

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1906

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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

Fredericksburg, Va Jan'y 15, 1906

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] to prevent an action by the caucus of the Legislature on this question, until the Council has had an opportunity to learn the views of the people.

Then the Council will further communicate with the Senator and Delegate in full time for action by the Legislature on said question.

Mr E M Young Jr Vice-President in the Chair

After some discussion the vote was taken on Mr Dannehl's substitute and lost by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Rowe, Mills, Dannehl three (3) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Masters, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young; Eight (8) votes

The vote was then taken on Mr Bradley's resolution and adopted by the following recorded vote
Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Masters, Somerville, Chancellor, Morrison, Watson, Young; Eight (8) votes
Noes; Rowe, Mills, Dannehl three (3) votes

On motion of Mr Mills the rules were unanimously suspended

Mr Mills of the Public Interest Committee offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

"Whereas the City Council of Fredericksburg Va, has learned that the Committee on Public Buildings and grounds of the House of Representatives of the United States will report a bill making appropriations for the erection of Federal Buildings in various cities of the country; and

Whereas, from the accounts thereof in the newspapers, it appears that the Committee has decided that the buildings to be erected shall be located in towns or cities where there is free delivery of mail; and

Whereas Fredericksburg, Va has free delivery of mail, and by virtue of its location, its population, and its business as a thriving, prosperous city, it should have a public Federal Building.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Virginia Senators in the Senate of the United States and the Congressman from this Congressional District be, and they are hereby requested to take such action as they may deem proper in an effort to have located at Fredericksburg Va a Federal building.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of the Council be, and is hereby instructed to certify under seal of the City a copy of this resolution to Senators John W Daniel and Thomas S Martin and Congressman William A Jones.

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On motion of Mr Mills, Mr T McCracken, Chairman of a Committee appointed by the City Council January 14, 1904, to secure if possible the location of a Normal School at Fredericksburg Va was requested to make the report from the Committee, which was done as follows by A P Rowe, secretary of the Committee.

Fredericksburg, Va Jan'y 15th 1906

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

Gentlemen; A little over two years ago, your honorable body appointed a Committee, composed of T McCracken, W S Embrey, M S Chancellor, W E Bradley, T N Brent, M G Willis, Col E D Cole, St Geo R Fitzhugh, A T Embrey, S J Quinn, H H Wallace, B P Willis and A P Rowe, representing the City Council and citizens to advocate the selection of Fredericksburg as a location for a new Normal School, the establishment of which was being considered by the Legislature.

The Committee went actively to work, sent a sub-committee to Richmond, which interviewed the members of the General Assembly and secured the promise of probably a majority of the body to support Fredericksburg, as the place for the school. The question, however, was not finally disposed of, but was referred to a joint committee from the Senate and House of Delegates, to report to the Legislature which convened in Richmond a few days ago.

That Committee during 1904 made a trip of inspection over the State, visiting twenty-eight towns and cities which had applied for the school. The Committee came to this City in June of that year. Your committee met the visitors, entertained them, drove them about the city, and showed them a number of places, as available sites for the school.

The Legislature expressed themselves as highly pleased with their visit here, and were favorably impressed with what they saw.

The report of this Legislative committee has been recently completed and signed by the five Senators and five members of the House. It gives a history of the movement for the Normal School, names the places which were visited during the tour of inspection and recommends the establishment of three schools instead of one. One for South West Virginia, one for the Valley and one for Tidewater and Eastern Virginia.

Radford is recommended as the site for South-west, Harrisonburg for the Valley, and Fredericksburg and Newport News received five votes each, a tie, as the locations for the Tidewater section. The Legislative Committee further recommends that if only one school should be established then that school should be located either at Radford, Harrisonburg, Front Royal, Newport News, Fredericksburg, or Manassas. The report is signed by the full committee.

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It has already been introduced in the Senate and will probably be introduced in the House tomorrow. A vote on the report will probably not be reached for a week or more, as many speeches will no doubt be made on behalf of the various sections, and for and against the report.

At the time your committee was appointed the City Council put itself on record as willing to donate a site for this school, if Fredericksburg should be chosen as the location. Your Committee is of the opinion that if the School is secured it would be of vast importance to Fredericksburg, and that every effort should be made to secure it. The critical point is now at hand, and whatever additional work is to be done in behalf of Fredericksburg should be accomplished at once.

We recommend that you authorize this Committee, or such sub-committee as the Committee may deem proper, to go to Richmond at the earliest opportunity and in conjunction with the Delegate from this City and County, and other Delegates from this section, the Senator from this District and other Senators from this part of the State, make every effort by interviewing the members of the General Assembly, to secure the vote of a majority of the body for Fredericksburg, for one of the three schools, if three are to be established, or for the single one, if only one is decided upon.

We ask for action on this report, and for such instruction as your body may see fit to give.

Respectfully submitted,

T McCracken, Chairman

A P Rowe, Secretary

S J Quinn

A T Embrey

W E Bradley

E D Cole

T N Brent

M S Chancellor

B P Willis

M G Willis

Mr Mills offered the following which was unanimously adopted.

The special committee heretofore appointed on the selection of Fredericksburg, Va as a site for a State Normal School, this day having filed their report. On motion of Mr Mills, duly seconded by Mr Rowe. Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that the said report be, and the same is hereby received and adopted, and the recommendations of the said Committee are hereby adopted, and be it further resolved that the said Committee is hereby continued and is given full power to carry out the recommendations contained in the report.

Mr Watson moved to add two members of this body to the Committee. The President named E W Mills and W L Watson.

Adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va, was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber of said City January 18, 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM

The following members present; Cole Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young (11) members
Col Cole, President in the Chair
Minutes of the last regular and called meetings read and approved.
Mr Young, Vice President in the Chair.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report
To Hon President and Common Council Jan'y 18, 1906
Gentlemen: The police of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully and efficiently discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.
Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor
On motion the Mayor's report was unanimously received and the salaries of the Police ordered paid.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following bills

To Free Lance & Star Pub Co	1000 note heads	\$2.00
To Free Lance & Star Pub Co	100 bills renting hay scales	\$1.25
To Free Lance & Star Pub Co	1000 letter heads	\$2.00
To Free Lance & Star Pub Co	250 tax receipts	\$1.25
On motion ordered paid		\$6.50

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of Electoral Board for services May 16, 1905 to Nov 3, 1905. On motion ordered paid. \$30.00

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of the Journal Pub'g Co Printing Oct 3, 1905 \$1.05
On motion ordered paid

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of Kishpaugh for 4 copies Standard Oil Co US Cit of Fredericksburg, Va 8 pages and cover \$10.00
On motion ordered paid

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of
A B Donahoe 51 dog collars, 51 tags \$4.78
On motion ordered paid

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh
Professional services to date Nov 15, 1905 \$350.00
On motion ordered paid by unanimous recorded vote
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Col Cole of Finance Committee presented bill of the Fredericksburg Power Co for water supplied to the Reservoir from June 1st 1904 to date. 1½ years at \$800.00 per annum \$1200.00
On motion of Mr Mills, referred to the Water Committee to report back to this Council

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following communication
Fredericksburg, Va Jan 2, 1906

A P Rowe, Collector

Dear Sir: Yours of Dec 7th 1905 to hand notifying me that the second payment to the amount of \$39.60 on bill for improved pavements was due. In replay will say, I am ready to settle the above amount at any time the Street Committee will give my property on Commerce Street, now occupied by J C Willis and Son

suitable drainage. It is useless for me to enter into particulars as the majority of the said Committee are fully aware of the situation.

Respectfully,
P V Daniel

Messrs E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville; Finance Committee Jan'y 16, 1906

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I hand you a letter from Mr P V Daniel in reference to second payment for improved pavement bills. You will observe that he declines to make this payment until he gets proper drainage.

Mr S S Bradford, declined to pay the first installment of his bill, and declines to settle until certain alleged defects in his pavement are remedied.

Please inform me as to what course I shall pursue in these cases.

Very respectfully,

A P Rowe, City Collector of Taxes

On motion of Mr Somerville, referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented the following letter from Mr W H Hurkamp, President Fredericksburg Cemetery Co

Col E D Cole, Chairman Finance Committee, January 13, 1906

Dear Sir: During the Christmas holidays a team of horses ran away and the wagon striking the corner of the enclosure of the City Cemetery at the junction of Washington Avenue and William Street, tore down the wall so that the cemetery is exposed and dogs can run in and out at will.

The Cemetery company has no funds, the few hundred dollars [Page 405] of Virginia Bonds that were held for repairs having been sold and the proceeds used on the demand of the City authorities to repair an excavation caused by the grading of William or Commerce Street, which repairs, I think still, should have been done by the City authorities.

I therefore respectfully request the City Council to do what is right and just in the premises, which in my judgment should not only be to the extent of repairing the wall, but returning the amount which the Cemetery Company has expended in repairing this excavation, namely \$399.01.

Mr Hurkamp was requested to address the Council, which he proceeded to do, giving a full explanation of the financial condition of the Cemetery Co., its sources of revenue, the cause of the excavation, and the cost of replacing the wall, and the City paying the sum \$125.00 towards same, also the conditions incident to the runaway, and the tearing down of the wall and iron fence at corner of Commerce St and Washington Avenue.

On motion of Mr Mills referred to the Finance Committee for investigation on the \$399.01 and report back to the Council.

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported that his Committee had had their attention called, by the Judge of the Corporation Court to the condition of the Court House roof. They advertised for bids for putting on a new roof, had received two bids, but rejected both, and had secured a gentleman of well known reputation and respectability, who agreed to do the work, if allowed work it in at odd times by his force of hands at a very great savings to the City.

Mr Morrison of the Light Committee reported that his Committee had overdrawn its appropriation and asked that the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated to the Light Committee.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the sum of \$4,000.00 was appropriated to the Gas Committee by the following recorded vote; Ayes Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Morrison, Watson, Young

The Water Committee offered the following report of Supt Quinn on Princess Anne St sewer from Marshall's corner down.

To M S Chancellor, E D Cole, W L Watson; Committee on Water

I have the pleasure of reporting the completion of the sewer on Princess Ann Street from Marshall's corner below the Railroad to two hundred feet below Dixon Street, 1200 feet in all and 1008 ft in laterals, at a total cost of \$825.82.

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The work was done by Messr E J Cain & Co under the supervision of Mr James Watson. There are fifty houses on this line of sewer, which at \$2.00 per annum will produce a revenue of \$100.00, which is a fraction over 12 per cent on the investment.

Respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt

E D Cole, W L Watson; Committee

On motion the report was accepted by unanimous vote.

The Water Committee offered the following report of Supt Quinn on Water main on Doswell Field.

Messrs M S Chancellor, E D Cole, W L Watson; Committee

I have the honor of reporting the 4" cast iron starts at the intersection of Princess Ann and Canal Streets, running out Canal Street, crossing the Canal at that point, thence up Cedar Lane to Hupful Street, down Hupful to Canby Street, thence up Canby to the Canal Bridge. It crosses the canal just above the bridge and is then united with the 8" main at Cartright & Davis's Granite Shops.

There are five double fire plugs on the new line of pipe; one at Princess Anne and Canal Streets, one at Charles and Canal Streets, one half way up Cedar Lane, and two on Hupful Street. Each one of those plugs will support two good streams of water at a height much above any of the houses in that section. I think the plugs have been so distributed as to reach any building in that locality with two steams of water and most of them with more than two. The entire length of the Main is 3048 feet, and laterals for setting five plugs 120 feet, making the total 3168 feet. This pipe was laid by Messrs E J Cain & Co at 14 cents per foot, the City furnishing all material, under my supervision and I report it a first class job. The total cost of the entire line, including material and laying is \$1,592.96.

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn, Supt

E D Cole, W L Watson; Committee

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

The Water Committee reported by Supt Quinn that work ordered by this Council and paid for out of the Water Committee's appropriation amounted to \$578.76 and asked that the Council appropriate that amount \$578.76 to the Water Committee and they also asked that an additional sum of \$450.00 be appropriated to the Water [Page 407] Committee.

On motion of Mr Bradley the amount of \$1028.76 asked for by the Water Committee be appropriated to said Committee. Adopted by the following recorded vote;

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

Col Cole of the Water Committee offered an ordinance to amend the City ordinance in relation to Water Works and Water Rents, which on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee reported progress on Public Federal Building in Fredericksburg. The Clerk in this connection reported that in keeping with the instructions of this Council at its called meeting Jan'y 15, 1906, he had forwarded copies of the resolution passed by the Council to Senators J W Daniel & Thomas S Martin and Representative Wm A Jones.

Mr Mills of Public Interest offered the following in reference to Rappahannock River Improvements: Whereas the Public Interest Committee of this Council has reported in 1903 the United States Government appropriated twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the improvement of the Rappahannock River at this point, and at Spottswood bar, four miles below Fredericksburg, and in January 1904, a contract was let to John S Grim of Philadelphia for the removal of seventeen thousand (17,000) yards of material from the river opposite Fredericksburg, and thirty three thousand (33,000) yards of material from the river at Spottswood bar; and

Whereas the said John L Grim partially performed his contract, and sub-let the balance of the said contract to Messrs Risley and Sons, Atlantic City, who undertook to completed said contract; and Whereas in 1904 the United States Government made an emergency appropriation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the removal of the bar in the river at just below Fredericksburg, and John S Grim was awarded a contract for the removal of fifty-two thousand (52,000) yards of material from the bar at and below Fredericksburg, no part of which contract was undertaken or performed by said John S Grim, but who sub-let the same to Messrs Risley & Sons of Atlantic City, who have not completed said contract to this date; and

Whereas in the year 1905, an additional appropriation of forty thousand (\$40,000.00) was made by the United States Government for the Fredericksburg division of the [Page 408] Rappahannock River and no part of the same has been expended in dredging or improving the said river; and

Whereas sub-contractor, Messrs Risley & Sons, by reason of the insufficiency of the machinery and equipment or otherwise, have not as yet been able to carry out and complete, and have not as yet carried out and completed the second of their said contracts under the appropriation of 1904, and by reason of their failure, in this respect, work on the improvement of the river has been greatly retarded and is now dragging along, and the third appropriation of 1905 has not been expended on the improvement of the river, by reason of the delay in completion of the work under the appropriation of 1904.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va;

First; That the Public Interests of the City of Fredericksburg and this section have suffered and are now suffering by reason of the condition of the river at this time, and the said Council deeming the speedy improvement of the Rappahannock river of vital interest to the commercial interests of this City and section doth further resolve;

Second; That the Clerk of this body be, and he is hereby instructed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable William A Jones, Congressman from this first Congressional District of Virginia, and that the said, the Honorable William A Jones be, and he is hereby respectfully requested to bring to the attention of the Engineering Office in charge of the Fredericksburg Division of the Rappahannock river improvement, the above conditions of affairs, and to urge upon the Engineering Office in charge, such speedy actions as will relieve the conditions of affairs and as will hasten the completion of the work now in progress, and as will render effective and beneficial to the river, the appropriation of 1905.

On motion of Mr Bradley, unanimously adopted.

Mr Masters of the Fire Committee reported that his committee had secured samples of hose and prices as directed by this Council, Nov 16, 1906[5?]. Mr Masters also asked that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated to the Committee of Fire Department.

On motion the sum of \$50.00 was so appropriated.

A petition signed by a number of citizens, calling attention to the urgent necessity of grading the side walks and streets of Princess Anne from 3rd [Princess Elizabeth] [Page 409] to the Railroad tracks.

On motion of Mr Dannehl referred to the Street Committee to report back to the Council.

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported the wretched condition of the National Boulevard.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the condition of the Boulevard was referred to the Committee on Public Interest.

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported progress of work on Wolf Street, and also gave a general report of work done on the Streets and the method under which the Street Committee worked.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the Committee on Auditing claims were requested to devise some suitable and convenient system of orders and vouchers with stubs to be used by the Committee and report the same back to this Council.

Mr Dannehl give notice to the Council that, at an early date, he would ask for increased water facilities for the West end. He spoke of the importance both for fire and domestic purposes and wanted the Council to consider the matter.

Mr Somerville made inquiry as to the progress of planting trees on Main and other Streets. Mr Mills of the Street Committee said action would be taken, as soon as the weather opened.

On motion of Mr Cole, the Council decided to go into Election of Superintendent of Water.
On motion of Mr Bradley the salary was fixed at \$900.00 per annum. Application of S J Quinn for Supt of Water was read by the Clerk and he was unanimously elected Supt of Water Works for the ensuing year at salary of (\$900.00)

On the expressed desire of Mr Morrison, Chairman of Light Committee, the election of Supt of Gas Works was postponed until next meeting of the Council.

Mr Geo H Morrison tendered his resignation as a member of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va.
On motion of Col Cole, Mr Morrison's resignation was unanimously accepted with regrets.

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Mr Mills moved that this Council go into the election of Morrison's successor at once.

Mr Dannehl as a substitute for Mr Mill's motion that this Council go into nominations for a member of the City Council from the Lower Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Geo H Morrison, and that the election take place at a future meeting of this Council. Seconded by Mr Bradley
Vote was taken on Dannehl substitute and declared lost by the following vote;

Ayes Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Dannehl

Noes, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Somerville, Watson, Young

Vote was then taken on Mr Mills motion and declared lost by the following vote.

Ayes; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Watson, Young

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl

Mr M S Chancellor offered his resignation as a member of the City Council from the Upper Ward, which on motion was unanimously accepted.

On motion the Council then 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 in the Council Chamber of the said City, February 8th 1906 at 5 PM

The following members present; E D Cole, E M Young Jr, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, W L Watson

President E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Finance Committee to consider an Act with reference to redeeming the 7 per cent Bond indebtedness of the City which Act the Committee had requested the City Attorney to prepare.

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, then read for the Finance Committee the following Act.

“An act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia, to issue coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of redeeming its Seven Per Cent indebtedness and paying off the same.

Whereas the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, did in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved January 3rd 1876, issue its coupon bonds bearing seven per cent interest, dated May 1st 1876, and payable on the first day of May 1906;

And whereas there are now out-standing and unpaid of said issue of Bonds the sum of One Hundred and Nineteen Thousand, four Hundred Dollars which mature and become due and payable on the first of May 1906;

And whereas the City of Fredericksburg is desirous of issuing her bonds bearing four per-cent interest to the amount of one hundred and nineteen thousand and four hundred dollars for the purpose of refunding and discharging the aforesaid seven per-cent indebtedness:

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, that it shall be lawful for the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia in order to refund and discharge its seven per-cent coupon bond indebtedness issue in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved January 3rd 1876, to issue coupon on registered bonds in sums not less than one hundred dollars to an amount not to exceed the par value of one hundred nineteen thousand and four hundred dollars to bear interest at a rate not to exceed four per-centum per annum, payable semi-annually said bonds to be payable thirty years after the date of their issue.

The said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and attested by the Clerk of the Council, with the Corporate Seal of the City affixed thereto and the coupons shall each bear the signature of the City Treasurer signed thereto.

2. That the Council of the City of Fredericksburg shall use said bonds so issued or their proceeds for the purpose of [Page 412] refunding and discharging the aforesaid seven per cent bond indebtedness of the City and for no other purpose whatsoever.

3. That the City shall annually levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on all bonds issued under this Act, as the same shall accrue and become payable and said Council shall provide in the payment of the principal of said Bonds when the same shall mature; and shall provide a sinking fund for their payment at maturity.

4. That the City Council shall have authority to exempt all the bonds issued under this Act from all taxation by the City of Fredericksburg or by the City Council, and to make all the Coupons of said bonds as they mature receivable for all taxes due the City.

5. That the bonds issued under this Act shall not be sold at less than their par value, and the Council may make the Coupons payable at such bank or banks in or out of the State or at the office of the City Treasurer or both, as said Council may see fit.

6. This Act shall be in force from its passage.”

E M Young Jr Vice-President in the Chair

Mr H Dannehl offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Watson and adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young (7) votes

Noes None

The Chairman of the Finance Committee having presented to the Council An Act framed for the purpose of enabling the City to redeem and retire its 7 per cent bond indebtedness;

“Resolved that said Act is approved by the Council and a copy of the same is directed to be sent by the Clerk of the Council to our Senator and Delegate in the General Assembly with request that they have said Act enacted into a law at this session.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the 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 Thursday night Feb’y 15th 1906, at 7:30 o’clock

The following members were present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, S W Somerville, H Dannehl, W L Watson, E M Young Jr

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mr Bradley moved to go into the election of Councilman for the Upper Ward.

Mr Watson moved as a substitute that the Council go into the election of a Councilman for the Lower Ward.

Vote was taken on Mr Watson’s substitute as follows;

Ayes; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Watson & Young (5) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl (5) votes

And the substitute of Mr Watson was declared lost

Vote was then taken on Mr Bradley’s motion as follows

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl (5) votes

Noes; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Watson & Young (5) votes

And the motion declared lost.

Mr Watson then moved, seconded by Mr Somerville to fill the vacancies existing in the Council.

Ayes; Mills, Masters, Somerville, Watson & Young (5) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl (5) votes

And the motion was declared lost

E M Young, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the Mayor’s report as follows

Fredericksburg Va, Jan 19, 1906

To the Hon President & members of the Common Council,

Gentlemen: Having been officially informed by your body of the resignation of George H Morrison from your Body, also of that of M S Chancellor, and being requested by you, to fill the positions of Chairman of the Light Committee made vacant by the resignation of Mr Morrison, and being informed by S W Somerville, and J P Rowe, the remaining members of the Committee that neither of them desire to be appointed, I hereby appoint E M Young, Jr to the Chairmanship of the Light Committee, and Col Cole second on Committee of Water, of which Mr Chancellor was Chairman, not wishing to be advanced to the Chairmanship. I hereby appoint W L Watson to the Chairmanship of Water.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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On motion of Mr Dannehl the action of the Mayor was approved by the Council by a unanimous vote.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the report of the Mayor on Police

Feb'y 15, 1906

To the Hon President and Members of the Council

Gentlemen: I respectfully report to your honorable body that the Police Officers have faithfully and efficiently performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and salaries ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee made following report on the claim of the Cemetery Co referred to the Finance Committee for investigation, and report back to the Council.

In our opinion the damage to the Cemetery wall was caused by excavation done by the City, and we recommend the payment of the sum of three hundred and ninety nine dollars and one cent in full for said damage.

Signed, E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville (Committee)

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report of the Finance Committee was received and the sum of three hundred and ninety nine dollars and one cent be paid to the Cemetery Company, in settlement in full of claim for all damages done to wall, caused by excavations on Commerce Street for the sewer, and that the Finance Committee obtain a receipt from said Cemetery Company, in full settlement of all claims for same.

Adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young (9) votes

Noes; Mills (1) vote.

W S Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee asked for an appropriation of (\$500.00) to his committee.

And on motion of Mr Dannehl the sum of (\$500.00) was appropriated to the Street Committee by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young (10) votes.

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Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Street Committee be requested to obtain plans, specifications and cost for properly macadamizing or improving Mary Washington Ave and laying granolithic or other suitable sidewalks under the rules and regulations heretofore observed in similar work and report back the same to the City Council at its next meeting.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented list of unpaid capitation and personal property taxes which he stated his Committee had gone carefully over with the Tax Collector and found them to be entirely valueless.

Whereupon Mr Dannehl offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed.

Whereas the Finance Committee of the City Council has presented to the Council a list of unpaid capitation and personal property taxes amounting to (\$767.12), much of which was erroneously assessed, and the remainder is uncollectable and absolutely worthless, and said Committee has recommended that said list, and the bills of the same be turned over by the City Collector to the City Treasurer who shall receipt to the City Collector for the same, and the City Treasurer shall preserve said list, and said tax bills, until ordered by the Council to destroy them.

Resolved; by the Council that the foregoing recommendation of the Finance Committee be and the same it approved by the Council and that upon the said City Collector turning over said list and said bills to the City Treasurer, he shall be credited by the amount thereof, viz (\$767.12)

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the City Treasurer had no means of keeping properly and safely valuable book and vouchers belonging to the City, and that positive need existed for a suitable safe for this purpose, and on motion of Mr Mills, this matter was referred to the Public Property Committee with instructions to secure cost of a suitable safe for the use of the City Treasurer, and report to this Council at its next meeting.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Young of the Joint Committee on New Gas Works, reported that his Committee needed (\$1,499.17) to close up the unpaid indebtedness of the New Gas plant. And on Motion of Col Cole, the sum of fourteen hundred and nine-nine dollars and seventeen center was appropriated to the New Gas work Joint Committee, by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Rowe, Bradley, Rowe[?], Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young [Page 416]

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

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young
“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 (\$25,000.00) deposited by him pursuant to resolution of the Council passed June 15, 1905 and approved June 17, 1905. For the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and place the said amount to the credit of the New Gas Improvement Committee.

