copies of above report.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said city June 15, 1905 at 8 PM
President in the Chair

Members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (10) members

Minutes of the last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Report of Commissioner of Election

Abstract of votes cast at the Election held in the City of Fredericksburg on Tuesday the 23rd of May 1905
For Bond Issue

Three Hundred and thirty nine votes 339

Against Bond Issue

One hundred and fifty six votes 156

Plant and Water Power

Four hundred and ten votes 410

For sale of Electric Lighting Plant and Water power

Ninety two votes 92

Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, May 25, 1905

We the undersigned Commissioners of Election do certify that the foregoing abstract is correct and that the bond issue received a majority of the votes cast. And against the sale of Electric Lighting Plant and Water Power, received a majority of the votes cast.

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va,

Respectfully submitted

S H Beale, A M Garner, Geo Freeman Jr, Geo W Shepherd, Robert E Dignum; Commissioners of Election

Teste, A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Va

A copy, teste, A B Yates, Clerk

On motion the report was received.

E M Young, Vice President in the Chair

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Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's Report

Fredericksburg, Va June 15, 1905

To the honorable Pres and members of the City Council

Dear Sirs;

I respectfully report that the Police Officers of the City have faithfully performed their duties as such and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and salaries ordered paid.

Col Cole of Finance Committee reported floating debt reduced to five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5500.00)

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

The Star and Free Lance Pub Co

3000 election tickets	\$4.50
Ad special election in Free Lance	\$6.00
Ad special election in Star	\$6.00
1000 bills clean your lots	\$2.50
	\$19.00
The Journal Pub Co	
Ad election notice	\$12.50
The judges and clerks of election	
Services for holding special election May 23, 1905	\$50.00
Magrath & Chesley and Henry G Chesley bill for sewer drainage from Embrey's line to mouth of sewer, 594 ft @ 10¢	\$59.40

Mr Bradley moved that the bill of M & Chesley be referred to the Finance Committee, they to confer with the City Attorney, and if found correct to pay same, carried by the following recorded vote, unanimous.

To the Hon Common Council

We the undersigned Joint Committee to whom was referred the question of whether any allowance should be made for damage done, or claimed to be done, to the store house of Scott & Doggett, and the storehouse of Mrs Arnot, and the storehouse occupied by Charles Towles.

Respectfully report that the sum of (\$400) should be paid for damage done to the Doggett & Scott storehouse, and the sum of (\$150.00) should be paid to the owners of the Arnot property, and the sum of (\$150.00) should be paid to the owners of the Towles property.

E D Cole, Acting Chairman.

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On motion the report was adopted by the following recorded vote

For, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young
Against, Embrey one (1) vote; ordered paid.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Bradley presented bills from the Gas Committee for lighting public buildings and hospital & Mary Washington Home from August 1st 1904 to June 1st 1905.

Chamber of Commerce	12.03
Mayor's office	46.78
Court House	48.90
Clerk's office	2.14
Mary Washington Hospital	86.15
Mary Washington house	1.26
	\$197.26

On motion of Mr Somerville all the above bills, except the Mary Washington Home (\$1.26) were ordered paid and the Mary Washington Home bill of (\$1.26) was referred back to the Gas Committee, by the following recorded vote

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

Mr Bradley, Chairman Public Property made the following report

Fredericksburg Va 6-15-1905

To the President and members of the City Council

The Public Property Committee submits the following report of expenditures for the year beginning July 1, 1904 up to June 15, 1905, a total of (\$2,219.57) divided as follows;

For renewing Free Bridge	\$1,160.78
Park	\$43.15
Building house in Market lot	300.00
Current expenses	715.64
	\$2,219.57

The original appropriation made to the Committee was (\$1,500) which was supplemented by special appropriation of (\$500.00), making a total of (\$2,000.00) appropriated. As will be seen your Committee has exceeded its original and special appropriation by (\$219.57) which amount they ask placed to the credit of the Committee on the books of the City Treasurer. You will perceive that only (\$715.64) has been paid by the Committee for the ordinary current expenses. That the (\$1,160.78) was for practically making new the flooring and stringers of the Free Bridge which expense it will not be necessary to incur again for more than ten years, the house in the market yard [Page 331] which cost (\$300.00) was specifically ordered by the Council and the expense on the park was the small sum of (\$43.15). The Committee has one outstanding bill for a car load of lumber, which will be paid out of next year's appropriation, and also one bill for spikes used for bridge purposes.

Your committee begs leave to report and call the attention of the City Council to the condition of the Court House building and the City Hall, both of which are sadly in need of repairs and which the Committee refrained from making by the lack of money to its credit. We hope, however, to be able to so said work the coming year, and ask the Council place to its credit at least the sum of (\$2,000.00).

Respectfully submitted W E Bradley, Henry Dannehl, Committee

On motion the report was received and the sum of (219.57) ordered to the credit of Committee on Public Property by the following recorded vote.

For Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (10 votes)

W S Embrey of Street Committee made the following report.

To the President and City Council

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Streets be[gs] leave to make the following report for the fiscal year ending July 1st 1905.

Expenditures by Treasurer's Books	\$2,036.39
Bill in hand of W S Embrey not paid	61.05
Bill in hand of Joseph Rowe	17.15
Bill in hand of E W Mills	8.00
	\$2,122.59
Amount of appropriation July 1, 1904	\$1,500.00
Amount of appropriation Feb'y 16, 1905	\$500.00
Balance overpaid by Treasurer	36.39
Unpaid bills due	86.20
	\$2,122.59

Balance asked to be placed to credit of Street Committee (\$122.59)

W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E W Mills, Committee

On motion the report was received and the sum of \$122.59 was ordered to the credit of the Street Committee by the following recorded vote.

For Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

Geo H Morrison of the Joint Committee on Improvements of Gas Works offered the following

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

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The undersigned Joint Committee on the improvement of the City Gas Works respectfully report that they are authorized by the National Bank of Fredericksburg to state to the Council that said bank will lend the City the sum of (\$25,000.00) which the City has been empowered by a vote of the people to borrow. The said loan to bear four per cent interest payable semi-annually and to be evidenced by twenty five bonds of the City of the face value of one thousand dollars each payable to bearer. Five of said bonds to be payable on the first day of November 1906; five on the first day of November 1907; five on the first day of November 1908; five on the first day of November 1909 and five on the first day of November 1910. Said bonds to be printed with coupons for interest attached. The city to have the privilege of paying any one or more or all of said bonds before their maturity.

G H Morrison, M G Willis, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Geo W Shepherd, E D Cole, John M Griffin, W S Embry; Joint Committee on Gas Works.

On motion the report was received.

Mr Somerville offered the following resolution which on motion of Mr Bradley was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the City of Fredericksburg has been authorized to issue bonds to the amount of (\$25,000.00) for a supply of Gas and Water for which the City may derive a revenue by an ordinance of its Council enacted in accordance with Sections 123 & 127 of the Constitution of Virginia, and approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of the qualified voters of the City, voting upon the question of their issuance at a special election held for that purpose on the 23 of May 1905.

And whereas the National Bank of Fredericksburg, Va has offered to lend the City said sum of (\$25,000.00). The said loan to bear four per cent interest payable semi-annually and to be evidenced by twenty five bonds of the City of Fredericksburg of the face value of one thousand dollars each. Five of said bonds to be payable on the first day of November 1906; five on the first day of November 1907; five on the first day of November 1908; five on the first day of November 1909 and five on the first day of November 1910. Said bonds to be printed with coupons for [Page 333] interest attached. The city to have the privilege of paying any one or more or all of said bonds before their maturity.

Resolved by the Council that the offer of the National Bank of Fredericksburg be, and the same is hereby accepted, and the Finance Committee of the Council is hereby authorized to have said bonds printed and the said bonds shall be duly executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of the Council signing the same, and attaching the Seal of the City thereto and the coupons shall be signed by the Treasurer of the City.

And the said Committee on Finance shall determine the date of said Bonds, and shall deliver the same to the National Bank of Fredericksburg upon said bank placing to the credit of the Treasurer of the City in said bank the sum of (\$25,000.00) and the City Treasurer shall keep said fund separate from the general fund of the City and the same shall only be applied as the Council shall direct to the Gas and Water works improvements.

And the City Treasurer shall pay the interest coupons on said bonds as the same mature and said Treasurer shall pay the principal of said bonds as the said bonds mature. (Approved Thomas P Wallace Mayor 6-17-1905)

Mr Morrison of the Joint Committee on Gas Works presented the following letter

St Geo R Fitzhugh, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir;

I inclose herewith tracing showing spur track into the lot which I understand has been selected for the erection of the Fredericksburg Gas plant. Will you please let me know whether this plan is satisfactory to the Committee?

The usual terms on which such track are built are: the Railroad Company furnishes that part of the track which is on its own ground, and the party for whose benefit the track is put in builds the remainder

If this plan and terms are satisfactory to the City Council, we should have an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions, which we will prepare, as soon as we receive a reply to this letter. Please indicate at what time it is desired that the track shall be put in.

Yours very truly,
W D Duke, Gen Manager

On motion of Mr Watson, referred to the Joint Committee on Gas Works with power to act.

E M Young Jr in the Chair

Mr Watson offered the following resolution which on motion was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the Common Council that the Mayor execute a deed to M B Rowe conveying to him all [Page 334] the right, title and interest of the City of Fredericksburg in the strip of land described in the deed of Charles H Pettit and wife, to the City of November 18, 1897. As a strip of land between the Canal bed and the Cemetery, fronting on the plank road thirty feet (30) feet and running back along the Canal one hundred and fifty feet (150 ft) and said Mayor shall attach the seal of the City to said Deed.

J P Rowe of Alms and House reported, June 15, 1905

To the Hon City Council

Your Committee on Alms House respectfully report that they have expended during the year \$1,497.00.

Of this amount about (\$450.00) was spent on the poor of the City outside of the Alms House.

Average number of inmates per month was (15).

During the year there has been two (2) deaths. (\$1,450.00) has been appropriated and we now ask that the sum of (\$47.00) be placed to the credit of the Alms House Committee to balance account.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, G H Morrison; Committee

On motion the report was received and the sum of (\$47.00) ordered to the credit of the Alms House Committee by unanimous vote.

E W Mills, Committee on Public Interest reported

To the President and Common Council

We, your Committee on Public Interest beg leave to submit the following report for the year ending July 1, 1905.

Amount appropriated nothing

Amount paid by order of the Council for ascertaining tonnage on Rappahannock River in regard to Public Interest \$82.25

Fredericksburg, Va June 15, 1905,

Respectfully submitted E W Mills, W S Embrey; Committee

On motion the report was received unanimously

E W Mills of Public Interest Committee reported that he had, what he regarded as reliable information that the Caroline Steamer would be taken off the Rappahannock River.

On motion of Col Cole the matter was referred to Committee on Public Interest

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Mr Watson of Health & Police

To the President and Common Council

Your Committee on Health and Police beg leave to report their annual report to July 1, 1905

Expenditures from July 1, 1904 to Sep 1, 1904 \$63.00

Expenditures from Sept 1, 1904 to July 1, 1905 \$73.12

Total expenditures \$136.12

Amount appropriated \$100.00
Leaving a deficit \$36.12
Which amount your Committee asked be placed to their credit

On motion the report was received and \$36.12 ordered to Committee credit by unanimous vote

Mr Watson of Health and Police offered the following which on motion was referred to the Health Committee to take such action as was necessary.

Chairman, Committee on Health and Police

Dear Sir; The Board of Health through its secretary begs to call to your attention the conditions of the marsh on the western side of the City extending from opposite 11th to 15th Streets [Amelia to Pitt]

The said marsh should be drained thoroughly and kept dry as it is now a serious menace to the health of one of the most desirable residence sections of our City.

Attention is also called to the fact that the trunk-way across 7th Street [Charlotte] near the property of F S Covey is now stopped up, causing a pond of stagnant water to gather near the land, and the near approach of the heated term renders it advisable to correct this condition by opening and repairing said trunk-way. The general sanitary conditions of our City is good, the low death and sickness rate of the past six months, lead us to hope that with the above named places properly drained that we may continue to have such good fortune.

Very respectfully, J N Barney, Sec Board of Health

Mr Watson of the Water Committee offered the Supt report. Mr M S Chancellor, E D Cole, W L Watson; Committee on Water.

I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report of the conduct of the City Water Works for the year ending May 31, 1905. I am pleased to say that the works are in good condition, and are doing splendid service considering our limited pumping power. The increased demand for water still continues without abatement, since our last report we have put in 33 new taps, which makes the total [Page 336] number in town 1299. By these taps nearly every building in town is furnished with water. In addition to the increased number of taps nearly every new building of any size erected in town has most of the modern improvements for the use of water, and many of the old ones are being fitted for them. Some idea of these improvements may be formed, when I state that we now have in daily use 256 bath tubs, and 326 closets, and this statement does not include any building furnished water through a meter, as those buildings pay meter rates or those in the Bradford Building, Enterprise Building, Exchange Hotel, Dannehl Hotel. These buildings having been assessed with special rates. Besides these the works are connected with and are supplying water to nearly every engine in town as well as to the laundries and ice factories.

In consequence of this large consumption of water we have sometimes had to urge economy on the part of the consumers, to which they have readily responded, except during the intensely cold weather last winter. We hope, however, soon to be beyond the necessity for economy or restriction in the use of water.

The improvements in the works now in the course of erection, when completed, will meet all demands, including flushing water mains and sewers. Other improvements in the way of pipe extension, heretofore frequently recommended by me, need not now be again referred to, as they will no doubt be attended to, as soon as the means at the command of the Committee will permit. I might say, however, that the demand for them become more pressing every day.

The collections for the year have been the largest of any previous year, from the fact we have been successful in collecting much of the arrearages. We have been very much assisted in collecting these arrearages by the last amendment to the Water Ordinance turning off water from those buildings due for a period of one year and the law would be more effective if the owners or occupiers of such buildings were prohibited from getting water from their neighbors while their water is cut off. Our water rents are small being \$3.80 a year per building when promptly paid, but it requires stringent laws to collect from those

who are neither induced by the discount of 5% nor forced by the addition of 5% penalty to pay their water rents.

The appropriation made to the Committee was (\$1,350.00). Our total expenditures have been (\$1,278.47) which leaves a balance to the credit of the Committee of (\$71.53).

In these expenditures are included all the labor of lowering the service pipes and mains on Main and Prussia sts for the improvements and lowering pipes below freezing [Page 337] point in the winter, as well as contending with ice gorges[?] at the pump house for nearly three months of intensely cold weather. I would also state, that the Treasurer has proper vouchers for all items of expenditures by the Committee.

The financial condition or showing of the work for the year are as follows

Total amount of Collections		\$9,060.64
Running expenses of the works	1278.47	
Int on \$30,000 water bonds	1500.00	
Salary of Superintendent	900.00	\$3,678.47
Net earnings of the works for the year		\$5,382.17

These collections were paid over to the Treasurer monthly, at the end of each month, for which I hold the Treasurer's receipts.