Mr Young, Chairman of Gas Committee, reported that it was necessary that something be done with regard to conditions at the new gas plant, as some friction existed between the Superintendent of Gas Works and the Superintendent of construction, and recommended that the Council allow the present Superintendent Mr Fitzpatrick to hold over for 90 days and that the Superintendent Mr Bullock be dispensed with.

On motion of Mr Dannehl the election of Superintendent of Gas Works was further postponed 90 days. On motion of Col Cole the recommendation of the Gas Committee, with reference to dispensing with the further services of Superintendent of Construction, Mr Bullock was adopted.

Mr Mills moved that the Gas Committee be empowered to employ a suitable, capable and efficient Gas man to work with the present Superintendent of Gas Works, and the Gas Committee to report to this Council on the efficiency and ability of Mr Fitzpatrick within 90 days. Adopted by unanimous vote

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Watson of the Water Committee offered the following report of the Joint Committee on Water Works improvement which on motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Fredericksburg, Va Feb'y 10, 1906

To W L Watson, E D Cole, M G Willis, G W Shepherd, H H Wallace; Joint Committee Impr of City Water Works.

Gentlemen; I am pleased to report that the enlargement of the City Water Works, you were instructed by the City Council to make, that is, to erect a pump house and install therein a 40 horse power engine and a 50 horse power boiler, and a [Page 417] 12 by 9 inch duplex force pump, enlarge the receiving reservoir and lay a line of 8" pipe from the pump house to Commerce Street, has been completed and accepted.

Except the reservoir, which needs some further attention by the contractor. Except the laying of the pipe which was done under my supervision, all the rest of the work and improvements were done and made under the direction and inspection of Mr C L Kalmbach, an engineer well known in town having been a citizen here for years, a taxpayer, and a gentleman who has the confidence of the public.

In consideration of this fact together with the well known reputation of the Contractors, and sub-contractors, we may report that the entire work is well done. In consequence of the almost unprecedented wet Spring and Summer, the work was very much delayed. Had it not been for this delay, we would have had the machinery in place and ready for work by the middle of the summer, thereby enabling us to give the town an abundant supply of water for the hot season.

As it was we had to run the small pump continuously by steam at large expense for more than three months.

The pump house is of concrete and brick walls, two stories high, lower floor concrete, with boiler house and coal bin attached. In it are the large and small pumps, the engines and turbine water wheel. The machinery is so arranged that both pumps can be connected with the engine and turbine wheel, thus uniting the two powers together; water and steam running both pumps at the same time.

The two pumps will furnish the town with all the water it may need for years to come. Both pumps are duplex and are Blake's make. The small one is 12 by 7 inches, and the large one is 12 by 9 in. The engine and boiler are of Frick's manufacture and are pronounced by competent judges to be first class. The reservoir was enlarged by an addition of 400 feet up the canal and the same width of the old one, and will hold between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 of gallons available for pumping. The line of 8 inch pipe run from the new pump house through private grounds to Washington Avenue, opposite the Mary Washington Monument, and thence along the Avenue to Commerce Street, connecting at that point with the 8 inch supply pipe from the distributing reservoir to town. There are three fire plugs on this line of pipe. One at the Cemetery Gate, one at Mr J McCalla Bouleware's, and one near the residence of Mr W N Blake. These are double plugs and afford good fire protection to that part of the town. Heretofore almost without any, and material assistance is furnished the upper end of town by the 4 inch main through Doswell Field, connecting with the Main on Prussia Street.

A gentleman from the Worthington Pump Manufacturing Company, and an expert on Water Works, visited and inspected ours, soon after their completion and said they were up-to-date works and complete in all their arrangements.

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As we use the machinery of one of his competitors, we regard this as quite complimentary to the works and the manner of construction.

The total appropriation for improvements was \$14,053.25

The total amount expended was \$14,034.81

Leaving a balance to the credit of the Committee \$18.44

Respectfully submitted S J Quinn, Superintendent

To the Council, Gentlemen

We submit the above report made to us by the Superintendent as our final report of the improvements in the City Water Works we were charged by you to make.

Very Respectfully, W L Watson, E D Cole, M G Willis, G W Shepherd, H H Wallace, Joint Committee on Impr Water Works.

Mr Watson of the Water Committee asked for further time on the Bill of the Power Co for water supplied the reservoir, referred to his Committee at the last meeting of the Council. On motion further time was granted.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee offered the following which was referred to his Committee at last meeting.

Be it ordained, that the Section of the City Ordinance in relation to Water Works and Water Rent which provides for the case of default of any person liable for water rent to pay the water rent when it becomes due be and the same is amended and re-enacted as follows:

“An Ordinance”

“An ordinance to amend the City Ordinance in relation to Water Works and Water Rents

Be it ordained by the City Council that the Committee on Water shall have and is hereby given authority in its discretion to have the City Water turned off from the premises of any person, who is in arrears for water rents for a period of one year which when turned off, shall remain turned off until the arrearages are paid, and when it is turned off by order of the Committee it shall be unlawful for any person to turn the water on said premises, or to furnish a key to any one to turn it on, without permission of the Superintendent.

And it shall be unlawful for any such delinquent, whose water had been turned off to use City Water from the premises of another person, and it shall be unlawful for any person to allow such delinquent to get water from his hydrants while the water of the said delinquent shall remain cut off.

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Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than one dollar or more than five dollars for each offense.”

Henry Dannehl, E M Young Jr (Committee)

Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council

On motion of Mr Rowe this ordinance was ordered to be printed in the two daily papers for one issue.

Myr Young of Auditing Committee asked for further time in the matter of a suitable system of orders and vouchers, referred to his Committee at last meeting. On motion further time was granted.

Mr Mills of Public Interest made the following report on Normal School, which on motion of Mr Bradley was received and adopted.

Fredericksburg, Va Feb’y 15, 1906

To the President and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen; Your Committee on Normal School has been alert since its last report. A sub-committee has visited the legislature, called on many members and circulated among them an attractive pamphlet setting forth the advantages of Fredericksburg as a suitable location for one of the Schools, in addition to interviewing members individually. A conference was held of those favorable to Fredericksburg and the situation discussed generally. At one time, it was thought in the multitude of measures introduced that possibly the establishment of the Normal Schools would fail before this Legislature, but sentiment seems strong for the Schools and the Senate Committee has reported favorably for the establishment of all three schools.

The report has not be voted upon in the Senate as yet, and the House Committee has not yet acted, but information from Richmond, from those in touch with the situation, is to the effect, that the House Committee will also probably report favorably, and that the measure will likely be favorably acted upon in both houses of the Legislature. The question of location has not yet been reached, but the Committees will give hearings to representatives of the various places asking for a school, and the Committees will arrange for the claims of Fredericksburg to be forcibly presented at the proper time, and we hope to have Fredericksburg chosen as the location for the school intended for the Northern and Tidewater section of Virginia.

Respectfully submitted
T McCracken, Chairman
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Mr Mills of the Public Interest Committee reported that the resolution passed by this Council Jan'y 18th 1906 had been forwarded to our Congressman Hon W A Jones, and had a letter from Congressman Jones, acknowledging receipt of resolution, and giving the Committee additional information concerning the river contracts and assuring the Committee of his hearty cooperation in this matter.

Mr Mills of the Public Interest Committee also reported progress in regard to Public Federal Building for Fredericksburg, Va. They were actively at work and in touch with our Senators and Representative in Congress.

Mr Masters of the Fire Committee reported that his Committee had secured samples & prices on five hundred feet of fire hose as directed by this Council. On motion of Mr Bradley the Committee on Fire Department were authorized to purchase 500 feet of hose for the Fire Department not to exceed 70 cents per foot by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Watson offered a resolution memorializing the Legislature to abolish that section of the Charter of the City of Fredericksburg which gives the Mayor the right to vote in case of a tie in the Council.

On motion of Mr Bradley, referred to the City Attorney, to report at next meeting of the Council by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannell (6)
Noes; Masters, Somerville, Watson, Young (4)

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that it was desirable to case the waste water from the Gas Plant which was complained of by residents along the canal below the Plant.

On motion referred to the Water Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday March 15, 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

E D Cole, President in the Chair
Minutes of the last meeting read and approved
E D Young, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the Mayor's report on Police Officers as follows:

Fredericksburg, Va March 15, 1906

To the Hon Pres & Members of the Council,

Gentlemen:

The Police of the City of Fredericksburg have faithfully and efficiently performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of Police ordered paid.

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

Free Lance –Star Pub Co 350 license blanks	4.00
Free Lance –Star Pub Co 200 license blanks	3.50
Approved by A B Bowering, Comm of Revenue	
Free Lance –Star Pub Co pub of Water Ordinance	4.00
Approved by W L Watson	
Journal Pub Co pub Water Ordinance	4.00
Approved by W L Watson	
R A Kishpaugh, 4000 vouchers	\$20.00
Approved by E M Young	

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that there was a small balance to the credit of the Joint Committee on Water Works Improvement and the work had been completed and final report made to Council.

On motion of Mr Bradley the balance to the credit of the Joint Committee on Water Works improvement be placed to the credit of the general fund.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the following resolution in regard to refunding the one hundred and nineteen thousand four hundred (\$119,400.00) bonded indebtedness of the City under the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, dated March 15th 1906.

Laid over until next meeting of the Council

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the license tax bill for 1900, which laid over till next meeting.

E D Cole, President, in the Chair

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported that his Committee had taken up the matter of procuring a safe for the use of the City Treasurer, referred to his Committee at the last meeting of the Council. They had obtained prices on safes from three reliable safe companies and that the prices ranged from \$130.00 to \$175.00. His committee would recommend to the Council that the City procure a safe, suitable for the City Treasurer at a cost not to exceed (\$175.00).

Mr. Watson moved that the report of the Committee be received and the Committee be instructed to purchase a safe at a cost not to exceed (\$175.00)

Adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Bradley of Public Property, reported that his Committee had finished the work of putting a new roof on the Court House at a cost of seven hundred and eighty-two (\$782.00) dollars.

He further reported that the Court House needed painting very badly in order to protect and preserve the property and that the City Hall or Mayor's building also needed painting and steps repaired, and asked if the Council approved the plan.

Mr Embrey moved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to proceed with the improvements needed to put the City property in good shape.

Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee offered the following
Fredericksburg, Va, March 15, 1906

To the Hon Pres and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: After carefully considering the improvement of Mary Washington Avenue, your Committee on Streets, to whom this matter was referred at the last meeting of this Council be leave to recommend to your Hon Bod, that a suitable Civil Engineer be employed to establish grade lines, to conform to the grade lines established by the United States Government on the 80 foot square plot conveyed by the City to said Government for the Mercer Monument.

And that he draw plans and specifications for the grading and shaping of the road bed, and macadamizing the same with six inches of crushed granite the same to be rolled with a proper sized roller.

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The above mentioned work to be let by contract to the lowest bidder, said work to be done by the Street Committee, under the supervision of the said engineer.

W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E W Mills; Committee on Streets

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was adopted.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee offered the following resolutions seconded by Mr Dannehl.

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

1st that it is the sense of this Council that a street fifty feet wide, to be known as Mary Washington Avenue be opened connecting the northern and southern portions of the present Mary Washington Avenue, the new street to be opened to commence on the south side of Commerce or William Street opposite the junction of Mary Washington Avenue with William Street, and to run across Potters Field and the property of M B Rowe to Hanover Street, and thence from Hanover Street across the corner of the property of Mrs Swift or Mrs Elms, and across the canal and the property of F Covey to Charlotte Street at a point opposite the junction of Mary Washington Avenue from the Boulevard with Charlotte Street.

2nd Be it further resolved that the Street Committee of this Council be, and it is hereby directed to have the said proposed new street surveyed and plotted by some competent surveyor or engineer.

And be it further resolved that a Committee of three citizens, not members of this Council, shall be appointed by the Mayor, whose duties it shall be to examine the lands proposed to be taken for said street as laid down on the map and plot thereof when and as surveyed by the Street Committee, and that the said Committee of citizens, so appointed, shall value said lands, or ascertain what in their judgment will be a fair compensation for the taking of the same. And that they ascertain whether such compensation would be acceptable to the land owners if the same should be approved by the Council; and that they, and the said Street Committee report their actions hereunder to the Council

W S Embrey

On motion of Mr Bradley, laid on the table till next meeting.

Mr Embrey offered the following seconded by Mr Dannehl.

To Hon Pres & members of the Council March 13, 1906

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Streets beg leave to make the following report on pavement below the railroad and with side of Princess Anne Street that the City cut down and remove the dirt at the expense of

the City, provided the abutting property owners bind themselves to put up a retaining wall at their own expense as soon as said pavement is cut down to grade of the street & dirt removed.

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

Adopted,

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Mr Embrey offered the following which on motion of Mr Dannehl was adopted

Fredericksburg, Va March 15, 1906

To Hon Pres & members of the Council

Gentlemen: Some time back there was a Communication to us in regard to the pavement on west side of Lee Avenue, and we beg leave to make the following report.

We recommend that the City cut the pavement down and remove the dirt at the expense of the City provided the abutting property owners on the west side guarantee at their own expense to put up a stone wall to protect the hill at their own expense, as soon as said pavement is lowered to grade of street.

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

Feb'y 1, 1906

Mr Young of Gas Committee offered the final report of the Joint Committee on Gas Works, which on motion of Mr Rowe was received and the Joint Committee discharged.

Final report of the Joint Committee on erection of new Gas for the City, showing appropriations and entire cost of construction.

Real Estate	\$1,875.00
Building contract	\$5,633.00
Extra work, elevator, well etc	\$75.68
Laying main to connect work with pipe line	\$870.25
Bridging Mill race and making roadway	\$64.51
Lumber for fences, coal floor & labor on same	\$406.08
Tank Foundation contract	\$625.00
Extra iron plates for same	\$10.65
Postage – blue prints	\$55.40
Exhauster—freight & drayage	\$499.39
Governor	\$255.37
Meter	\$727.15
Coal Elevator	\$496.21
Scales	\$86.65
Boiler & Stack	\$272.40
Photometer	\$65.63
Pressure Gauges	\$53.08
“Specials” all 8”	\$114.41
Tools, pipe fittings etc	\$385.38
Labor connection up apparatus	\$41.30
Baltimore retort & Fire Brick Co benches & stack	\$4,835.00
Engineer’s fees for plan etc	\$1,000.00
Supt of Construction’s salary	\$595.00
Office desk and chair	\$17.00
Incidentals	\$766.92
Paid Stag & Co in full of contract	\$12,679.92
Total cost	\$32,554.92

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Amount of funds appropriated by Council \$32,554.92
Signed, E M Young, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E D Cole, S W Somerville, Joint Committee Light &
Finance; John M Griffin, H H Wallace, M G Willis, G W Shepherd, Citizens Committee

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that his Committee had secured a gas man to work with the Superintendent and that he was expected to arrive in the morning.

Mr Watson of the Water Committee offered the bond of S J Quinn, Superintendent of Water Works
On motion of Mr Dannehl the bond was received and ordered filed by the Mayor

Mr Mills of Public Interest offered the following report of the Chairman of Committee on Normal School, which was adopted.

Fredericksburg, Va March 15, 1906

To the President and members of the Council

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Normal School begs leave to report that upon notification that the Committee of the House of Delegates for location for one of the Normal Schools proposed a delegation went to Richmond on behalf of Fredericksburg. The Legislative Committee met in the hall of the House of Delegates o Friday night March 2 at 8 o'clock. There were so many speakers on behalf of other places that it was after 11 o'clock when Fredericksburg was called and Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, the spokesman for the delegation, addressed the Committee. He was followed by Delegate G R Swift of Fredericksburg, R L C Moncure of Stafford, James M Lewis of Essex, and G E T Lane of Mathews.

The voting did not commence until nearly midnight and it was after 12 o'clock when the result was announced. The House Committee was composed of thirteen members, twelve of whom were present, and on the first ballot Fredericksburg received the unanimous vote at the location for the Normal School intended for Northern and Tidewater Virginia.

Whilst your committee has done everything in its power, and in connection with friends of Fredericksburg in the Legislature, accomplished everything that could be done, it desires to acknowledge and recommends the splendid work of Messrs Swift and Moncure, Lewis and others, in creating a strong sentiment for Fredericksburg. Owing to the shortness of the session of the General Assembly, and the great mass of business crowding into the closing days of the body, the bill to establish the schools was not [Page 426] reached, and the work is, therefore without immediate results.

It is believed, however, that at the next session of the Legislature these Normal Schools will be established and the activity and zeal put forth for Fredericksburg this year will then bear fruit, if the work thus far accomplished is followed up with persistent and determined efforts at the proper time in the future.

Respectfully, T McCracken, Chairman

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee reported progress on Public Building and also on the Rappahannock River Improvements, and stated that his Committee had no appropriation and were sometimes handicapped thereby.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the report was received and the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) appropriated to the Committee.

Mr Somerville of the Committee on Schools reported that his Committee had been informed by reports of Delegate Swift that our chances were good for receiving one of the Summer Normal Schools, and in case it did come his Committee would be at some cost.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the action of the Committee was approved and the sum of (\$250.00) or so much thereof as was necessary be placed to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Somerville of the Committee on Schools presented the following;

To the Hon Pres & City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg, Va, held on the 22nd of February 1906, the school examiner and inspector for this division of the State, Mr E H Russell, was present and addressed the Board, stated that the School buildings for the white children were in a poor condition, the capacity of the buildings being insufficient to accommodate the pupils comfortably, the rooms poorly furnished, and emphasized the necessity of having larger buildings, better furniture etc.

At the conclusion of Mr Russell's remarks Mr Brannan moved, which was adopted, the appointment of a Committee of two to investigate the matter, and report upon the needs of the Schools, in the way of better and more commodious buildings for the accommodation of all the schools.

The Chair appointed Mr W L Brannan and Mr Isaac Hirsh, who made the investigation and submitted the following report on the 10th of March 1906.

To the Hon Board of Trustees of the Public Schools, Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: We the special Committee appointed to investigate the conditions of the buildings, furniture, and other accommodations [Page 427] of the White Schools of the City beg leave to submit the following report.

1st Accompanied by Messrs B P Willis, the City Superintendent and E H Russell the Examiner and Inspector of this Circuit we visited all of the white schools and closely inspected the buildings and furniture.

2nd We find that the overflow school taught by Miss Roach occupies a room that is in no way suitable for school purposes. The room is small, low pitched and has practically no provision for ventilation and the control of light.

3rd the same condition exists in the rooms occupied by the schools in the Court House. There is a congestion in all of these, that is conducive of bad results on the eyes and general health of the children. The rooms in the Court House at times become so dark as to necessitate the use of the gas lights. The sanitary condition of all three of these rooms is bad and does not admit any improvement.

4th The Union building is in need of extensive repair in order to put it in passable condition for school use. The basement is in a dangerously unsanitary condition, the floors and walls very imperfect, and the general arrangement of the building such as in the opinion of your Committee to make it unwise to spend any considerable amount in an effort to improve it.

5th The furniture in all the rooms is dilapidated, inconvenient, uncomfortable, and not such as should be used in a modern school.

Recommendations

In the light of conditions as we found them we recommend:

1st That the room used by the overflow school and the rooms used by the school in the Court House be condemned as unsuitable for school purposes.

2nd That there be provided a suitable modern building, centrally located and sufficiently large to accommodate the present white school population.

3rd That we think it part of wisdom to build and equip with improved furniture a modern 12 room house on our present lot about forty feet back and facing Main Street.

In conclusion, we wish to state that your Committee is deeply impressed with the inadequate accommodation offered the children of our City, and feel that the facilities for their proper instruction and the protection of their health, demand that every effort be made to relieve the congested conditions as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted, W L Brannan, Isaac Hirsh

At the meeting of the School Board that considered this report were Messrs A B Bowering, Isaac Hirsh, Wm L Brannan, Wm H Hurkamp, and James T Layton of the school Board and B P Willis, Supt of Schools and E H Russell, Examiner and Inspector.

After duly considering the report in all its aspects it was unanimously adopted as the views of the Board.
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Mr E G Heflin, an architect, was requested to make a sketch or drawing of a school house outlined by the Board. Mr Heflin being present and also to ascertain an estimate of the cost of such a building, and submit them to the Board on the afternoon of Wednesday the 14th instant at 4 o'clock, This sketch is submitted as a part of this communication for your information.

The outline drawing was submitted to the board, at the time mentioned above, and was considered at length. The building complete would furnish ample and suitable accommodations for all the while schools of the Town. Such a building would also make it unnecessary to use the rooms at and near the Court House, where the little ones are compelled to remain for four years without proper light and no ventilation and which must be a constant menace to their eyes and health. This contemplated building will cost about \$22,500.00 but the old building, the Union House, has as its material worth about (\$2,500.00) which can be used in the construction of the new building or sold on the market.

The School Board, therefore, urges and implores you to appropriate for the public school building, which will be an ornament to the City, and a long step in advancing education, for the white children of the town, your children, the children of your friends, your neighbors, and fellow citizens, the sum of (\$20,000.00).

This is an imperative need, long felt, and long delayed by our City authorities, but if the mental and physical conditions for our children, especially those from 7 to eleven years of age, are to be developed instead of being dwarfed, it cannot be longer delayed.

By order of the School Board, S J Quinn, Clerk.

E M Young, Jr in the Chair

Col Cole offered the following, seconded by Mr Watson which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: that a Joint Committee consisting of the Finance Committee and the Committee on Schools, and the three following citizens, viz; M G Willis, G W Shepherd, and G W Wroten be, and the same is hereby appointed, whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report to the Council at a called meeting what improvements in the Public School Property of the City should be made, the cost of the same, and the method of raising the money to defray the same, and any other matter deemed pertinent by the Committee.

Mr Masters of the Fire Committee reported that his Committee had contracted for 500 feet of hose for the Fire Department.

On motion the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the City Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber March 20, 1906 with the following members present; E D Cole, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, Somerville, Watson, Young, Bradley

E D Cole, President in the Chair

W E Bradley was appointed Clerk pro Tem in the absence of the clerk who was absent from the City. On motion of Mr Somerville the rules were suspended by unanimous vote.

Whereupon Mr Young offered the following ordinance, presented to the Council at the last meeting.
“An Ordinance”

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that in pursuance of the provision of an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled “An Act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia to issue it Coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of redeeming its sever per cent indebtedness and paying off the same.” Approved March 15, 1906, the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia in order to refund and discharge the City’s seven per cent coupon bond indebtedness issued in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved January 3rd 1876, doth hereby resolve to issue the Coupon Bonds of the City for the sum of one hundred and nineteen thousand four hundred dollars, to bear interest at four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds to be payable thirty years after the date of their issue.

The said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer, and attested by the Clerk of the Council, with the Corporate Seal of the City affixed thereto and the coupons shall bear the signature of the City Treasurer signed thereto.

The said bonds or their proceeds shall be used by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of refunding and discharging the aforesaid seven per cent bond indebtedness of the City and no other purpose whatever.

And be it further resolved & ordained by the City Council that the City Council shall annually levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on all the bonds issued under this ordinance as the same shall accrue and become payable, and said Council shall provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds, when the same shall mature and shall provide a sinking fund for the payment at maturity.

Be it further ordained by the Council, that all the Coupon Bonds issued under this ordinance shall be exempt from all taxation by the City of Fredericksburg, and by the City Council, and all the Coupons of said bonds as they mature shall be receivable for all taxes due the City, and the non-taxability of said bonds, and the receiveability of the coupons in payment of Taxes shall be set forth on the face of the Bonds.

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The bonds issued under this ordinance and the coupons thereof shall be payable at the office of the City Treasurer of Fredericksburg in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and said bonds shall not be sold for less than their par value.

The denominations of the bonds issued hereunder shall be as follows:

204 bonds shall be of the denomination of	\$100.00	
146 bonds shall be of the denomination of	\$500.00	and
26 bonds shall be of the denomination of	\$,1000.00	

Be it further ordained by the Council that the Finance Committee of the Council, proceed without delay to have the aforesaid bonds lithographed and properly executed as required by the aforesaid “Act” of the General Assembly and by this ordinance; and the said Finance Committee shall take the proper steps to notify the holders of the aforesaid seven per cent bond indebtedness of the City that they can exchange their seven per cent bonds for the bonds issued under this ordinance at the par value of said last mentioned bonds: and said Finance Committee is hereby authorized to deliver to ever holder of a seven per center bond a bond of the same denomination of the issue authorized by this ordinance, and said Committee shall take in and hold safely all the seven per cent bonds thus exchanged until all of said seven per cent

bonds issue is redeemed when said Committee shall present all of said redeemed bonds to the Council that the same may be destroyed.

The bonds issued under this ordinance shall bear date May 1st 1906 and be payable thirty years after their date.

And in the event that all the (\$119,400.00) of outstanding seven per cent bonds are not exchanged for the bonds issued under this ordinance by 15th day of April 1906, the Finance Committee are hereby authorized to advertise for sealed bids for the remaining bonds reserving the right to reject any and all bids and shall report said bids to the Council.”

On motion adopted by the following recorded vote;

Aye; Rowe, Embrey, Somerville, Watson, Young, Cole, Bradley

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole President

W E Bradley, Clerk Pro Tem

Approved by the Mayor, March 22, 1906. Thomas P Wallace

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Regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday, April 19th 1906 at 8 PM o'clock with the following members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, W L Watson, E M Young Jr

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of the last regular and called meetings read and approved

Vice President E M Young in the Chair

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

T N Brent	covering the Mercer Monument	\$19.30
A M Garner, F P Stearns, T N Brent	To services rendered inspecting and reporting the safety of the Opera House with reference to fire	\$7.50
R A Kishpaugh	300 copies ordinance on Water Rents	\$1.00
R A Kishpaugh	50 copies ordinance regarding bonds	\$1.50
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	1500 Council notices pads	\$2.50
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	3 sets of slips	\$1.50
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	2 books for Board of Health	\$3.00

Fredericksburg, Va April 19, 1906

To the Hon Pres and members of the Common Council

The Police of Fredericksburg have faithfully performed their duty and are entitled to their pay.

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's report was received and salaries ordered paid

Cole Cole of the Finance Committee offered the License Tax and Property Tax Ordinance for 1906 and 1907, which was the same as last year, with the following sections amended, which was taken up in sections and finally passed as a whole by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young
Noes (none)

Section 6. Amended: Taxes imposed by section above shall be payable in national currency of the United States, and in the Coupons of the bonds of the City which have matured.

Land Agents

Section 11. Amended: On every agent for the sale of Real Estate, residing or doing business in or keeping an office in this City, \$50.00 not pro rated.

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Junk Dealers

Section 15: Amended: On every Junk Dealer (\$50.00) and for the privilege of canvassing for the purpose of buying any junk or any matters or things for any such junk dealer, or for sale to a junk dealer, each person so engaged shall pay the sum of (\$25.00). The term "Junk Dealer and Canvasser", shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and a Junk Dealer or Canvasser shall have like privileges and none other, and be subject to the same restrictions under his City license as under his State License, not pro rated.

Mr Watson moved that Section 15 remain same as last year. Lost by the following recorded vote:

I's Watson, Young & Mills (3) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville (7) votes

Mercantile Agencies

Section 23: Amended: On every mercantile agency \$50.00. The term "Mercantile Agency" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and a Mercantile agents shall have like privileges and none other, and be subject to the same restrictions under his City license as under his State License.

Contractor

Section 26: Amended: The term contractor shall be construed as defined in section 90 of the State Tax Bill. Every such contractor for the privilege of transacting 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 exceeds (\$3,000.00) and do not exceed (\$5,000.00) the sum of (\$25.00); if the amount of such order or contracts exceeds (\$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 contracts or contract 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 contract or contracts as prescribed above; and unless he pay such additional sum he shall be deemed to be acting without a license.

Architect

Section 27: Amended: Not pro rated.

Theatre, shows, Circuses & etc

Section 33: Amended: On every proprietor or lease of a public or private building to be used for any theatrical or similar performance, panorama, or any other exhibition, public show, or entertainment, whether a charge for admission thereto is made or not (\$20.00); and no building shall be used for any such purpose until said tax is paid;

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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 (\$12.00) for six consecutive days by the same exhibition.

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, etc

Section 35: Amended: Every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor, and civil engineer, who has been licensed for less than five years shall pay (\$15.00); and every attorney-at-law, physician, dentist, surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor, and civil engineer, who has been licensed for five years and more shall pay (\$25.00).

The terms attorney-at-law, physician, dentist, surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor, and civil engineer, as used in this ordinance shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill; and the license herein required shall not be sufficient for any partnership, but each and every member of any partnership or firm shall be required to take a separate license therefor.

All persons other than duly licensed Attorneys-at-law who for compensation shall prepare deeds, contracts, wills or other writings shall be deemed a conveyancer.

On every manicurist, chiroprapist, and veterinary surgeon (\$10.00)

Mr Mills offered the following as an amendment to Section (35) of the City License Tax as follows:

On every attorney-at-law, conveyancers, Physician, Surgeon, Osteopath, manicurist, Dentist, Optician, oculist, chiroprapist, surveyor and civil engineer (\$15.00) on every veterinary surgeon (\$5.00).

All persons other than duly licensed Attorneys-at-law who for compensation shall prepare deeds, contracts, wills or other writings shall be deemed conveyancers.

Lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes; Mills one (1) vote

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young, nine(9) votes.

Person operating Laundries

Section 40: Amended; On every person operating a laundry other than by hand (\$25.00) and on a hand laundry (\$10.00).

Mr Mills offered as an amendment that hand laundry be (\$5.00), which was lost by the following recorded vote

Ayes; Bradley, Mills, Masters three (3) votes

Noes; Cole, Rowe, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young (9) votes [?]

Persons selling or offering to sell sewing machines and accessories

Section 43; Amended: Other than at the regular place of business.

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 (\$20.00).

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Agents for the sale of manufactured Implements or machines by retail other than sewing machines

Section 44; Amended: 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 manufactured implements or machines by retail other than sewing machines there shall be a tax of (\$20.00)

Guarantee Insurance Companies

Section 65: Mr Watson offered to amend by making tax (\$25.00) which was lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Watson, Young, Masters (3) votes

Noes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville (7) votes

Electric Light & Power

Section 69; Amended: Any person, firm, or Corporation who shall engage in the business of furnishing electric light or electric power or both. (\$200.00)

On motion of Mr Dannehl

Mr Watson presented a request from the Ladies of the City Mission to be allowed the use of the Court House in which to hold a pay lecture for the benefit of the poor of the City, after some considerable discussion;

Mr Mills offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl (7) votes

Noes; Somerville, Watson, Young (3) votes

That the Alms House Committee procure the Opera House for the use of the Ladies of the City Mission in which they may hold their lecture for the benefit of the poor in the Town, and that this Council appropriate to the Alms House Committee the sum of fifteen dollars to pay for said Opera House.

Mr Young of the Light Committee made a detailed statement of the late trouble at the new Gas Works. He reported that everything was now working smoothly and his committee were unanimously in the recommendation of Mr B F Bullock for Superintendent. He paid a nice tribute to the faithfulness of Supt Fitzpatrick, and said the methods in the works now were so different from the old style that Mr Fitzpatrick did not grasp them sufficiently to make such a superintendent as the Committee desired.

On motion of Mr Dannehl an election was held for Supt of the Gas Works from April 20th 1906 to January 1, 1907. Mr Bullock was unanimously elected Supt of Gas Works at a salary of \$1,000.00 per annum with the addition of house rent, Light and fuel. (house on Gas property).

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On motion of Mr Bradley, Mr Fitzpatrick was retained by the Committee as an employee for a period of thirty days at the same salary he received as Superintendent.

Mr Somerville of School Committee reported progress in the matter of the new school building.

Mr Masters of Fire Department reported that his committee had purchased 500 feet of new hose as a cost of \$350.00.

On motion of Mr Mills the sum of \$350.00 was appropriated to the fire committee.

Messrs Somerville and Bradley asked that prompt action be taken in regard to setting out shade trees on lower Main Street. The Street Committee promised to take the subject up.

The Council instructed the clerk to purchase a new record book for the records of the City Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held May 7th 1906 at 8 o'clock

Members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, W L Watson, E M Young, Jr (8 members present)

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

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

Mr Mills of the Street Committee stated that the Council had referred the question of improvements on Mary Washington Avenue at the meeting of the Council on March 15, 1906, to his Committee with instructions to secure an engineer to establish grade lines to conform to those established by the U S

Government at the Mercer Monument, and to secure plans and specifications for improving said Avenue. And that Mr E S D Myers, Jr, whom his Committee had employed was present and requested that he be heard.

Mr Myers appeared before the Council, made a detailed statement of the work proposed to be done on the Mary Washington Avenue, exhibiting a diagram of same and made the following report.

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Mr E W Mills, Chairman Public Interest Committee

Dear Sir: Fredericksburg, Va

I have to report that I have carefully taken levels throughout Mary Washington Avenue and recommend for adoption as the permanent grades therefor those shown on the diagram which I send herewith.

In establishing these grades I have endeavored to make the cuts and fills and the consequent change of street level from that now in existence, as small as possible, consistent with drainage and the "leveling up" of the Street, notwithstanding this, however, the following alterations of the levels of the existing sidewalks in front of the various entrances to the residences will be necessary wherever the improvement called for by these grades is made.

In speaking of the points of the Compass, for the sake of convenience I am assuming that Washington Avenue runs north & South, on sidewalk at fence line on east side going north; at Kenmore gate, cut about 21"; Mrs Clore's gate fill about 24"; Jacob's gate fill about 24"; Williams entrance fill about 18"; Goldsmith's entrance 10"; A P Rowe's entrance cut 1"; Mrs Saunders entrance 16"; Major Lacy's entrance cut 17"; Rev Mr Jones entrance fill 1"

On sidewalk at fence line on West side going north; at Boulware's entrance cut 11"; Cartright's entrance cut 11"; Somerville's entrance cut 4"; Mrs Tompkin's entrance fill 6"; Blake's entrance cut 11"; Bell's entrance cut 27"; Brannan's Entrance cut 35"; Cole's entrance cut 30"; Entrance to Mary Washington Monument cut 17"; at north end of Mary Washington Monument grounds fill 16".

Except for the first cost in making the change, no damage is done property by lowering the side walk a reasonable amount, not exceeding 3 ft., but the value of property is, in my opinion enhanced by being reasonably high above the sidewalk. Steps can be put within the fence line, which beautifies rather than otherwise. On the contrary, however, lowering in front of property injures it to some extent, and I have avoided this as far as possible, consistent with drainage & grading, but have not succeeded in every case, as you will note from the above list.

I think that all of the trees can be replaced at the proposed grade without losing them, provided the work is done in the winter and to tap roots not broken.

On April 18th I wrote you what was necessary to do at present to prepare for the unveiling of Mercer Monument, arranging that the work now done will be in the direction of the permanent improvement. If after the unveiling of the [Page 437] monument, the Council decides to go further in the improvement of Mary Washington Avenue, however, I recommend the following order of work:

First, of course, grading;

Second, granite curbing and granolithic gutters 2½ feet wide at the sidewalks

Third, macadamized roadways;

Fourth, grading the sidewalks;

Fifth, the laying of granolithic 4 feet wide with 1 edge 4 feet from curbstone to allow for grass and trees. On account of the very light traffic in this neighborhood, I think the granolithic should extend across the streets.

I advise against granolithic curbstones as they do not stand the shock of wagons backing against them.

Yours very truly,

E D T Myers, Jr, Engineer for Committee

Mr E W Mills of the Street Committee made the following reports

To the Hon Pres & members of the City Council;

Gentlemen: As instructed by your honorable body to employ an engineer to establish grade lines on Mary Washington Avenue, and ascertain the probable cost of grading said Avenue and constructing granite curbing and granolithic sidewalk, we beg to submit plans and approximate cost of said work furnished by E T D Myers Jr.

Your committee beg leave to say that in their judgment it will be impracticable to expend any money on said Avenue until a final grade is established, and we would recommend that the grades as per plans herewith submitted be adopted. We would also recommend that your Street Committee be instructed to issue plans and specifications and ask for bids for grading said Avenue, and to proceed with said work of grading as soon as practicable, and that the curbing and sidewalks be postponed for the present. Respectfully submitted; E W Mills, J P Rowe.

The following from Mr E T D Myers, Jr, Engineer
Mr E W Mills May 5, 1906

Dear Sir: Referring to my visit last week, I submit below estimate of cost of improvement on Washington Avenue, in items so that you can use it before the Council Monday night. In event of the Council deciding to make these improvements, it will be necessary to make detailed specifications, and give precise grade pegs, etc. The estimate below is based on doing all of the grading for roadways, sidewalks, and grass plats; restoring top soil to grass plats to a depth of 6" and sowing same with grass seed; On granolithic side-walks 4ft wide, with the outer edge 4 ft from face of the curbstone and the inner edge 3ft from the fence line; the granolithic to cross all of the said streets, and to include entrances to each gate 4ft wide . Also the granolithic gutters 2½ft wide next to sidewalk only, the curbing for the sidewalk only not for the grass plots.

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The estimate is as follows:

Grading 5853 cu yds at 30cts	\$1,755.90	
2 nd handling of top soil 600 cu yds at 30cts	\$180.00	
Total grading		\$1,935.90
1894 ft straight granite curb @ \$1.00	\$1,894.00	
224 ft circular corner curb @ \$3.00	\$662.00	
Total curbing		\$2,566.00
7818 sq yds of grass seed sowing		\$25.00
8360 sq yds crushed granite macadam road, 6" thick		
Including rolling with steam roller @40cts		\$3,334.00
1088 sq yds of granolithic @ \$1.30		\$1,414.40
Grand total		\$9,285.30
Add 590 sq yds granolithic gutters 2½ ft wide next to sidewalk curb only @1.30	\$767.00	
		\$10,052.30

I expect to be at the Council Meeting Monday night.

Yours respectfully, ETD Myers Jr.

Vice President in the Chair

Mr Dannehl offered the following resolution, seconded by Col Cole.

Resolved that the Council adopt the plans for establishing grades on Washington Avenue from a point opposite the northerly wall of the City Cemetery, to the north end of the wall of the Mary Washington Monument Ground, according to diagram showing established grades of Washington Avenue Fredericksburg Va by E T D Myers Jr, April 30, 1906.

Adopted by following recorded vote

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young (8 votes)

Col Cole moved that the Street Committee be instructed to make the necessary fill and do such work as was necessary to enable the United States Government to complete their work on the Mercer Monument Square.

Adopted by unanimous recorded vote

Ayes; Cole Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young (8 votes)

Col Cole moved that a special appropriation of the sum of two hundred and fifty-dollars (\$250.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to complete this work.

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole Bradley, Rowe, Mills Dannehl Somerville, Watson, Young (8 votes)

Col Cole moved, seconded by Mr Rowe, to suspend the rules to hear report from Finance Committee, rules suspended.

Col Cole presented bill for furnishing bonds by American Bank Note Company \$340.00
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On motion bill for printing and furnishing bond was ordered paid \$340.00

Bill for advertising bonds in the *Baltimore Sun* \$27.42

On motion ordered paid

Bill for advertising bonds, Times Dispatch Co \$12.98

On motion ordered paid.

Bill for advertising bonds, Fredericksburg Journal \$7.50

On motion ordered paid

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, Thursday May 17th 1906 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present

Pres E D Cole, V Pres E M Young, Jr, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, W L Watson

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of the last regular and called meeting read and approved

Vice President E M Young in the Chair

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

To the Hon President and members of the Common Council Fredericksburg Va May 17, 1906

Gentlemen: The police of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duties as such are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

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

Free Lance & Star Publishing Co \$12.75

Free Lance & Star Publishing Co	\$2.00
Free Lance & Star Publishing Co	\$4.00
Journal Pub Co	\$4.00
Richmond Times & Dispatch (ad proposals for bonds	\$12.96
J Wilmore Cox, Registrar for Lower Ward	\$6.90
J J Berry, Registrar for Upper Ward	\$7.50

Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the following report; and presented the Council the redeemed 7% bonds of the issue of 1876 with Treasurer's statement of same.

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To the Hon Body, City Council of Fredericksburg, Va Fredericksburg, Va May 17, 1906

Gentlemen: Your Finance Committee upon whom the duty of taking up the old City 7% bonds and disposing of the new City 4% bonds beg leave to report as follows:

We have exchanged new City 4% bonds for \$74,300 worth of the old City 7% bonds, and have sold \$45,100 of the new 4% bonds making (\$119,400.00) the amount of the old issue of 7% bonds. The \$45,100, worth of new 4% bonds left after redeeming (\$74,300.00) worth of the 7% issue, sold at a premium of from twenty five cents to one dollar on the one hundred dollars and were all taken by our home people.

Respectfully submitted E D Cole, W S Embrey

Premium bonds sold (\$139.72)

Bonds exchanged by Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat Bank

Number	Number	Number
324 \$1,000	297 \$500	74 \$100
321 \$1,000	296 \$500	33 \$100
320 \$1,000	399 \$500	75 \$100
301 \$1,000	279 \$500	132 \$100
304 \$1,000	251 \$500	129 \$100
325 \$1,000	245 \$500	24 \$100
322 \$,1000	290 \$500	68 \$100
\$7,000	289 \$500	47 \$100
19 \$100	287 \$500	16 \$100
181 \$100	298 \$500	18 \$100
195 \$100	302 \$500	61 \$100
196 \$100	336 \$500	62 \$100
134 \$100	385 \$500	128 \$100
190 \$100	384 \$500	164 \$100
194 \$100	381 \$500	67 \$100
136 \$100	383 \$500	66 \$100
135 \$100	208 \$500	70 \$100
133 \$100	301 \$500	73 \$100
11,000	265 \$500	59 \$100
2,400	292 \$500	32 \$100
\$21,400	247 \$500	36 \$100
	246 \$500	37 \$100
	\$11,000	34 \$100
		39 \$100
		\$2,400

We the undersigned committee appointed by the Council at a regular meeting held May 17, 1906 have checked over the bonds as listed & found same correct, and per instructions have burnt same in the presence of the Council assembled.

E M Young & W L Watson, Committee

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Bonds exchanged by the National Bank

Number	Number	Number	Number	Number [moved fr left margin]					
137	\$100	159	\$100	239	\$500	340	\$1,000		
50	\$100	154	\$100	238	\$500	339	\$1,000		
51	\$100	69	\$100	256	\$500	349	\$1,000		
35	\$100	96	\$100	303	\$500	348	\$1,000		
170	\$100	42	\$100	288	\$500	338	\$1,000		
187	\$100	44	\$100	209	\$500	337	\$1,000		
198	\$100	45	\$100	235	\$500	323	\$1,000		
106	\$100	41	\$100	260	\$500	331	\$1,000		
107	\$100	43	\$100	233	\$500	342	\$1,000		
138	\$100	40	\$100	237	\$500	341	\$1,000		
174	\$100	182	\$100	234	\$500	335	\$1,000		
184	\$100	103	\$100	224	\$500	306	\$1,000		
58	\$100	97	\$100	201	\$500	302	\$1,000		
163	\$100	102	\$100	228	\$500	347	\$1,000		
157	\$100	104	\$100	305	\$500	303	\$1,000		
81	\$100	105	\$100	232	\$500	309	\$1,000		
166	\$100	108	\$100	271	\$500	343	\$1,000		
165	\$100	150	\$100	240	\$500	319	\$1,000		
152	\$100	17	\$100	218	\$500	47	\$1,000		
57	\$100	1	\$100	215	\$500	345	\$1,000		
25	\$100	3	\$100	216	\$500	344	\$1,000		
26	\$100	100	\$100	227	\$500	332	\$1,000		
72	\$100	192	\$100	213	\$500	353	\$1,000		
119	\$100	120	\$100	300	\$500	333	\$1,000	47	\$100
17	\$100	48	\$100	270	\$500	368	\$1,000	153	\$100
38	\$100	60	\$100	255	\$500	351	\$1,000	124	\$100
2	\$100	77	\$100	291	\$500	334	\$1,000	99	\$100
4	\$100	199	\$100	304	\$500	305	\$1,000	122	\$100
169	\$100	197	\$100	286	\$500		\$28,000	140	\$100
167	\$100	9	\$100	282	\$500			149	\$100
83	\$100	8	\$100	226	\$500			143	\$100
92	\$100	71	\$100	225	\$500			142	\$100
95	\$100	130	\$100	275	\$500			139	\$100
93	\$100	56	\$100		\$16,500			20	\$100
5	\$100	191	\$100					141	\$100
180	\$100	148	\$100					82	\$100
168	\$100	144	\$100					86	\$100
7	\$100	131	\$100					150	\$100
183	\$100	158	\$100					10	\$100
	\$3,900		\$3,900						\$3,900

We the undersigned committee appointed by the Council at a regular meeting held May 17, 1906 have checked the bonds in the presence of the Council as listed herewith and found same correct and have destroyed same by burning.

E M Young & W L Watson, Committee

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7% bonds redeemed by R T Knox, Treasurer

Number	Number	Number	Number
6	\$100	326	1,000
13	\$100	307	1,000
14	\$100	310	1,000
15	\$100	321	1,000
21	\$100	312	1,000
22	\$100	313	1,000
27	\$100	314	1,000
28	\$100	315	1,000
30	\$100	316	1,000
33	\$100	317	1,000
52	\$100	318	1,000
53	\$100	328	1,000
55	\$100	329	1,000
63	\$100	330	1,000
65	\$100	336	1,000
78	\$100	350	1,000
79	\$100	352	1,000
80	\$100		\$17,000
87	\$100	293	\$500
88	\$100	294	\$500
90	\$100	295	\$4,500
91	\$100		\$20,000
98	\$100		\$42,500
109	\$100		
110	\$100		
111	\$100		
112	\$100		
113	\$100		
114	\$100		
115	\$100		
116	\$100		
117	\$100		
118	\$100		
123	\$100		
145	\$100		
160	\$100		
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176	\$100		
177	\$100		
185	\$100		
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		264	\$500
		265	\$500
		266	\$500
		267	\$500
		268	\$500
		269	\$500
		272	\$500
		273	\$500
		274	\$500
		277	\$500
		278	\$500
		280	\$500
			\$20,000

Bonds still out
Number

230	\$500
253	\$500
257	\$500
276	\$500
	\$2,000
11	\$100
12	\$100
46	\$100
54	\$100
84	\$100
94	\$100
	\$2,600

178	\$100	
143	\$100	
193	\$100	
179	\$100	
	\$4,500	
May 16, 1906 Amt to credit R T Knox, Tr for Nat Bank		\$887.30
May 16, 1906 C G & G N B		\$1852.42
For banks		\$2739.72
May 17, 1906, R T Knox Treasurer 7% Refunding acct		

We the undersigned committee appointed by the Council at a regular meeting held May 17, 1906 have checked the bonds in the presence of the Council as listed herewith and found same correct and have destroyed same by burning.

E M Young & W L Watson, Committee

May 17, 1906

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On motion of MR Bradley, Mr E M Young Jr and W L Watson were appointed to count, examine, check up and burn the old 7% redeemed bonds in the presence of the City Council.

The Council suspended any further business while the Committee did its work, and reported that they had found the list furnished by the Treasurer to be correct and that the \$116,800 of 7% bonds of the 1876 issue listed had been destroyed by burning, and that list showed \$2600 of 7% bonds of the issue of 1876 still unredeemed and that the Treasurer reported:

In the National Bank	\$887.30
And on the Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat Bank	\$1,852.42
	\$2,739.72

E M Young Jr, W L Watson (Committee)

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the Committee's report on auditing, counting, checking and burning the \$116,800 of 7% redeemed bonds of the issue of 1876 was unanimously adopted. \$2,600 unredeemed of the issue of 1876.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that in connection with the issue of the new 4% bonds of (\$119,400) the Treasurer had been burdened with a great deal of work in signing his name to the Bonds and all the coupons and moved that the sum of \$25.00 be allowed the Treasurer for extra services this rendered and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the banks had taken the new 4% Bonds, had taken care of them and exchanged them for the old 7% bonds of the issue of 1876, and moved that the sum of five dollars be paid Mr J. A Taylor of the National Bank and the sum of five dollars be paid to Mr Geo W Shepherd Jr of the Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat Bank. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that his committee were about out of money and that they had more work that must be done, and asked for a special appropriation to the Street Committee of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars, which on motion was appropriated by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Dannehl, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young

Nos, none.