I also report the total arrearages of water rents for the 21 years the works have been in operation

They are as follows

1885	in book	A	21.00
1886	in book	B & C	28.00
1887	in book	D & E	28.00
1888	in book	F & G	32.00
1889	in book	H & I	23.00
1890	in book	I & J	36.00
1891	in book	K & L	38.00
1892	in book	M & N	40.00
1893	in book	O & P	47.00
1894	in book	Q & R	55.25
1895	in book	S & T	50.00
1896	in book	U & V	66.00
1897	in book	W & X	70.06
1898	in book	Y & Z	81.50
1899	in book	1 & 2	111.24
1900	in book	3 & 4	114.79
1901	in book	5 & 6	143.20
1902	in book	7 & 8	143.71
1903	in book	9 & 10	186.24
1904	in book	11 & 12	312.66
1905	in book	12	410.18
Total arrearages			42,021.83

I might say that one party owes nearly one fifth of this amount. Four families owe one-third of it; and fourteen owe more than one half. Yet it is due on property that cannot be reached at present, but most of it; if not near all will eventually be collected.

In connection with this report I also report the Sewer connection tax collected by me for the present fiscal year ending June 12, 1905. This tax was collection and turned over to the Treasurer as follows

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Aug 8, 1904 \$234.00

Nov 7, 1904	\$32.60
Jan 4, 1905	\$40.00
Apr 14, 1905	\$32.00
May 19, 1905	\$232.35
Jun 12, 1905	\$41.34
Total collections	\$619.29

I also hold the Treasurer's receipts for these collections

The Sewer Tax, as is well known, is divided into two kinds,
 1st the special tax of 10 cents on the \$100. Dollar value of property which runs for six years from the adoption of the ordinance levying it, which is collected and accounted for by the City Tax Collector
 2nd the connection tax of \$2.00 per annum on each building connected with the sewers, and on each building as have laterals run to the curbs. This tax is perpetual and is collected and accounted for by the Superintendent of the City Water Works, therefore, I report only the connection tax collected, there are many buildings which were connected with private sewers before the City took charge of those sewers which are not included in the list of taxable buildings, as they were exempt from the collection tax until 1909.

The arrearages of the sewer connection tax is as follows

Book 1 from May 1902 to May 1903	4.00
Book 2 from May 1903 to May 1904	6.00
Book 3 from May 1904 to May 1905	12.00
Book 4 from May 1905 to May 1906	379.40
Total amount of arrearages	401.40

The most of this tax will be paid in July when water rents again become due and payable.

Respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt

On motion the report was received

Mr Cole offered the following which on motion of Mr Watson was unanimously adopted

Whereas, the question has been raised as to the legal right of a member of the City Council to furnish material goods or any merchandise to a contractor doing contract work for the Corporation as to sell such material, goods, or merchandise to a Committee of the Council or a member thereof or to an officer of the Corporation or other person connected with the City government, for the use of or consumption by the City and [Page 339]

Whereas there seems to be a difference of opinion on the subject and it is important that the members of the Council should know the law in the matter,

Be it resolved that the whole subject be and it is hereby referred to the City Attorney and the Commonwealth's Attorney with request that they thoroughly examine into the question and report their decision thereon in writing to the next meeting of this Council.

E D Cole

On motion the Council adjourned to meet June 29, 1905

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Wednesday June 21, 1905 at 4:30 PM

President E D Cole in the Chair

Members present Cole, Bradley, Mills, Rowe, Morrison, Chancellor, Watson, Young

The President stated that the meeting had been called at the instance of the Public Interest Committee

Mr E W Mills of Public Interest Committee stated that in November 1904 a letter had been received and presented to the council in reference to a reunion of the 4th Immunes organized here in 1898. And that the Council had instructed his Committee to extend an invitation to hold said reunion here, and that today his Committee had received the following letter, which he wished to lay before the Council

To the Hon Mayor, Fredericksburg Va

811 First Street NW, Washington D C

Dear Sir

June 16, 1905

I take pleasure in informing you that the 4th immunes have accepted the kind invitation of yourself and Common Council

We will start for your City at 10:50 AM on July 3, and return to Washington on the evening of July 5.

On the afternoon of July 3, we would like to have the use of a hall to hold a meeting for the purpose of perfecting a regimental organization. On the evening of July 3 we would like to have the use of our old camp grounds for a camp fire & smokes

On July 4, we will be at your disposal for parade over the route we took July 4, 1898. Patriotic exercises and such programme as you see fit to arrange for us.

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Please reserve space in your programme of speaking for short addresses by Homer J Lockling, historian of 4th immunes; past department commander Hendricks, G A R and Commander Cox, Spanish War Veterans.

We have assurances from all camps of Spanish War Veterans in Washington that they will join with us in making July 3, a Spanish War day in Fredericksburg, Va

If possible we would like a tent or two pitched on our old Camp Grounds as a sort of headquarters. I will bring a large flag to hoist on our old flag staff.

Please state what rates will be at Exchange Hotel; how many it can accommodate; also rates and capacities of other hotels and boarding houses. We expect many Ladies and G A R comrades to accompany us as well as Spanish War Veterans.

Very respectfully, W H Mellach, Chairman Reunion Comm.

On motion of Mr Watson, the President was requested to appoint a committee consisting of the Public Interest Committee and three other members of the Council to whom the whole matter be referred with power to act.

The chair appointed Young, Watson and Rowe from the Council.

On motion of Mr Young, the President of the Council was added to the Committee.

On motion the expenditures necessary to provide for the reunion of the 4th immunes be felt to the discretion of the Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber June 29, 1905 at 8 PM with the President E D Cole in the Chair Members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

Geo H Morrison, Chairman Gas Committee made the following report

To the Hon Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va, June 1905

The undersigned Light Committee beg leave to present their annual report showing receipts and expenditures in running the City Gas works and the City Electric Light Plant.

Receipts from City Gas Works

Gas made	8,041,770 cu ft	
Gas sold	6,744,130 cu ft	
Gas lost	1,297,640 cu ft	16.67%
Amount collected & paid to the Treasurer for gas		\$8,480.04
Amount collected & paid to the Treasurer for tar		\$347.20
Amount collected & paid to the Treasurer for coke		\$888.50
		\$9,715.74
Amount yet to be collected		52.91
Total receipts		\$9,768.65
Expenditures as per vouchers in hands of the City Treasurer		
Coal		\$4,988.96
Superintendent's salary		800.00
Wages, supplies, repairs, etc		\$3,598.95
Interest on Gas bonds \$25,000 @ 4%		\$1,000.00
		\$10,387.91
Total loss during the year		619.26

It must be remembered to correctly sum up the year's work that \$676.56 was paid for coal that was received last year, also over \$300.00 was paid for new work that was necessary to bridge over until the new works are completed and about \$100.00 was paid for new meters. Every item in connection with the Gas Works was paid from the appropriation of the Committee

The Electric Light Plant cost the City in maintaining and operating Eighty three (83) lights as follows

Superintendents Salary	\$900.00
Wages, Supplies, etc	\$2,142.76
Interest on Bonds \$12,000 @ 4%	480.00
	\$3,522.76

This does not include water rent for the last three months, which will amount to either \$202.50, or \$249.75 according to whether the water is bought by theoretic or effective H Power

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There is a deficit of \$587.91 which amount your Committee asks be placed to the credit of the Gas Committee

Respectfully submitted, G H Morrison, S W Somerville, J P Rowe; Light Committee

On motion of Mr Somerville the report was received and the sum of \$587.91 appropriated to the Gas Committee by the following recorded vote

For Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole (8 votes)

Mr Morrison presented the bill of Water Power Co for Water Rent 111 horse power @9.00 per horsepower \$249.75

On motion, the bill for water was referred to the City Attorney.

Vice President in the Chair

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for the year ending June 30, 1905 and the Sewer Tax levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1st 1905, and ending June 30, 1906.

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va Gentlemen;

Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30, 1905 embracing settlements of accounts of the City Collector, A P Rowe and City Treasurer, R T Knox, whose reports are adopted as a part of this report.

The Report of A P Rowe, Collector which follows shows the largest collection of the City's revenue, and the smallest balance due the City since the Civil War; and your Committee desire, viz this report to express their commendation of the splendid work of Mr Rowe as City Collector, and also of Mr Knox, our most efficient, painstaking and accurate City Treasurer.

Bonded Debt of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Seven percent bonds due 1906	\$119,420.00
Five per cent Water bonds due 1909	\$30,000.00
Four per cent Gas bonds due 1920	\$25,000.00
Four per cent Bridge bonds due 1920	\$25,000.00
Four per cent Electric Light bonds due 1931	\$12,000.00
Four per cent Sewer bonds and Street Imp due 1931	\$18,000.00
Four per cent Street bonds due 1931	\$20,000.00
Four per cent Gas & Water bonds due 1935	\$20,000.00
Making a total bonded debt of	\$262,420.00

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Your committee further reports that the floating debt of the City is \$5,500.00.

On the amount of \$4,604.72 due the Corporation by the estate of the late R W Adams, ex-City Treasurer, there has been paid during the past year the sum of \$2,206.60 as shewn by the reports of Treasurer Knox set out above. The further collections of the balance due is in the hands of the attorneys for settlements, and your Committee cannot make a more definite report thereon at this time.

Your Committee as a matter of general public interest reports the total value of the City property subject to taxation for the 1904 to be as follows

Real Estate	white	\$1,441,593.00
Real Estate	colored	82,780.00
Total		\$1,524,373.00
Personal Property	white	769,572.90
Personal Property	colored	9,370.00
Total		\$778,942.90
Total real & personal	white	\$2,211,165.90
Total real & personal	colored	92,150.00
Grand Total		\$2,303,315.90

Your Committee further reports as a matter of Public Interest that assessors George W Shepherd, George W Wroten, A P Thornton, and A D Tapscott have nearly finished the regular five year assessment on which assessment of taxes for the year 1906 will be extended, and that said assessment will show about a ten percent increase in taxable realty value.

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;

1904-5 receipts from water	\$9,060.63	
1903-4 receipts from water	\$7,218.97	
Increase receipts from water		\$741.66
1904-5 receipts from Gas	\$9,715.74	
1903-4 receipts from Gas	\$9,325.21	
Net gain receipts from Gas		\$320.53
1904-5 receipts from Taxes	25,649.15	

1903-4 receipts from Taxes	25,643.80	
Increase from taxes		\$5.35
1904-5 receipts from Licenses	12,713.45	
1903-4 receipts from Licenses	11,345.54	
Increase from Licenses		\$1,367.91
1904-5 receipts from Fines	\$1,112.95	
1903-4 receipts from Licenses	\$805.75	
Increase from Licenses		\$307.20

Your Committee reports the following Ordinances:

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

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1st That the following tax on the real estate of the City be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1905-6 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.

Your Committee would further report that they have on deposit in the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank the sum of \$540.00 being three years sinking fund on the Sewer bonds which amount your Committee with respectfully recommend should be invested.

Your Committee would further recommend the following annual appropriations: Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

That the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1906

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
Interest on \$20,000	4 per cent Gas & W	\$800.00

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
On \$20,000	4% Gas & Water	\$200.00
Alms House		\$1,000.00
Police		\$1,920.00
Salaries		\$4,550.00
Public Property		\$2,000.00
Streets		\$1,600.00

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Light (Gas)	\$5,000.00
Light (Electric Plant)	\$3,000.00
Public Schools	\$2,800.00
Water	\$1,800.00
Health & Police	\$200.00
Fire Department	\$100.00

Your Committee desires further to summarize a part of the above report as follows: the aggregated annual interest on the City's bonds indebtedness is \$14,659.40

The annual aggregate appropriation for the sinking fund on the aggregate bonded indebtedness of the City is \$2,694.20

The annual appropriations for Alms House, Police & etc, being what might properly denominated the necessary running expenses of the City is \$23,970.00

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.

Respectfully, E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville
Finance Committee
Fredericksburg, Va June 22, 1905

Messrs E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville, 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 22, 1905.

I am gratified to state that the collections are far in excess of any previous year. This is attributable not only to extra subjects, such as improved pavement bills, etc., but to a steady gain in licenses and a substantial increase in taxable values in the City. The amounts derived from all the different sources are given separately, together with a statement of balances due.

In the delinquent list are old capitations against persons dead or insolvent, and transcripts who left before the bills became due, erroneous bills, etc., among these items is one bill for \$100.00, which I am holding for instructions, another is over \$40.00, was erroneously assessed and also one of \$18.40, among others. Two items pending in Court amount to \$67.00. I merely mention these to show that the delinquent list really represents little in actual assets, but some of the bills are [Page 346] being held with the hope that something belonging to the parties against whom they are assessed may become visible by which a settlement can be brought about. The following itemized statement shows the receipts and balances for all of the different account.

City Taxes collected for the year ending June 22, 1905.

On assessment of 1904 Real Estate	\$17,033.24	
On assessment of 1904 Personalty	\$8,244.88	
	\$25,278.12	
Less 5% discount	\$1,263.91	\$24,014.21
On assessment of 1904 after Oct 15		
Real Estate	\$1,819.77	
Personalty	\$355.93	
	\$2,175.70	
Add penalty and interest	\$177.24	\$2,352.94
Sewer Tax to Oct 15	\$1,434.70	

Sewer Tax after Oct 15		\$157.36	\$1,592.06
Improvement Pavement bills 1904	853.81		
Less 5% discount	42.69	811.12	
Improved payment bills 1904 no dis		1,676.98	
Improved pymnt bills 1904 after Dec 25	305.85		
Add interest	4.55	310.40	
Improvement Pavement bills 1905	853.81		
Less 5% discount	42.69	811.12	
Improved payment bills 1905 no dis		15.99	
Improvement Pavement bills 1906	853.88		
Less 5% discount	42.69	811.19	
Improved payment bills 1906 no dis		16.00	\$4,452.80
General license from Jul 1, 04 to Sep 30,05		486.87	
One delinquent license 1904-05	25.00		
Add penalty	1.25	26.25	
One license appealed to Court 1904	50.00		
Less 5% (order of Court)	2.50	47.50	
Dray license fr Jul 1904 to Apr 30, 05		78.00	
Licenses for Opera House Ex		30.00	
On General Licenses 1905-6	\$12,648.90		
Less 5% discount	632.44	12,016.46	
On Gen licenses 1905/06			
Reported to grand jury	85.00		
Add 5% penalty	4.25	89.25	
On General licenses 1905/06 after May 1		108.60	
On dray licenses 1905/06	112.00		
Less 5% discount	5.60	106.40	
On dray licenses 1905/6 after May1		16.00	\$13,005.33
Rent of City Hay scales 1905			35.00
For two old iron gates by order Pub Propty Comm			5.80
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Amt for back taxes in settlement of 3 old accts order of Court			161.08
Amt delinquent sewer tax for 1903		2.63	
Add penalty & int		.27	2.90
Old bill for repairing pavement (garnished)			134.35

The report then gives in detail a number of small personal bills for the years 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898 amounting to 73.99
Making the total collections from all sources \$45,730.46

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg, Va by delinquents for the years 1876 to 1904 incl

To amounts on books of 1904			\$27,994.84
By collections to Oct 15, 1904	\$24,014.21		
Add 5% deducted	1,263.91	\$25,278.12	
By collection after Oct 15, 1904	2,352.94		
Deduct penalty & interest	177.24	2,175.70	
By delinquent real estate bills			

Turned over to Treasurer June 22, 1905		274.23	
Bills exempted by Court		117.50	\$27,845.55
Amount delinquent			\$149.29
To Sewer Tax on books of 1904		\$1,611.07	
By collection to Oct 15	1,434.70		
By collections after Oct 15	157.36		
By delinquent sewer bills turned over			
To treasurer June 22, 1905	19.01	\$1,611.07	
To improved Pavement bills 1904			\$2,900.10
By collections to Dec 25, 1904	811.12		
Add discount deducted	42.69	853.81	
By collection to Dec 25, 1904 (no discnt)		1,676.98	
By collections after Dec 25, 1904	310.40		
Deduct interest	4.55	305.85	\$2,836.64
Amount delinquent			63.46
To improved pavement bills 1905		\$2,900.29	
By collections to Dec 25, 1904	811.12		
Add discount deducted	42.69		
	853.81		
By collections after Dec 25, 1904	15.99	869.80	
Amount due Dec 1905		\$2,030.49	
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To improved pavement bills 1906		2,900.54	
By collections to Dec 25, 1904	811.19		
Add discount deducted	42.69		
	853.88		
By collections after Dec 25, 1904	16.00	869.88	
Amount due Dec 1906		\$2,030.66	
To amounts on books of 1903			\$644.78
By collections	21.10		
Deduct penalty and interest	2.10	19.00	
By erroneous Capitation tax			
Assessed contrary to law by new constitution		394.00	\$413.00
Amount delinquent			\$232.78
To amount on books 1902			\$374.09
By collections	11.87		
Deduct penalty and interest	1.81		10.06
Amount delinquent			\$364.03
To amount on books 1901			\$390.31
By collections	10.44		
Deduct penalty and interest	1.78		8.66
Amount delinquent			\$381.65
To amount on books 1900			\$74.53
By collections	7.76		
Deduct penalty and interest	1.66		6.10
Amount delinquent			\$68.43

To amount on books 1899		\$116.08
By collections	3.11	
Deduct penalty and interest	.82	2.29
Amount delinquent		\$113.79
To amount on books 1898		\$36.18
By collections	19.71	
Deduct penalty and interest	6.07	13.64
Amount delinquent		\$22.54
To amount on book of 1897		\$15.93
To amount on book of 1896		\$12.15
To amount on book of 1895		\$8.72
To amount on book of 1894		\$4.70
To amount on book of 1893		\$11.08
To amount on book of 1892		\$11.75
To amount on book of 1891		\$5.78
To amount on book of 1890		\$6.58
To amount on book of 1889		\$3.07
To amount on book of 1888		\$4.10
To amount on book of 1887		\$6.30
To amount on book of 1886		\$6.69
To amount on book of 1885		\$3.76
To amount on book of 1884		\$6.65
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To amount on book of 1883		\$7.02
To amount on book of 1882		\$3.96
To amount on book of 1881		\$0.00
To amount on book of 1880		\$0.70
To amount on book of 1879		\$2.76
To amount on book of 1878		\$1.59
To amount on book of 1877		\$2.52
Recapitulation of Collection books of 1904, taxes, licenses, pavement bills etc		\$45,619.22
Recapitulation of Collection 1903		\$58.35
Recapitulation of Collection 1902		\$11.87
Recapitulation of Collection 1901		\$10.44
Recapitulation of Collection 1900		\$7.76
Recapitulation of Collection 1899		\$3.11
Recapitulation of Collection 1898		\$19.71
		\$45,730.46
Recapitulation of bills due		
On books of 1904		\$149.29
On books of 1904 Improvement pavement bills		\$63.46
On books of 1903		\$232.78
On books of 1902		\$364.03
On books of 1901		\$381.65
On books of 1900		\$68.43
On books of 1899		\$113.79
On books of 1898		\$22.54
On books of 1897		\$15.93

On books of 1896	\$12.15
On books of 1895	\$8.72
On books of 1894	\$4.70
On books of 1893	\$11.08
On books of 1892	\$11.75
On books of 1891	\$5.78
On books of 1890	\$6.58
On books of 1889	\$3.07
On books of 1888	\$4.10
On books of 1887	\$6.30
On books of 1886	\$6.69
On books of 1885	\$3.76
On books of 1884	\$6.65
On books of 1883	\$7.02
On books of 1882	\$3.96
On books of 1880	\$1.70
On books of 1879	\$1.76
On books of 1878	\$1.59
On books of 1877	\$2.52
	\$1,521.78

Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, City Collector of Taxes
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Corporation of Fredericksburg In account with Robert T Knox, Treasurer, recapitulation all sources from June 25, 1904 to June 21, 1905

Jun 25, 1905 By balance on hand this day			\$6,223.62
To receipts from Water Rents			\$9,060.63
To receipts from Gas			\$9,715.74
To receipts from Taxes 1904			\$25,649.15
To receipts from Licenses			\$12,713.45
To receipts fr delinquent Real Estate for past year			\$326.28
To receipts fr W E Bradley committee for Mrs M V King 7/1 1905			\$65.00
To receipts fr A P Rowe, Gran. Pavement		\$4,110.41	
Less Comm		102.76	
		\$4,007.65	
Amt rec'd fr same for 1904-05 & 06	\$342.39		
Less Comm	8.56	333.83	4,341.48
By amt rec'd from rent Metcalfe lot to Jan 1, 1905			2.50
By amt rec'd from Chancery suit vs Barton Adams			6.43
By amt rec'd from T P Wallace Mayor voucher & ret'd			5.35
By amt rec'd A P Rowe fr Pittman Pop & Pub Pmp	204.53		
Less fee & Com	10.22		194.31
By amt rec'd fines fr M G Willis Mayor	201.55		
By amt rec'd dog licenses fr M G Willis Mayor	14.00		
By amt rec'd fines fr W S Embrey Acting Mayor	112.00		
By amt rec'd 271 dog licence fr W S Embrey	297.00		
By amt rec'd fines fr T P Wallace Mayor	799.40		
By amt rec'd 50 dog license fr T P Wallace Mayor	53.50		1,477.45
By amt fr Treas R W Adams acct 1 st	1,749.82		
By amt fr Treas R W Adams acct 2 nd	456.78		

	2,206.60	
Less percent & charges in Chancery Ct	702.08	1,504.52
Rec'd fr Public Prop Com Bridge Timber & Privilege		29.75
Fr suit in chancery vs S E Perry Est	185.26	
Less expenses & etc	37.05	148.21
1/3 received from auditor of State capitation taxes assessed in Fredericksburg in 1903 and amount said taxes returned delinquent were as follows		
Assessed	White	Colored
	1356.00	519
		Total
		\$1,875.00
Delinquent	487.50	423
		\$910.50
Amount collected		\$944.50
1/3 returned to Fredericksburg		321.50
		\$71,820.37
E&O Ex total amount paid out by Treasurer		\$63,888.67
Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands		\$7,931.70

Fredericksburg, Va R T Knox, Treasurer
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Corporation of Fredericksburg Va In account with Robt T Knox, Treasurer
For expenditures fr Jun 25, 1904 to Jun 21, 1905

Water Committee		\$1,278.47	
Water Committee special Ruffin's Bill etc		\$471.26	1,749.73
Gas Committee			8,587.91
Street Committee			2,211.54
Public Property	\$2,049.85	91.21	2,141.17
Alms House Committee			1,472.00
Health & Police Committee			136.12
Fire Department			53.26
Finance Comm by order of Council			1,080.32
Electric Light Comm			3,042.76
Park Comm			35.40
Per order of Council			
8-25 place to credit new St Imp Acct		885.34	
Paid A B Bowering		350.00	
Paid Rev J W Rosebro		450.00	
11-2 note		2,500.00	
11-8 note		1,000.00	
11-21 note		1,735.21	
Paid St Geo R Fitzhugh		500.00	
1905 1-30 note		2,500.00	
2-6 note		1,000.00	
Paid curtail on 2000 note		500.00	
June 5 note		1,500.00	
June 5 note		2,500.00	
June 5 note		1,500.00	
Doggett & Scott	400.00		
H Amand	150.00		
Towles Trustee	150.00		
Gas bills used by city	196.00	896.00	\$17,816.55

Clerk's salary and other bills by Council	3,824.97	\$21,641.52
Per order of Court		\$2,037.16
Per order of Mayor		\$135.56
Per order of Mayor M G Willis		\$66.66
Per order of Mayor T P Wallace		\$333.33
Salary Sup Gas		\$800.00
Salary Sup Water		\$900.00
Salary Sup Police		\$1,954.73
Salary Clerk of Market		\$75.00
Sprinkling Streets		\$132.50
J W Ball		\$150.00
Salary Commonwealth Atty		\$400.00

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Coupons counted by Fin Comm & destroyed by burning

4% Bridge coupons	1,000.00		
5% Water coupons	1,450.00		
7% City Bond coupons due Nov 1904	4,203.50		
7% City Bond coupons due back years	350.00		
7% City Bond coupons due Fby 1 so far	3,608.50		
4% Electric Light coupons	480.00		
4% Street Imp coupons	798.00		
4% Gas coupons	1,062.00	\$12,952.00	
Judge's Salary		700.00	
R T Knox Treas		500.00	\$47,726.32
			\$63,888.67
June 21, 1905 balance in hand of Treasurer			\$7,931.70
(E&OE) R T Knox Treasurer			\$71,820.37

Street improvement account not in regular books

1904 Jul 2	Voucher		1904 Jul 2	
To E T Myers Jr	No 1	625.00	By Fin Comm note @ 4mo Dis at	
Jul 11 Cartright & Davis	No 2	3,732.34	Na Bank Int charged on reg book	\$2,500.00
Aug 8 E T D Myers	No 3	250.00	7-2 Fin Comm note C G & G	2,500.00
Aug 8 Cartright & Davis	No 4	5,250.00	8-8 Fin Comm Note C G & G	2,500.00
Aug 25 Cartright & Davis B	No 4	1,138.30	8-8 Fin Comm Note Nat Bank	2,500.00
Aug 25 Cartright & Davis	No 5	5,204.22	8-25 Treas Check	885.34
Aug 25 E T D Myers	No 6	185.48	8-25 Fin Comm note Nat Bank	3,000.00
			8-25 Fin Comm not C G & G	2,500.00
		\$16,385.34		\$16,385.34

Respectfully submitted, R T Knox, Treasurer

New Sewer Acct Fredericksburg, Va
In Account with T R Knox, Treasurer

1904	Vouch		1904	
6-29 E J Cain & Co	1	423.32	6-24 by balance	15.16
6-29 G W Heflin	2	303.05	8-8 Amt from S J Quinn	234.00
8-8 Hunter Plow Works	3	32.70	11-7 Amt from S J Quinn	32.60
8-8 Labor bills	4	25.00	12-15 Amt fr A P Rowe	1,398.83

10-10	E D Cole	5	6.94	1905 1-4 Amt from S J Quinn	40.00
10-10	E D Cole	6	58.79	1-19 By amt collectd out of sewer bills	
12-3	S J Quinn	7	45.05	turned over to me	16.09
12-5	E D Cole	8	78.70	4-3 Sewer Tax fr A P Rowe	40.06
1905 1-4	Hunter plow W	9	32.40	4-14 Sewer Tax fr S J Quinn	32.00
1-4	S J Quinn	10	24.20	5-19 Sewer Tax fr S J Quinn	239.35
4-1	Bearer	11	50.79	6-12 Sewer Tax fr S J Quinn	41.34
5-3	S J Quinn	12	30.51	6-21 Sewer Tax fr A P Rowe	109.43
1904	E D Cole	13	5.38		
1904 11-7	S J Quinn	14	42.21		

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1905 6-6 to coupons due Oct

4% 35 \$10 15 350.00

Coupons due Apr 1 1905 15 280.00

Oct 90. Not come in

5-17 sinking fund for sewer bonds 180.00

We have now \$540.00 there to credit sinking sewer fund

To Balance 229.82

\$2,198.86

\$2,198.86

1905 6-21 By balance on hand \$229.82

Respectfully submitted R T Knox Treasurer, June 23, 1905

Examined and signed by Auditing Committee 6-21-1905

President in the Chair

To the Honorable Mayor and 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 Treas of said City and found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers

The said accounts of the Treasurer embrace the general accounts of receipts and disbursements which show a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the City, seven thousand & nine hundred and thirty-one dollars and seventy cents (\$7,934.70) and also the accounts of the Sewer Tax levied and paid the charges for sewer connections which show a balance to the credit of said account of two hundred and seventy nine dollars and eighty-two cents (\$229.82)

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, Tax Collector, Wm Fitzpatrick, Supt of the City Gas Works, and S J Quinn, Supt of the City Water Works and Sewer, and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted

E M Young, Jr, M L Watson; Auditing Committee

On motion of J P Rowe, the report of the Finance Committee and auditing Committee were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Fin Committee were instructed to have the Finance Committee's report published in one of the Town papers at a cost not to exceed (\$25.00). Unanimously adopted.

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Vice President in the Chair

Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the floating debt of the City (\$2500.00)

Col Cole had read the following communication from Commonwealth Attorney, Judge J T Goolrick
Col E D Cole, President of the Council

There has been for some time a suspicion in the minds of our people and officers, that liquor was being sold in this City on Sunday by some one, but not until recently was this ascertained to be a fact, when officer Hall after energetic and intelligent service, caused the arrest of two of these parties, both of whom have been convicted and fined, one has paid his fine (\$50.00) the other fine (\$40.00) is secured and will soon be paid.

Our citizens who are engaged in the liquor trade (all of whom I believe obey the laws) are entitled to protection against these people who without leave or license sell ardent spirits, and all our people are much interested that this unlicensed sale of liquor on any day, much less Sunday, should be hunted down and prosecuted. This kind of work requires extra service and extra vigilance, and Officer Hall has faithfully given such service. It was his information and by his work that these people were arrested and fined, and I would recommend that he be allowed the usual amount of said fines, which is allowed in cases of information against sample merchants.

Respectfully,

J T Goolrick, Atty for Commonwealth June 29, 1905

On motion by Mr Masters the matter was referred to Committee on Police to report back to the Council.
Carried by a unanimous vote.

On motion the Salary of the Health Officer was fixed at \$75.00 per annum from July 1st 1905
Unanimous vote of the Council

President in the Chair

Mr Young stated that as a member of the auditing Committee he found that the City Treasurer had a vast amount of work to do, and he regarded the salary of (\$500.00) too small and moved that the salary of the Treasurer be (\$600.00) per annum from July 1, 1905. Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Watson from the Committee on Public Interest reported that the estimate cost of the Reunion of the 4th Immunes [Page 355] would reach about (\$167.00) on motion of Mr Young the sum of \$175 or so much thereof as is necessary be appropriated to the Committee on Public Interest for this reunion.
Carried by unanimous recorded vote.