Mr Rowe of the Alms House Committee asked for a special appropriation for his committee of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars, which on motion was appropriated by the following recorded vote; Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Dannehl, Embrey, Dannehl, Watson, Young
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Mr Watson of Health & Police submitted the following report from a sub-Committee of the Board of Health, and stated that his Committee had furnished 1 Bbl of crude oil for exterminating mosquitoes.

To the Committee on Health and Police May 15, 1906

Gentlemen: The undersigned sub-Committee, appointed by the Board of Health to inspect and report upon the sanitary condition of the City, beg leave to present herewith their report and some recommendations. The general conditions of the streets is good, better than ever before in the history of the City. Almost all of the low places, uneven gutters etc have been corrected and the grading is better done than heretofore. There are low un-drained spots along the right of way of the track leading from the R F & P R R to Hurkamp's Tannery, which require attention.

It is recommended that the sunken area just north of where Sixth Street [Wolfe] crosses such track, be used as a dump for non-decaying material until it be filled up, as there appears to be no way of drainage, at the present level of the "little canal".

The low place where fifth street [Prussia] crosses the Canal, may be drained by constructing a trap leading into the man hole of the sewer at that point.

In the field north of the Spoke works is a depression filled with stagnant water, which should be filled in by using for dumping purposes.

The street drainage appears to overflow the lot east of the residence of Mr A P Rowe on Lee Ave, rendering said lot marshy after heavy rains.

The drainage of several other locations, has been arranged for satisfactorily by conferences with the owners of properties, but the aid of the City Council is respectfully asked for in regard to the above named localities, as the public health will be certainly improved thereby. We should also report that means are being used to lessen the number mosquitoes as far as possible by drainage and crude oil applications.

Respectfully submitted

J N Barney, W J Chewning (sub-committee)

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Watson presents a note of thanks from the Ladies of the City Mission for the use of the Opera House in which to hold their lecture by the Hon W A Jones for the benefit of the poor of the City.

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, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber June 21, 1906 at 8 PM o'clock with the following members present

President E D Cole, Vice President E M Young Jr, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, E S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, W L Watson

President Embrey in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Vice President E M Young in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
 To the Common Council Fredericksburg Va, June 21, 1906
 Gentlemen: 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 of Mr Somerville, the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that in obedience to an order of this Council the Finance Committee had invested \$700.00 of the Sewer Sinking Fund in the 4% City bonds of the recent issue and his Committee would recommend that the Council order the Finance Committee to exchange these bonds thus purchased for \$700.00 of the Sewer Bonds and that the same be destroyed.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Finance Committee were instructed to exchange the \$700.00 of 4% bonds for \$700.00 of Sewer Bonds and bring the said Bonds before this Council to be destroyed.

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

Free Lance & Star Pub Co	Printing	\$18.27
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	Bills by Myer?	\$8.00
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	bill by A P Rowe	\$1.25
Everett Waddy Company	Record Book	\$5.70
Judges & clerks of Election	Lower Ward	\$25.00
Judges & clerks of Election	Upper Ward	\$25.00

E D Cole, President, in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported as follows
 To the President and members of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va
 Your Committee on Public Property respectfully submit the following report of expenditures, for the fiscal year ending July 1st 1906, as per vouchers in the hands of R T Knox, Treasurer the sum of \$2,346.63. Our appropriation was \$2,000.00, as will be seen we have exceeded that appropriation by \$346.63, which we ask your honorable body [Page 446] to place to the credit of our Committee.
 There is unfinished work in progress which will not be payable until after July 1st 1906 and will be paid out of next years appropriation.
 Your Committee asks for next years appropriation the sum of \$2,000.00 and believe that this sum will be required for the work contemplated in putting the public property of the City in first class order.
 Respectfully, W E Bradley, Henry Dannehl, J W Masters (Committee)

On motion of Mr Rowe, the report was received and the sum of \$346.63 appropriated to the Public Property Committee by the following recorded vote;
 Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young
 Nos; none

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported that his Committee had in accordance with instructions from the Council purchased an iron safe for the use of the City Treasurer and placed the same in his office and paid for it the sum of \$170.00.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported as follows

To the President and members of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va
Your Committee on Streets beg leave to report the following receipts and disbursements of money for the past fiscal year ending July 1st 1906.

By the Treasurer's books, there was from time to time appropriated twenty eight hundred dollars (\$2,800.00) and there was \$1,189.63 expended in the Lower Ward and \$1,610.18 expended in the Upper Ward, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of 19 cents. Also by my books there was \$350.00 special appropriated for putting Wolf Street and a portion of Mary Washington Avenue extended in order, and I spent \$349.95 leaving a balance of 5 cents in Treasurer's hands.

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E W Mills (Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was unanimously received and ordered filed.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee made the following report

To the Hon President and City Council June 21, 1906

Your Committee on Streets beg leave to report that they have completed the improvements around the "Mercer Monument" as instructed by your body. The cost of same aggregating \$656.56. The amount appropriated for this work was \$250.00, which leaves a deficiency of (\$406.56), which your Committee respectfully [Page 447] ask be placed to their credit.

Respectfully submitted J P Rowe, E W Mills (Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and the sum of \$406.56 was appropriated to the Street Committee for improvements around Mercer Monument, by unanimous recorded vote of the Council.

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

Nos; none

Mr Mills of Street Committee reported his committee had been unable to take up the drainage of the upper part of the town, known as the "Duck Pond".

Mr Young of the Light Committee made the following report June 21, 1906

Report of Electric Light Plant, expenses from June 22, 1905 to June 22, 1906

Water Power Co from Jan'y 1st 1905 to Oct 1st 1905 \$712.50

Water Power Co from Oct 1st 1905 to Jan'y 1st 1906 \$237.50

Water Power Co from Jan'y 1st 1906 to Apr 1st 1906 \$237.50

\$1,187.50

Supplies and repairs extending line to pumping station, painting pole and Power House

\$1,131.42

Labor \$578.40

Salary of Supt \$900.00

Total \$3,797.32

E M Green, Supt

The Committee asked that the sum of \$797.32 be appropriated to the Electric Light Committee.

On motion the report was received and the sum of \$797.32 was appropriated to the Electric Light Committee by the unanimous recorded vote of the Council

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

Nos; none

Mr Young presents the Gas Report

June 15, 1906

E M Young Jr, Chairman Light Committee

Dear Sir: below are the totals, showing operations of City Gas Works for the year ending May 31, 1906.

Mr Fitzpartrick figures are accepted as correct.

Total Gas Made	9,401,440 cu feet	
Accounted for	8,057,574	
Unaccounted for	1,343,866	
Money received for gas		\$9,894.20
Money received for tar		\$306.10
Money received for coke		\$834.83
		\$11,035.13

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Expense for coal	\$3,576.01	
Expense for labor	\$1,974.89	
Expense for line & miscellaneous	\$359.94	
Expense for Supt	\$683.30	
Total	\$6,594.14	
Amount appropriated to the Gas Committee		\$6,000.00
Amount of Expenses		\$6,594.14

B F Bullock, Supt

Mr Young asked that the sum of \$594.14 be appropriated to the Gas Committee

On motion the report was received and the sum of \$594.14 was appropriated to the Gas Committee by unanimous recorded vote of the Council

Ayes; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

Nos; none

Gas Sold	Gas Made	Receipts			Expenses				collected	month
		Gas	Tar	Coke	Coal	Lime	Labor	Leakage		
461200	564600	576.50	18.25	42.50	309.38	25.50	135.00	103400	37.36(7.09)	Jun
590024	512500	487.53	26.50	75.80	324.50	25.50	187.50	122476	30.299(13.57)	Jul
489400	587630	611.75	65.50	65.90	325.05	30.00	168.89	98230	16.72(2.66)	Aug
638200	733810	797.77	59.75	134.00	268.54	25.00	162.00	95610	19.38(57.10)	Sep
737360	839290	921.67	18.95	76.70	366.90	10.20	172.00	101930	76.48	Oct
782080	893850	997.62	15.20	61.20	237.42	16.15	192.50	111770	159.38	Nov
3498264	4131680	4372.84	204.25	456.10	1921.79	132.25	1017.89	633416	235.86	Totals

Report summary operations of old Gas Works from June 1, 1905 to Dec 1, 1905 including about one week in new plant B F Bullock, Supt

Gas Sold	Gas Made	Receipts			Expenses				collected	month
		Gas	Tar	Coke	Coal	Lime	Labor	Leakage		
9997240	1,172,960	1246.56		30.00	385.00		178.00	35720	235.86(53.05)	Dec
889570	1065945	1111.97	15.45	119.83	333.98	33.57	143.00	156375	182.81 (90.50)	Jan 06
716000	849700	893.01	7.50	80.50	236.50	105.72	154.00	113700	273.31(97.12)	Feb
653400	933100	817.30	31.50	40.00	240.17	9.65	175.75	59700	360.43(98.66)	Mar
653500	725600	818.67	28.00	52.35	229.63	37.40	158.25	69900	94.66	Apr
503900	716800	631.85	19.40	56.06	228.94	41.25	160.00	169400	77.31	May
4412910	5269760	5521.36	101.85	378.73	1654.22	227.59	957.00		77.31	

Report from Dec 1 1905 to June 1, 1906 B F Bullock Supt

[what appears to be a repeated recapitulation month by month not transcribed]

Operations for fiscal year ending May 31, 1906 B F Bullock

8657574	1343846	\$9894.20	\$306.10	\$834.83	\$3476.01	\$1974.87	145,500
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Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that some of the large consumers of Gas were clamoring for a lower rate on the price of Gas. The Kenmore Shoe Co were paying a large sum for gas, and threatened to change to some other power, unless better rates be allowed and the Gas Committee offered the following recommendations: that the price of Gas per 1000 cu ft to consumers who would use 20,000 cu feet or more per month be \$1.00 per 1000 cu ft from July 1st 1906.

Mr Dannehl moved that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Mr Mills offered as an amendment that the Light Committee & Finance Committee consider the Gas question as to price for Gas to manufacture and report back to this Council at an adjourned meeting.

E M Young in the Chair

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Embrey moved as an amendment that the questions of the price of Gas to Manufacturers and all consumers of Gas be deferred until the adjourned meeting of this Council and then taken up as a special order of business.

Mr Mills moved as a substitute for the whole that the matter of the price of Gas to Manufacturers be referred to the Finance Committee and Gas Committee to report at an adjourned meeting of this Council. Vote was taken on Mr Mills motion and lost by the following recorded vote.

Ayes: Mills, Rowe

Noes Cole, Bradley, Embrey, Masters, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

Vote was taken on Mr Embrey's motion and lost by following recorded vote;

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl (five)

Noes Cole, Masters, Somerville, Watson, Young (five)

Vote was taken on original motion to adopt the recommendations of the Committee and carried by the following recorded vote;

Ayes Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young

Nos Mills

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that there was a large lot of old iron or junk at the old Gas House that should be sold and asked for instructions from the Council.

Mr Bradley moved that the Gas Committee be instructed to advertise said old iron or junk at the old Gas House, in any advertising medium the Committee thought best, and secure bids on same by the ton and report back to the Council. Carried by unanimous vote

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Mr Young of the Electric Light Committee reported that his Committee had two Electric Lights that they could place where the Council thought them most needed.

On motion the Electric Light Committee were instructed to place one light on the Free Bridge and one at the corner of George St and Water Streets.

Mr Somerville moved which was carried by unanimous vote that the electric lights be dispensed with in this building.

Mr Watson of the Water Committee made the following report by Supt Quinn

Messrs W L Watson & E D Cole, Committee on Water: Fredericksburg, Va June 21, 1906

Gentlemen: Since my last annual report the City Works have been considerably enlarged and improved, but as two reports have been made to the Council, since the completion of the enlargement, it is regarded as unnecessary to minutely describe them again at this time. I may say, however, that the works are now complete, and are spoken of in complimentary terms by experts from abroad, who have visited them. I can report them in good condition throughout the Town. The only depredations made upon them has been in the way of breaking off the brass screws from the stop boxes and taking them away, and very often and very often the top of the stop box also. This I think has been done by boys, in order, to sell them to parties buying up old metal. Considering the extra expense necessary on account of improvements, having to substitute steam for water power for more than three months, the works have done well, and bring to the treasury a reasonably good amount after paying all remaining expenses, interest on all water bonds, and the Superintendent's salary.

Collections for water rents have been as follows for the year:

Collected in June 1905	\$352.54
Collected in July 1905	\$3,145.61
Collected in August 1905	\$65.50
Collected in Sep 1905	\$164.14
Collected in Oct 1905	\$90.82
Collected in Nov 1905	\$120.65
Collected in Dec 1905	\$109.24
Collected in Jan 1906	\$3,174.61
Collected in Feb 1906	\$245.14
Collected in Mar 1906	\$405.07
Collected in Apr 1906	\$628.28
Collected in May 1906	\$107.98
Total collections	\$8,609.52

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Total expenses of running the works after deducting \$578.76 by the Council wrongly charged to the works are

	\$2,543.41
Appropriations have been \$1,800 and \$450	\$2,250.00
Showing expenditures over appropriations	\$293.41

The financial condition of the works is as follows

Amount collected this year		\$8,609.52
Interest on first issue of 30,000 bonds	\$1,500.00	
Interest on second issue of 10,000 bonds	\$500.00	
Running expenses of the works	\$2,543.41	
Salary of Superintendent	\$900.00	\$5,443.41
Showing a net balance of		\$3,156.11

Vouchers for every item of expenditure and held by Mr Robt T Knox, Treasurer, properly signed by the Committee, and ready for the inspection of the Auditing Committee.

During the year much of the back rent, which had accumulated on the books has been collected. There have been two agencies at work in the collection of these arrearages. One is, the Attorney's to whom many of the bills were turned over to by the order of the Council for collection.

These gentlemen have been quite successful in collecting many of the bills, but quite an amount is still in their hands, and will be difficult of collection. The other agency has been the "Ordinance" passed by the

Council, authorizing the Committee on Water to turn off the water from the premises of those who refuse or decline to pay their water rents. This "Ordinance" has worked well and the Committee has enforced the "Ordinance" without trouble to itself, or harshness or inconvenience to any extent to the delinquent. Leniency on the part of the Committee and a little effort on the part of the delinquent did the work.

The delinquent water rents are as follows		\$304.00	
For the year 1885	\$18.00	For the year 1896	50.00
For the year 1886	\$24.00	For the year 1897	48.00
For the year 1887	\$24.00	For the year 1898	53.00
For the year 1888	\$24.00	For the year 1899	53.00
For the year 1889	\$24.00	For the year 1900	54.00
For the year 1890	\$18.00	For the year 1901	54.00
For the year 1891	\$27.00	For the year 1902	52.00
For the year 1892	\$28.00	For the year 1903	64.00
For the year 1893	\$40.00	For the year 1904	98.00
For the year 1894	\$41.00	For the year 1905	231.00
For the year 1895	\$36.00	For the year 1906	485.00
		\$1,546.00	

Of this arrearage due fourth of it is due by one party, two parties owe more than one third of it, who cannot be reached by law, we are told, because of the peculiar conditions surrounding [Page 452] the ownership of the property. In addition six persons owe nearly one half of the entire indebtedness. It will be seen that more than one half of the total sum has accrued in the last year and a half, and judging from the past I have every reason to believe that nearly all of this amount will be collected in July.

The connection of Sewer Tax collected for the year has been as follows

1905 Aug 8	Amt turned over to Treasurer	\$295.21
1906 Mar 26	Amt turned over to Treasurer	\$40.48
1906 Jun 21	Amt turned over to Treasurer	\$311.34
Total		\$647.03

Respectfully submitted S J Quinn, Supt
W L Watson, E D Cole (Committee)

On motion the report of the Water Committee was received and the sum of \$293.41 was appropriated to the Water Committee by the following recorded vote of the Council.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, Young
Nos none

On motion it was unanimously ordered that the Water Committee make no charge for water at the Mary Washington Hospital and the Mercer Monument.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented a petition from manufacturers and citizens asking for extension of six inch water main pipe up Main Street to Corporation line in order to give improved supply.

On motion of Mr Young the petition was referred to the Water Committee & Finance Committee to ascertain cost and means of paying for same and report back to this Council at next meeting.

Mr Rowe of the Alms House Committee reported appropriations to his Committee for year	\$1,200.00
Expenditures for the year	\$1,155.93
Balance in hand	\$44.07

On motion the report was received.

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee made the following report on Tonnage of shipping on the Rappahannock River

To the Hon Mayor and Members of the City Council

June 21, 1906

Your Committee on Public Interests beg leave to report that they have completed and sent in the "Tonnage" statistics of the Rappahannock River for the year 1905, to the United States Engineer's Office, a copy of which we submit to be filed with the Council Records.

Respectfully E W Mills, Chairman

Principal Articles of Export and import

Articles	Receipts in Tons	Shipments in Tons	Totals in Tons
Passengers & baggage	3517	3529	7046
Apples		105	105
Coal	3869		3869
Sumac		336	336
Farm Produce	232	33,660	33,892
Grain	1312	23,122	24,434
Ice	1039	604	1638
Manufacturers	1944	1091	3035
Can Goods		5224	5224
Lumber	132,546		132,546
Gen Merchandise	22,831	12,182	35,013
Oysters	2362		2362
R R Ties	118,422		118,422
Cattle		357	357
Tobacco		105	105
Wood	1080	25,815	26,895
Flour	3062	3823	6885
Hay & Straw	756	308	1064
Fish	761	604	1365
Fertilizers	2570	18,738	21,308
Pickles		2625	2625
Bricks		2100	2100
Totals	296,298	134,328	430,626

Commercial statistics Rappahannock River 1905

arrivals & departures of vessels	No
Steam (drawing 10 feet or more)	1295
Steam (drawing 10 feet or less)	768
Sail (drawing 10 feet or more)	1653
Sail (drawing 10 feet or less)	703
Barges, flat boats &c	904
Total	5393

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On motion the report on Tonnage on Rappahannock River was received and filed
E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey

Mr Mills presented in regard to variety and price of trees as follows

E C Mills, Chairman Interest Committee

Richmond, Va June 20, 1906

Dear Sir: Your valued favor of 18th inst at hand and we take pleasure in quoting you the following prices FOB Richmond, Va

Silver Maple trees 8 to 10 feet @\$25.00 per 100

Silver Maple trees 10 to 12 feet @\$35.00 per 100

Sugar Maple trees 8 to 10 feet @\$40.00 per 100

Norway Maple trees 8 to 10 feet @\$60.00 per 100

These trees will be first class in every particular and at these low prices we hope to secure the order

Respectfully, W T Hood & Co

E W Mills, J P Rowe (Committee)

On motion the report was received.

Mr Mills presented an ordinance on planting trees which on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report at next meeting of the Council.

Mr Watson of Committee on Health & Police made the following report

To the Hon Pres & Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Health & Police beg leave to report as follows

Expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 1906 \$290.27

Annual appropriation \$200.00

Special appropriation \$100.00

Leaving a balance to credit of Committee \$9.73

Respectfully submitted, W L Watson, H Dannehl, E W Mills (Committee)

On motion the report of Health & Police was received & filed

Mr S W Somerville, Committee on Schools made the following report

We the undersigned Committee on Schools report that the sum of \$450.00 has been appropriated during the past year.

The same amount has been paid out for scholarships from the Public Schools to Fredericksburg College

S W Somerville, E M Young

On motion report received

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On motion the Council went into the election of School Trustee for the lower ward and school trustee for the upper ward. Geo Freeman Jr was elected school trustee for the lower ward & James R Rawlings was elected school trustee for the Upper Ward for a period of three years from April 4th 1906.

Col Cole presented a letter from Albert J Frazer, Secretary to Mayor Wallace, inviting him and the citizens of Fredericksburg to attend the unveiling of the Monument in the National Cemetery here on Tuesday June 16th, erected in the memory of the dead of the 127th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, a Committee of reception consisting of the Mayor, the President of the Council, five members of the Council and five citizens were appointed as follows;

Council W E Bradley, E W Mills, H Dannehl, W L Watson, W S Embrey.

Citizens; Judge A T Embrey, Geo W Shepherd Sr, Judge John T Goolrick; M G Willis, St Geo R Fitzhugh.

On motion the Clerk was requested to acknowledge the courteous invitation of the survivors of the 127th Regiment Pennsylvania volunteers.

On motion of Mr Somerville the Council adjourned to July 5th at 8 PM 1906

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber July 5th 1906 at 8 PM o'clock with the following members present

E D Cole, President, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, W L Watson.

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee made the following report on the Communication from the sub-Committee of the Board of Health, referred to his Committee by this Council at meeting of May 17, 1906

To Hon Pres & City Council July 5, 1906

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Streets would make the following report on your communication from the Health Committee. In the first place, we examined Alvin Rowe's lot, and as the street has not been finished, we recommend that there be a small ditch cut from mouth of the box to the Spring ditch, about twenty five steps, cost above \$5.00, City's expense. If said street was finished the same water from his lot and house would pass under the same street in the same lot and he will have to care for same at his own expense, as there is no other way for it to go, as it is the natural pass from down that bottom.

We examined the pond in Bowering and Kaufman's lot on the Canal and found the water passed in from the canal and filled the pond every time there was a rise of the water in the Canal, therefore, we would recommend that this Council instruction the Water Committee to have all breaks in the Canal bank filled up at once with dirt at City's expense, and see that there is no other opened.

Also we examined the lower end of the Spoke Factory lot and a large basin that holds water from rain until it dries up, which we consider very unhealthy, and recommend that said flat be filled up to relieve the situation at that place. Co expense

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E W Mills (Committee)

Further

We also examined the pool in the syndicate field and found the same pond of water which is a menace to health, especially to the citizens of that locality, and we would recommend it be filled in at once with dirt, as there is a full supply near by. Co expense W S Embrey, J P Rowe, E W Mills (Committee)

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was adopted

Mr Masters of the Fire Committee reported as follows for the Fire Committee for the year ending June 30th 1906

Total amt appropriated	\$500.00
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Total expenditures	\$480.72
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Balance	\$19.28
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J W Masters & E D Cole (Committee)

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On motion the report of the Fire Committee was received.

W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee presented a bill of electoral Board for

1000 Election tickets	Free Lance & Star	\$2.50
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On motion ordered paid.

Col Cole Chairman of the Finance Committee presented their annual report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for the year ending June 30th 1906, and the sewer tax levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1st 1906, and ending June 30, 1907

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council Fredericksburg Va July 1st 1906

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1906, embracing settlements of the accounts of the City Collector, A P Rowe and the City Treasurer, R T Knox, whose reports are adopted as a part of this report.

Messrs E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville, Finance Committee of City of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collections of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg, Va for the fiscal year ending June 26th 1906. The amounts derived from all the different sources are given separately and I am gratified to report larger collections and a smaller delinquent list than ever before.

Two hundred and forty dollars (\$240.00) of the delinquent list is represented by two bills against the People's Steamboat Co; one of (\$100.00) for 1903, and one for (\$140.00) for 1905. These assessments were made by the Corporation Commission and I have been unable to get a settlement. A representative of the Company, stating that the Company does business here, has no property in the City and has no steamer coming to this Port. I am, as you are aware, holding their bills by your direction for such legal action as may be determined on.

The principal part of the delinquent bills for improved pavements is due by persons who will settle as soon as certain changes are made in their pavements by the City, which I am informed has been agreed upon.

The following itemized statement shows the receipts and balances for all of the different accounts.