W S Embrey gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would ask for the extension of Sewer from B J Marshall's to Hazel Hill.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Finance Committee was instructed to invest the sinking fund now in back amounting to (\$540.00)

Mr Dannehl had the following communication read which on motion was referred to the Finance Committee

To the Hon Members of the City Council May 27, 1905

If I understand the license tax your honorable body has imposed upon the real estate agents of this City (See Sec 11, City Ordinance) the license may be pro rated if an Agent wishes to take out the license after the first day of May (see Sec 86, City Ordinance) and I understand that it is the custom in this City to so

pro rate the said tax if a party wishes to take out the license for instance say in September, and is not required to pay the entire prescribed license.

Yet in the case of Insurance Agents and Companies your license ordinance will not permit the license to be pro rated (See Sec 56) and by reason of this section the Insurance Company that takes out the license on the first day of May is protected from those that come to town and take out the pro rated license and then work their business very vigorously until their license expires, then they do not pay their license again for some time, and again come in on the pro rated license. If I understand the said Ordinance in regard to the Real Estate Agents, their license may be and are pro rated. And this is the matter I beg to call to the consideration of this hon body. I pay my license on the first day of May and conduct my business throughout the entire year. Yet when a party comes in town (and the probability is they are my customer too) some curbstone broker get hold of him, then pays the license as they are pro rated (hence paying less than I have to pay) and make the sale thereby depriving me of my customers and yet paying less license than I have to pay. I do not mean to say this has been done this year so far, but I wish to call attention of this body to this possibility and I may say probability and I respectfully ask your consideration of this state of affairs. I think I should receive the protection of not having the license pro rated as the Real Estate agents, [Page 356] and that I should receive the same protection as is given insurance companies.

I hope this hon body will at once take this matter up and give it your careful attention and consideration, as I believe this hon body endeavors to give everybody a fair deal.

Respectfully submitted, Jno W Allison, Jr

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City July 20th 1905 at 8:30 PM

President E D Cole in the Chair

Members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young

Minutes of last regular, called and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Vice President E M Young, Jr in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill of S S Bradford which on motion was ordered paid
To making survey and map of the Mercer monument site \$10.00

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report

To the Hon Pres and members of the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

I respectfully report to your Honorable body that the Policemen of the City of Fredericksburg have faithfully performed their duties during the last month and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and salaries of the Police ordered paid.

Col Cole presented the following and on motion was received.

Whereas the Hon Mayor and members of the City Council, Citizens' Committee, the local representatives of the Nation Guard and citizens of Fredericksburg have worked so faithfully and succeeded so admirably in making pleasant and memorable our stay in their City,

Therefore [Page 357]

Be it resolved that the Regimental Association of the 4th United States Volunteers Infantry (Immunes) do hereby offer our most sincere and hearty thanks for the true Virginian hospitality extended to us on this occasion.

F R Huseman, Chairman

Anthony Holmede

Wm Peacock

July 5, 1905

Mr Embrey offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote
For Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young, Cole

Resolved that the Water Committee be instructed to make out specifications including to every house and vacant lot curb connection for the extension of the sewer, commencing at Marshall's corner and down Princess Anne extending across Dixon Street about sixty feet and the sewer be laid with eight inch pipe, including two man holes, one on the hill and one at the end across Dixon Street

And said Committee advertise for bids for same with the understanding said work to commence on the tenth of September and completed as early thereafter as possible. And said Committee employ a suitable man to Superintend said work, and said Contractor be required to ram the dirt back in the trench, and leave the Street in level condition

W S Embrey.

Mr [blank] of Alms House Committee reported one death at the Alms House, Peyton Williams

E W Mills, Public Interest Committee presented the following

July 3, 1905

Col E D Cole, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir; I called the Committee together today to decide on the Reunion, I laid your invitation before them and they accepted it, to hold their next reunion at Fredericksburg.

Now before I make my report to the Commander Capt J W Foster, I will ask you to name the day and date that you would like for us to meet. I would like it to be some time the last of August or September in the middle of the week. It has been customary at all reunions in Cities or towns for the Mayor to join in the invitation so the boys will feel the freedom of the Town. If you think it best I will come down the 12, or thirteenth and see you, and we could talk the matter over.

Yours respectfully,

John R Tiblett

On motion referred to the Public Interest by unanimous vote of the Council

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W L Watson Committee on Health and Police reported the following

To the Hon Common Council of Fredericksburg

The Committee on Police, to whom by order of June 29th 1905, was referred the communication of J T Goolrick, Att'y for the Commonwealth, recommending that Officer Hall be allowed the usual amount of two fines for violation of the liquor law which is allowed be general laws in all cases of information against sample merchants would respectively report.

That after careful investigation they find that Officer Hall incurred some expense in making the said convictions and also gave of his time when not on regular duty and that he did exercise extra vigilance and perform extra service in securing the said two convictions, and therefor your committee recommends that the Treasurer of the City be directed to, if collected and paid in, and if not collected then when collected to pay over to Officer Hall one half the fines in the said cases of John Johnson and Kate Withers for selling liquor contrary to law.

Your Committee would beg leave to state that, as a general proposition, they deem the principle of extra compensation not provided for by general ordinance a bad one, and they would not in any ordinary case, of an instant approve of the payment of extra compensation to a police officer for services performed in the City of Fredericksburg, but that the two cases of Johnson and Withers, above referred to, were not of the ordinary kind, and being and being strongly recommended by the Commonwealth Attorney, your Committee reports on them as above set out.

Respectfully submitted

W L Watson, Henry Dannehl, Committee

Mr Bradley moved to amend by referring back to the Committee, lost by the following recorded vote
To refer back Bradley and Wills two (2) votes
Against Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young, Cole

Vote was then taken on the paper as reported by the Committee and adopted by the following vote;
For; Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young, Cole = six (6) votes
Against Bradley, Mills = two (2) votes
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Mr Watson of Health and Police Committee offered the following
Chairman W L Waston and Gentlemen of the Committee

Gentlemen; The swamp between Commerce Street extended and the pump house on the west side of the Canal has been drained by two parallel ditches years ago. Since that time, however, the Canal has been obstructed by gravel bars, weeds, and bushes and the ditches have grown up with bulrushes and weeds. In addition to all this, the sluice gate at the N G Depot has been made a couple of feet higher to make the water rise over the dirt and debris in the Marye Race way.

This race way, should be dug out as far as it is open, Viz; to where it goes under "the Boulevard" at least. We are now cleaning the canal from the gate toward Hanover Street Bridge, and will continued to the pump house.

I doubt, however, if the canal can dry the swamp in a dry season, as the swamp is fed by a large number of never failing springs at a lower level than the surface of the water in the Canal, when our wheel is working the pump.

If we provided an outlet for the spring water independent of the Canal, and only depend on the Canal to care for storm water we can dry the swamp completely.

The western sewer turns into Commerce Street some distance beyond the Canal in an 8' deep man hole. I believe that a 4" pipe brought into this manhole from the junction of the two ditches would take care of all the spring water, but there can be no objection to putting in an 8" or 10" in pipe. Such a pipe would benefit the sewer more than a 4" one, as it would keep it clear.

I do not think that it would cost the City one hundred and fifty dollars, to provide this outlet for the swamp water, if the manhole is 8 feet deep as I am informed.

Respectfully,

C L Kalmbach, P C

July 18, 1905

On motion of Jno Bradley the report was unanimously received.

Mr Watson offered the following

The recommendations of Mr Kalmbach having been presented to the Council by the Chairman of the Health Committee.

Resolved that this Committee employ Mr Kalmbach without delay, to lay the pipe recommended by him in the foregoing recommendation. And that the said Committee proceed to make arrangements with the

land owners through whose land the ditches mentioned in Mr Kalmbach's report runs, for the opening of the same.

On motion of Mr Bradley adopted by the following recorded vote

For Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Young, Cole

Against, Watson

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Mr Watson, Chairman of Health Committee presented the following from Mayor Thomas P Wallace.

20 Jul 1905

To the Hon President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
I regret to be compelled to announce to your honorable body that Cumberland Mills, elected by your as scavenger for the upper ward of the City of Fredericksburg Va has been so derelict in the performance of the duties of his office that the health of the City is endangered by his failure to clean the privies and removed the night soil therefrom. Complaints have been daily made to me of his neglect from all parts of the ward.

I therefore respectfully refer the matter to your for your action.

Respectfully,

Thomas P Wallace Mayor

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to the Committee on Health.

St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney, presented and read deed for square of ground on Washington Avenue to the United States of America conveying land for site of Mercer Monument.

Mr Watson offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote

For; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young, Cole

"The City attorney having prepared and read to the Council a deed from the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg Va to the United States of America conveying a square of eighty feet in the center of Washington Avenue at the point where Fauquier Street intersects with said Avenue. For the erection of the monument to General Hugh Mercer, as provided for by Act of Congress of June 28, 1902. And said conveyance being authorized by the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia of July 28, 1902. Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va that said deed is approved and the Mayor of the City and the Clerk of the Council are authorized and directed to execute said deed for the City by signing the same and attaching the seal of the City to the same. And so soon as the said deed is duly executed the Mayor shall transmit the same to the Honorable Secretary of War with a certified copy of this resolution with the Seal of the City attached thereto.

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Mr Young called attention to the conditions that existed at the intersection of Hawk and Winchester streets caused by dumping of all kinds of objectionable material.

On motion, referred to Committee on Health with instructions to abate the nuisance complained of.

Mr Watson offered the following which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

The attention of the Council has been called to the bad condition of the Canal or race-way between the bridge at the foot of Prince Edward Street and the Kenmore Shoe Company building.

Resolved by the Council that the Health Committee notify the Fredericksburg Milling Company to clean out said Canal without delay.

Mr Watson offered this resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the Common Council is informed that Mr E V Valentine the Sculptor having the contract for the monument to General Hugh Mercer expects to have said monument ready for unveiling this coming Fall. And Whereas in the judgment of the Council said event should be attended with the most imposing ceremonies.

Resolved that the President of the Council appoint a committee of five members of this body including himself as ex-officio Chairman of said Committee which Committee shall appoint an executive committee of fifteen members which latter committee shall select its own chairman, and said latter committee shall in cooperation with the Secretary of War, map out the whole program of proceedings on the occasion of the said unveiling of the Mercer Monument, and shall have authority to appoint all sub-committees, which shall be subordinate to said Executive Committee.

And said Executive Committee shall report its program of proceedings aforesaid to this Council for its approval.

The following communication was received from the Clerk of the Court and in motion referred to the Finance Committee.

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Pursuant to Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 12, 1904, the undersigned Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg Va respectfully reports that since his last January report to the Council, he still holds books 28 and 30 of receipts for fines, which with No 29 delivered to the Hon Thomas P Wallace, Mayor as stated in last report embrace all the books of receipts for fines received from the auditor of Public Accounts by him.

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Book No 28 held by him shows the fines No 1352, for five dollars for the fine of Henry Deane received March 15, 1905; No 546 for ten dollars for the fine of Richard Hicks received Feb'y 6, 1905; No 542 for ten dollars for the fine of William Catlett received March 15, 1905; all of which have been charged on the Record Book kept by the Clerk of Taxes and other money due the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of July 1905

A B Yates, Clerk

The following communication from John Mullan by his attorney W D Carter was read and on motion of Mr Rowe, referred to Water Committee with power to act

Fredericksburg, Va July 20, 1905

To the Honorable Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen; I most respectfully request that prompt steps be taken to remedy the ruinous condition of the City waste way or overflow canal, where the same passers through my lot (now occupied by Mr Joe Larkin as a residence lot) a square south of the new Gas Works.

The Trunk was stopped just above my lot, and as a consequence the water cut out the masonry walls of the Canal as it passes through my lot, the damage is growing greater each day by the further cutting of the unprotected banks, and buildings have already been caused to settle, and if the trouble should not be speedily remedied will practically be destroyed.

Earnestly requesting your prompt and favorable consideration I respectfully ask that you order the Canal to be properly repaired at once.

Very Respectfully

John Mullan by Wm D Carter

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to the Water Committee with power to act.

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh presented opinion

To the honorable City Council of Fredericksburg in pursuance of a resolution of your honorable body of the 15th of June 1905, in which my opinion is requested touching the proper construction of Sec 823, of the Code of Virginia forbidding City Official to have interest in contracts with or claims against their City.

I beg to state that I take it that the Council seeks to know, by this resolution the spirit as well as the literal construction of the above mentioned section of the Code.

Not what a City official may do and yet escape a criminal prosecution or a forfeiture of the amount of [Page 363] any contract he may make forbidden by law, but rather what he may not do without violating the spirit of the law, and his duty as a public official.

The said section is manifestly intended to remove all temptation from a City official to use his official position to promote his own personal interest at the expense of the City and to that end to forbid him to be interested directly or indirectly in the profits of any contract made with the City, or in any claim against the City.

It was intended to deprive a City Official of the right to sell his goods, wares, and merchandise of all kinds to a contractor with the City. Since the exercise of such right could in no wise be prejudicial to the interests of the City, the City having contracted with the contractor for the performance of specific work the delivery of specific supplies, for a specific sum of money, it is a matter of no possible concern to the City whether the contractor purchases his supplies to enable him to perform his contract from one of our own merchants, who happens to be a City official, or from a merchant in another city.

The Committee on the Alms House, for example, cannot contract with a City official to furnish supplies for the Alms House, but may buy individual articles of merchandise in the course of trade from a City Official for the Alms House.

So the Committee on Streets and on Public Property could not contract with the City Official for work or labor on the Streets, or on the Public Property, or for food, wares, and merchandise or other supplies required by said Committees respectively in the discharge of their duties in taking care of the Streets and the Public Property, but each of said Committees can go into the stores of City Officials as well as those of other merchants and purchase any articles needed by said Committee, to enable it to repair the Streets or the Public Property of the City, without violating either the spirit or the letter of the law.

To forbid a City Official to sell his goods over the counter to the City, as to any other customer, would needlessly restrict his trade and might deprive the City of the benefit of Competition, in supplying its wants, or compel it to send abroad for needed supplies involving much delay and additional expense. I do not think that any Committee of the Council should purchase any supplies required by such Committee from a member of such Committee, not that such dealing is forbidden by the Section referred to, but because in such case the seller and the buyer is the same; and this is forbidden by the Common law, though no penalty is attached thereto.

Those assuming a public trust, however, destitute of compensation or emolument should refrain any action in the execution of the trust calculated to provoke harsh criticism quite as jealously as from conduct inviting the penalties of the law.

Respectfully,

St Geo R Fitzhugh

June 20, 1905

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On motion of Mr Bradley, the above paper was received, and the Finance Committee ordered to have same published. By a unanimous vote.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice July 27 at 4 PM in the Council Chamber of the said City, with the following members present
Messrs Young, Bradley, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Morrison, Watson.