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

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City Taxes collected for year ending June 26th 1906

On assessment of 1905	Real Estate	\$19,846.98	
On assessment of 1905	Personalty	\$8,226.35	
Total		\$28,073.33	
Less 5% discount		\$1,403.66	\$26,669.67
On assessment of 1905 after Oct 15 th			
	Real Estate	\$1,620.20	
	Personalty	\$207.25	
Total		\$1,827.25	
Add penalty & interest		\$155.25	\$1,982.50
Sewer Tax to Oct 15 th		\$1,490.78	
Sewer Tax after Oct 15 th		\$121.06	\$1,611.84
Improved pavement bills 1904		\$33.06	
Add interest		1.75	\$34.81
Improved pavement bills 1905 (no dis)		\$1,893.83	
Improved pavement bills 1905 after Dec 25		\$34.75	
Add interest		.85	
Improved pavement bills 1906 (no dis)		\$43.85	\$1,973.28
General Licenses from June 27, 1905		\$420.34	
On delinquent license 94 & 5		\$150.00	
Add interest		7.50	
Dray Licenses fr Jun 25, 1905 to Apr 30 1906		\$55.00	
Licenses for Opera House Exhibitions		\$82.00	
On General Licenses 1906/07 less \$662.40		\$12,585.61	

On dray licenses 06/07 after May	\$144.40	
On general licenses 06/07 after May	\$391.54	\$14,002.89
Rent City-Hay Scales 1906		\$57.00
On Assessments of 1904	\$52.94	\$46,331.99
Add penalty & Interest	6.66	\$59.60
On Assessments of 1903	\$30.94	
Add penalty & Interest	6.82	\$37.76
On Assessments of 1902	\$3.75	
Add penalty & Interest	.63	\$4.38
On Assessments of 1901	\$4.18	
Add penalty & Interest	.66	\$4.84
On Assessments of 1900	\$7.60	
Add penalty & Interest	.24	\$7.84
On Assessments of 1899	\$55.91	
Add penalty & Interest	.41	\$56.32
On assessment of 1898		\$6.24
On assessment of 1897		\$1.25
On assessment of 1896		\$2.16
On assessment of 1895		.70
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On assessment of 1894		.50
On assessment of 1893		3.06
On assessment of 1892		4.93
On assessment of 1891		.50
On assessment of 1890		3.98
On assessment of 1889		1.58
On assessment of 1888		2.24
On assessment of 1887		.22
On assessment of 1886		1.58
		\$46,531.24
On assessment of 1884	Pen & Int	2.18
On assessment of 1883	Pen & Int	3.47
On assessment of 1882	Pen & Int	2.32
On assessment of 1880	Pen & Int	2.47
On assessment of 1879	Pen & Int	2.57
On assessment of 1878	Pen & Int	2.41
On assessment of 1877	Pen & Int	.79
Total Collections from all sources		\$46,547.45

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg Va by delinquents for the 1883 to 1905 inclusive

To amts on books of 1905		\$30,607.18
By collections to Oct 15, 1905	\$26,669.67	
Add 5% deducted	\$1,403.66	
		\$28,073.33
By delinquent real estate bills to Treas 6/26/06	\$225.83	
By collection after Oct 15, 1905	\$1,982.50	
Deduct penalty & int	\$155.25	\$1,827.25
By bill exempt by Court	\$197.20	\$30,323.61

Amount delinquent			\$283.57
To Sewer Tax on books of 1905			\$1,631.47
By Collections to Oct 15 th	\$1,490.78		
By Collections after Oct 15 th	\$121.06		
By Del Sewer Bills turned over to Treasurer 6/26/06	\$15.90		
By Sewer bills exempted by Court	\$3.73		
			\$1,631.47
To Improvement pavement bills 1904			\$63.46
By Collections	\$34.81		
Deduct Interest	\$1.75	\$33.06	
Amt Delinquent			\$30.40
To Improvement pavement bills 1905			\$2,030.49
By collections	\$1,893.83		
By collections after Dec 15	\$35.60		
Deduct Interest	\$.85	\$34.75	\$1,928.58
Amt Delinquent			\$101.91
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To Improved Pavement bills 1906			\$2,030.66
By Collections			\$43.85
Amount due Dec 1906			\$1,986.81
To Amounts on Books of 1904			\$149.29
By Collections	\$59.60		
Deduct penalty & interest	6.66		\$52.94
Amt Delinquent			\$96.35
To Amounts on Books of 1903			\$232.78
By Collections	\$37.76		
Deduct penalty & interest	6.82	\$30.94	
By bills to Treas, order of Council		\$57.42	\$88.36
Amt Delinquent			\$144.42
To amounts on books of 1902		\$364.03	
To amount tranf to books of 1899		\$8.08	\$372.11
By collections	\$4.38		
Deduct penalty & int	.63	\$3.75	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$284.45	\$280.20
Amt Delinquent			\$82.91
To amounts on books of 1902		\$381.65	
To amount tranf to books of 1899		\$8.86	\$390.51
By collections	\$4.84		
Deduct penalty & int	.66	\$4.18	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$304.10	\$308.28
Amt Delinquent			\$82.23
To amounts on books of 1900			\$63.46
By collections	\$7.84		
Deduct penalty & int	.24	\$7.60	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$35.06	\$42.66
Amt Delinquent			\$20.80
To amounts on books of 1899			\$113.79

By collections	\$56.32		
Deduct penalty & int	.41	\$55.91	
Transferred from other years		\$18.61	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$25.11	\$99.63
Amt Delinquent			\$14.16
To amounts on books of 1898			\$22.54
By collections	\$6.24		
By bills to Treas by order Council	\$8.49		\$14.73
Amt Delinquent			\$7.81
To amounts on books of 1897			\$15.73
By collections		\$1.25	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$9.37	\$10.62
Amt Delinquent			\$5.31
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To amounts on books of 1896			\$12.15
By collections		\$2.16	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$5.17	\$7.33
Amt Delinquent			\$4.82
To amounts on books of 1895			\$8.72
By collections		\$.70	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$2.76	\$3.46
Amt Delinquent			\$5.26
To amounts on books of 1894		\$4.70	
To amount tranf to books of 1899		\$1.60	\$6.30
By collections		\$.50	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$2.76	\$3.26
Amt Delinquent			\$3.04
To amounts on books of 1893			\$11.08
By collections		\$3.06	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$4.48	\$7.54
Amt Delinquent			\$3.54
To amounts on books of 1892			\$11.75
By collections		\$4.93	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$4.54	\$9.47
Amt Delinquent			\$2.28
To amounts on books of 1891			\$5.78
By collections		\$.50	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$4.04	\$4.54
Amt Delinquent			\$1.24
To amounts on books of 1890			\$6.58
By collections		\$3.98	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$.56	\$4.54
Amt Delinquent			\$2.04
To amounts on books of 1889			\$3.07
By collections		\$1.58	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$.56	\$2.14
Amt Delinquent			\$.93
To amounts on books of 1888			\$4.10
By collections			\$3.24

Amt Delinquent		\$.86
To amounts on books of 1887		\$6.30
By collections	\$.22	
By bills to Treas by order Council	\$3.16	\$3.38
Amt Delinquent		\$2.92
To amounts on books of 1886		\$6.69
By collections	\$1.15	
By bills to Treas by order Council	\$3.41	\$4.56
Amt Delinquent		\$2.13
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To amounts on books of 1885	\$3.76	
To transferred to books 1889	\$.07	
By bills to Treas by order Council		\$3.03
Amt Delinquent		\$.80
To amounts on books of 1884		\$6.65
By collections	\$2.18	
Deduct penalty & int	.60	\$1.58
By bills to Treas by order Council	\$3.16	\$4.74
Amt Delinquent		\$1.91
To amounts on books of 1883		\$7.02
By collections	\$3.47	
Deduct penalty & int	\$1.12	\$2.35
By bills to Treas by order Council	\$3.16	\$5.21
Amt Delinquent		\$1.51

Recapitulation of Collections

On books of 1905. Taxes Licenses, Pavement Bills &c	\$46,331.99
On books of 1904	\$59.60
On books of 1903	\$37.76
On books of 1902	\$4.38
On books of 1901	\$4.84
On books of 1900	\$7.84
On books of 1899	\$56.32
On books of 1898	\$6.24
On books of 1897	\$1.25
On books of 1896	\$2.16
On books of 1895	\$.70
On books of 1894	\$.50
On books of 1893	\$3.06
On books of 1892	\$4.93
On books of 1891	\$.50
On books of 1890	\$3.98
On books of 1889	\$1.58
On books of 1888	\$2.24
On books of 1887	\$.22
On books of 1886	\$1.15
On books of 1884	\$2.18
On books of 1883	\$3.47
On books of 1882	\$2.32

On books of 1880	\$2.47
On books of 1879	\$2.57
On books of 1878	\$2.41
On books of 1877	\$.79
	\$46,547.45

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Recapitulation of Bills due

On books of 1905	\$283.57
On books of 1905 Imp Pavement	\$101.91
On books of 1904	\$96.35
On books of 1904 Imp Pavement	\$30.40
On books of 1903	\$133.42
On books of 1902	\$83.91
On books of 1901	\$82.23
On books of 1900	\$20.80
On books of 1899	\$14.16
On books of 1898	\$7.81
On books of 1897	\$5.31
On books of 1896	\$4.82
On books of 1895	\$5.26
On books of 1894	\$3.04
On books of 1893	\$3.54
On books of 1892	\$2.28
On books of 1891	\$1.24
On books of 1890	\$2.04
On books of 1889	\$.93
On books of 1888	\$.86
On books of 1887	\$2.92
On books of 1886	\$2.13
On books of 1885	\$.80
On books of 1884	\$1.91
On books of 1883	\$1.51
	\$904.15

Respectfully submitted

A P Rowe, Collector City Taxes

The report of A P Rowe, Collector shows the largest collection of the City's revenue and the smallest balance due the City since the Civil War; and your Committee desires, in this report to express their commendation of the splendid work of Mr Rowe as City Collector, and also of R T Knox, our most efficient, painstaking, and accurate City Treasurer.

The Corporation of Fredericksburg in Acct with R T Knox, Treasurer

For year beginning June 22, 1905 and ending June 27, 1906

Amounts received from every and various sources

By balance on hand	\$7,931.70
By receipts from Water	\$3,873.76
By receipts from Gas	\$4,797.33
By receipts from Tar & coke	\$27.87
By receipts from 1905 Taxes	\$26,002.92

By receipts from Licenses	\$177.73
By receipts from rent Alms House Field	\$35.00
By receipts from rent Metcalf's lot	\$2.50
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By receipts from old bridge timber	\$15.50
By receipts from fines Mayor Wallace	\$641.30
By receipts from Dog Licenses	\$370.00
By receipts from Corporation Seal	\$2.00
By receipts from Temporary note borrowed	\$3,000.00
By receipts from Int returned on same	\$13.89
By receipts from capitation rec'd from Auditor of State	\$359.50
	\$47,251.00
Deduct balance on hand June 22, 1905	\$7,931.70
Actually received to Jan'y 1, 1906	\$39,319.30
To amount paid out for 6 months to Jan'y 1, 1906	\$37,579.89
Balance in hand June 22, 1905	\$1,739.41
	\$7,931.70
New balance for next 6 months	\$9,671.11
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from Water	\$1,670.26
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from Gas	\$6,025.92
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from coke & tax	\$166.94
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from Taxes	\$2,088.06
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from Taxes	\$13,475.11
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from delinquent real estate	\$201.47
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr board Alms House Mrs May V King	\$60.00
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr bridge timber	\$2.60
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fines from Mayor Wallace	\$339.15
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr dog licenses since Jan'y 2 1906	\$11.50
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr City Water Works order of Council	\$18.46
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr order of Court from Auditor	\$7.95
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr R W Adams Estate	\$95.67
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 from granolithic pavements	\$1,957.89
Receipt since Jan'y 1, 1906 fr Public Scales	\$54.15
	\$38,846.24
Actually received	\$29,175.13
Balance on hand from Jan'y 2, 1906	\$9,671.11
By balance on hand June 22, 1905	\$7,931.70
By amt actually taken in to Jan'y 2, 1906	\$39,319.30
By amt actually taken in since Jan'y 2, 1906	\$29,175.13
	\$76,426.13
Deduct amount spent for whole year	\$66,472.98
By balance to start new year	\$9,953.15
June 27, 1906 E & OE	
Robert T Knox, Treasurer, Fredericksburg, Va	
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New Sewer Account in acct with Robert T Knox Treasurer	
Cr	
Jun 23, 1905 by balance	\$229.82

Aug 8, 1905	by amt from S J Quinn			\$295.21
Nov 22, 1905	by amt from M B Rowe [AP?]			\$1,000.00
Dec 18, 1905	by amt from M B Rowe [AP?]		\$490.78	
	Less his 2½% Com		37.26	\$453.52
				\$1,978.55
	Dr			
Jul 5, 1905	To E D Cole	No 17	\$12.40	
Sep 4, 1905	To S J Quinn	No 18	\$4.50	
Sep 16, 1905	To S J Quinn	No 19	\$16.45	
Oct 4, 1905	To E D Cole	No 20	\$23.75	
Oct 14, 1905	To E J Cain & Co	No 21	\$8.10	
Oct 28, 1905	To E J Cain & Co	No 22	\$100.00	
Nov 4, 1905	To E J Cain & Co	No 23	\$249.92	
Nov 11, 1905	To E J Cain & Co	No 24	\$100.00	
Nov 11, 1905	To J W Watson?	No 25	\$36.75	
Nov 11, 1905	To E J Cain & Co	No 26	\$375.90	
Dec 2, 1905	To S J Quinn	No 27	\$5.12	
Dec 29	34 Coupons \$10 due Oct 1 pd \$340.00			
Dec 29	6 Coupons \$10 due Apr 1 1905 \$60.00	No 28	\$400.00	
Jan 1, 1906	To E D Cole	No 29	\$4.60	\$1,337.49
	By balance on hand			\$641.06
Mar 26, 1906	Amt fr S J Quinn			\$40.45
Mar 26, 1906	Amt fr R T Knox Treas del R E			\$12.73
Jun 21, 1906	Amt fr S J Quinn			\$311.34
				\$1,005.61
	Dr			
Jan 13, 1906	To labor	No 30	\$4.73	
May 10, 1906	To labor	No 31	\$4.38	
Mar 1, 1906	To Cole	No 32	\$6.99	
May 2, 1906	To Sinking Fund	No 33	\$180.00	
May 2, 1906	To Cole	No 34	\$15.73	
May 2, 1906	To Wm Walker	No 35	\$3.13	
May 2, 1906	To S J Quinn	No 36	\$.70	
May 2, 1906	To Arthur Waller	No 37	\$3.50	
May 5, 1906	To S J Quinn?	No 38	\$1.75	
May 26, 1906	To S J Quinn	No 39	\$1.00	
May 26, 1906	To Arthur Waller	No 40	\$1.25	
Jun 13, 1906	To coupons	No 41	\$340.00	
Jun 14, 1906	To Arthur Waller	No 42	\$3.75	
Jun 14, 1906	To Richard Hicks	No 43	\$1.50	
Jun 21, 1906	To S J Quinn	No 44	\$.55	
Jun 21, 1906	To Arthur Waller	No 45	\$5.00	
Jun 21, 1906	To Arthur Waller	No 46	\$3.00	
Jun 21, 1906	To Thomas Musselman	No 47	\$2.82	
Jun 21, 1906	To coupons	No 48	\$120.00	\$699.78
	Balance in bank			\$305.83
Jun 27	Amt fr P Rowe			\$115.01
				\$420.84
R T Knox, Treasurer 7/22 1906				

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Corporation of Fredericksburg in acct with R T Knox, Treasurer
Expenditures for June 22, 1905 to Jun 26, 1906

	Jun 22/05 to Jan 1/06	Jan 1/06 to Jun 26/06	Total for Year
Water Committee	\$2,411.53	\$638.00	\$3,049.53
Gas Committee	\$6,431.60	\$3,786.40	\$10,218.00
Street Committee	\$1,899.43	\$914.06	\$2,813.49
Public Property Com	\$972.38	\$1,374.25	\$2,346.63
Alms House Com	\$638.35	\$509.58	\$1,147.93
Electric Light Com	\$1,775.96	\$1,121.36	\$2,897.32
Finance Committee	\$51.67	\$76.21	\$127.88
Pr orders Council	\$11,348.88	\$4,407.37	\$15,756.25
Fire Dept Com	\$103.70	\$377.02	\$480.72
Health & Police	\$225.28	\$65.01	\$290.29
Mayor Orders	\$102.55	\$66.97	\$169.52
Orders of Court	\$844.36	\$1,031.76	\$1,876.12
Policemen (5)	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$2,220.00
J W Ball's Salary	\$62.50	\$87.00	\$149.50
Public Int Comm	\$144.18	\$107.57	\$251.75
R T Knox Tr	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
S E Eastburn Sal	\$52.08	\$62.49	\$114.57
Commwealth Atty	\$199.98	\$200.00	\$399.98
Sam Fitzhugh	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$75.00
S J Quinn Spt	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$900.00
Judge's Salary	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
Mayor's Salary	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Wm FitzPatrick	\$399.96	\$264.64	\$666.60
Sprinkling Streets	\$26.50	\$82.50	\$109.00
Coupons	\$6,981.50	\$7,812.00	\$14,793.50
Public Schools		\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
Spc St Comm		\$219.40	\$219.40
	\$37,579.89	\$28,893.09	\$66,472.98

E&O E Robt T Knox, Treasurer

The report of Treasurer Knox, shows receipts for the first six month and last six months of the year, and is as follows:

Balance on Hand June 22, 1905	\$7,931.70
Receipts from all sources during year including \$3000 temporary borrowed	\$68,494.43
Making a total of	\$76,426.13
Expenditures for the year including loan of \$3000.00 paid back	\$66,472.98
Net on hand	\$9,953.15

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A general statement of the Sewer fund is as follows

Amount received	\$2,458.11
Amount expended	\$2,037.27
The balance on hand	\$420.84

The bonded debt of the City is as follows

5% Water bonds due 1909	\$30,000.00
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4% Gas bonds due 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Bridge bonds due 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Electric Light bonds due 1931	\$12,000.00
4% Street Imp bonds due 1931	\$18,000.00
4% Street Imp bonds due 1931	\$20,000.00
4% Gas & Water bonds due 1935	\$20,000.00
4% Funded debt due 1 May 1936	\$119,400.00
Bank of Fredericksburg, and payable (\$5,000.00) Nov 1, 1906 and yearly thereafter Until paid and bearing 5% interest	\$25,000.00
Making a total indebtedness of	\$294,400.00

Your Committee further reports that the City has no floating debt though last year the floating debt was \$5,500.00.

On the amount of (\$2,398.12) due the City by the estate of the late R W Adams, Ex-City Treasurer, there has been paid (\$95.67); and the western land of the estate of Mr Adams has not yet been sold.

Your Committee reports the following ordinance

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

1st That the following tax on the real estate of the City be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1906-7 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 [Page 471] in other than national currency of the United States.

Your Committee submits the following report of the Treasurer showing that the money to the credit of the Sewer sinking Fund has been invested in (\$700.00) of the City's 4% bonds, leaving a balance of (\$20.00) to the credit of the fund.

Sinking Fund for Sewer Bonds in account with R T Knox Treas.

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1903 Jun 17 check No 1 Jun 17, 1903 on Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat'l Bank fr R T Knox	\$180.00
1904 Jun 17 check on Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat'l Bank fr R T Knox	\$180.00
1905 Jun 17 check on Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat'l Bank fr R T Knox	\$180.00
1906 May 2 check on Conway, Gordon & Garnett Nat'l Bank fr R T Knox	\$180.00
	\$720.00

Dr

1906 May 3 to check this day for 7 4% coupon Corp of Fredericksburg Va new issue (\$100) ea	\$700.00
balance on hand	\$20.00
	\$720.00
by balance on hand	\$20.00

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(SD) Robert T Knox, Treasurer

June 27, 1906 E M Young and Committee

To the Hon Pres and Members of the Common Council 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 R T Knox, Treasurer, of said City and have 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 (\$9,953.15) nine thousand nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifteen cents, 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 (\$420.84). The Treasurer's books also show (\$20.00) sinking fund deposited with the Conway, G & G Na Bank.

All the coupons from the various bonds due 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, S J Quinn, Supt of Water & Sewer, B F Bullock, Supt of Gas works, and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

E M Young Jr, W L Watson (Committee)

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Your Committee would further recommend the following appropriations:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1907

Interest on \$30,000	5% water bonds	\$1,500.00
Interest on \$25,000	4% bridge bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$25,000	4% Gas bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$18,000	4% Sewer bonds	\$720.00
Interest on \$12,000	4% Electric bonds	\$480.00
Interest on \$20,000	4% St Imprvt	\$800.00
Interest on \$20,000	4% Gas & Water	\$800.00
Interest on \$119,420	4% Funding bonds	\$4,776.00

Principal first bond due Nat Bank \$5,000.00

And interest one year at 5% on \$25,000.00 \$6,250.00

Sinking fund on bonded debt viz: 1%

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
On \$119,420	4% Funded bonds	\$1,194.00

Alms House	\$1,500.00
Police	\$1,220.00
Salaries	\$5,270.00
Public Property	\$2,000.00
Streets	\$2,000.00
Gas	\$8,000.00
Light Electric Plant	\$3,000.00
Public Schools	\$3,000.00
Water	\$2,000.00
Health & Police	\$200.00

Fire Department	\$200.00
Public Interest	\$200.00
	\$49,610.00

And 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.

Your Committee desires further to summarize a part of the above report as follows:

The aggregate amount of interest on the City's bonded indebtedness including int on the (\$25,000.00) due the National Bank is

\$12,326.00

The annual aggregate appropriation for the sinking fund on [Page 473] the bonded indebtedness of the City is

\$2,694.00

To this may be added the (\$5,000) bond to be paid the National Bank on Nov 1, 1905

\$5,000.00

\$7,694.00

The (\$3,000.00) borrowed temporarily as shown by the Treasurer's report Sep 22, 1905 was paid back and included in the items of (\$15,755.25) shown in his report as expenditures.

The net balance in the Treasury, at the close of the fiscal year June 30th 1905 was (\$7,931.70) and the net balance at the close of this year June 30, 1906 was (\$9,953.15) and increase of (\$2,201.45)

Respectfully submitted,

E D Cole, W S Embrey, S W Somerville (Finance Committee)

On motion of Mr Mills the above reports were adopted by the following recorded vote;
Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Watson, all present

On motion of Mr Dannehl the Finance Committee was instructed to [have] the Finance Committee report published at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00)

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on that portion of the Town called the Duck Pond, referred to his Committee. He reported very unhealthy conditions existing along the streets, stagnant pools of water. It was ordered that the Street Committee get estimates of the cost of the necessary work, to relieve the present conditions and report at next meeting of the Council.

Mr Bradley submitted a proposition looking to the extending of the granolithic sidewalk, from the Parish House on Princess Anne Street in front of St George's Church to George Street.

Mr Watson in the Chair

On motion of Mr Somerville, was referred to the Street Committee for grades and etc to report at next meeting.

E D Cole in the Chair

A petition was presented by Mr Mills for a Light on Sophia Street. On motion referred to the Light Committee with power to act.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber on July 19th 1906 at 8 o'clock PM

Members present: E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, Henry Dannehl, E M Young Jr
E D Cole, President in the Chair
Minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
To the Hon President & members of the Council July 19, 1906
Gentlemen: The Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully performed the duties and are entitled to their pay.
Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor
On motion of Mr Rowe the report was received and salaries ordered paid.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that his Committee had expected to be able to report on the sidewalk in front of St George's Church, but Mr Myers was working on the grades and had not reported to the Street Committee, but hoped to have same in hand very soon now.

E M Young in the Chair

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported that his Committee were doing some good work in the Upper part of the City, but had been unable to secure estimates in cost of sewer for draining the part known as the "Duck Pond" they hoped however to be able to make a full report in the near future.

On motion of Mr Mills, the question of opening up the Mary Washington Avenue extended, laid on the table at meeting of March 15, 1906 was taken up and discussed.
And on motion of Mr Mills the resolution of March 15, 1906 was passed by the following recorded vote
Nos, Bradley
Ayes, Cole, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Young

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that his Committee had advertised for bids on the old iron at the old gas plant and had received a number of bids for the old iron by the ton and also by the lump. That his Committee after carefully examining the various bids considered Mr Hirsh's bid of \$7.50 per ton gross of 2240 lbs or the sum of \$316.55 lump sum the most advantageous to the City.
On motion of Mr Bradley, the Gas Committee were instructed to accept the bid of Hirsh & Bro of (\$316.55) for the old iron at the old Gas House. Recorded vote;
Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Young
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Mr Young of the Electric Light Committee presented a petition of numerous citizens called attention of the Council to pressing need for an electric light on Wolfe St & praying that the same placed there as soon as possible.
On motion the petition was referred to the Electric Light Committee with power to act.

On motion of Mr Bradley the action of this Council in ordering an Electric Light placed on the Free Bridge was rescinded by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented an ordinance on planting trees referred to his Committee at last meeting, which, upon motion of Mr Bradley was referred back to the Ordinance Committee for certain changes.

Mr Mills of the Public Interests Committee presented the following which on motion was received and ordered filed.

Gentlemen:

July 19, 1906

We, your Committee on Public Interests be leave to report that in response to a request received through Hon G R Swift, from the Commissioner of Agriculture Mr W G Coiner for a write up of the City of Fredericksburg, and several picts of the principle manufacturing plants, the same to be inserted in a hand book and published by the State.

Your Committee reports that the request has been granted at a small expense in securing photographs

Respectfully submitted,

E W Mills, W S Embrey, J W Masters (Committee)

E M Young in the Chair

Col Cole reported that having acted on his and Mayor Wallace's suggestion the Steamboat Company had been induced to give the Normal School an excursion down the river on one of its elegant boats, free of charge to the City on July 14th.

Whereupon Mr Dannehl offered the following which was adopted.

President Cole having stated to the Council that acting on his and Mayor Wallace's suggestion, President Willard Thompson of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company had very generously given the ladies of the Normal School, now in session here, an afternoon excursion down the Rappahannock River on the splendid Steamer Middlesex, on Saturday the 14th Inst thus in a delightful manner helping to entertain our fair guests;

Therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg, that the City appreciates this kindly offer of good will [Page 476] and evidence of public spirit displayed by the able management of the Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railway Company, and thanks Mr Thompson for his kindness in helping to entertain our guests.

Resolved further that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Council and that the Clerk of the Council be and he is hereby instructed over Seal of the City to certify a copy of this resolution to Mr Thompson, President of the Maryland, Delaware & Virginia Railway Company.

Mr Bradley offered the following;

To the Honorable Body, the Mayor and Common Council

July, 11, 1906

We the members of the organization known as "The Franklin Band" do respectfully ask at the hand of your honorable body, and appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to assist us in defraying expenses attached to said organization.

Should you honor us with the above appropriation we will agree to give for the entertainment of the public, music and concerts in Hurkamp City Park, or such place as you may direct, each Friday night, beginning the first Friday night after the appropriation is made until the first of October

Trusting that your honorable body will consider our appeal and grant us the above request, we remain

Yours Respectfully,

John H Patterson, E A Solan, J H Viser (Committee)

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Young, Cole

Nos none

Resolved; that \$150.00 be place to the credit of the Public Property Committee for the purpose of employing Franklin's Band for a series of concerts (10) in number, in the Public Park, or some other place designated by said Committee commencing Friday night July 20th 1906 and continuing each Friday night until Oct 1st 1906. Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) of which sum, shall be paid at once, and seventy five dollars (\$75.00) when the series is completed.

To the Hon Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly offered March 11, 1904, the undersigned Clerk of the Corporation Court of said City respectfully returns book No 28 of receipts of Fines furnished him by the Auditor of Public Accounts of said State, which shows, since his report of July last year, the following receipts of fines by him.

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No 1353 paid by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor for fine of O C Harding for gambling, September 28, 1905
Five dollars \$5.00

No 1354 paid by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor for fine of D B Hill for gambling, September 28, 1905
Five dollars \$5.00 of which amount \$5.00 was returned to the auditor in March last because by order from the said Mayor. Entered on the (2) stubs of his receipts \$2.50 of said fine was paid to T J McDonnell the informer.

No 543 from Thomas P Wallace Mayor for fine of Levi Scott for attempt to rob & assault January 13, 1906 twelve dollars \$12.00

All of the above fines of \$2.50 each and \$12.00 were settled with the Auditor in March last.

No 1271 paid by Thomas P Wallace Mayor for fine of George Gardner, Gambling, May 7 1906 twenty-five dollars \$25.00

Of the three books, sent to him by the Auditor No 28 is this day returned for inspection by the Council.

No 29 is in possession of Mayor Thomas P Wallace of this City and No 30 is still held be the Clerk and as can be seen by the inspection has never been used.

Respectfully submitted this 19 day of July 1906

A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg.

On motion referred to the Finance Committee to be examined and transmitted to the Auditor of Public Accts.

The following communication was read by the Clerk

Gentlemen: Now that the work around the "Mercer Monument" has been completed, I wish to call your attention to my little home on corner of Fauquier Street and Mary Washington Avenue. You can all, of course, see the damage done by place by raising the Avenue on a level with my first floor, and are sure that you are willing to repair same. I hope it will be attended to as soon as convenient to you as I fear the house will be injured by the water running down from the street, when it rains, and frequently goes back to the foundations.

I am a widow, with very limited means, and a comparative stranger among you, but am confident I will be treated with justice.

Yours truly,

Mrs T A Clore

July 18, 1906

On motion referred to the Street Committee.

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 Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber July 25th 1906 at 4:30 PM

The following members were present, E D Cole, E M Young Jr, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, Henry Dannehl
E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President announced that the Council had been called to take such action in the death of Councilman W L Watson, as it might deem appropriate.

Mr Dannehl offered the following which on motion of Mr Mills was unanimously adopted:

“Whereas it has pleased “Almighty God” to remove from this earth our associate and fellow member of the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va, W L Watson, who departed this life at his home Tuesday morning July 24th 1906 in the thirty-ninth year of his age.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va that we deeply deplore the death of our esteemed associate and fellow member, and extend to his stricken and bereaved family our sympathy in their distress.

That, in the death of Councilman Watson the City loses an energetic business man, and a public spirited citizen; and this body loses a faithful and efficient member; and

Be it further resolved that the Council, in a body, attend the funeral of Mr Watson; and

That the Clerk of this Council do spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Council and do certify a copy of the same to the family of Mr Watson.

Mr Mills offered the following which on motion of Mr Young was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that; as a further mark of respect for our deceased associate W L Watson, that the Public Property Committee of this Council do, for ten days drape the exterior of the Council Chamber and that this body do now adjourn to meet here at four o’clock Thursday afternoon to attend the said funeral

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber July 30, 1906 at 4:30 o’clock PM with the following members present, E D Cole, E M Young, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, H Dannehl, J W Masters, E W Mills

E M Young, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Water Committee stated that the Meeting had been called at the instance of the remnant of the Water Committee that since the sickness and death of Mr Watson the Chairman, he was the only member of the committee and some matters had to be attended to and some bills had to be paid, and that he had approved the bills and the Treasurer had paid the same, but that he had bills present and wished the Council to ratify his act as the Committee on Water

Mr Bradley moved that the Council ratify the actions of Col Cole as a member of the Water Committee and the action of R T Knox Treasurer in paying orders of Col Cole as a member of the Water Committee. Unanimously adopted.

Mr Masters called the attention of the Council to back water from the canal near the Boulevard whereby property was being damaged.

Mr Bradley moved that the Water [Committee] be instructed to relieve the condition that exist in the Canal near the Boulevard, as far as practicable. Adopted unanimously.

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday night August 16, 1906 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present.

E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, S W Somerville, E M Young, Jr

E D Cole, President in the Chair

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

The President stated that by the death of W L Watson a vacancy existed in the Council from the Lower Ward and asked what was the pleasure of the Council.

Mr Bradley moved that the Council go into the Election of a Councilman from the Lower Ward to fill the unexpired term of W L Watson and the same was unanimously adopted.

W S Embrey placed in nomination A M Garner, E W Mills seconded the nomination. A M Garner received all the votes (9) votes and was declared elected a member of the Common Council for the Lower Ward to fill the unexpired term of W L Watson, deceased.

A M Garner was brought into the Council Chamber and notified of his election, whereupon he took and subscribed to usual oath for S E Eastburn, a justice of the Peace, and took his seat as a member of the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va from the Lower Ward, to fill the unexpired term of W L Watson, deceased.

E M Young, Vice President in the Chair

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

To the Hon Pres & Common Council Aug 16, 1906

I hereby certify that the Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville, the report was received and the salaries of the police officers ordered paid.

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill of the Free Lance Star Pub Company, To ads in the Daily Star; report of the Finance Committee & 1000 papers distributed at the homes of tax payers \$20.00
On motion ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee stated that no provision had been made for cutting the grass and cleaning around the Mercer Monument and that he had employed a man to do this work and presented the following bill

To Fred Frazier to cleaning of the Mercer Monument Grounds five times \$5.50

On motion of Mr Bradley the bill was ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented a communication from the New York Underwriters Agency asking for a rebate of \$35.00 erroneously assessed against them as an insurance Company. Said Company not having an agent here & doing no business, but had through mistake been given to the Commissioner of Revenue by Chichester & Co Insurance Agents.

On motion of Mr Mills referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following

To the Hon Council July 27, 1906

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the City School Board held on July 27, 1906, the unsigned was instructed to lay before your honorable body the fact that owing to the extra expense incident to conducting an overflow school during the past session, the board is in need of \$84.74 to enable it to wind up its financial affairs for the year ending July 31, 1906 and to petition your honorable body to place to the credit of the Board at once the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00)

As there annual reports are published and distributed through the State it is hoped that action will be taken at once, and the Board relieved of the embarrassment of having to report a deficit.

A B Bowering, President

On motion of Mr Somerville, the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) asked for by the School Board was unanimously appropriated.

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Col Cole presented a communication from W D Carter Attorney for Joseph Russell.

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney Aug 7, 1906

Joseph Russell has suffered damages to, I suppose (\$150.00) or more, maybe much more, as I could not tell the extent of the damage when I looked at the place today.

The Street Committee working without any grade lines, I suppose, filled Pitt Street, provided not culvert across Pitt Street, and none across Princess Anne Street at Pitt.

The result, water that fell on D Street met water that ran round from Princess Anne Street overflowed the gutter on Pitt Street, and stood over a foot deep in Russell's yard and garden, filling his basement and damaging the brick work considerably. I understand the basement floor was raised off the joints and the planking badly broken by the pressure.

The Committee had no right to leave the work in the condition I found it, the gutter on a whole square having no adequate outlet, and practically no outlet.

I have notified Mayor Wallace for Russell, and call your attention to the matter, in order that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of the flooding at the next rain. Every recurrence seriously adds to the damages suffered.

Respectfully,

W D Carter

On motion referred to St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney.

Col Cole presented the following from Hon W A Jones:

A P Rowe:

I discovered upon examination of the law in going over the subject with Gen Crozier, chief of the Ordinance Bureau, that there are some old cannon, belonging to the government from which two could be selected for the purpose of ornamenting the grounds around the Mercer Monument.

Some of these guns are known as Parrot Guns; they are about ten or twelve feet long and weigh 4200 lbs and the others are short guns weighing about 1500 lbs. The Parrot guns are at Philadelphia and the others at Boston. I can procure two of either pattern with a pile of cannon balls, and have them placed on cars at

their points if your association would like to have them and is willing to pay for their transportation. They are without carriages, but suitable carriages could be made at a small cost.

Very truly yours, W A Jones

On motion of Mr Somerville, referred to Public Interest Committee who will confer with the Mercer Monument Committee and report back to the Council.

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Col Cole gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would present an ordinance to move all hogs out of town.

Mr Bradley of Public Property presented the following which on motion was received and ordered filed. To the members of the Common Council.

At a regular meeting of the Fredericksburg Band, it was decided by a unanimous vote, to extend to your honorable body, the thanks and appreciation of the above organization for so generously making at their request an appropriation for the current expenses of the Band.

We the undersigned having been appointed to prepare this paper do most warmly thank the Council, both as individuals, and as a body, in the name of the band, for the recent appropriation.

Sincerely hoping that this small mark of appreciation may find acceptance with each member of the Council

Respectfully,

J H Paterson

E A Solan

J Harvey Vizer

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported that his Committee were still waiting on Engineer Myers for certain grades.

His Committee had also been asked for grade lines where two new buildings had recently been built, which would be attended to as soon as possible.

Mr Embrey presented the following communication which on motion was referred to the Water Committee with power to act by the following recorded vote.

Nos Garner, Cole, Row, Mills (4)

Ayes, Bradley, Masters, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Young (6)

To the Council of Fredericksburg, Va Aug 1, 1906

Gentlemen: I beg permission to allow the water of my house to be entered into the sewer, as it is impossible for me to get a way with the water, the street being so much higher than the lot and is soaked up in same, and I fear it will be cause of malaria, and I do think it will be an improvement to the sewer, as the sewer pipes are small and need flushing from time to time, not having sufficient fall.

I hope that you will grant me this favor, as Mr Watson being so conscientious while living, when I had the sewer pipe brought in, would not allow me, without the action of the Council to enter with my water in the sewer. Respectfully,

H W Willenbucher

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Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented bill of E T D Myers Jr for professional services establishing grades on the Mary Washington Ave \$100.00

On motion of Col Cole, Mr Myers bills for \$100.00 was ordered paid by the following recorded vote; Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Garner, Dannehl, Somerville, Young

On motion of Mr Dannehl the Street Committee was instructed to ascertain the cost of an engineer to lay the grade lines for all the streets of the city, and report back to the this Council.

Mr Cole of the Water Committee reported the matter of extending six inch water pipe up Main Street to Boundary was in the hands of his Committee and would be reported upon as soon as the superintendent of water returned.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented an ordinance on planting trees referred to his Committee at last meeting for certain changes, as follows, which on motion was unanimously adopted. "Bet it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, that from and after the adoption and approval of this ordinance it shall be unlawful to plant or set out on any of the public streets or alleys of this City, any trees of any kind other than the Red Oak, Pin Oak, Norway Maple, Sugar Maple, American Elm, American Linden, Sycamore, or such kind of three as may be adopted or approved by the Street Committee of the Council.

No person shall hereafter set out or plant any tree on the public streets or alleys of this city without first getting from the Street Committee of the Council a permit therefore.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be liable to a fine of not less than one, nor more than five dollars, in the discretion of the Mayor, any tree so planted in violation of this ordinance shall be cut down"

Approved, H Dannehl, E M Young Jr (Committee)

Mr Dannehl offered an amendment to Sec 2, Chapter 8 of the City Ordinance, which on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Somerville from Committee on Schools recommended that for the coming year the renewal of the contract between the City of Fredericksburg and the Fredericksburg [Page 485] College for ten (10) scholarships, the City to pay the sum of Four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) payable in quarterly installments.

And we further recommend that the scholars be designated by the School Board.

Mr Bradley 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.

Resolved that the City of Fredericksburg Va pay to the Fredericksburg College the sum of (\$450.00) in quarterly installments, for the education of 10 pupils from the public schools for the sessions of 1906 and 1907. Scholars to be designated by the School Board, said (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 Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Young

Mr Cole presented the following communication

Resolved first, that we the instructors and teachers in attendance upon the Summer Institute extend our hearty thanks to the City authorities of the City of Fredericksburg for their many courtesies to John W Rosebro, President of the Fredericksburg College for the use of the College property; to Professor Franklin and the College Orchestra for their delightful entertainments; and to all other citizens and friends

who by their generous hospitality and untiring efforts have contributed to our pleasure and comfort while in attendance upon the institute.

Second that we will gladly co-operate with the citizens of Fredericksburg and surrounding counties in any effort they may desire looking to the establishment of a permanent institute in this City.

Third, That these resolutions be published in the Fredericksburg and Richmond papers and a copy sent to the Mayor of the City, The President of the City Council and to the Department of Public Instruction.

On motion received and ordered filed

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va was held pursuant to notice of President E D Cole in the Council Chamber of said City Sept 1st 1906 at 10 o'clock AM for the regular organization of the Council, the election of officers, and such other business as the Council may determine.

The clerk of the Council read the following communication from A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court

State of Virginia, City of Fredericksburg, to-wit

I A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court of the City of Fredericksburg and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Harry B Lane, Josiah P Rowe, William E Bradley, W S Embrey, J W Masters, Henry Warden, personally appeared before me in my office, and qualified as members elect of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg by taking and subscribing the oath of office required by law, and the fact of such qualification has been returned and entered on the order book of the Corporation Court of the City.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1906

A B Yates, Clerk

The roll was called and the following members were present. E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, J W Masters, E M Young

W E Bradley placed Col E D Cole in nomination for president of the Council for the next two years. On taking the vote, Mr Cole received all the votes and was declared elected and qualified before Justice S J Quinn by taking and subscribing the oath of office required by law.

Mr Somerville nominated E M Young for Vice President; Mr Garner nominated H Dannehl for Vice President.

Vote was taken and Mr Young rec'd four votes (4)

And Mr Dannehl received eight votes (8)

Mr Dannehl was declared elected Vice President.

Mr Dannehl nominated W S Embrey for Recorder, he was unanimously elected, and qualified before Justice S J Quinn by taking and subscribing the oath of office required by law

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On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of the Clerk was fixed at the same as last year, one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$1225.00) per annum.

Mr H B Lane nominated S E Eastburn for Clerk of the Council. Vote was taken and S E Eastburn received twelve votes and was declared elected Clerk.

S E Eastburn qualified before Justice S J Quinn by taking and subscribing the oath of office required by law.

Mr Somerville nominated A P Rowe for Collector of City Taxes. Vote was taken and Mr Rowe was unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes.

On motion of Mr Bradley the election of City Surveyor was passed by for the present.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at seventy five (\$75.00) dollars per annum.

Application of Samuel Fitzhugh was read and he was unanimously elected clerk of the Market.

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House was fixed at (\$150.00) per annum.

Mr Rowe nominated J Wesley Ball, and he was unanimously elected superintendent of the Alms House.

Applications of Luther P Gardner and John L Brooks for scavenger in the Upper Ward were read by clerk. Vote was taken and John L Brooks was unanimously elected scavenger for the Upper Ward.

Application of James Shelton for scavenger in the Lower Ward was read by the Clerk and he was elected receiving twelve (12) votes.

On motion of Mr Bradley, Charles A Gore was elected Special Police, under the same conditions as last year, at a salary of Twenty five (\$25.00) dollars per month.

On motion of Mr Bradley the salaries of the regular police was made forty (\$40.00) dollars per month. Applications of T J McDonnell & W N Tansill were read, Mr Bradley placed in nomination J A Stone. The vote was taken and W N Tansill received [Page 32] twelve votes (12); J A Stone received eight (8) votes and T J McDonnell received four (4) votes;

Applications of W R Hall and J H Robinson for police from the Lower Ward were read. Vote was taken and W R Hall received (12) votes and J H Robinson received (12) votes. W R Hall and J H Robinson were elected Police from the Lower Ward

On motion of Mr Bradley the salary of the Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant was fixed at the same as last year nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per annum
Mr Young placed in nomination E M Green for Supt of Electric Light. Vote was taken and E M Green received twelve (12) votes and was elected Superintendent of Electric Lights

The Clerk read the following communication from Mayor Thomas P Wallace
To the Hon Pres & Members of the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen: I congratulate you upon your reorganization and trust that the two branches constituting the municipal government of the City of Fredericksburg in their respective branches may act in harmony and union in the government of the City. And that their efforts may tend to the advancement of prosperity in the development of our resources and the building up of our City. I wish you a harmonious and agreeable term of service during the term for which you have been elected by the voters of this City.
In addition to my duty, I herewith enclose you a list of appointments of the respective committees to be appointed for the working of your honorable body.
Yours respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Finance	E D Cole	W S Embrey	S W Somerville
Public Property	W E Bradley	A M Garner	Henry Dannehl
Streets	W S Embrey	E W Mills	J P Rowe
Lights	E M Young	H B Lane	E W Mills
Water	H B Lane	E D Cole	Henry Warden
Ordinance	H Dannehl	Henry Warden	H B Lane
Auditing	A M Garner	W E Bradley	E M Young
Alms House	J P Rowe	W E Bradley	J W Masters
Public Interests	E W Mills	W S Embrey	J W Masters

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Health & Police	J W Masters	Henry Dannehl	J P Rowe
Schools	S W Somerville	E M Young	E D Cole
Fire Dept	Henry Warden	A M Garner	S W Somerville

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Mr Bradley presented as a substitute for the list of Committees sent in by Mayor Wallace the following list

Finance	E D Cole	W S Embrey	S W Somerville
Public Property	W E Bradley	A M Garner	Henry Dannehl
Streets	W S Embrey	E W Mills	J P Rowe
Lights	E M Young	S W Somerville	E W Mills
Water	H B Lane	E D Cole	J W Masters
Ordinance	H Dannehl	Henry Warden	H B Lane
Auditing	A M Garner	E M Young	W E Bradley
Alms House	J P Rowe	W E Bradley	E D Cole
Public Interests	E W Mills	W S Embrey	J W Masters
Health & Police	Henry Warden	Henry Dannehl	S W Somerville
Schools	S W Somerville	J P Rowe	Henry Warden
Fire Dept	J W Masters	A M Garner	E M Young Jr

The substitute of Mr Bradley was adopted by the following vote
 Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Cole (9) votes
 Noes, Masters, Somerville, Young (3) votes

Vice President Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole made a statement in regard to certain robberies which have taken place in our City, and referred especially to that of Friday night August 31st 1906, when the Boston Variety Store was entered and suffered a loss of \$100.00 or more.

On motion of Mr Cole the Mayor was instructed to offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the capture and conviction of the thieves.

The Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice Sept 10th 1906 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present
 E D Cole, H B Land, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, H Dannehl, Henry Warden.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Street Committee.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented the following petition from property owners on the east side of Mary Washington Avenue.

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

The undersigned abutting land owners on the east side of Mary Washington Avenue between Lewis Street and Pitt Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia respectfully petition your Hon body to improve the walkway or sidewalk on the east side of the Mary Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia between Lewis and Pitt Streets by laying a four foot granolithic pavement along the east side or edge of said sidewalk and that the remainder of the said side walk between the granolithic walk and the curb, shall be parked for trees and a granolithic or other curb be placed on said sidewalk and that a granolithic, stone, or vitrified brick or other gutter be made next to the curb. And that the Council may make such other improvements in the road as may be determined.

If the Council will improve the side-walk and the gutter as above set forth, then the property owners along said street to pay two-thirds (2/3) of the costs of the said granolithic sidewalk, which two thirds (2/3) of the said costs is to be proportioned ratably to the property fronting on said street.

This petition is filed in accordance with Section 1041A of the Code of Virginia 1904.

Respectfully, P V D Conway, Geo E Jacobs, B C Lacy, A P Rowe, Jos M Goldsmith, R Aubrey Williams, H C Biscoe, Pattie A Clore, E G Heflin, E K Stokes

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Mr Mills explained the conditions that existed along the Mary Washington Avenue, and also emphasized the importance this work being done at once. And presented an approximate estimate of the cost of doing the work asked in the petition

Approximate cost about \$1,800.00 less 2/3 of the cost of the granolithic side walk to be borne by abutting land owners.

Mr Dannehl moved that the sum of two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to make the improvements, as asked for in the petition on the east side of Mary Washington Avenue from Lewis to Pitt streets, and that the Street Committee be instructed to employ an engineer to draft plans and specifications for said improvements and that the said Street Committee advertise for and secure bids for doing said work, and report back to this Council.

Mr Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

After some discussion all the members present taking part, Mr Dannehl's motion was adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Seven (7) votes

Noes none.

At the request of Mr Mills, Mr Clarence Howard was allowed to address the Council concerning the conditions around his property on the Mary Washington Avenue and Lewis Street sides caused by the recent grading of said streets by the City.

On motion of Mr Lane, the matter was referred to the Street Committee to report back to this Council

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Rules suspended

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee reported that the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac R Road had stopped running the accommodation train which arrived here from the South about nine o'clock and leaving here about three in the afternoon. This train brought a great deal of trade to our City, and its discontinuance would result in serious injury to the business interests of our City.

Mr Dannehl moved that this matter be referred to the Public Interests Committee and that the President of the Council and Mayor of the City be added to the Committee to act with a similar committee of the Business men's Assn to take this matter up with the Rail Road, and endeavor to have said train resume its regular trips at least during the busy Fall trade. Adopted
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On motion of Mr Rowe, the Chairman of the Public Interests Committee was empowered to add any other persons to this committee that he might think would be of service to the Committee.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Mr Warden offered the following which after some discussion was unanimously adopted.