Vice President Young in the Chair

The Chair stated that the meeting of the Council had been called at the request of the Street Committee

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee stated that the paving blocks on Commerce Street were being taken up in order to stop leaks in the joints of the Gas Main, that had only been laid new two years and he wanted the Council to consider the matter as it was all important that the paving should be put back properly.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee stated that his Committee had entrusted him with the duty of having all street paving that was taken up for various purposes, put back in proper condition. That the Superintendent of Gas had applied to him for permission to open the Gas Main in front of Mrs Scagg's to stop a leak. After making several openings it was found that nearly every joint of the Gas main had been poorly corked and were leaking and now opening had been made every joint from beyond Hirsh's store down to Col Cole's Store.

On motion of Mr Watson, the matter was referred to the Gas Committee and that said Committee with Mr Heflin present investigate carefully the condition of said Gas main and report their findings back to this Council

On motion of Mr Mills the Gas Committee were instructed to proceed with this work, and that said Gas Committee be instructed to have every joint of said pipe inspected by Mr Bullock or some competent gas engineer after corking before said pipe is covered up and that the filling [Page 365] of the trench and relaying of the block be properly done under the direction of the Street Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City August 17th 1905 at 8 o'clock PM

President E D Cole in the Chair

Members present; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson

Minutes of regular and called meeting read and approved.

Report of the Mayor to the hon President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

I certify that the police officer have faithfully and efficiently performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Respectfully, W S Embrey, Acting Mayor

On motion the report was received and the salaries of the Police ordered paid.

In obedience to a resolution passed by the Council July 20, 1905 the President appointed the following Committee of five including himself as Ex-officio chairman of said Committee, said Committee of five to appoint an Executive Committee of fifteen members whose duties are defined in said resolution of July 20, 1905.

Committee, E D Cole, W E Bradley, W L Watson, E W Mills, H Dannehl

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that his Committee were ready to grade Wolf Street and asked that the Council make a special appropriation to the Street Committee of (\$350.00)
On motion of Mr Rowe a special appropriation of \$350.00 was made by the following recorded vote;
Yeas Rowe, Mills, Masters Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Cole (8) votes
Nos none

Mr Mills of the Street Committee made the following report on the drainage of the upper end of the town referred to his Committee Sept 15, 1904.

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Fredericksburg, Va Nov 18, 1904

To the Hon Committee on Streets

Gentlemen

Pursuant to instructions, I have the honor to report that there are in that portion of Fredericksburg bounded by New, Main, Fauquier, and Prince Edward Streets, the depressions

(A) In Hawke Street draining naturally westward from Charles;

(B) at intersection of Princess Anne and Hawke Streets draining through 12" terra cotta pipe, eastward to the river;

(C) bounded by Canal, Princess Anne, Hawk and Charles Streets, no outlet.

Depression (A) will for the present and near future require only that the gutter be properly maintained

Depression (B) the 12" pipe is improperly laid but should be utilized by so grading the Streets and gutters tributary to same as to remove all obstructions to flow of water

Depression (C) locally known as the "Duck Pond" received the drainage of very much of the greater portion of that part of Fredericksburg first names and all of it now tributary to (A) and (B) should be made tributary to (C) by slight and inexpensive grading of streets and gutters, when their being no natural outlet, relief should be given by a 24" pipe to water Street, the cost of which together with the grading required for depression (A) is estimated as follows:

Trenching and backfilling 827 lin feet	\$206.25
24" Terra Cotta pipe laid 827 lin feet @ 95¢	\$785.64
Inlet	\$45.00
Outfall	\$50.00
Grading Streets	\$300.00
Contingencies 10%	\$138.69
Total	\$1,525.58

The price of pipe is falling and can probably be bough considerably cheaper thirty or sixty days from now.

I have made no provision for inlets or catch basins at intersected streets for the reason that there is sufficient surface fall to take water to the higher end of the pipe, yet if future conditions demand, inlets at Street intersections can then be put in economically as now.

I attach sketch showing general drainage conditions within the area under consideration.

Respectfully,

Chas L Ruffin

Mr W S Watson in the Chair

Mr E D Cole made the following motion which was unanimously adopted. That the Street Committee proceed at once to advertise for, and secure bids on the above work, in accordance with said recommendations and report back to this Council as soon as possible.

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Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported that his Committee was ready to take up the matter of repairing Commerce and Main Street where the paving had been take up to fix the gas main, and asked for instructions from the Council as to how the work should be done.

Col Cole moved that the Street Committee be instructed to advertise for bids to relay the pavement on Commerce and Main Streets (recently taken up to fix the Gas main), by the yard and said contractor for this paving should guarantee the work for 12 months further that the Street Committee report back to a called meeting of this Council. Adopted unanimously.

At the request of Mr Dannehl, Mayor Thomas P Wallace appeared before the Council in the interest of the "Curfew Law" Mayor Wallace stated that children were found on the streets late at night, and that numerous appeals had come to him to have the Council's attention called to the "Curfew Law". He presented and had read a copy of the Curfew Ordinance of Newport News also a letter in regard to the satisfactory working of the law in that City.

On motion of Col Cole the matter of the "Curfew Law" was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report at next meeting of the Council.

Mr Morrison of the Gas Committee, reported that the work repairing the leaks in the Gas main on Commerce and Main Street was about completed and his Committee would be ready to report more fully at next meeting of the Council.

Col Cole of the Water Committee reported that the Water way through John Mullan's property had been temporarily fixed so as to prevent any further damage to said property, and in a few days his committee would proceed to do permanent work. Report on motion was received.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill of the Clerk of the Council for postage and Stationary \$1.28. Which on motion was ordered paid.

President in the Chair

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee stated that his Committee had overlooked a small bill in connection with their work of securing the tonnage on the river.

Telephone service \$3.25.

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On motion the telephone bill of \$3.25 was ordered to be paid.

Mr Mills of the Public Interest Committee requested that the President of the Council and three members of the Council be appointed to assist the Public Interest Committee in providing for the Mosby Reunion to be held in our City August 31st 1905, and that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to this Committee to expend as much of same as might be necessary.

On motion the President was instructed to appoint said Committee and the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated to Committee on Public Interest for the Mosby reunion.

The President appointed Watson, Somerville, and Morrison the Committee

Mr Watson of Health Committee reported that his Committee had run the pipe from the Sewer on Commerce Street to the intersection of the ditches that drain the marsh west of the Canal and were now ready to take up the cleaning out of the ditches and cross ditching with the property owners. On motion the report was received.

S W Somerville of Committee on Schools presented the following;

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

S W Somerville, M S Chancellor; Committee

Mr Dannehl offered the following resolution

The Committee on Schools having recommended that the contract 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 of 1905 and 1906, to be designated by the School Board. Said ten (10) pupils to be selected who have attained 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 that the School Committee be instructed to make said contract and carry out its provisions.

Adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Cole (9 votes) no none.

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Mr Embrey of the Street Committee explained to the Council that it was very desirable for the convenience of the Citizens at both ends of the line, as well as the opening up of available building lots that the Street be opened from Washington Avenue at Commerce Street through the Potters field to the Boulevard and that at some future meeting, after the Council had acquainted themselves with the conditions and advantages, would bring this matter up.

Col Cole had the Clerk to read the following report of E T D Myers Jr, Engineer,

Joint Committee on Street Improvement Aug 14, 1905

Major W S Embrey, Chairman

Joint Committee on Street Improvement, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir; I to-day inspected the paving work done under Messrs Cartright and Davis' contract and recommend final acceptance and release of the bondsmen at the expiration of the twelve months guarantee; August 23rd 1905.

I take occasion to say that the work of Messrs Cartright and Davis is excellent, and that they have fully, faithfully and promptly performed the contract.

The settled places over the new trenches are unavoidable under conditions, and can be readily and cheaply repaired.

Yours Truly, E T D Myers Jr, Engineer, Joint Com on Street Improvement, Fredericksburg Va

On motion of MR Mills the Engineer's report was referred to the Joint Committee on Street Improvement and the City Attorney to report back to the Council with recommendations

Mr Mills presented the following;

To the Hon Council of Fredericksburg Va 8-17-1905

Gentlemen; The undersigned residents of and owners of property in the section of Fredericksburg popularly known locally as "Doswell Field" beg leave to call attention of your hon body to conditions of discomfort, constituting menace to health, and disastrously affecting not only the value of property, but the lives and earning capacity of residents of the section mentioned. Our aim is to get the attention of our Councilman that by their official action condition may be improved. March fever and not a few cases of

other diseases which are frequently caused from neglect of sanitary precautions exist, and have for weeks existed in this section of the City. It is without sewerage, and the water supply is wholly in-adequate. A more careful attention to the duties of scavengers accompanied by immediate provision for an adequate supply of good water would, we feel sure, do much to improve the conditions complained of. Investigation will disclose that a one inch pipe, water main is all that we have to rely on for water and that so arranged with reference to the supply as to give us only water that has been subjected to conditions [Page 370]

Calculated to make it unhealthy. We therefore appeal for prompt relief at your hands.

Respectfully, Jos M Goldsmith, D Wm Scott, J M Barney, W D Carter, F H Hart, F P Stearns, G W Shepherd, J W Tompkins, Jake Goldsmith.

On motion of Mr Somerville referred to the Water Committee to report back to the Council.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant notice August 18, 1905 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber of said City, with the following members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson
President E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Water Committee that they might present their report on the petition, presented to the Council on August 17, 1905 concerning the water supply in "Doswell Field" and referred to the Water Committee with instructions to report back to the Council.

Mr W E Bradley in the Chair

S J Quinn, Superintendent of the Water submitted the following plan and estimates for supplying "Doswell Field" with ample and full supply of Water.

To Pipe the Doswell Field

From 8" pipe near pump house, cross over Canal to Canby Street, up said Street to Hupfel Street thence to Cedar Lane, thence to Canal Street thence to Princess Ann Street connecting with 4" pipe on said street, a 4" pipe (cast iron) 3250 feet

Cost of Job

3250 feet cast iron 4" pipe	\$883.75
Specials, valves, lead, packing etc	75.00
5 fire plugs 4", 2 outlets	110.00
Labor	300.00
Incidentals	31.25
	\$1400.00

The estimate does not include the work of changing taps to the new pipe

On motion of Mr Somerville, the Water Committee were instructed to purchase material and do this work under personal supervision of the Superintendent of the Water by the following recorded vote, Ayes; Cole, Rowe, Mills, Somerville, Dannehl, Watson, Bradley Seven (7) Votes. No none.

On motion of Cole the rules were suspended by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Col Cole of the Committee of five appointed by the Council to appoint an executive Committee of fifteen, whose duties, in cooperation with the Secretary of War, to map out the whole program of proceedings, on the occasion of the unveiling of the Mercer monument, asked that his Committee be instructed by the Council to increase the number of said Executive Committee and on motion the Council unanimously so instructed the Committee of five.

On motion, Policeman Tansill was asked to inform the Council on the sanitary conditions in Doswell Field. Mr Tansill stated that the hog pens were in good condition; that the garden houses were in a bad condition on account of the failure of the scavenger to do his work.

On motion of Col Cole, the Clerk of Council was instructed to notify the Mayor that complaints had been made to the Council in a petition about the sanitary conditions of "Doswell Field" and request his prompt investigation of the same

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City, Sept 1st 1905 at 11 AM

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

President E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called in accordance with the new Constitution to re-elect its officers for the next twelve months.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the Council went into the Election of Clerk of Council

On motion of Mr Watson the Clerks salary was made \$125.00 per annum. The application of S E Eastburn for Clerk of the Council was read and on motion he was unanimously elected. The Clerk appeared before Justice Quinn and took the usual oath.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Council then went into the Election of Collector of City Taxes. The application of A P Rowe for City Tax Collector was read and on motion he was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Somerville the Council then went into the election of City Surveyor. On motion of Mr Rowe Mr E H Randall was unanimously elected City Surveyor.

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Mr Bradley moved that the Council go into the re-election of the Clerk of the Market and that his salary be fixed at seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars per annum. Carried by unanimous vote of council. The application of Samuel Fitzhugh was read and on motion he was unanimously re-elected Clerk of Market

Mr Dannehl moved that the Council go into the election of the Superintendent of the Alms House and that his salary be fixed at one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars per annum. Carried by unanimous vote of the Council. The application of J W Ball was read and on motion he was unanimously elected superintendent of the Alms House.

Mr Dannehl moved that the Council go into the election of Scavenger for the upper Ward which was unanimously carried. The application of E T Mills, J D Pitts, & O W Williams were read. Ballot was

taken and J D Pitts received 6 votes and O W Williams received 5 votes, eleven members present and voting. J D Pitts was declared elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward.

Mr Dannehl moved that the Council go into the election of Scavenger for the Lower Ward, which was unanimously carried, the applications of James Shelton and Robt L Carneal were read and ballot taken; James Shelton received twelve votes and Robt L Carneal received none. James Shelton was declared elected scavenger for Lower Ward.

Mr Watson, Chairman Committee on Policemen presented the following;

It appearing to the Council that C A Gore one of the regular police officers of the city is, by reason of ill health able to perform but a very small part of the duties of his office, rendering the appointment of another regular police officer indispensable and the Council being unwilling in view of his past services as Police officer, to remove him from office, proved he will consent to the reduction of his salary to twenty five (\$25.00) dollars per month.

Resolved that from and after this date the said C A Gore shall only receive the aforesaid sum of twenty five (\$25.00) dollars per month as Police Officer. And shall be subject to removal at the pleasure of the Council. And this action of the Council must receive the consent of said C A Gore in writing on a copy of this resolution furnished him by the Clerk of the Council. Salary to commence Sep 1, 1905. Unanimously adopted.

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Mr Watson moved that the Council go into the election of two Police officers for the Lower Ward and two Police officers for the Upper Ward, and that their salaries be forty (\$40.00) dollars per month. Carried by unanimous vote

The applications of W R Hall and J H Robinson were read by the Clerk and received twelve votes and were declared elected Policemen

Applications of W N Tansill and T J McDonnell were then read by the Clerk and the ballot taken T J McDonnell received (12 votes) and W N Tansill received (11 votes) and they were declared elected policemen.

Mr Bradley moved that the Council go into the election of the superintendent of the Electric Light and that the salary be fixed at \$900.00 per annum. Carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

The application of E M Green was read by the Clerk and ballot taken, E M Green received twelve votes and was elected.

On motion of Mr Somerville the rules were suspended. Mr Somerville asked why the sanitary conditions reported to the Council at its last meeting had not been attended to.

S E Eastburn, Clerk of the Council, reported that in obedience to the order of the Council at its last meeting, he had appeared before the Mayor in person and informed him of said conditions and also of the request from the Council that he have the same abated at once.

Mr E M Young, Vice President in the Chair

A General discussion concerning the conditions of Doswell Field the followed.