That the Finance Committee be, and is hereby requested and instructed to prepare and submit at the next regular meeting an estimated, in detail, of the income of the City for the next 12 months beginning July 1st 1906. Also a statement of the fixed and other expenditures for the same period.

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 Sep 20th 1906, at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present

Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young, ten members

Messrs Bradley and Warden came in later

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Annual Report.

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

As Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, I hereby report to you my actings and doings as Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer of the City, for the year ending 31st day of August 1906.

It affords me pleasure to say that the health of the City is better than it has been in some years at this time of the year. The physicians of the City unite in this opinion.

The number of arrests for the year ending May 31, 1906 is 832 as against 1135 for the preceding year, showing a falling off of 303 indicating an improvement in the moral and criminal status of your City.

I have had no difficulty with the Police of the City during the two years in which I have been Mayor,

during which time the Corporation has not paid one cent for additional police service. I have once appointed a special policeman, having learned from the Physicians that the cause of so much sickness

upon "Doswell Field" [Page 37] last year was occasioned by filth. I appointed J A Stone a special

Policeman and directed him to take Mr Pitts and cleanse the field. This seemed to agitate the turbulent spirit of some, to which I paid no attention whatever. When cleansing took place, I paid for it out of my

own pocket with my own money, and was gratified to know that the health on "Doswell Field" was greatly improved, the cause of sickness being removed.

I have been from home but once, as a representative of your City as Mayor, having attended the funeral of Gen'l FitzHugh Lee. I then paid my own expenses, traveling & etc, and will continue to do so whenever representing your City elsewhere.

I have issued 25 cart and wagon licenses since the 31st day of August 1905 for the year ending August 31st 1906.

I have issued 384 dog licenses for the year ending 31st of August 1906 as against 321 for the year ending August 31st 1905, showing an increase of 63 within the two years in which I have been Mayor. 705 Dog licenses have been issued. I think the Mayor has received some \$6.00 for the same. I have been informed that my predecessors in the office of Mayor usually received 15 cents for each license. Thus I have again saved the Corporation some money.

I have paid R T Knox, Treasurer for year ending Aug 31, 1906 Dog Tax	\$423.50
I have paid R T Knox, Treasurer for year ending Aug 31, 1906 Fines	\$946.76
I have paid R T Knox, Treasurer for year ending Aug 31, 1906 use of Seal	\$2.00
Total paid Treasurer for year ending Aug 31, 1906	\$1,372.26
The number of days work in chain gang by criminals send from Mayor's office 391	
At \$1.00 per head as balance saved the Corporation	\$391.00
Total	\$1,763.32

Last year dog tax & fines amounted to \$1,573.00 as against \$1,372.26 showing a falling off which I attribute to the fact that the disorderly element from the rail-road camps then near the City, have been removed so far off that they cannot visit the City.

I call your attention to the fact that we have fewer arrests from the lower ward than we have hereto had, and the number of arrests has increased in the Upper Ward

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented the Mayor's monthly report as follows

To the President and Common Council Sep 7, 1906

I hereby certify that the Policemen of the City have up to this time faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay. Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

Sept 20, 1906 Respectfully, W S Embrey, Acting Mayor

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

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Col Cole Chairman Finance Committee presented bill of Clerk

Postage and stationary for year \$2.00

On motion the Clerk's bill was ordered paid

Also bill of Geo W Wroten

To trip to Richmond in the interest Public School Building \$8.35

On motion ordered paid

Col Cole Chairman of Finance Committee reported in obedience to a resolution of this Council on Sept 10, 1906, an approximate detailed estimate of receipts and expenditures of the City for the next twelve months from July 1st 1906 to July 1, 1906[7]

Balance on hand per Treasurer's Books from all sources except Sewer Tax	\$9,953.15
Balance from Sewer Tax	\$420.84
From Real Estate	\$23,255.19
Licenses from Jan'y 1906 to Sept 15, 1906	\$13,924.68
Personal Property	\$8,658.06

Sewer Tax 10½ cents on \$100.00 realty	\$1,746.65
Water Rents	\$7,500.00
Sewer connections	\$700.00
Gas	\$12,650.00
Granolithic pavements	\$1,971.00
Mayor's fines	\$980.00
Dog Licenses	\$331.00
Drays	\$190.00
Opera House Licenses	\$75.00
Total	\$82,405.57

Probable Expenditures per appropriations etc 1906-7

Interest on bonded debt \$294,400.00	\$12,326.00
Sinking fund on same	\$2,694.00
Note due Nat Bank Nov 1 st 1906	\$5,000.00
Discounts for prompt payment Taxes & Com	\$3,232.00
Gas Comm approximation	\$8,000.00
Streets approximation	\$2,500.00
Washington Ave Special	\$2,000.00
Electric Light Committee app	\$3,000.00
Water Committee approximation	\$2,000.00
Public Property Committee approximation	\$2,000.00
Alms House Committee approximation	\$1,500.00
Public School Committee approximation	\$3,000.00
Health & Police Committee approximation	\$200.00
Fire Dept Committee approximation	\$200.00
Sewer Connections	\$140.00
Orders of Mayor	\$150.00
Orders of Court	\$1,800.00
Public Interests	\$200.00

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Sprinkling the Street	\$300.00
Salary of Police 4 regular, 1920.00 1 extra \$300.00	\$2,220.00
Salary Sup Gas	\$1,000.00
Salary Sup Electric Light	\$900.00
Salary Sup Water	\$900.00
Salary Sup Alms House	\$150.00
Salary Judge Embrey	\$700.00
Salary City Treasurer R T Knox	\$600.00
Salary Judge Goolrick, Comm Attorney	\$400.00
Salary T P Wallace	\$400.00
Salary City Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh	\$500.00
Salary Com of Revenue A B Bowering	\$350.00
Salary Clerk of Council S E Eastburn	\$125.00
Salary Clerk of Market Sam Fitzhugh	\$75.00
Ely Ford Bridge	\$500.00
Total	\$59,062.00

E D Cole, W S Embrey, H B Lane (Finance Committee)

On motion of Mr Somerville the report of Finance Committee was received and the Clerk instructed to furnish each member of the Council with a copy.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the bond of A P Rowe, City Collector
On motion the collector's Bond was referred to the City Attorney for his inspection and approval, if approved to be given to the Mayor to be placed in the National Bank with other similar papers
E D Cole in the Chair

W S Embrey, Chairman Street Committee presented the following
To the Street Committee Fredericksburg Va Aug 27, 1906
Gentlemen: I desire to put a cellar door in front of my property 712 Main St. and write to ask you to grant a permit. The cellar door will be wrought iron and put flush with the sidewalk and the work done in a first class workmanlike manner
Respectfully, M Long
On motion of Mr Young the communication was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

W S Embrey of the Street Committee reported on Mary Washington Avenue extended as per instructions of the Council by resolution offered March 15, 1906 and passed July 19, 1906, with survey and plot of same.
On motion of Mr Bradley the report of the Street Committee on survey and plot of Mary Wash Ave ext was received and ordered filed.

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Mr Embrey presented bill of E H Randall surveyor for the survey and plot of Mary Wash Avenue Extended

To E H Randall	Dr	
To fee for fieldwork and map of the proposed extension of Mary Washington Ave		\$25.00
To advance money for help and stakes		\$6.15
Total		\$31.65

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented the following petition with numerous names signed to it.
To the Council of Fredericksburg:
The undersigned citizens and businessmen of Fredericksburg, petition your honorable body to open to the public travel as a street the strip of land from Prince Edward Street where it joins the Boulevard, across the tracks of the R F & P R R and the tracks of the P F & P R R connection with Prince Edward Street next to the Alert & McGuire Pickle Factory.
The R F & P R R continually leaves its freight cars on the track at this point preventing crossing there and preventing shippers from unloading anything from the main line of the Narrow Gauge on the South Side.

Mr Bradley moved to refer the petition to the Street Committee for investigation and report back to this Council and it was so ordered (next meeting)

Mr Rowe moved the renewal of that part of Resolution of March 15, 1906 and passed July 19, 1906 as pertained to Mary Washington Avenue extended, to wit:
Resolved that a Committee of three citizens not members of this Council shall be appointed by the Mayor whose duties it shall be to examine the land proposed to be taken for said street, as laid down on the map and plot thereof, when and as surveyed by the Street Committee; and that said Committee of citizens, so appointed shall value said lands or ascertain what in their judgment will be a fair compensation for the taking of the same. And that they ascertain whether such compensation would be acceptable to the land owners, if the same should be approved by this Council, and that they report their actions hereunder to the Council.

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Young, Cole, Masters (9) votes
Noes, Bradley, Mills, Warden (3) votes
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Mr H B Lane of the Water Committee reported on a petition for the extension of 6in water main up Main Street to the Germania Mills, referred to his Committee and the Finance Committee at meeting of June 21st 1906.

H B Lane, E D Cole and J W Masters Sep 7 1906
Committee on Water

Gentlemen: In compliance with your request for an estimate of laying a six inch cast iron water main from Thomas' Store on Main Street to the Corporation Line at the Germania Mills, I furnish the following, the distance being 2015 feet.

33¼ tons 6 inch pipe 33lbs per foot \$37.00 per ton	\$1,230.33
2000lbs pig lead for joints at 6¼¢ per lb	\$125.00
Freight on lead and hauling	\$4.50
Cartage on cast iron pipe. 33¼ tons	\$20.00
Oakum packing for joints	\$5.00
4 double fire plugs or 2 nozzles each \$22.50	\$90.00
4 teas 6-6x4 \$3.50 each	\$14.00
6 sections 4 inch pipe for fire plugs, ½ ton	\$18.75
Labor, laying pipe	\$301.00
Total	\$1,808.58

If this line of pipe should be laid, there are 1110 feet of 3 inch cast iron pipe on the line than would be taken up. The estimated value of this pipe,

1110 feet 3 inch pipe 14lbs per foot, 7½ tons @ 37.00	\$268.42
	\$1,540.33

Respectfully submitted S J Quinn, Supt

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the Finance Committee could take case of the work and approved most heartily the idea of extending said water main.

Mr Mills moved that the sum of \$2000.00 or so much there of as may be necessary be appropriated to the Water Committee to carry out the recommendations of the Water Committee and also the cross extension to Princess Anne Street if the Committee thinks best, the said work to be done as speedily as possible under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Water Works. Adopted by recorded vote
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

Col Cole in the Chair

Mr Dannehl moved to amend Section 2, Chapter 8 of the General Ordinances. That the regular Police Force shall consist of six officers, three from each ward.

On motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Committee on Police

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Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee reported as follows

To the Hon Pres & Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

Your Committee on Public Interests would respectfully report that in the Summer of 1906, and under authority from the Council took up with the proper authorities, the project of securing for Fredericksburg

a public Federal Building, and in aid of the project your Committee associated with it Messrs A P Rowe and C W Jones, members of the Public Interest Committee of the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg and Col E D Cole and Judge Alvin T Embrey of the citizens.

Your Committee with its associates visited Washington and appeared before a sub-Committee of Congress on Public Buildings and Grounds, Hon W A Jones, member of Congress from this district met the Committee and arranged for its hearing before the Sub-Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds. The Sub-Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds gave a most patient hearing to your Committee, though did not indicate its purpose in the matter, but when this sub-Committee had reported to the general Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and the General Committee had reported to the House of Representative, the Bill contained a provision appropriating (\$30,000.00) for a public federal building to be erected in Fredericksburg, Virginia, under the direction and supervision of the Secretary and Treasurer. Your Committee called on Senator John W Daniel and Thomas S Martin, who received your Committee most pleasantly and showed them every courtesy, and through whose efforts, when the bill had passed the House the appropriation of (\$30,000.00) was raised to (\$60,000.00) for the public building at Fredericksburg. The Joint Conference Committee of the Senate and House on a compromise reported (\$40,000.00) for a public building, and their report became a law, thus ensuring to Fredericksburg, to be constructed, in the very near future, a handsome and substantial public federal building at a cost of (\$40,000.00)

2nd Your Committee expresses its obligation, and the obligation of Fredericksburg, to Senators John W Daniel and Thomas S Martin, and to Congressman Wm A Jones, for their active, earnest effort in behalf of Fredericksburg and would recommend that the City, through this body, publicly acknowledge its indebtedness to our two Senators and Congressman Jones for their labors in our behalf.

Your Committee further reports they are informed that by law only twenty per cent of the gross appropriation [Page 43] is available as a site for the public Federal Building, and your Committee would further report that the Hon Leslie M Show, Secretary of the Treasury, has through the columns of the local papers invited proposals for suitable and convenient sites for the building, the site to be corner lots approximately 120 ft by 130 feet.

Respectfully, E W Mills, W S Embrey, J W Masters (Council Committee)

A P Rowe, C W Jones (Business Men's Assn) A T Embrey, E D Cole (Citizens)

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Mills offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

Whereas the Public Interest Committee of this body in a written report this day made, has informed this body of the valuable services rendered the said Committee and rendered Fredericksburg, by Senators John W Daniel and Thomas S Martin, and by Congressman W A Jones in connection with securing for Fredericksburg, an appropriation by the Congress of the United States of the sum of (\$40,000.00). Therefore be it resolved by the Mayor and the Common Council and the City of Fredericksburg that Fredericksburg acknowledges its indebtedness to our Senators and Congressman Jones for their willing, able and most efficient services in rendering to Fredericksburg the appropriation of (\$40,000.00) for a Federal Public Building in Fredericksburg.

And be it further resolved that the Clerk of this body is directed to transmit to Senators John W Daniel and Thomas S Martin, and the Congressman W A Jones a certified copy of this resolution.

Mr Dannehl offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved that a vote of thanks be, and is hereby extended Judge Alvin T Embrey, President E D Cole, Messrs A P Rowe, C W Jones, Chairman E W Mills, Messrs W S Embrey and J W Masters for their able and most efficient service in securing the appropriation of (\$40,000.00) for a Federal Public Building in Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr Mills of Public Interest Committee reported verbally that his Committee had conferred with the engineer and succeeded in getting him to recommend that the (\$10,000.00) appropriated for the Boulevard be expended in putting curbing and a six foot granolithic walk with parking for trees on the north side of the Boulevard the entire [Page 44] and on the South side from the National Cemetery to Foster's Store, and that the work will be commenced in the near future and pushed to completion; that the road bed will be taken up before Congress later.

Mr Warden chairman Health & Police offered the following:

We recommend that a piece of ground be leased or purchased to be used as a dumping place for the night-soil removed from the City, by the City Scavengers, also for other offal. That the Scavenger be forbidden to deposit night soil in any other place. That the piece of ground secured be so located that by no possibility, can the drainage from it enter the canal supplying the city with water.

The attention of Council is called to the pool of stagnant water on the northwest side of Wolf Street and immediately back of the Fredericksburg Spoke Works. This pool should be promptly drained.

Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl, S W Somerville (Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Health & Police Committee was instructed to ascertain the cost of said lease or purchase and report, and also report to the Mayor said nuisance and have same abated.

Mr Somerville, Chairman School Committee reported that by instructions of this Council the contract between the City of Fredericksburg and the Fredericksburg College had been renewed and most of the ten scholars were entered. Elsie Bragdon, Margaret Hanway, Doris Garrison, Effie Humphreys, Adelina Mitchell, Eleanor Portch, George Rowe, Corrine Stearns, Amelia Woods.

Mr Somerville offered the following recommendation from his Committee.

Your Committee on Schools recommend that in view of the imperative demand for a new Public School building, this Council instruct the Committee on Schools, together with the School Board to employ an architect to submit plans and cost of such a building as they deem necessary.

S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Henry Warden (Committee)

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

On motion of Col Cole, the report & recommendation was rec'd

Col Cole offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted
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Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Committee on Schools and on Public Property of the Council acting concurrently be and they are hereby authorized and instructed to investigate and to report to the Council for its consideration whether or not it is feasible to remodel the present white public school building to make it a modern Public School building, or whether it is advisable to construct a new Public School building for the white school and should the said Committee deem that the present school building can be remodeled for the purposes aforesaid, they are instructed to report plans and specifications for said remodeling with an approximation of the costs of the same; should however the said Committee deem it advisable to construct a new modern School Building then the said Committees are directed to report plans and specifications for the same with an approximation of the costs thereof; and in the execution of the duties enjoined by this resolution the said Committees are authorized and empowered to employ a competent architect or such other assistant as may be necessary.

The Clerk read the resignation of John L Brooks, City Scavenger for the Upper Ward. On motion the resignation of John L Brooks, Scavenger for the Upper Ward was received to take effect October 1st 1906.

Mr Mills moved to go into the election of a Scavenger for the Upper Ward and the application of John R Perry was read by the Clerk and he was unanimously elected Scavenger for the upper ward from Oct 1st 1906 to fill the unexpired term of John L Brooks.

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

Col Cole of the Finance Committee
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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Oct 18, 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present: E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, S W Somerville, E M Young
 E D Cole, President in the Chair
 Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved

E M Young in the Chair

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

A B Donahoe	to 385 Dog collars @.09	\$34.65
A B Donahoe	to 15 tags @.02	.30
A B Donahoe	to altering collars	.xx
J H Robinson		\$34.95
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	to job 2000 Note heads	\$3.50
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	to job 1000 Dog tax bills	\$2.50
Thomas P Wallace, Mayor		\$6.00
	To job 50 slip Council notices	.50
	To job 40 card Council Committee	\$3.50
	To ad \$100 reward E O D 47	\$2.00
		\$6.00
To tax books		\$10.00
To 1000 extra size tax bills		\$3.00
To ad Free Lance notice to taxpayers		\$2.00
To job 1000 linen letters		\$2.00
To job 1000 linen envelopes		\$2.00
To ad local pay your taxes		.50
A P Rowe Collector		\$19.50
To 4in ad notice to tax payer "Daily Star 18J		\$6.00
To local Daily Star 3 times		.60
To local Daily Star 2 times		.50
To local Daily Star 2 times		1.00
A P Rowe, Collector		\$8.10
R A Kishpaugh 100 Ordinance "Trees"		.75
S E Eastburn, Clerk		
E D Cole Cleaning Mercer Mon Grounds		\$3.00

J Fred Brown, Registrar, Lower Ward	\$6.00
J J Berry, Registrar, Upper Ward	\$5.70

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Sheriff of Spotsylvania County Va Judgment and costs in suit over the killing of a hog, the property of Geo E Jacobs, taken up & by Officer Tansill while running at large in the Street under an ordinance of the City and sold at public outcry to W E Brooks \$19.00

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had taken up the question of improved pavement bills in the hands of City Collector, A P Rowe, with the City Attorney, and Mr S S Bradford, around C G & G Na Bank bills for improved pavement against Mr S S Bradford

1904	1 st payment due	\$13.89
1905	2 nd payment due	\$13.90
1906	3 rd payment due	\$13.90
	Total	\$41.69

Col Cole offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted

The Chairman of the Finance Committee having called the attention of the Council to the fact that the Collector has in his hands, bills amounting to (\$41.69) against Mr S S Bradford for cost of granolithic pavement on Commerce Street in front of C G & G Nat Bank, and it appearing to the Council that said Bradford is not liable for said Bills. The Joint Committee in charge of said Street Improvements having agreed to substitute a granolithic pavement in place of the new brick pavement of said Bradford without cost. And further appearing that said Bradford removed and sold the bricks taken up by the City and which belonged to the City.

Resolved by the Council that the said bills against the said Bradford in the hands of the Collector, be withdrawn and said Collector, collect from the said Bradford the proceeds from said Bricks and turn the same over to the Treasurer.

Col Cole Chairman of the Finance Committee presented to the Council a further report on the redemption of the outstanding 7% bonds of the issue of 1878; also the following bonds taken in by the City Treasurer

Bond No 230	\$500.00
Bond No 257	\$500.00
Bond No 276	\$500.00
Bonds Nos 11, 12, 46, 54, 84; 5 \$100 bonds	\$500.00

Also certificate issued by Fredericksburg Va

To City of Richmond Va May 1st 1876 and paid on presentation by R T Knox Treas July 7, 1906

No 43	\$20.00
Interest on script	\$42.00

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There are still out of the 7% Bonds of issue 1876:

No 253 for \$500.00 and No 94 for \$100.00

On motion the report was received

On motion of Col Cole; H B Lane and J P Rowe were appointed to check up the bond and destroy the same by burning in the presence of the Council and that the Finance Committee be instructed to receipt to the Treasurer for said bonds. Adopted

The Council suspended business and the Committee proceeded to count, check up and destroy by burning the above listed 7% bonds of issue 1876 and reported the same found correct.

The Clerk read the following letter

Gentlemen: I wrote you in July calling your attention to damage done my lot by raising the Avenue. For six months now my lot has been for most the time in a dreadful condition, owing to the frequent rains, and of course as the winter comes, it will be very much worse. I write now to ask you to be so kind as to tell me within a week, what you have decided to do, in regard to this matter. I would like to know something definite, will appreciate it.

Oct 18, 1906 Yours truly Mrs T A Clore

On motion of Mr Bradley the letter was received

Whereupon Col Cole offered the following

Resolved by the Council that the Clerk of this Body address a communication to Mrs T A Clore, stating that the Council will, without delay, take up the matter mentioned in her communication, and do whatever is proper in the premises.

Seconded by Mr Somerville and unanimously adopted.

Col Cole presented the following

To his Hon Thomas P Wallace, Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: Referring to our appointment by your honor to assess the damages which in our judgment would be sustained by sundry property owners effected by the opening of Washington Avenue extended, as shown by the map made by the City Engineer

We the undersigned have the honor to report (after a careful personal examination of said lots as follows:

Capt M B Rowe \$160.

Mrs Flora Swift \$200

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The Hurkamp estate \$20

F T Covey \$132

\$512.00

Making a total of five hundred and twelve dollars

Respectfully submitted,

Geo W Shepherd, W D Scott, David Hirsh (appraisers appointed by the Mayor)

Mr Bradley moved to receive and file the report and it was so ordered. J P Rowe voting no.

Col Cole presented the Mayor's monthly report

To the President and Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

The Police of the City of Fredericksburg have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville the report of the Mayor was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported progress on the improvements on Washington Avenue and stated that plans and specifications had been prepared and bids for doing the work advertised for, that said bids would be opened on Oct 23, 1906

Mr H B Lane of the Ordinance Committee brought up the Hog Ordinance and on motion of Mr Somerville the Hog Ordinance was referred to the City Attorney to report at next regular meeting.

Mr Mills Chairman Public Interests Committee presented the following letter concerning Public Federal Building

Mr E W Mills, Sir: Washington DC

In response to the inquiry contained in your letter of the 9th Instant, you are advised that under the provisions of the Public Building Bill, which recently became a law, no selection of Federal Building sites can be made until the various properties offered in each City are examined and reported upon by an agent of the department.

So many sites were authorized to be acquired in said Bill that this department has not been able, so far, to have the properties in your city examined, but it is believed the matter will be reached within a short time. It is not possible at this time to say when active building operations can be commenced. [Page 50] That will depend largely upon the promptness with which the owners of accepted sites furnish to the Attorney General the necessary evidences of Title, Abstracts, Deeds of conveyance etc as the Department is prohibited from commencing the drawings on any new Building until the title to site is vested in the United States.

Respectfully, J H Edwards, Assistant Secretary

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Mr E W Mills Chairman of Public Interests Committee having laid before the Council the above communication and notified them that at some date between now and Nov 1st 1906 he will ask for a called meeting of the City Council to consider recommendations for a site for the Public Building to be erected by the U S Government in this City

It is resolved that the Public Interests Committee of this Council notify Secretary Shaw of the proposed meeting of said Council.

Mr Somerville offered the following seconded by Mr Young which was unanimously adopted.

Mr E W Mills Chairman of Public Interests Committee having laid before the Council two communications bearing date Oct 17, 1906, from the Hon Quarter Masters General in one of which communications is suggested that the Road Bed of the National Boulevard in this City shall be restricted to a width of 25 feet and that granolithic pavement of a width of 5 feet with parking be constructed along said Boulevard.

Resolved that the Public Interests Committee be instructed by this Council to urge upon the Quartermaster's Department the great importance of establishing a 40 foot road bed as originally designed since a 25 foot road bed would be inadequate to the needs of said Boulevard in the near future.

Resolved further: that since the Government owns a sixty foot boulevard, the original design of having side walks of ten foot width and a road bed of 40 feet width should be strictly adhered to and in the event that the present appropriation shall prove inadequate to cover the cost of a five foot granolithic pavement and a four foot parking with curbing, and to complete the improvement of a 40 foot road bed [Page 51] that then the Government construct the said side walks and devote the surplus of the funds in hand as far as it will go to the permanent improvement of the road bed.