And on motion of Mr Somerville, the sanitary conditions of Doswell Field were referred to the Committee on Health, said Committee to cooperate with the Mayor and have Doswell Field put in Sanitary Condition.

Col Cole presented and had read the following contract.

This agreement made between the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, party of the first part, and the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad Company, party of the second part.

In consideration of the payment of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the party of the first part to the party of the second part, the party of the second part agrees to furnish the material for, and build a (Spur Track) from its main track at Fredericksburg, Virginia, to the proposed Gas Plant to be erected by the City of Fredericksburg, said track being indicated on the attached plan marked "Sketch showing spur track to Gas House Lot, Fredericksburg, Va", approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg on the following terms and conditions.

First, the party of the second part will furnish the cross ties [Page 374] spikes, fish plates and bolts, and the necessary labor required to do the work of laying the track and grading, without charge to the party of the first part.

It is understood and agreed that that portion of the track except the said laying upon the property of the party of the first part is the property of the party of the first part, and is to be maintained in proper repair at the cost of the party of the first part.

Second: the party of the second part agrees to furnish the rails required to lay said track, without charge to the party of the first part, but it is understood and agreed that said rails will remain the property of the party of the second part, and that they are to be returned to the party of the second part upon the termination of this agreement as hereinafter provided.

Third: This agreement shall take effect at once and remain in force until December 31st 1906, and thereafter until it shall be discontinued by thirty day's written notice given by either party to the other.

Witness the following signatures & seals; July 1905

Col Cole offered the following resolution which on motion was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: that George H. Morrison as chairman of Light Committee execute the Contract between the R F & P Railroad Company and the City for putting in the switch at Gas Works
E D Cole

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City, Sept 4, 1905 at 8 o'clock PM

The following members present; Cole Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Morrison, Watson, Young

President E D Cole in the Chair who stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Finance and Street Committee to apportion part of the \$25,000.00 for Gas & Water Improvement to the Gas Committee on improvement and the receive report of Street Committee on paving Commerce and Main Streets

E M Young Jr Vice-President in the Chair

Col Cole had the Clerk to read resolution passed by the Council, passed June 15, 1905 and approved by the Mayor June 17, 1905 after which Mr Morrison offered the following resolution which was adopted by the followed recorded vote

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole seven (7) votes

Noes none

Resolved by the City Council that R T Knox, Treasurer of the City is hereby authorized and directed to check upon the special fund of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) deposited by him pursuant to

resolution of the Council, passed June 15th 1905, and approved June 17, 1905, in the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) and place the same amount to the credit of the New Gas Improvement Committee.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported that his Committee in obedience to a resolution of the Council of Aug 17, 1905 had advertised for bids to repave Commerce and Main Streets said bids to be opened Sept 2, 1905, but that no bids had been received by said Committee and asked for instructions from the Council

Col Cole moved to reconsider the resolution of June 15, 1905 in reference to having paving done by contract. Carried

Col Cole moved that the paving of Commerce and Main Streets be referred to the Street Committee with power to have said work done, at once, either by contract or day labor, as the wisdom of the Committee might deem to the best interest of the City and all concerned. Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Col Cole the rules were suspended

Mr Bradley offered the following; It having been reported to this Council that cases of Diphtheria are known to exist in this City. Be it resolved that the Health Committee be requested to communicate with the Mayor & Health Board at once and take such action as is necessary to eradicate said disease.

Ayes; Bradley, Mills, Morrison, Young, Cole (5 votes); Noes; Rowe, Watson (2 votes)

Adjourned

E D Cole President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice on the request of the Public Interest Committee in the Council Chamber Sep 8, 1905 at 9 o'clock PM

The following members present; Cole Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Morrison, Watson, Young

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr E W Mills of the Public Interest Committee presented and had read the following letter, which on motion of MR Rowe was received and ordered filed, by unanimous vote.

Pittsburg, Pa Sep 7, 1905

Cole E D Cole, Pres City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir; The Union Veteran Legion will hold their annual meeting at Wilmington Del Sep 11th, 12th and 13th. It has been the desire of many members of our encampment to hold the next meeting at Fredericksburg, Va, and if this meets with your approval and want us to meet in Fredericksburg, Va, notify me by mail as per address below.

I will take pleasure in presenting at our meeting, Fredericksburg, Va for our next annual meeting in 1906 We generally have about 150 to 200 delegates and members at our annual meetings.

Judge Goolrick of your City suggests that I communicate with you in relation to this matter, now don't hesitate to say "Yes" or "No".

Yours truly, Geo V Marshall

Respectfully referred to Public Interest Committee

Address; Geo V Marshall Encampment No 1 A US of Pittsburg, Pa c/o General delivery, Wilmington Del

Mr H Dannehl moved that the "Union Veterans Legion" be invited by this Council to hold their next annual meeting in 1906 in the City of Fredericksburg, Va and that the President of this Council to invite the said Union Veteran Legion, to hold said annual meeting in Fredericksburg, Va in 1906

Unanimously adopted.

On motion the Council then adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber of said City, Sep 21, 1905 at 8 o'clock, PM
President E D Cole in the Chair
Members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Vice President E M Young Jr in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that owing to recent special appropriations to the various Committees, heavy drafts had been made on the City Treasury, which had not been provided for by the Finance Committee, that only about \$200.00 now remained in the Treasury and as taxes would not come in until October, his Committee asked that the Council instruct them to borrow \$3,000.00 to tide over until taxes come in.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote
Ayes; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole ten (10) votes
Noes none

Resolved that the Finance Committee of the Council be authorized to borrow the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars or so much as is necessary to meet the current expenses of the City, for a period of 30 days, the said Finance Committee is also instructed to pay the said amount so borrowed at maturity.

Col Cole presented the following report of the Hon Mayor, which on motion was received and salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

To the President and Common Council Sep 21, 1905

The four Police officers of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va have faithfully attended to their duties during the last month and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of E T D Myers Engineer

To visit Aug 12th to inspect work to release bondsman \$10.00

On motion Myers bill was ordered paid.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following Sep 13, 1905

Received of A B Bowering, Commissioner of Revenue, Two (2) sets of land and property books (four in number) for the year 1905

Robt T Knox, Treasurer

On motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the salary of Commissioner of Revenue \$350.00 unanimous recorded vote (10) votes

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following letter which on motion of Mr Rowe was referred to the Finance Committee

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Williamstown N C Sep 16, 1905

To the Treasurer of the Corporation of Fredericksburg

Dear Sir,

You will please find enclosed notes for \$2.00, \$1.00 and 25¢ respectively on the Corporation of Fredericksburg. Please send me the amounts for these notes and obliged

Yours Very Truly,

Charles Hassell

These are not Confederate Notes

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following bills, which on motions were ordered paid

The Free Lance-Star Pub Co

One Tax Book	\$10.00	
1000 bills, pay your taxes	\$2.50	\$12.50

Approved by A P Rowe, Collector

The Free Lance-Star Pub Co

1000 bills notice about water	\$2.50	
1000 bills Commitment blanks	\$2.50	
1000 bill dog tax bills	\$2.50	
50 quarantine notices	\$1.00	
Ad of Dog Tax in <i>Daily Star</i>	\$2.50	\$11.00

Approved by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the bond of A P Rowe, City Tax Collector for (\$10,000.00)

On motion of Mr Somerville the bond was referred to the City Attorney and on his approval it be accepted and filed. Unanimous vote of those present

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's annual report which on motion was received Fredericksburg, Va Sep 21, 1905

To the Hon Pres and members of the Common Council

I respectfully report to your Honorable body, that during the year commencing Sept 1, 1904 and ending August 31st 1905 I have issued twenty three (23 licenses to parties to run carts and wagons on the Streets of Fredericksburg, Va until August 31 1905 as will be seen by exhibit No 1 herewith files

Two parties have left receipts of A P Rowe, Collector, but have not yet entered into bond and obtained their licenses.

During the year I have issued fifty three dog licenses amounting to	\$53.50
Dog licenses granted by Acting Mayor W S Embrey	\$297.50
Total amounts rec'd from Dog Licenses	\$351.00

Eleven hundred and thirty-five (1135) arrests have been made by Police for trial in the Mayor's Court, of these (143) were [Page 379] dismissed. (79) were dismissed with warning, dismissed with cost (1); ordered to leave town (27), whipped by parents (19), whipped by Sergeant (7), total (276)

Recorder W S Embrey, while acting Mayor and myself have paid over to Treasurer R T Knox on dog licenses and fines during the year. \$1,572.70

I respectfully report that there are not as many arrests as there were several months ago, few cases for trial in the Mayor's Court, fewer cases for drunkenness have been before the Mayor, that there has been for some time.

I further report that on the 1st day of September 1905, J D Pitts for the Upper Ward and James Shelton for the Lower Ward, were elected scavengers by your honorable body both have qualified and entered upon

their duties as scavengers, after executing bonds in the penalty of (\$500.00) each with personal security, for the faithful performance of their duties.

I feel that it is a pleasure in closing this report to say that the relations between myself as Mayor and each individual member of the Common Council being kind and pleasant. I have endeavored to discharge my duties faithfully without in any way interfering with yours.

I have been ably assisted by Recorder W S Embrey, who has from time to time ably and efficiently discharged the duties of Mayor.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Mayor Embrey made the following report on paving Main & Commerce Streets where they had been taken up to repair Gas pipes, referred to Street Committee at last meeting of the Council.

Mr Mills, Dear Sir;

This note will be hand you by Mr Chas Bowers, who will represent me, and what arrangement you make with him will be satisfactory to me. I consider him to be one of the best pavers in Va, hoping you can make satisfactory arrangements with him.

I remain yours, Respectfully, J W Gude.

Memorandum of agreement entered into in duplicate this Sep 6th 1905 by and between the Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va, acting through its Street Committee, hereto authorized, party of the first part, and J A Gude, by Chas Bowers, his agent, thereto, authorized, party of the second part, witnesseth;

That the said "Gude" agrees to re-lay Granite Spawls on Main and Commerce Streets, Fredericksburg, Virginia, heretofore taken up by the City for the purpose of repairing its Gas Mains, and to take up and relay the Granite sprawls[?] in the few low places, or depressions on the said streets, as may be pointed out by the City, the work to be done in a smooth, workmanlike manner according to plans of the City in the Custody of C L Kambach, the City's inspector, and according to the satisfaction of said Kalmbach. The Corporation of Fredericksburg agrees to furnish all the materials necessary to the performance of the said work [Page 380] and to pay for said relaying and for taking up and relaying the sum of twenty-seven and one half cents per square yard. (\$.27½) The measurements and inspection of the said C L Kalmbach are to be final and payments are to be made on his certificate, or when the work shall have been completed.

Work is to be commenced on September 11th 1905, and to be prosecuted continuously with at least two pavers until completed.

J A Gude, by Chas Bowers

Major Embrey Street Joint Committee offered the following.

In accordance with a resolution proposed by the City Council, your Joint Committee on Street Improvement make the following report on work done by Cartright and Davis, and after examination of the work find it in fair condition and accept the work and recommend that his bond be turned over to him without delay.

W S Embrey, Chairman, E D Cole, J P Rowe

Col Cole moved that the Section of the contract in relation to the Engineer authority, in connection with Cartright and Davis's contract be read.

Mr Mills offered as a substitute that the whole contract be read. The substitute was lost by the following recorded vote;

Ayes Mills, Somerville, Watson; three (3) votes

Noes Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Morrison, Young, Cole; (7) votes.

The substitute was declared lost

Vote was taken on Col Cole's motion to read the section and carried and the Clerk read the Section

Mr Bradley moved to refer the report, back to the Joint Committee to secure a majority of the members signatures. Carried unanimously. Mr Embrey being excused from voting.

G H Morrison of the Light Committee stated that the Light Committee had most urgent demands for electric lights at several point; where they were sadly needed, but the Committee were unable to furnish any more lights, and asked the Council if his Committee would be allowed to place about 3 Gas lamps in the dark places, where lights were most needed.

Mr Dannehl moved that the Light Committee secure data of the cost of installing three (3) gas lights asked for

Mr Rowe offered as a substitute that the Light Committee be instructed to place a gas light at the corner of [Page 381] George and Water Streets and that they secure the data of the cost of installing any further gas lights needed.

Mr Dannehl accepted the substitute and it was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Rowe, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson & Cole; Six (6) votes

Noes; Bradley, Mills, Embrey, Young; Four (4) votes

Mr Morrison of Light Committee reported that the new Gas Plant would soon be completed and an expert would be needed to run the plant for a while and get it in full operation, and asked that his Committee be instructed to secure such a man. After some discussion the matter was deferred until next meeting.

Col Cole of Water Committee reported that in accordance with a resolution of this Council the contract for putting in sewer on Princess Anne below the Railroad had been made and work would commence on same about Oct 1st 1905

Col Cole had read Sec 2 of an Ordinance of this City, requiring every owner of a lot with a house thereon adjoining the sewer in front, rear or side to connect therewith under penalty of a fine for each day's refusal.

Mr Rowe of Alms House reported that his Committee had bought the wood, coal and flour for the Alms House.

Mr Mills, Public Interest, reported that the Mosby Reunion had been successfully held and that his Committee had expended the sum of one hundred and thirty three (\$133) dollars [blank] cents

Col Cole reported that the Union Veteran Legion did not accept the invitation of the Council to hold its annual meeting in Fredericksburg, Va in 1906.

Mr Watson of Health & Police asked that the Council would allow his Committee to use of the room over the Fire department, to be used as a Police headquarters.

On motion of Col Cole, the matter was referred to the Police, Public Property, and Fire Committees.

Mr Somerville, Committee on Schools reported that ten (10) City Scholars were entered at the College under the terms authorized by the City Council, and he would later give names and file the contract with the Clerk of Council.

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Mr Watson of Health and Police reported the following;

Sep 21, 1905

W L Watson, Chairman, Committee on Health and Police

Sir, I beg to present herewith a partial report of the work done by me, following the directors of the Joint meeting of your Committee and the Board of Health held Sept 5th 1905.

As instructed at that meeting, I made a thorough personal examination of "Doswell Field", disinfected with sulphur and formaldehyde gas eight (8) houses, used seven (7) protective and furnished one (1) curative dose of anti-toxin and had the water supply of the City and also the Spring near the "Silk Mill" analyzed. The analysis by Dr Earnest Levy of Richmond, Va accompanies this report.

I beg to report to your Committee that there is not case of Diphtheria now under treatment in the City and only one locality where there is Typhoid. The general sanitary condition is better than for some time past, and only two (2) deaths have occurred so far this month.

Your committee has always cooperated with the "Board of Health", in our mutual efforts to improve conditions of hygiene. I should recommend that you continue the excellent work of the past sixty days in removing possible sources of danger to the health of our Citizens.

Yours Truly, J N Barney, MD, Health Officer

Dr J N Barney, Fredericksburg, Va Sep 16, 1905

Mr Dear Doctor Barney;

I herewith enclose my report on the waters from "Silk Mill Spring" and "Doswell Field"

Water Analysis

Fredericksburg, Va, Samples collected by Dr J N Barney, Sep 9, 1905; received Sep 9, 1905 at 3PM

	Sample #1 "Silk Mill Spring"	Sample #2 "Doswell Field"
Physical Examination:		
Turbidity (silicon scale)	0	3
Sediment	0	Slight
Color (platinum-cobalt scale)	0	42
Odor, cold	0	1 V
Odor, hot	0	2 V

Chemical analysis (parts per million this may be converted, if desired into "grains per US gallon" by dividing by factor 17.1); (V signifies a vegetable odor. The numerals indicate slight in both cases)

Total solids	157	87
Loss of Ignition	60	21
Fixed solids	97	66
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Nitrogen as albuminoid ammonia	028	112
Nitrogen as free ammonia	001	002
Nitrogen as nitrites	000	002
Nitrogen as nitrates	3.100	180
Chlorine	6.400	1.100
"oxygen consumed" (kubel process)	0.400	2.350
Total hardness (in terms of CaCO ₃)	67.000	30.000
Alkalinity (temporary hardness)	24.000	16.000
Permanent hardness	43.000	14.000
Iron	0.080	0.450
Microscopical examination ("standard units per cubic centimeter)		
Microscopic organisms	0	66
Schigomycates Crenothrix	--	52
Diatoms: Stephanodiseur	--	4
Rotifer: Annraea	--	12

Amorphous matter	0	512
Bacteriological examination:		
bacteria per cc (on gelatin at 20% cent)	280	130
on Litmus- Sactore agar at 37° cent:		
Total colonies	110	35
Acid formers	20	0
Bacillus Coli; presence in;		
01cc	absent	absent
10cc	absent*	absent

*but actively allied organism found differing only in lack of motility & Indol formation for true B Coli
 Opinion: "Silk Mill Spring" The nitrite and choline in this water are too high, the latter especially so. This taken in conjunction with the fairly low Albuminoid Ammonia, the very low free ammonia and oxygen consumed and the absence of nitrates shows that while there has been a considerable amount of pollution of this water a some time, still this polluting material has been fairly well oxidized and to that extent rendered inert by the subsequent filtration through the soil. This removal, however, has not been perfect and moreover where there is evidence of so consideration amount of part contamination, there is always the chance of the water's becoming dangerous if anything occurs to interfere with the natural filtration by which purification is now being accomplished.

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The number of bacteria is rather highter than should be present in a good "Spring water" (although not "plated" on the spot, the plating was done six hours after collection of the sample, so that the bacterial counting may be relied on as accurate.) Organisms closely resembling but not identical with Bacillus Coli (the intestinal bacillus) were found in 1cc of the water. These may be distinct organisms or a degenerate form of B Coli itself.

Altogether, this water can not be recommended as a perfectly safe one, neither, on the other hand, would this analysis along positively condemn it. So much depends upon local conditions, as throwing light on the possibility of dangerous pollution occurring at any time, that a more positive opinion can not be given without a thorough sanitary study conducted on the spot.

In the absence of this last, my advice would be to regard this "Spring" as unfit for drinking purposes. "Doswell Field"; This sample is from the regular public water supply of Fredericksburg, Va. It is of decidedly better sanitary quality than the "Spring Water". Most of the constituents which show up higher than the "Spring Water" would naturally be higher in a river water than in a "Spring Water". The Albuminoid Amonia is rather high (but not unduly so for surface water. The low chlorine is evidence of the absence of any considerable amount of past contamination. The bacterial count is excellent for a surface water, while the absence of B Coli even in 10cc of the water, shows the absence of recent fecal pollution. The high color of this water is apparently due, as I have frequently found in the waters of this section, to the minute amount of clay which remains in a condition of colloidal suspension after the larger amount of clay has subsided. As this is a slow process, the condition of this sample shows that it has been stored a considerable length of time, either in the reservoir or, as seems probable from your description of the special conditions of distribution in "Doswell Field" in the pipes themselves. This storage, contrary to popular beliefs would be a decided safeguard. I regard this water, with the storage to which it has evidently been subjected, as being far less liable to carry Typhoid infection than if this safety factor were absent. Even if the public supply of Fredericksburg should become infected with Typhoid Bacilli, it is likely that such section of the City as that from which this sample was taken would suffer less than those where the heavier consumption made a shorter interval of storage a general prevalence of Typhoid in Fredericksburg. I regard it as practically certain that this water may be entirely eliminated as a possible cause of the typhoid which has been prevalent in Doswell Field.

The fact of the pipe from which this sample was collected terminating in a dead end may at times cause a considerable amount of debris to be present in the water, and possibly even be responsible for the

presence of actual decomposition, as evidenced by foul [Page 385] odor to the water, even this, however, while it may be decidedly disagreeable, would not be regarded as actually dangerous from a sanitary stand point. The greatest danger under the circumstances would be that the people misled by an apparent menace, might under such circumstances resort to some other source of supply for their drinking water, thus getting a water which, while of a more satisfactory appearance, might be actually dangerous.

E C Levy, Sanitary Expert

Mr Bradley moved that the report be received, published and that the bill for the analysis be paid. Amount of bill \$40.00. Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of MR Mills, the "Silk Mill Spring" was referred to the Health Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber of said City, Oct 19th 1905 at 8 o'clock PM

President E D Cole in the Chair

Members present E D Cole, W E Bradley, E W Mills, J W Masters, Henry Dannehl, S W Somerville, G H Morrison, W S Watson eight members (8)

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved

W E Bradley in the chair

Col Cole of the finance Committee reported that the bond of A P Rowe, City Tax Collector, presented at last Council meeting and referred to the City Attorney for examination and approval, had been examined and approved by the City Attorney and deposited in the National Bank

Col Cole reported on the Fredericksburg Notes of \$2.00; \$1.00 & 25¢ presented at the last meeting of the Council from Mr Charles Hassell of Williamstown NC and asking that the same be paid. His committee had considered the matter with the City Attorney and report there is nothing in the claim.

Col Cole presented the Mayor's report as follows;

Oct 19, 1905

To the Hon President & members of the City Council

Dear Sirs, I respectfully report that the Police Officers of the City have performed their duties efficiently up to this time and I recommend their salaries paid. Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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Also the report of W S Embrey, Acting Mayor

Oct 19, 1905

To the Hon President & members of the City Council

Sir; I beg leave to state that the Police Force of the City have faithfully performed their duties and would recommend that their salaries be paid.

Also would say the dog tax has been collected to date, summing over the number of collars sold last year, and the officers inform me that there is quite a sprinkle yet to collect, which if not paid in due time will be attended to

Yours respectfully, W S Embrey, Acting Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville, the reports were received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills, which on several motions were ordered paid.

Free Lance & Star Pub Co	
Add in Star Ordinance in regard to sewer conditions	\$4.00
Add Free Lance taxes due	\$2.00
Add 4 weeks, 4 times	\$1.90
Add in Daily Star taxes due 8 times	\$6.00
Add 4 locals 4 times	\$1.90

W B Donahoe	
200 dog collars @7¢	\$14.00
149 dog collars remodeled @ 3½¢	\$5.22
Tags for 349 collars	\$7.90
Approved by J H Robinson	\$26.72

John Berry, registrar for Upper Ward	
Services one (1) day registering	\$2.00
Posting notices	\$2.00
Registering 20 men @10¢ each	\$2.00
Constable fees	\$1.50
	\$7.50

J W Cox, registration for Lower Ward	
Services one (1) day registering	\$2.00
Constable fees	\$1.50
Registering 25 men @10¢ each	\$2.50
Posting notices	\$2.00
	\$8.00

These registration bill had been ordered paid by the Finance Committee. On motion of Mr Watson the action of the Committee was ratified.

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Col Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported that the relaying of the paving blocks on Main & Commerce Street had been completed at a cost of \$330.00, and presented the report of the Superintendent of the work, C L Kalmbach.

To the Chairman of the Committee on Streets

We have repaved the holes in Commerce and Main Streets which were made by the Inspector for Gas Works. We have also repaved thirty seven holes made by the inspector after we commenced closing the first holes. We have also taken up pavements to raise to Street level, fifty holes aggregating 242.42 yds The hydrant on the corner of Princess Anne and Commerce Street caused a repaving of a hole six feet

190 original holes	868.92 square yards
37 holes for gas	90.76 yards
50 low spots	242.42 yards
Total	1202.1

I have expended pay for assistant	\$22.50
For stationary	.27
	\$22.77

Very respectfully, C L Kalmbach

PS the work has been done in a workmanlike manner and should be accepted. C L Kalmbach Supt

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received.

W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Mills stated that the Street Committee had been compelled to spend a good deal of money, in necessary improvements, many of which were of a permanent character, and that their appropriation was nearly exhausted, and asked that the sum of four hundred (\$400.00) dollars be placed to the credit of the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr Dannehl (\$400.00) was appropriated to the Street Committee by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Bradley, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Cole Eight (8) votes

Col Cole President in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee stated that his Committee were approached almost daily for grade lines for curbing and pavements. He also stated that this Council had ordered grade lines to be established on Princess Anne Street north of Commerce St. and asked that his Committee be instructed to extend the grades to Shepherd's Hill at the same time and have corner stones placed, so that grades can, in the future be run from these corner stones. The matter was left with the Committee who have power to have same done, and report grades to this Council.

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Geo H Morrison of the Gas Committee reported that his Committee had expended the sum of (\$700.80) in repairing the gas mains on Commerce and Main Streets, and work was now completed.

On motion the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Morrison of the Gas Committee in keeping with a resolution of this Council at a called meeting held July 27, 1905, presented the report of investigating Committee on the Gas Mains on Commerce and Main Streets, which on motion of Mr Watson was received and filed and Committee discharged.

Your Committee to whom was referred the investigation of the causes of leakage of "Gas Mains" on Commerce and Main Sts respectfully report that with the assistance of City Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh, they have performed that duty and after a strict examination of the parties connected with the laying of said pipe, and a careful consideration of the facts presented to them, find that a Joint Committee consisting of Messrs Embrey, Cole & McCracken of the Finance Committee, Embrey, Revere and Cole of the Street Committee, and citizens, H H Wallace, B J Marshall and David Hirsh, were appointed to attend to this matter, and that it was entrusted to a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs McCracken and Cole. These two gentlemen employed the Mr Geo Helfin to lay the pipes and Mr Dickinson as engineer to lay the grades. As to the matter of caulking, Mr Heflin states, and the statement is confirmed by Mr Cole, that he (Mr Heflin) told the sub-Committee that he did not understand that feature of the work, and was unable to judge whether it was done right or wrong, and it was entrusted to Messrs Waller & Patterson who were thought be the Committee and by Mr Heflin competent to do the work. From Mr Bullock's report of Sep 20, 1905.

Mr Geo H Morrison, Chairman Light Committee, Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sir; On July 28th 1905 you called on me at the “New Gas Plant”, informing me of the action of the City Council, of the day previous appointing me as inspector of the work of re-caulking the pipe along Commerce and Main Sts as far as was necessary.

You personally requested me to examine each and every joint before it was caulked, to ascertain if it leaked, and if so to what extent, and to keep a record of same, and any other points I might notice to aid in the work of investigation by the Light Committee.

The work now being completed, I beg herewith to submit the following report. In carrying out the request of the [Page 389] City Council, I have examined each joint after it was caulked, by passing a lighted match around the pipe close to the joint, feeling around afterward, to ascertain if the lead were well driven up at the bottom.

About 15 joints I caulked myself.

I examined 179 6” joints and 55 3” joints with these results

No leak	39%	6”ft	33	3”	--	On top	45
Slight	19%	—	10		--	Bottom	9
1 ft	16%	16	2		2	Side	21
2 ft	38	76	3		6	½ round	18
3 ft	28	84	2		6	all round	28
4 ft	13	52	3		12		121
5 ft	17	85	2		10	no leak	39
6 ft	5	30	55		36	Slight	19
7 ft	1	7			24	total	179
8 ft	2	16			864		
10 ft	1	10					
	179	376				9888	
		24 hrs				365	
		9024 cu ft drain 6”				3,609,120 in a year	
		864 cu ft drain 3”				1,804,560	
		9888 total in 24 hrs				1.00 pr m	
						\$1,804.56 loss per year	

Nearly 22% did not leak at all, but you will notice that the same number or nearly 22% leaked 4 foot or over, per hour. 19, of about 11% leaked only slightly, and by this term I mean, the ground around the joint was discolored and smelled of gas, yet it would not ignite at that point.

In figuring the amount of leakage for the year I have cut my estimates in half, because the dirt around the pipe would act as a restraining agent to some extent especially in wet ground.

The first 28 joints were caulked before I saw them, so I could not estimate the leakage, but was told they were in as bad condition as the others. It was found necessary in some of the joints to caulk some extra lead, and by the term strip is meant a piece 6” long, ½in wide & ¼in thick. 2 joints 4 strips
2 joints 1 strip, 2 joints 2 strips, 1 joint 1½ strips, 1 3” joint 6 strips.

In one place it was found necessary to tap the main, and pit in a drip pot, owing to the main being graded down, and then up, with nothing to catch the condensation. On Commerce St in one place there is a covering less than 24” including the paving blocks. In going into the matter of causes, I have the following to say. The main trouble was caused by poor caulking. [Page 390] Some of the joints were not even touched on the bottom, the tools which the men were using, when I took charge of the work, were in very poor condition, not fit to serve, and not the proper sizes. I had them fixed, two more made, and got a heavy hammer, there was plenty of lead in the joints.

This may sound like a contradiction of my former statement, but would state, that having to caulk in more lead, in the joints does not necessarily mean that there was not enough lead in. In the first place, but the rope, may not have been driven up hard, nor the lead driven up hard otherwise it would have caulked back at the time./

Calking that will answer on a water pipe, will not do on a gas pipe. Another cause was the coating or paint on the pipe. This coating is a preparation of tar, lime, rubber, etc boiled and the pipe dipped in it while the liquid is hot. Tar being solvable in the Gas, it only needed a small start, to cause the Gas to eat its way through and cause a large leak.

If the joint were caulked good at first the chances for leaks in tarred pipes are small, still the tar on the inside of the pipes, dissolves and is carried along by the Gas and is liable to be deposited anywhere that you don't want it.

All good gas engineers consider it bad practice to use coated mains.

The question of settling has been advanced as a reason for the leakage. I do not think any of the pipes have settled, and seems to be well laid and blocked and there were no voids, or hollows in any of the ground dug up.

Respectfully submitted, B F Bullock, Supt of Construction, New Gas Plant.

You will see that the work was grossly neglected. One of the caulkers, Mr Waller, acknowledges this fact and give no satisfactory excuse for the same. Whilst the leakage was due principally to caulking and whilst we do not consider any one legally responsible for the mistake, we are bound to report that we think carelessness and gross neglect have characterized the whole transaction. We do not see that the Joint Committee has had anything to do with the matter, but to appoint a sub-committee and entrust it to them. There seems to have been a total lack of system and no one seemed to think himself responsible for the work in and department. Though we consider the caulking the seat of the trouble. We do not consider any one person, or any one Committee responsible, nor do we feel that any one is legally bound for the error.

Respectfully submitted, G H Morrison, S W Somerville, J P Rowe.

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Mr Morrison of the Light Committee reported that the amounts heretofore appropriated to the New Gas Plant were about exhausted and asked the Council for a further appropriation of six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars from the Gas and Water Works improvement now in the National Bank to the credit of Gas & Water Improvement.

W E Bradley in the Chair

Col Cole offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Cole, Mills, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Bradley (8 votes)

Noes, none

Resolved by the City Council that R T Knox, Treasurer of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to check upon the Special Fund of Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars deposited by him pursuant to resolution of the Council passed June 15th 1905, and approved June 17th 1905 for the sum of six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars, and place the said amount to the credit of the new Gas Improvement Committee.

Col Cole presented the following

Oct 19, 1905

To the Hon Council of the City of Fredericksburg, VA

Sirs; Having heard it intimated by one member of your Hon body that I did not render adequate service for my salary, I beg leave to tender my resignation, to take effect at once.

Very respectfully, C L Kalmbach.

On motion referred to the Joint Committee on Water Works Improvement, as Mr Kalmbach is an appointee of said Committee and not of the Council.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee, in compliance with a resolution of this Council, requesting his Committee to bring in an ordinance in regard to planting shade trees along the granolithic sidewalks on Main Street, in keeping with the final report of the Joint Committee on Street Improvement, offered the following ordinance.

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

That it shall be lawful for the owner or occupiers of lots abutting on the granolithic pavements on Main and Prussia sts where spaces for planting trees have been left in said pavements, to plant Norway Maple, Silver Maple, or Sugar Maple in said spaces. The same to be done under the supervision and with the approval of the Committee on Streets, which Committee shall prescribe a rule to be conformed to, as to the age, and size of the trees, and as to the size and depth of the holes.” H Dannehl Ordinance Committee [Page 392]

On motion of Col Cole after some discussion the ordinance was referred back to the Committee.

On motion of Col Cole the Street Committee were requested to get an estimate of the cost of Norway vs Sugar Maple trees and the cost of setting of same on the improved portion of lower Main Street and report the same back to the Council

Mr Watson of the Health Committee presented the following bill which on motion were ordered paid

Free Lance-Star Pub co	Pub analysis of water	\$15.00
Fredericksburg Journal	Pub analysis of water	\$15.00

Mr Watson of the Health Committee, submitted the report of C L Kalmbach on draining marshes west of the Canal.

To the Committee on Health and Police, Gentlemen;

The ditch leading from Commerce Street Sewer to the fence of the Reservoir has been finished some two or three weeks. The Hurkamp estate ditches have been cleaned out, as have some of Mrs Yate’s. Mr Rowe has not done any work on his part of the swamp since we stopped work.

The water in the ditch is about a foot below the average level of the swamp, so that the latter has dried out very much. It will however, be necessary to level the material we have taken out by distributing it, in low places so as to make the banks of the ditch the lowest portion of the swamp.

Side ditches should also be dug to lead into the main ditch. At present only about one and a half inches in depth of water enter the sewer, while the day after the last rain the pipe ran fully.

There is some trouble with falling leaves clogging the grating of the sewer mouth, but a little care will take care of that. The water in the ditch stands about one foot below the level of the water in the Canal, and can be maintained at that level if the owners of the land will see to it that the bars formed in the main ditch by the spring branches are removed occasionally. There is such a bar forming now, from a little stream entering at the upper end of the Hurkamp estate, and another at the spring branch on the Yates tract.

The City has spent some seventy five dollars to furnish the sewer connection, as well as paying my salary, say a total of at least one hundred and thirty five dollars (\$135.00)

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The owners have paid out some one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for actual labor only and get for that at least twelve acres of usable land that was nearly worthless before.

I have paid out of my own pocket for tools and maintenance the sum of four dollars and thirty cents (\$4.30) which had to be bought to do the work properly. We have the tools on hand in good order and I want to be instructed what must be done with them, and who is to repay me the four dollars and thirty cents (\$4.30).

Attached please find the bills for the tools mentioned.

Very respectfully, C L Kalmbach.

On motion of Col Cole, the Treasurer was instructed to pay C L Kalmbach the sum of four dollars and thirty cents (\$4.30) and said Kalmbach requested to turn tools mentioned over to the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the report was referred to the Health Committee for immediate action.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of Committee on Schools reported the names of the pupils from the Public Schools appointed to scholarships in the Fredericksburg College.

1905-1906 Bauman, Kilgore, Bragdon, Flore; Foster, Lelia; Harris, Dawn; Humphreys, Effie; Shelton, Kate, Rowe, Francis; Rowe, George; Woods, Cornelia; and Franklin, Della.

On motion the report was received.

On motion the Council was adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held pursuant to notice, on the call of the Water Committee on Nov 3, 1905 at 10 AM

with the following members present E D Cole, W E Bradley, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, G H Morrison, W L Watson, E M Young

Col Cole President in the Chair

Mr Watson of the Water Committee through the City Attorney made the following report, which on motion of Mr Cole was accepted.

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The claim of the Fredericksburg Power Company for water power furnished the City at the Pump House and at the Electric Plant was referred to me by the Council.

It appears that Mr L P Gaston, an engineer has made, what he deems a correct measurement of the quantity of water used by the City at the two above mentioned plants, and he finds that at Pump House the City is using 25.64 theoretical horse power, or 20.5 effective horse power. And at the Electric Plant the city is using 111 theoretical horse power or 89 effective horse power.

The Fredericksburg Power Company is claiming pay for the theoretical power and Col E D Cole as chairman of the Finance Committee addressed the Power Company the following letter.

“I find that according to Mr Gaston’s measurements the effective horse power used at the electric plant is 89 and the theoretical is 111. I also find that the effective horse power according to Gaston at the pump house is 20 and the theoretical is 26.

I think a fair basis of compromise between your claim for theoretical and ours for actual horse power would be to split the difference and the City pay for 100 horse power at the Electric Plant and for 23 horse power at the Pump House. If we can come together on this basis I think our Finance Committee can get it approved by the Council”

The Fredericksburg Power Company through Mr Swift its President refused this offer of compromise, and offer to accept for the water power at the Pump House (\$200) which is (\$20.00) more than the cost of the 20 effective horse power and (\$35.00) less than the cost of 26 theoretical horse power.

And the said company offer to accept the water power at the Electric Plant (\$950.00) which is (\$14.00) more than the cost of the 89 effective horse power and (\$49.00) less than the cost of the 111 theoretical horse power.

Under Col Cole's proposition the City would pay for both plants (\$1,107.00) under the proposition of the Power Co, the city would pay for both plants (\$1,150.00) in other words under the proposition of Col Cole the City would pay annually (\$43.00) less than under the proposition of the Power Co.

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Whilst I consider the proposition of Col Cole a most liberal one, in meeting the Power Company half way, and that the same should have been readily acceded to by the Power Co., I do not think the amount in controversy sufficient to justify the City embarking on litigation with the Power Co. St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney, Nov 2, 1905.

E M Young in the Chair

Mr Dannehl offered the following which was seconded by Col Cole and adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Bradley, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Morrison, Watson, Young, Cole

The report of the City attorney in relation to the claim of the Fredericksburg Power Co for additional water rent at the Pump House and Electric Plant having been received by the Council.

"Resolved—that the said Fredericksburg Power Co, be paid the sum of (\$200.00) dollars per annum, for water rent at the Pump house and the sum of nine hundred and fifty (\$950.00) dollars per annum for water rent at the Electric Plant, until further order of the Council, said water rent herein set forth to take effect January 1st 1905.

Col Cole of the Water Committee stated that the money to the credit of the Water Works Improvement Committee was nearly exhausted or about (\$297.74) now to their credit, and as the improvements were about completed asked that the sum of (\$4,000.00) be placed to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Cole offered the following resolution, which motion of Mr Embrey was adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Morrison, Watson, Young

Resolved, by the Council of this City that R T Knox, Treasurer of the City, is hereby authorized and directed to check upon the special fund of Twenty Five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars deposited by him pursuant to resolution of the Council passed June 15th 1905 and approved June 17, 1905, for the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars and place the said amount to the credit of the Water Works Improvement Committee.

On motion of Col Cole, seconded by Mr Dannehl the rules were suspended.

Col Cole of the Joint Committee on Street Improvement presented the following report, which was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Noes; Mills

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Morrison, Watson, Young

In accordance with a resolution proposed by the City Council, your Joint Committee on Street Improvements make the following report on work done by Cartright & Davis, after examination of the work find it in fair condition and accept the work and recommend that his bond be handed over to him without delay.

W S Embrey, Ch; E D Cole, J P Rowe, David Hirsh, H H Wallace

[Council adjourned]

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City,
Nov 16, 1905 at 8 PM
Members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, S W Somerville, W L
Watson, E M Young Jr
President E D Cole in the Chair
Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved

Vice President E M Young Jr in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the bills for water rent at the Pump House and the
Electric Plant had been settled with the Water Power Co as per order of this Council at a called meeting of
the Council Nov 3, 1905.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following which, or several motions were ordered paid.

To 3 judges and 2 clerks of election Upper Ward	\$25.00
To 3 judges and 2 clerks of election Lower Ward	\$25.00
To Free Lance & Star Pub Co 1970 Election Tickets	\$8.00
To Journal Pub Co ad City Ordinances	\$5.00

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported the money borrowed under resolution of this Council of Sep
21, 1905 to tide over the City expenses until October taxes came in had been paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the floating debt of the City had all been paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported bonded debt of City \$294,420

Col Cole, reported that under resolution of this Council of Oct 19, 1905 C L Kalmbach had turned over
tools procured by him for ditching marsh to the Street Committee.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
To the Hon Pres and Common Council Nov 16, 1905
The Police Officers of the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully and satisfactorily performed
their duties during the last month and are entitled to their pay.
Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor
On motion of Mr Somerville the report was received and the salaries of Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Somerville of the Light Committee stated that the "New Gas Plant" was nearly completed and asked
that Mr Egner the engineer in charge of the works be heard for the information of the Council. Mr Egner
explained the construction of the plant
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Mr E W Mills of Public Interest Committee presented bill of the Opera house managers for cleaning up
said Opera House after "Mosby Reunion" approved by E W Mills and J W Masters, which bill was not
included in expense account previously rendered by said Committee, amounting to \$7.00 which on
motion of Mr Bradley was ordered paid.

Mr Watson of Health Committee asked that the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars be placed to the
credit of his Committee as they had been at considerable extra expense in obedience to instructions of this

Council. On motion the sum of one hundred (\$100.00) dollars was unanimously appropriated to the Health and Police Committee.

Mr Somerville of the Committee on Schools reported that he had visited in Company with Supt B P Willis the various departments of the Public Schools and found the schools well conducted and was very much pleased with the work, but in the near future he would bring to the attention of the Council some needed improvements in the buildings in the way of light and ventilation.

J W Masters of Committee on Fire Department reported that at the recent fire, they found that the hose were insufficient and asked the attention of the Count to the matter.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Committee on Fire Department were instructed to ascertain the cost of 500 feet of suitable hose and report back to the Council.

Mr Masters of the Committee on Fire Department presented the following;

To the Honorable President and members of the City Council Nov 16, 1905

Gentlemen; the Police Committee having formulated and promulgated Rules and Regulations for the government of the Police Department of the City of Fredericksburg, one of which is in the following language: "The members of the Police force shall devote their entire time to their duties as such, and are prohibited from engaging in any other business, though they will be assigned in rotation for active service, they are to be considered as always on duty." Therefore I deem it my duty to tender this, my resignation as chief of the Fire Department of this City. Hoping it may be your pleasure to accept same at once, and thank you for past favors.

I am very truly yours

J H Robinson

On motion of Mr Somerville the resignation was not accepted, and Mr J H Robinson was commended for his commended for his construction of the rules governing the Police, and request by the Council to Act [Page 398]

Col Cole stated that Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh desired to be heard in regard to the unveiling of the Mercer Monument. Mr Fitzhugh stated that the Executive Committee on the unveiling of the Mercer Monument had held a meeting this afternoon, and owing to the delay in the arrival of the Mercer Monument it was thought wise by the Executive Committee to postpone the unveiling until Spring 1906. And he was authorized to communicate this decision to the Council.

Col Cole offered the following, which was unanimously adopted;

The executive Committee on the "Mercer Monument" having reported to the Council that the Pedestal and Statue will not reach here until sometime in December, the inclemency of the weather and the Christmas trade would render the unveiling inexpedient in December and said Committee recommends to the Council with the approval of Mr Valentine, that the unveiling be postponed until Spring.

Therefore resolved; that this recommendation of said Executive Committee be approved by the Council and said Committee will communicate said facts to Secretary of War, with the request that the Hon Secretary concur in said postponement.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

The regular meeting of the City Council was called for Thursday night Dec 21st 1905 at 7:30 o'clock PM

At 8 PM there being only three members present; E M Young Jr; S W Somerville and J W Masters, the meeting was adjourned by the Clerk for want of a quorum.

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va was held in the Council Chamber in said City pursuant to notice at 7:30 o'clock PM on the 15th day of January 1906

Members present E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J M Masters, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, M S Chancellor, W L Watson, E M Young

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President stated that the meeting of the Council had been called at the request of St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney, who was present and wished to present some matters to the Council, touching the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Va. Mr Fitzhugh was requested to address the Council which he proceeded to do by reading a strong and well drawn paper against the continuance of our Corporation Court.

Mr W E Bradley offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr W L Watson.

The Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg deeming it unwise, inexpedient and against the very best interest of this City to abolish our Corporation Court do hereby:

Resolve 1st that it is the sense of this Council that our Corporation Court should not be abolished but that Legislature now in session should elect a Judge to preside over it.

Resolved 2nd That a copy of these resolutions be at once forwarded by the Clerk of this body to the Hon F W Sims and G R Swift

Fredericksburg, Va January 15, 1906

Mr Bradley read a strong paper in advocacy of his resolution and also read the following paper from the Business Men's Association.

The Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg, believing that our Corporation Court is of great convenience and value to all our people and that its abolition would be a step backwards and would be detrimental to the progress and development of our City, and its best interest, do hereby record our opposition to any movement looking to the abolition of said Court and earnestly urge the election of some proper and suitable person for the judgeship of our Corporation Court

Resolved, further that our Secretary do at once send a copy of these resolutions to our Senator F W Sims and Delegate Hon G R Swift.

Henry Warden, 1st Vice President

J Garnett King, Secretary

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Mr Dannehl offered the following as a substitute to Mr Bradley's resolution, which was seconded by Mr Mills.

Resolved by the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va that in the judgment of the Council, it is inexpedient at present to elect a Corporation judge for Fredericksburg, and the Council therefore requests our Senator and delegate in the Legislature [Page 400]