E M Young in the Chair

Mr Somerville Chairman of School Committee reported progress in the matter of a new public school building, that his committee and the Public Property Committee jointly had appointed a sub-committee to examine the present school building; that said sub-committee and their architects had reported adversely on the old building and recommended a new building that plans were now being drawn for said building which when completed would be submitted to the Council with report of Joint Committee.

Col Cole called attention to the fact that Police Officer J A Stone had not been supplied with a uniform, and the matter was referred to the Committee on the Police.

The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President
 S E Eastburn, Clerk

Called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice at the request of the Street Committee, Wednesday Oct 24, 1906 at 7:30 o'clock. Present, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young.
 Col Cole in the Chair

Major Embrey, Chairman Street Committee reported that his Committee had Mr Myers draw plans & specifications for the Washington Avenue work. They had advertised for and received six bids on the proposed work. The bids were opened on Oct 23, by his Committee and referred t the Engineer Mr Myers who was present and would explain same to the Council.

Mr Myers was invited by the Council and he carefully and plainly went over the proposed work and bids and recommended that the City build a Macadam Road Bed at the same time they put down the side walk and that McDonnell & Musselman, being the lowest bidder they be awarded the contract for same.

	Gran Curb	Gran cir cur	gran walk	gran gutter	nat road	gradng	gran curb	cir gran curb	time to comp
Cartright & Davis	.61½	.80	1.58	1.65	.69	.45	1.10	2.50	Mar 25, 07
T A Barry &Co	.65	.85	1.35	1.45	.94	.40	.94	1.85	Dec 1, 06
E W Jones	54¼	.65	1.44	1.44	.57	.58			Jan 1, 07
McDonnell & Musselman	.60	.70	1.37½	1.38	.72	.45	1.10	2.85	Dec 1, 06
Irving J Smith	.85	1.00	1.60	1.70	1.10	.60	.90	1.30	Dec 20, 06
John Dever	.64	.75	1.49	1.64		.58			90wkg days

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Mr Dannehl in the Chair

On motion of Col Cole seconded by Mr Garner the Council by a unanimous vote decided to have granolithic curbing.

Mr Mills stated that his Committee would recommend on the advice of the Engineer that a macadam road bed be built at the same time the granolithic curb & side walk were being put down if the Council deemed it expedient to do so

Col Cole Chairman of the Finance Committee said that he had held a conference of the Finance Committee and that in view of the importance of the work, his Committee would be able to take care of the financial part of the work.

Mr Bradley moved that the entire improvement on the east side of Mary Washington Avenue be done as recommended by the Street Committee and Engineer Myers, according to the plans and specifications as submitted for bids.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garnet, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden (ten (10) votes)
 Noes, Young, one (1) vote

Col Cole moved that the contract be awarded to McDonnell and Musselman and that the Street Committee be instructed to have the City Attorney draw the contract and bond and that the Street Committee have full charge of the entire work.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Nov 5, 1906 at 7:30 PM with the following members present; Pres E D Cole, V Pres Henry Dannehl, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Masters, Embrey, Garner, Warden, Somerville, Young
President E D Cole Presiding

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee stated the Council had been called by his Committee that it was important that the Council take some action as to a site for the Public building that he had seen in last few days in Washington, Mr Charles E Kemper, supervising Architect of the US Treasury, who stated an engineer would be sent here this week to examine the various sites, and especially the three for which a price had been named: that the Supervising Architect thought a recommendation would be favorably received, but the Department would not in any way be bound by it.

Mr Mills also stated he was not favorably impressed with the three sites named, but his Committee had no recommendation to make. He thought the building should be located in the business section of the City, and found the section embraced between Charlotte and Amelia streets, bounded by Main and Princess Anne streets. He named the four sites; on Main Street opposite the present Post Office, opposite the Exchange Hotel, the Haydon Lot and the W D Carter property as more suitable than those already submitted, but was wedded to none, and would like to hear suggestions from other members.

Vice President Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole said he had expected the Committee to make a recommendation. Col Cole offered this resolution which was seconded by Mr Embrey.

Whereas the Congress of the United States at its last session appropriated the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) for the purchase of a site for, and the erection thereon of a public federal building at Fredericksburg, Va

And whereas the Hon L M Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury by public advertisement invited proposals for a site for said building, and pursuant to said advertisement several proposals were submitted.

And whereas the Council of the City of Fredericksburg has been informed that the agent of the Treasury Department of the United States has been directed to proceed to Fredericksburg and to inspect the several sites proposed for said public federal building;

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that this Council do respectfully recommend to the Hon L M Shaw as a site for said Public Federal Building and as centrally and conveniently located, the lot at the Southwest corner of the intersection of George & Prince Edward sts [Page 54] Fredericksburg Va opposite the City Park.

Be it further resolved that the Clerk of this Council is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Hon L M Shaw Secretary as aforesaid.

Col Cole made a strong speech in advocacy of his resolution but was not wedded to his resolution, provided a better site could be named. He considered the site named on his resolution the best of the three presented.

Mr Embrey advocated the Cole resolution. He said it was within the province of the Council only to make a selection of the three sites.

Mr Masters said he did not want to sell his lot and really did not know why he offered it to the U S Government. He was opposed to the resolution and would not favor a site on any street except Main or Princess Anne.

Mr Cole said there was not sufficient room on Hayden lot or on property opposite the Exchange Hotel; that they could not be purchased within the price allotted, 20 percent of the appropriation; that the meeting is a farce if one of the three sites is not selected or another is not presented for consideration.

Mr Somerville; the more I think of the matter the more I am convinced this Council has no right to select a site and moved to adjourn. This motion he changed to a postponement of consideration for ten days.

At the request of Mr Mills he withdrew it to allow him to make a statement. He said the Engineer would be here this week and it was very important that some recommendation be made.

Mr Young then offered the following amendment to Col Cole's resolutions

That this Council suggest to the Government that they select a site somewhere either on Main or Princess Anne Streets between Commerce Street and the Rail Road tracks.

Mr Mills offered as a substitute for the whole:

Resolved: that a site be recommended at some point bounded by Commerce Street on the North, Main Street on the East, Charlotte Street on South and Princess Anne Street on the West (see page 55 Nov 15, 1906)[faintly interlined]

Before the motion was entertained a motion was made by H B Lane that the Council adjourn without action which was carried.

For adjournment; Cole, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Bradley, Dannehl

Against; Mills, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

E D Cole President

W E Bradley, Clerk pro tem

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Regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Nov 15th 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, E W Mills, A M Garner, Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved after striking out Main & Princess Anne Streets in Mr Mills substitute at called meeting Nov 5, 1906 locating site for Federal Building.

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

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

To the President and Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va Nov 15, 1906

The Police of Fredericksburg have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Mills, the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid.

Col Cole presented bills for election officers for

services holding Congressional Election Nov 6, 1906

\$50.00

on motion the same was ordered paid

Col Cole presented bill of the Star & Free Lance Publishing Co for 1000 envelopes

\$1.75

On motion the bill was ordered paid.

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee reported that his committee in obedience to instruction of this Council by resolution Oct 18th 1906 had visited Washington DC and urged upon the Quartermaster's Department a sixty foot Boulevard, forty foot road bed and five foot granolithic pavement four foot parking and curbing. The side walks and curbing to be done first and the surplus funds expended in permanently improving the road bed as far as it would go.

The Department thinks that the appropriation is not sufficient to carry out the wishes of the Council, but agreed to advertise for two bids on the Boulevard work, one as designed by the Government and one as desired by the City Council.

Mr Warden of the Police Committee presented bill for 4 pairs pants for Police Officers dated Aug 15, 1906 for \$26.00

On motion of Mr Bradley the Committee were ordered to pay the bill.

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Mr Warden Chairman of Police Committee reported the following
Specifications for Police Uniforms

Cloth to be all wool, Indigo die, dark blue, 22oz uniform cloth. Linings to be all wool serge. Garments, silk sewed throughout. Coat cut with or without lapels as preferred. All canvasser to be cold water shrunk. Button holes in coat and vest hand made. Pocket in pants to be extra heavy material. Samples of goods and linings to be submitted to be tested by wool and color tests.

To the President and members of the Common Council:

In the matter of supplying new uniforms to the Police men your Committee reports:

All of the tailors in the City were asked to submit bids for uniforms made in accordance with the attached specifications. The following list gives the names of those who submitted bids, excepting that of H Falk, he having failed to submit a bid for uniforms made of 22 oz cloth goods

James T Layton	per suit	\$28.00
B Goldsmith & Son	per suit	\$26.50
B Goldsmith & Son	per suit	\$20.00
Larkin & Rodgers	per suit	\$22.00
H L Lappen	per suit	\$21.00
Hoffman & Mankowitz	per suit	\$23.00

The samples of the goods submitted by Messrs Goldsmith & Son of the goods to be used in making the suits costing \$26.50 was the only one that stood the acid test, consequently they contract has been awarded to them at \$26.50 per suit, with the possibility of one or more of the suits costing somewhat more as an extra charge will be made for suits measuring more than 42" chest, 42" waist and 34" inseams at the rate of 50 cents per inch.

Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl (Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received.

Mr Warden of the Police Committee reported the following

To the President and members of the Common Council

Your Committee, in considering the proposed amendment to Section 2, Chapter 8 of the general ordinances, increasing the number of the regular police officers from four to six, secured through the Mayor and the Chief of Police the accompanying letters, the data in which has been incorporated in the table following. This table gives the names, population, area in square miles, number of policemen per square mile, and the number of policemen per thousand population in twelve town and cities, together with the like data from our own City.

After carefully considering this data your Committee is of the opinion that the proposed increase is advisable.

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	Population	No of Policeman	area Sq Mile	Police pr Sq mile	Police pr 1000 peo
Richmond, Va	100,000	100	6	16-2/3	1.
Savannah, Ga	54,244	97			1.79
Nashville, Tenn	80,865	103			1.27
Atlanta, Ga	89,872	223			2.47
Manchester, Va	12,000	6	1.125	5-1/3	.50
Charlottesville, Va	8,449	11			1.70
Portsmouth, Va	20,000	20	1	20	1.
Winchester, Va	7,500	4			.53
Staunton, Va	10,000	7	1.3125	5-1/3	.70
Petersburg, Va	25,000	25	2.5	10	1.
Alexandria, Va	19,000	18	1	18	.94
Bristol, Va	9,000	6	2	3	.66
Fredericksburg, Va	7,000	4	1.2	3-1/3	.57
Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl					

Om motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and action deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Warden of School Committee reported progress on the plans new Public School Building

Mr Warden asked if any change had been made in the specifications n work on Mary Washington Avenue and proceeded to show by catalogues that the Steam Roller on its way to the Washington Avenue was not up to the requirements of the specifications.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee stated that the work was being done according to plans and specifications adopted by this Council and would have to be done by them, or no money would be paid by his Committee for the work.

Mr Bradley presented the following petition
To the Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Sirs: The undersigned tax payers and property holders on George Street in the City of Fredericksburg, respectfully request the Common Council to have paved the north sidewalk on George Street from Princess Anne St to the Park, upon the same terms that the East side of Washington Avenue is being paved which was ordered by your honorable body recently upon a petition of the property holders adjacent thereto. The undersigned petitioners in support of this request state that the side-walk referred to reach from the public buildings of the City to the Park and at times portions of it are almost impassable.

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Respectfully submitted, J Stansbury Wallace Pres National Bank, P V D Conway, C E Tackett, Mrs B K Crismond and W J Chewning

Mr Mills moved, which was seconded by Mr Warden that the petition be received and filed, which was carried.

Mr Dannehl moved that the fees and Court expenses incurred by officer Hall in the suit of Henshaw at Spotsylvania C H be paid by this Council.

On motion of Mr Bradley the matter was referred to the Finance Committee to confer with the City Attorney and report back.

On motion of Mr Dannehl all unfinished business was deferred
Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole brought the attention of the Council to the bad condition of the sidewalk on the west side of Princess Anne Street between Commerce and Amelia Streets. He said it required immediate attention. A discussion of the Ordinance as to the responsibility of abutting property holders ensued when a motion prevailed that the Ordinance Committee take the matter up with the City Attorney, to frame an Ordinance that will cover all points and give the Street Committee necessary authority to do such work, and charge costs to property owners, where they refuse to do necessary work.

Col Cole presented the following resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Business Men's Association.

To the Hon Mayor and City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: The following resolution as offered by C W Jones and adopted at a meeting of this Business Men's Association Nov 6th 1906, and directed to be sent to your honorable body is as follows;

Resolved: that the Businessmen and taxpayers looking to the general interest, prosperity and growth of our City and feeling the need of more light and more power, do most respectfully petition your Hon body to immediately add to the present City Electric Light Plant an "Incandescent Light" and power system, of not less than 5000 16 candle power capacity, said system to be used for both light and power and to be sold to consumers for lighting purposes at a maximum cost for lighting purposes, not to exceed 3cts per candlepower, and at a minimum cost for power as will induce the use of electricity for manufacturing and other small power (such as fans, etc). If this is done we believe the City can sell more than enough "Light" and "Power" to pay all expenses in operating said system so that your streets, alleys, and public buildings will be lighted at no cost [Page] to your City thus saving to the tax payers an annual expense of from five to seven thousand dollars, at the same time reserving to the City this very valuable asset and making this a much more durable and attractive business and residential city.

To this appeal we herewith append a most conservative estimate of the sort of erection, maintenance, and probable income of said plant, and respectfully urge your careful consideration and prompt action.

Respectfully J Garnett King, Sec.

Original cost of City Electric Light Plant	\$18,000.00
Depreciation of present plant for 6 years 5%	\$5,400.00
	\$12,600.00

Estimated cost of installing 5000- 16 candlepower Incandescent systems, said dynamo for pump house	\$12,000.00
	\$24,600.00

Estimated receipts and savings	
100 arc lights for lighting streets	\$5,500.00
Sale of 3000 incandescent light @25¢	\$9,000.00
Power pr 100 fans for 3 months each year @\$3.00	900.00
Power for pump house (a saving)	500.00
Sale of power for other small machinery for day use	300.00
	\$16,200.00

Disbursements	
Interest on (\$24,600.00) at 4%	984.00
Depreciation 5%	\$1,230.00
Salary of Superintendent	900.00
Salary of 1 st Assistant	600.00

Salary of 2 nd Assistant	500.00	
Salary of 3 rd Assistant	400.00	
Use of 200 Horse power @ \$9.00 per HP pr Amp	1,800.00	
Sinking fund 2% (on \$24,600.00)	492.00	
Supplies	900.00	
Incidental expenses	400.00	
		\$8,206.00
		\$7,994.00

Messrs Cole, Bradley, Warden, Mills, spoke to the petition. Whereupon Mr Bradley offered a resolution That the petition from the Business Men's Association in regard to the erection of an incandescent Light System be referred to the Light and Finance Committees for immediate consideration for procuring an estimate of the probable cost and devise ways and means of constructing the same, and report to the Council for consideration of erecting said plant which was adopted.

The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice at the request of the Light Committee in the Council Chamber, Nov 21st 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM

Members present, Pres E D Cole, V Pres H Dannehl, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, Henry Warden, E M Young Jr

Col Cole President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called by the Light Committee to consider the resignation of E M Green Superintendent

Mr Young, Chairman of the Light Committee stated that his committee had received on yesterday the resignation of E M Green superintendent of the Electric Light Plant and deemed it wise to call the Council together and lay the matter before them. Mr Young handed the resignation of Mr E M Green Supt to the Clerk who read the same as follows:

To the Lighting Committee, Mr E M Young Chairman Nov 20, 1906

Dear Sir: Please accept my resignation as Supt of City Electric Light Plant, to take effect Nov 25th 1906, or earlier if possible. This action on my part is not due to any dissatisfaction with you or members of the Council. Am making the change on account of difference in salary. I appreciate and thank you and all, for the courtesies which you have shown me. If at any time I can render any service, it will be my pleasure to do so.

Again, thanking you, I am

Yours very respectfully,

E M Green

A second communication was read by the Clerk

To the Light Committee, Mr E M Young, Chairman

Dear Sir: Since tendering to you my resignation I have decided to make you're the following proposition. My salary to be (\$1,000.00) per year, commencing from Dec 1st 1906. Should the City install an incandescent Plant my salary to be (\$1,200.00) per year.

Yours very respectfully,

E M Green

V President Dannehl in the Chair

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Mr Bradley offered the following resolution seconded by Mr Rowe and adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young (10 votes)

Noes none

Resolved that the two letters presented by Mr Young, Chairman of the Light Committee as to the resignation of E M Green Superintendent of the Electric Plant and increase in salary be referred back to the Light Committee with the request that they bring in a recommendation to this Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Nov 22nd 1906 at 5 o'clock PM with the following members present

Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young

Col Cole President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called by the Street Committee

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported that the roller brought here to be used on the improvements on Washington Avenue, it was claimed by Mr Warden was not a ten ton roller as the specifications called for. That Mr Myer that engineer was in town and his Committee thought it wise to bring the matter before the Council, that Mr Myers was present and he desires the Council to hear him. Mr Myers said he had seen the roller for the first time today, but had not had it weighed. He thought if it was not heavy enough it could be weighted with pig iron and made all right, but as engineer he would see that it was up to the specification. Mr Myers was excused as he wanted to catch the train to Richmond. After some discussion on motion of Mr Young the Council adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held Wednesday Nov 28th 1906 at 4 o'clock PM pursuant to notice with the following members present

Pres E D Cole, V Pres H Dannehl, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, Henry Warden, J W Masters (eight members (8))

Col Cole President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of Mr H Warden & Mr J W Masters to consider the using of a roller on the Washington Avenue work, which Mr Warden contends is not up to the requirements of the specifications for said work.

Mr Warden offered the following resolution seconded by J W Masters

Whereas the Engineer in charge of the Washington Avenue Street Improvement, Mr E T D Myers Jr has accepted and allowed to be used a roller that does not comply with the specifications;

There be it resolved: that the said Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to discontinue the use of said roller and to require the contractor to supply and use a roller of the weight specified and of the type universally used on such work.

Mr Warden spoke in advocacy of his resolution, said it might be contended that this type of roller could be used if it came up to the necessary weight, that if this contention was sustained the specifications had been very loosely drawn but he did believe such contention would be sustained.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee said the roller had not been accepted or used on the work that it would not be until it was made to weigh ten tons. He read a letter from engineer Myers to Sup C L Kalmbach instructing him not to allow the roller to be put on the work until it was loaded to the required weight.

Mr Dannehl was opposed to the resolution but positively in favor of a first class job, and a roller of ten tons capacity, satisfactory to the Engineers being used on said work. He said it would be a direct rebuke to Engineer Myers, who was not present, who had charge of the work—who had written Supt Kalmbach not to use the roller until it weighed ten tons and who stated at a previous called meeting of this Council that it would not be allowed on the work until it did.

Mr Bradley said it would have been much more to the point if Mr Warden had brought in a resolution asking for Engineer Myers resignation and test the sentiment [Page 63] of the Council in the matter, that Engineer Myers had done all that could be expected and thrown every safeguard around the work. He elicited from Mr Warden the statement that if this make of roller when sent out by the Manufacturer had been ten ton capacity, he would not have been willing to accept it, because he did not think it would give results, and did not think it suitable for the proposed work and also a statement that the roller now here will produce a pressure of 289 pounds to the square inch, against a pressure of 266 pounds to the square inch with the ten ton roller—23 pounds in favor of the one now here.

The resolution was lost by this vote:

Ayes, Warden, Masters (2)

Noes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Cole (6)

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber, Dec 20th 1906 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present, E D Cole Pres, H Dannehl, V P, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, H Warden, E M Young, Jr
President E D Cole in the Chair

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

H Dannehl, V Pres in the Chair

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's monthly report

To the Hon Pres and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Dec 20th 1906

The Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

Col Cole also presented the bill of Dr J N Barney Health officer expense using oil \$4.60

By order of W L Watson of Health Committee. On motion ordered paid

Col Cole also presented bills of Free Lance & Star

To notice of Cannon crackers (Mayor)	\$1.50
To notices renting hay scales (Collector)	\$1.25
To notice election tickets (electoral board)	\$4.00
On motion paid	\$6.75

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill of the City Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh
 To professional services since Nov 15th 1906 to Nov 15, 1906 \$350.00
 On motion ordered paid

Col Cole of Finance Committee presented five one thousand dollar Water and Gas bonds, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, bearing date Sept 1, 1905, and paid by R T Knox Treasurer Nov 1st 1906; and asked that the Council instruct the Finance Committee to receipt to Treasurer R T Knox for said bonds and that the Council destroy said bonds by burning same.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Young

Resolved that the Finance Committee of the City Council receipt to the City Treasurer, R T Knox, for five one thousand dollar Water and Gas Bonds, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 respectively each of said five bonds being issues and bearing date on the 1st day of September 1905 and

Resolved secondly that said five one thousand dollar bonds be destroyed at once in the presence of the Council. Unanimously adopted.

The V President appointed E M Young and W E Bradley to destroy the bonds.

Mr Bradley reported that they had examined and burned the five one thousand dollar Water and Gas bonds Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 respectively each of said five bonds being issued and bearing date on the 1st day of Sept 1905.

Report received and Committee discharged

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that of the \$119,400.00 of 7% bonds, two bonds, one for \$500.00 and one for \$100.00 had not been presented and that \$600.00 was lying idle in the National Bank bearing no interest to redeem said bonds. That through the efforts of Mr Lane the bonds had been traced to one family.

Mr Young moved and it was adopted unanimously that the Finance Committee be instructed to deposit \$600.00 in some good National Bank, paying 3% or more on deposits.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported on the resolution of Mr Dannehl of Nov 15, 1906, W R Hall's expenses Henshaw suit at Spotsylvania Court House, referred to his Committee and the City Attorney as follows

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Col E D Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee Fredericksburg Va Dec 20, 1906

Dear Sir: In pursuance of the resolution of the City Council in relation to the expenses incurred by W R Hall of the City Police in defending a suit for damages brought by "Henshaw" against him in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania, which has been referred to me, for my opinion, as to whether there is any legal obligation on the City to pay said expenses, for the relief of said Hall. I hereby beg leave to state that there is no legal obligation on the City to relieve said Officer by paying said expenses. The officer was acquitted by a most intelligent jury, of all blame in connection with the arrest of "Henshaw" and their verdict established the fact that the arrest was made strictly within the line of the officer's duty. But whilst this constitutes a complete vindication of the Officer, it does not furnish any sufficient ground for the City

assuming the obligation to relieve the officer of the expense attending his vindication and might establish a dangerous precedent causing officers to be less careful in the discharge of their duties and rendering parties thinking themselves aggrieved by the actions of officers more inclined to bring suit when the City appears to be the real, and the officer only the nominal defendant.

Respectfully, St Geo R Fitzhugh, Atty

On motion of Mr Bradley, the report was received and ordered filed.

E D Cole President in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported progress in the Washington Avenue improvement and also stated to the Council that time in which to complete the work had expired on Dec 10th and wished the Council to instruct the Street Committee about extension of time.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the question of time was referred to the Street Committee with power to act

E M Young, Chairman Light Committee reported on the resignation and increase of salary of E M Green Superintendent of Electric Light Plant referred to his Committee Nov 21, 1906 for recommendation.

That E M Green Supt of Electric Light Plant had withdrawn both of his papers and was now in the same position as superintendent at the same salary as formerly.

Mr Young also reported that the Kenmore Shoe Co. one of the largest gas customers had a small pipe which did not furnish enough gas for them. His Committee had a plan which they would submit at next meeting of Council

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Mr Dannehl moved, seconded by Mr Masters that the Council postpone the election of Superintendent of Water and Supt of Gas until next meeting.

Mr Rowe moved, which was seconded that the Council go into election of Supt of Water and Supt of Gas. Vote was taken on Mr Rowe's amendment and lost.

Vote was taken on Mr Dannehl's motion and lost.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented and read an ordinance on hogs running at large in the Streets and the same was laid over until next meeting of the Council.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee asked for an appropriation to the Street Committee of (\$250.00)

On motion of Mr Young the sum of \$250.00 was appropriated to the Street Committee by unanimous vote

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk