

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1908

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber January 16th 1908 at 7:30 PM with the following members present; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved

H Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

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

Fredericksburg Va January 16th 1908

To the Hon Common Council

Gentlemen: Your Police Officers have faithfully performed 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 presented bill of Dr J N Barney, Health Officer:

Corporation of Fredericksburg Va

To Dr J N Barney Dr

1907 Apr 17 to 1 Bbl Lime \$1.00; ½ bu Lime 40¢; brushes 90¢	\$2.30
1907 Jul 18 to ½bu Lime	\$.35
1907 Jul 25 to 1½bu Lime	\$1.05
Apr 17 to labor	\$1.50
Jul 18 to labor	\$.50
Jul 25 to labor	\$.75
	\$6.45

On motion of Mr Bradley the bill of Dr J N Barney, Health Officer of (\$6.45) was ordered paid

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr J P Rowe of the Street Committee asked for a special appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Street Committee

On motion of Mr Young the sum of one thousand dollars was appropriated to the Street Committee by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Rowe, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole (7 votes)

Nos, Bradley (1 vote)

Mr Somerville moved, seconded by Mr Young that the Clerk of this Council notify the Mayor of the City to carry out the Ordinance with regard to cellar doors along the side walks.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Young of the Light Committee reported that the new wheels for the Electric Plant had arrived and would be put in just as soon as possible, his Committee expected to furnish light during the time [Page 204] that if his Committee were not successful we would be without street lights for a short period, but he hoped this would not be necessary.

Mr Young, Chairman of Light Committee presented the following estimate of the probable cost of extending gas mains along the Boulevard and the two streets crossing it.

January 15, 1908

Dear Sir: Below is an estimate of labor and material needed to put in Gas Mains along the Boulevard, and the two streets crossing it.

175 lengths 4" pipe weight 18 lbs per foot @ \$26.00 per ton	\$494.00
210 lengths 6" pipe weight 28 lbs per foot @ \$25.50 per ton	\$900.00
Specials (fittings)	\$25.00
Yarn	\$25.00
Cement	\$30.00
Pipe for services including curb cost and stop boxes	\$365.00
Labor including trenching, back filling, laying pipe etc	\$675.00
Meters, connections etc	\$400.00
	\$2,914.00

Respectfully submitted B F Bullock, Supt

The Light Committee, Mr Young, said recommended that the above work be done at once, as the people were demanding the Gas, and it would be as wise expenditure of money in the part of the City, as it would pay a handsome revenue in return.

Mr Dannehl Vice President in the Chair

Mr Bradley moved, seconded by Mr Garner, that the gas Committee be instructed to go ahead and do the work at the estimated cost of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)

Adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young and Cole

Col E D Cole in the Chair

Col Cole of the Water Committee, in the absence of Chairman Lane, who was detained at home by sickness, stated his Committee had not closed up Hunter's Foundry Pump or well as ordered: that he understood a largely signed petition had been prepared asking that it be kept open; that if it was closed it would be a great hardship to the people in that section of the City, and he expected the petition was in the hands of Mr Bradley and would come up later. Mr Bradley stated this petition was prepared and he expected to have it ready for presentation, but for some reason it had not given him; that in his opinion no injury was being done by the delay, and it would be brought up later.

Cole Cole, by request, presented an ordinance which he stated was from the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co, asking for a Franchise to furnish Electricity in the shape of Power and Lighting in Fredericksburg Va

On motion of Mr Somerville referred to the Ordinance Committee

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Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee said his Committee was not ready to report on the Ordinance in regard to a Franchise for the Fredericksburg Power Company, referred to his Committee at last meeting of the Council. That due notice will be given for a hearing to those making application, and those who wanted their interests protected.

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee said that the question of a Normal School was now before the Legislature and Fredericksburg ought to have it, and he believed could get it by limited[?] effort.

On motion of Mr Young it was resolved that the Public Interest Interests Committee be instructed to add to its Committee such members of this Council and Citizens as they shall deem wise and immediately take up the question of location of Normal School with our representatives in the General Assembly.

Mr Somerville, of Schools, submitted the following report:

Your Committee consisting of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property beg leave to state that they have met from time to time, and carefully considered the matters entrusted to them viz; the selecting of a site for the new school building, securing plans and specifications and ascertaining probable cost of same, together with ways and means of securing funds for constructing said building, and that at a meeting held on January 9, 1908, at which meeting we invited the City Attorney, the Superintendent of Public Schools and the Chairman of the Finance Committee to be present we unanimously adopted the following recommendations:

1st That the present site of the Public school is recommended to the Council as the site of the New School Building.

2nd that when Mr Heflin prepares plans and specifications for what he designates a (\$30,000.00) building with 16 rooms that the Committee report to the City Council the plans and specifications for said building and the plans and specifications for an 18 room building estimated to cost (\$35,000.00) and that the Committee recommend to the Council to adopt the building estimated to cost (\$30,000.000)

3rd That the City Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Act empowering the City to issue (\$15,000.00) worth of bonds bearing 4% interest for the erection of a Public School Building and to place same in the hands of the Delegate and Senator to have the same enacted by the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Henry Warden, W E Bradley, A M Garner, Henry Dannehl (Joint Committee on School Building)

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Mr Bradley asked that the report lay over until next meeting of the Council, when Mr Heflin will have his plans and specifications complete. And also presented the following which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the City Council authorize the City Attorney to prepare an Act empowering the City to issue (\$15,000.00) fifteen thousand dollars worth of 10—30 year bonds bearing 4% interest for the erecting of a Public School Building and to place the same in the hands of our delegate, Hon C O’Conor Goolrick, and Senator F W Sims to have same enacted by the Legislature.

On motion of Mr Mills, it was resolved that the plans for the School Building be ready for inspection by members of the City Council at least one week before next meeting and that said plans be given to Clerk of Council in order that members may inspect same.

Mr Bradley offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved that Hon C O’Conor Goolrick be requested to lay the Bill, which it is reported he has offered in the House of Delegates in relation to Police Justice of Fredericksburg, Va before the City Council for its consideration before pressing the same, and that the Clerk of this Council send to said Hon C O’Conor Goolrick a copy of this resolution.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, it was resolved that the Public Interests Committee consult with the City Attorney and ascertain what Legislation, if any, is necessary to annex adjacent territory to the City.

Col Cole presented a telegram from Senator F W Sims that Wednesday, Jan 22nd had been selected as the day for the hearing of the Bill to repeal the Statute of Paralleling the R F & P R R before the Committee in Richmond.

On motion of Mr Young, the Public Interests Committee was empowered to go to Richmond Va add members to its Committee and work for the repeal of the Statute paralleling the R F & P R R.

On motion of Mr Mills, the Water Committee was requested to bring in an estimate of cost of boring or driving a well at or near Hunter’s Foundry and report to the Council.

On motion the Council then 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 January 28, 1908 at 3 o'clock PM with the following members present; Cole Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk
Col E D Cole, President in the Chair
Col Cole stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Light Committee

Mr Young of the Light Committee presented the resignation of E M Green, Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant with the recommendation of his Committee that the resignation of Supt E M Green be accepted and that Mr W K Howard be elected to fill the place for the unexpired term, and that the salary be increased to twelve hundred dollars.

The Clerk read the following letter from E M Green, former Superintendent Jan'y 28, 1908.
Gentlemen: Upon the request of Mr E M Young I placed in his hands my resignation as Supt of the City Electric Light Plant. Since then I have reconsidered the matter, and ask you Gentlemen not to accept same. It is my wish to serve my unexpired term, which expires Sep 1st 1908 and guarantee to give perfect satisfaction in every respect. I acknowledge that I have been at fault in some respects but ask for the opportunity to remedy the same.
Respectfully, E M Green, Supt E L Plant.

Mr Masters moved to accept the resignation of E M Green.
Mr Dannehl moved to postpone action for 30 day, no second. Recorded vote on motion of Mr Masters to accept E M Green's resignation was as follows:
Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Lane, Garner, Masters, Somerville, Young, Cole
Nos, Dannehl

Mr Bradley moved to go into the election of Supt of the Electric Light Plant, carried.
Mr Young moved, which was seconded, that the salary of the Supt of Electric Light Plant be fixed at the rate of (\$1,200.00) per year for the unexpired term. Carried by the following recorded vote.
Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Lane, Garner, Masters, Somerville, Young, Cole
Nos, Dannehl

There were four applications for the office of Superintendent of Electric Light Plant; W Key Howard, E M Green, Earnest Minor, Albert Bauman. Vote was taken and W. Key Howard received all the votes and was declared elected.
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On motion the rules were suspended
Mr J P Rowe was excused
Mr H Dannehl in the Chair

J W Masters, of the Public Interests Committee stated that E W Mills, Chairman was sick. That he had in obedience to instructions of the Council appointed other members to the Committee on location of the Normal School and that said Committee would proceed to Richmond this evening and appear before the Legislative Committee and do all they could to secure it for Fredericksburg Va and wished

to know if the City Council wished to authorize the Committee to offer inducements in the way of site and grounds.

Whereupon Col Cole offered the following resolution which was adopted. Mr Somerville voting no. Resolved: by the City Council that the Committee heretofore appointed in relation to the location of the State Female Normal School at Fredericksburg, Va be and the same is hereby authorized and empowered to communicate with the Committee of the General Assembly having the proposed Normal School in charge and to state to the Committee that the Council stands ready to donate a suitable site for said Normal School, with ample ground for all purposes of said school, and the Industrial training department to be connected therewith, and that said Committee invite said Committee of the Legislature to visit Fredericksburg, Va and to indicate what site, in or near the Corporate Limits of said City, would in the judgment of the said Committee be adequate for said Normal School and upon the report of the selection made, the Council will take appropriate action with a view to securing the same.

On motion the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Called meeting of the Common Council was held on Thursday January 30, 1908 at 3 PM in the Council Chamber with the following members present; Cole Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk
President E D Cole in the Chair
The President stated that the Council had been called to take suitable actions on the death of Mr E W Mills.

Mr A M Garner offered the following, which on motion of Mr Bradley was unanimously adopted. The sad fact "that in the midst of life we are in death" was forcibly illustrated on Wednesday morning last, in the sudden death of Mr Edgar W Mills, for six years an active and honored member of this body. Even before the fact of his illness was generally known in the community, the startling intelligence of his death was announced, which carried with it sadness to every heart.

He was in the full enjoyment of health only a few days ago, but suddenly he dies in the prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness. In this premature death we are impressively reminded of the withering of the fruit before it is ripe, the blighting of the golden grain ere it matures, even the going down of the sun while yet it is noon, therefore be it:

Resolved: 1st That in the untimely death of Mr E W Mills, this body has lost a valued member whose faithful services and energetic labors have resulted in lasting benefit to this community, and the City mourns. The early departure of a generous public spirited Citizen whose zeal and energy have been exerted for its growth and prosperity.

Resolved 2nd That in respect to the memory of our deceased colleague, it is ordered that this Council Chamber be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days, and that this Council attend the funeral services in a body.

On motion the Council then adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held Thursday February 20th 1908 pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber at 7:30 PM with the following members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B

Lane, A M Garner, H Dannehl, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President had the roll called, when it was stated that a vacancy existed in the Council from the Upper Ward caused by the death of Councilman E W Mills.

Mr Lane moved to go into the election of a Councilman to fill the unexpired term of the late E W Mills from Upper Ward, which motion was unanimously carried.

Mr Somerville placed in nomination Clarence R Howard; Mr Bradley placed in nomination Joseph M Goldsmith

The vote was taken, Joseph M Goldsmith received (5 votes)

Clarence R Howard received (4 votes)

Joseph M Goldsmith was declared elected Councilman from the Upper Ward to fill the unexpired term of E W Mills. His election carries with it Committee assignments of Mr Mills. The President requested Officer Tansill to notify Mr J M Goldsmith of his election and bring him into the Council Chamber. J P Rowe came in & took his seat.

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

Officer Tansill reported that Mr Joseph M Goldsmith the newly elected member was present. Whereupon Mr J M Goldsmith appeared at the Clerk's desk and duly qualified by taking and subscribing to the usual Oath of Office before S E Eastburn, Justice of the Peace.

H Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report
Feb'y 20, 1908

To the Pres & Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The Police Officers of Fredericksburg, Va have performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of J P Rowe, the Mayor's Report was received and the salaries of the Police officers were ordered paid.

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

The Free Lance-Star Pub Co

To 100 bills	Rent of Hay Scales	\$1.50
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To 500 note heads		\$1.50
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Approved by A P Rowe, Collector		\$3.00
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To pub Cannon Cracker Ordinance		\$2.00
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Approved by T P Wallace, Mayor

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Property Tax and License Tax Ordinance for 1908-1909 and supplied each member of the Council with a copy.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee presented the following
Fredericksburg Va 2-20-1908

To the Honorable City Council

Gentlemen: For many years I have attended to the winding up of the City Clock in the Spire of the St Georges Episcopal Church, giving it proper attention three times each week, which it requires owning to its (short winding arrangement) for the sum of forty dollars (\$40.00) per annum. I feel that the services rendered are worth more than the sum received, and respectfully ask your honorable body for an increase of pay, for said service, say (\$75.00) per annum or (\$18.75) per quarter. This amount will be satisfactory, and is not more than moderate compensation for the time required and the labor performed.

Very respectfully, Andrew Murray.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the communication about winding of City Clock was referred to the Public Property Committee with full power to act.

Mr Young, Chairman of the Light Committee reported that in obedience to a resolution of this Council bearing date Jan'y 16th 1908 instructing the Gas Committee to go ahead and do the work of laying gas mains along the Boulevard and the two streets crossing it at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00, his Committee had purchased the pipe and the same was being placed along the line of the proposed work. He asked that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated to the Gas Committee to pay for this work.

Mr Bradley moved that the sum of (\$3,000.00) be appropriated to the Gas Committee, as a special fund, and that so much of it as may be necessary be expended for Gas Mains on Boulevard and two cross Streets. Adopted by recorded vote; Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young

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Mr Young of the Light Committee reported that the new wheels for the City Electric Light Plant were in place and his committee expected to have it running by Monday. That the light were being run from the Woolen Mill Power.

J W Masters of the Public Interests Committee presented the following:

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

The undersigned, as the administrator of E W Mills, dec'd, formerly a member of the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg and former chairman of the Public Interests Committee respectfully begs leave to report that Mr Mills died on the 29th day of January 1908, after an illness of about three days. Prior to his death, and at a preceding meeting of the City Council upon a receipt of a telegram from Judge Sims, representing this District in the Senate of Virginia, in reference to the Bill then pending before the General Assembly and having for its purpose the repeal of the law which prohibited the paralleling of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail Road, the Council passed a resolution authorizing the Public Interests Committee at its discretion to add to its number from the Citizens of its town and directed said Committee to go to Richmond Va and to use its utmost aid in the passage of the said bill. The Public Interest Committee did add to its number the following Gentlemen:

E M Young Jr	S W Somerville	W E Bradley
M B Rowe	C W Jones	E J Smith
A P Rowe	A R Howard	W D Carter
W W Butzner	R H L Chichester	C R Howard

The said entire Committee with additions did go to Richmond and individually and collectively did work for the passage of the said Bill, and the writer, who was in Richmond at the time and working for the success of the said measure begs leave here to report that every member of the said Committee did most cheerful and effective work in the aid of the passage of said bill, both by interviews with members of the General Assembly and by the interviews with members of prominence, whose efforts the Committee bespoke on behalf of the bill, and also by several members of the Committee making

public addresses before the Joint Committees of the Senate and House on Roads and Internal Navigation .

The whole of the said Committee was in Richmond on one visit and a portion of the Committee was there on two subsequent occasions, each time working in aid of the bill, and the undersigned begs leave to report that the bill passed the Senate of Virginia by the unprecedented vote of thirty-five to two, and later passed the House of Delegates by a like large vote of eighty-seven to eight, and has been approved by the Governor of Virginia, and is now written in the Laws of this Commonwealth.

What the influence of this measure may be, the future alone can [Page 213] determine but the Committee thought that its influence would be largely beneficial to this City and Section and were correspondingly enthusiastic in advocacy of the measure.

The undersigned further reports that found in the vest pocket of Mr Mills after his death was a memorandum book stating the amount of expenditure made by him on behalf of his Richmond trips and Mr Mills requested members of the Committee to keep an account of their several expenditures individually made.

The amount expended by Mr Mills as shown by said book is (\$46.90) and the several individual expenditures have been reported by the members of the Committee to Col E D Cole, President of your body.

Respectfully, Alvin T Embrey, Admr of E W Mills, deceased.

Col Cole then presented the following list and bill of expenses of the Committee

E W Mills	\$46.90
J W Masters	\$3.35
E M Young	\$8.71
S W Somerville	\$3.90
W E Bradley	\$4.50
M B Rowe	\$5.00
C W Jones	\$12.00
E J Smith	\$8.00
A P Rowe	\$6.50
A R Howard, W D Carter, W W Butzner,	\$71.66
C R Howard	\$12.00
Judge R H L Chichester	\$10.50
	\$193.02

Mr J P Rowe moved and it was unanimously adopted that the expenses of the Public Interests Committee to Richmond in connection with the repeal of the law prohibiting the paralleling of the R F & P R R be paid.

Mr J W Masters, of the Public Interests Committee reported on the resolution of this Council bearing date January 16, 1908 instructing his Committee to add to its number and take up the question of securing the Normal School for Fredericksburg Va with the following bill of expenses to Richmond

J W Masters	\$4.90
H Dannehl	\$4.50
E D Cole	\$3.25
W E Bradley	\$6.65
A P Rowe	\$4.50
B P Willis	\$4.95
Capt T McCracken	\$4.95
Judge Chichester	\$6.55
G R Swift	\$5.50
	\$45.40

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Masters of Public Interests Committee presented the following bills which on motion of Mr Somerville were ordered paid:

Miss S C Whitehouse	Type writing and copying	\$1.05
Free Lance & Star Pub Co	to job 200 pamphlets Normal School, del in Richmond	\$20.00

Mr J W Masters of the Public Interests Committee had read a letter from the War Department at Washington addressed to A P Rowe, with an accompanying letter from Mr A P Rowe in regard to a detailed report of Tonnage etc, for the Rappahannock River for year 1907-1908.

On motion of Mr Bradley the matter was referred to the Public Interests Committee with power to act.

Mr Masters of Public Interests committee asked that some prompt action be taken as to the proposed Public Building.

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, who was present, said he had been in communication with the legal department of the government, which had charge of the examination of titles of property acquired by the government and he thought it would be arranged in a short time and the money paid of the site.

Mr Warden of the Health Committee reported that his Committee had been under extraordinary expense and asked for an additional appropriation of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Which on motion of Mr Young was allowed his committee by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Goldsmith, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young.

Mr Somerville, of Joint Committee on School Building called up the report of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property viz; the new Public School Building, which was presented at last meeting and laid over to be taken up at next meeting. He reported that his Committee were unanimous on the Old Site, and for a building the estimated cost of which is \$30,000.00; that the Finance part of the report had been arranged, asking the Legislature for authority to issue (\$15,000.00) worth of 4% Bonds and that the other two recommendations were before the Council.

Mr J P Rowe moved the old school site be adopted according to the recommendations of the Joint Committee.

Mr A M Garner, presented and had the Clerk read a long petition with 206 names to it; asking that some other site be selected.

Mr Bradley asked the City Attorney how long it would take [Page 215] to get the right from the Legislature to put the School Building in the Park

Mr Fitzhugh did not think it possible unless there was an extra session of the Legislature, and then there was some opposition to the Park, and the bill might be held up.

Mr Young was very much opposed to locating the building on present site.

Mr Masters was opposed to present site and would vote for it only under protest.

A communication was presented from the School Board by Col Cole.

To Hon City Council of Fredericksburg Va

The undersigned members of Fredericksburg City School Board beg leave to call the attention of the council to the urgent necessity for a new school building for the accommodation of the white Public School of Fredericksburg for the next ensuing session of Schools.

This matter has been pending for a long time, and while we believe that the Council has been doing, and is now doing all in its power towards giving the Schools this building, yet we feel it our duty to lay

this matter again before the Council and to show our willingness to cooperate with the Council, so far as we can, by agreeing to discontinue the Schools at the Union House on May 1st 1908 in order to give the necessary time for the erection of said building, and we will undertake to provide for said schools during those two warm months, when fire will not be needed, provided we have the assurance that said building will be ready for occupancy by Oct first 1908.

In other words, we will do anything in reason to secure this much desired school building with as little delay as possible. It is not necessary for use to refer, except in passing to the dark, ill-ventilated and crowded school rooms in which we have enrolled 527 white children up to Feb'y 1st 1908 this session, and we recognize the growing necessity for larger quarters in which to accommodate the schools of next session, and therefore present for your consideration the pressing necessity for immediate action in the premises.

Respectfully, A B Bowering, J R Rawlings, W L Brannan, Isaac Hirsh, Geo Freeman Jr, W H Hurkamp, B P Willis, Supt of Schools, S J Quinn Clerk

Superintendent B P Willis was heard and implored the Council not to delay action on Public School Building. Col Cole and Mr Dannehl also urged prompt action.

A vote was taken on Mr Rowe's motion to adopt the recommendation of the Joint Committee to use the present site, Main Street.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Dannehl, Warden, Masters, Somerville, Young (10 votes)

Nos, Garner (1 vote)

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Mr Young offered this resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved by the Council that the plans and specifications presented by the Joint Committee for a new Public School Building at an estimated cost of (\$30,000.00) be referred back to said Committee with instructions to make such modifications as to details and as to the Supervision of the work of constructing said School Building as said Joint Committee shall deem proper. And when said modifications are made, said Joint Committee shall advertise for bids for construction of said School building, reserving the right to the Council to reject any and all bids.

Recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Goldsmith, Dannehl, Warden, Masters, Somerville, Young (11 votes)

Mr Masters of Fire Department reported that his Committee by order of this Council Nov 21, 1907, had purchased rubber coats and gum boots for the firemen at a cost of \$96.75 and \$15.00 for painting reels, etc; He said his appropriation was exhausted and asked for \$50.00.

On motion the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the Committee on Fire Department.

Mr Bradley presented a petition, signed by nearly every family in the neighborhood of the Hunter's Foundry pump asking that the pump near the building be kept open. He asked for a stay of action of the order of the City Council (of Dec 19, 1907) to close up same, and that the pump be taken charge of by the Water Committee and all necessary sanitary arrangements be made in its surroundings. Messrs Cole, Young & Masters advocated the granting of the petition.

Messr Dannehl, Warden, and Somerville stood by the Health Committee in ordering the pump closed. The resolution of Mr Bradley was passed by unanimous vote, Messrs Somerville and Warden reserving the right to have the water again analyzed, when the Water Committee had finished its work.

Mr Lane, Bradley and Somerville of History Committee reported that manuscript for the History of Fredericksburg, written by Captain S J Quinn, was in the hands of the Committee in the City Treasurer's safe and had been paid for (\$200.00).

Mr Lane said the work far exceeded his expectations. Mr Somerville said it was one of the finest works he had ever read and everyone interested in Fredericksburg would have a copy. Mr Bradley said it is a valuable work and should be printed. Col Cole spoke in advocacy of the book being published, and it was resolved that the History Committee at once take up the subject of publishing Capt Quinn's History of Fredericksburg with publishing and report as soon as practicable.

[Adjourned]

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber March 19th 1908 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present; E D Cole, H Dannehl, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr, and S E Eastburn, Clerk

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting of the Council read and approved.

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

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

Fredericksburg Va, March 19, 1908

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen: The Police officers of this City have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace Mayor

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

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bills of the Free Lance and Star Publishing Co, which on motion were paid

To job	1000 Letter Heads	Mayor	\$1.75
To job	20 Rev ordinances	Clerk	\$.75
To local add		Fin Com	\$2.00
			\$4.50

Col Cole of the Finance Committee read the Personal Property and License Tax Ordinance offered at the last meeting of the Council for the years 1908 and 1909, taking it by sections, which was adopted as a whole. The same as for 1907 & 1908, with the following amendments and additions by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Cole Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Approved by the Mayor, March 20, 1908, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor.

Section 24: Undertakers

On every undertaker (\$50.00). Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of embalming or burying the dead shall be deemed an undertaker.

Architects

Section §27. On every architect (\$25.00). The term "architect" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and an architect shall have like privilege and none other under his city license as under a State license. Not prorated.

Slot Machines

Section §46. On any slot machines, permitted by law to be licensed under section 139 of the State Tax bill, or musical slot instruments, there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00), Except automatic slot weighing machines which shall be (\$15.00). not prorated.

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Liquor License

Section §48. On every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixture thereof \$160.00. But where a person sells only malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be (\$150.00) Retail liquors including the privilege of drinking where sold (\$450.00). Retail Malt, (\$450.00).

On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits (\$100.00); and manufacturing malt liquors (\$100.00). On every rectifier (\$50.00)

Steamboats

Section §51. Raised from \$40.00 last year to \$50.00, rest of section remains the same.

Express Companies

Section §52. Raised from \$100.00 last year to \$150.00 rest of section remains the same.

Telegraph Companies

Section §53. Raised form (\$35.00) last year to \$50.00. rest of section remains the same.

Agents Canvassers, etc.

Section §56. Added to this section on each solicitor for Life Insurance for a company having no place of business in this City (\$50.00). Rest of section remains the same.

Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company, & Aid Societies

Section §87. Added: But any Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company doing business in this City, who pays the (\$50.00) License under section 56 shall not be required to pay the specific tax of (\$15.00).

Vaudeville Parlor, Moving Pictures etc

§98a. Added: on every Vaudeville Parlor, moving picture and illustrated song show and theatre (\$10.00) per month or (\$80.00) per year.

Col Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Young of the Light Committee asked for an appropriation of (\$3,000.00) for the Gas Works. He read a report from Superintendent Bullock showing extraordinary expenditure during the year of over (\$3,000.00) which had been paid out of regular appropriation and wanted this amount to make it good.

On motion of Mr Dannehl the sum of \$3,000.00 was appropriated to the Gas Committee by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

Mr Young reported the dynamo at the Electric plant was being overhauled and that it would be completed before the end of the week.

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Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported an examination of pump at Hunter's Foundry, that the Committee would have it cleaned out, that roots from Ailanthus trees had grown through between the bricks and when rotted fell into the well; That his committee did not intend to take out the roots at this time, but would wait for analysis of water after bottom of well was cleaned. (ordered changed by Council April 16, 1908, page (232)

Mr Bradley moved that the Water Committee have the whole work properly done at this time regardless of cost, unanimously adopted.

Mr Volkhart, on motion of Mr Lane, addressed the Council on the benefits accruing to the City by the use of water meters.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest Committee, reported the regular annual statement for tonnage, etc no Rappahannock River had been prepared and was ready for the representative of the U S Government.

That the deed for the site of the Public Federal Building had been returned, so as to include an addition strip of land, which had been done.

That the Boulevard was in bad condition and asked that his Committee be instructed to go to Washington and endeavor to get an additional appropriation of (\$5,000.00) to have it put in order. On motion of Mr Somerville, left with the Committee with power to act

Mr Warden of Health and Police, presented bill of Dr J N Barney, amounting to (\$450.00) for service rendered in Small Pox cases for the past sixty days at (\$7.50) per day. The Health Committee recommended the payment of the bill and on motion it was ordered paid.

Mr Somerville of Joint Committee on New School Building reported plans and specifications etc for New Public School Building ready, and that bids had been asked for, which will be opened on the 15th of April 1908 at 4 PM

Mr Bradley asked that the Public Property Committee be instructed to advertise for bids to have old Gas House torn down and bricks cleaned. Also, for bids for old iron etc remaining in building. On motion it was so ordered.

Mr Lane of the History Committee reported that a Canvasser had visited 235 people here and had taken orders for 200 copies of the History, which it is the purpose of the City to have published. That some expense had been incurred and asked for (\$40.00) [Page 220] He further reported that his Committee was now in a position to meet with publisher. On motion the sum of \$40.00 was appropriated to the History Committee

Mr Somerville presented the following resolution:

Resolved: that the City Council of Fredericksburg Va that we tender our representative Hon C O'Connor Goolick, our Senator Hon F W Simms, and the Hon R C L Moncure, our thanks for their faithful, efficient, & untiring efforts during the recent meeting of the Legislature, for their interest and welfare of our City. That we assure them of our appreciation of their good work and congratulate them upon their success, and that the Clerk of the Council be ordered to send a copy to each of these Gentlemen. Unanimously adopted

Mr Fitzhugh presented on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Wallace Library, plans and specifications for a library building prepared by Mr George W Wroten at an estimated cost of \$5,000 which is the amount allowed under the bequest of the late C Wistar Wallace for the building. Mr Fitzhugh stated that the Board had approved these plans and submitted the same to the Council. He said under the terms of the \$15,000 bequest for the library the Council has power to control the fund, and that the building and its erection would be in charge of the Public Property Committee.

After some discussion of the matter

On motion of Mr Lane it was resolved that the Board of Directors and the Public Property Committee confer at once on the subject, and report to a called meeting of the Council if necessary.

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

The Clerk read the following: To the City Council

Gentlemen: I hereby tender to you my resignation as a member of your body from the Upper Ward to take effect from tonight.

In taking this action I desire to say that I am induced to do so, not because I am tired of serving the people who have so often elected me to this position, or because I have any disagreement with any of my colleagues, but solely for the purpose of protecting my business. The last Legislature passed a bill so restrictive in its provisions if it is rightly construed by some people, that it would materially reduce my business as a merchant, which sacrifice I am unwilling to make and which I do not believe that the public could or would expect one to do. For this reason and this alone I tender my resignation and ask your acceptance of it: I have given the town nearly thirty years of the best service I could render them. And I am free to say, that there is no action of mine, as a member of this Council, during this long service that upon taking my leave of you that I would recall if I was able to do so.

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Gentlemen: I close my official connection with you, with the best of feeling for each and every member of this body.

Respectfully, E D Cole.

On motion of Mr Bradley, laid over till next meeting of Council

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, March 30th 1908 at 7:30PM with the following members present: Cole, President, Dannehl, Vice President, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col Cole President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called by the Public Property Committee and the Board of Directors of the Wallace Library to consider their report under a resolution of this Council at its last regular meeting.

Mr Bradley, Chairman of the Public Property Committee reported as follows for the Committee & the Board of Directors of the Wallace Library. Your Joint Committee recommend that the Wallace Library building be erected on the East side of the Court House Square, half way between the jail and George Street. And that plans of Board of Director be adopted.

On motion of Mr Rowe the report was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole (nine votes)

Mr Bradley further reported that the Joint Committee in compliance with a letter from Judge A W Wallace, representative of the Late C Wistar Wallace who made the bequest of (\$15,000.00) for the library, recommended that the contract be given to Mr George W Wroten, without competition at (\$5,000.00) for a turn key job, according to plans and specifications provided.

On motion of Mr Young, adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole

On motion 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 April 10th 1908 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, J W Masters, S W Somerville, Henry Warden. Cole E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called by the Joint Committee on Public School Building

Mr Somerville, chairman of Joint Committee on Public School Building stated that the School Building Committee had called the Council together to hear from Mr Richard Irvin, Engineer of Baltimore, Md, representing the Trussed Concrete Steel Co of Detroit, Michigan, on the advantages of reinforced Concrete work in the new Public School Building to be erected here in the near future.

Mr Irvin presented maps and illustrations of reinforced concrete work and spoke in an interesting and instructive way of its benefits.

The Council could not take any action as Plans and Specifications for another system have been prepared and proposals of bids have been advertised for, which will be opened on April 15th 1908.

It was stated that by the use of this reinforced concrete for floors, ceilings, partitions, etc instead of wood, as is named in the plans and specifications now in the hands of bidders, the building can be made practically fireproof, at an additional cost of say (\$4,000.00).

On being asked what would be the cost of a (\$30,000) building according to the present plans now in hands of bidders, if the whole building is made of reinforced concrete, Mr Irvin replied that said building would probably cost twice as much, about (\$60,000.00)

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday night April 16th 1908 at 8 o'clock with the following members present: Col E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr and S E Eastern, Clerk
E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and two slight corrections noticed by the Council. The time for opening bids in New School Building 4 PM instead of 2 PM as recorded and the changing of Mr Lane's report about Hunter Foundry well made March 19, 1908, wherein Mr Lane claimed that he did not report that the roots penetrating the upper wall would be allowed to remain until the bottom was cleaned out and the water analyzed. The Council ordered the records changed and the minutes were approved as amended.

Henry Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole asked the privilege of taking up the question of his resignation offered at the last meeting of this Council and laid over till this meeting. The request was granted and Col Cole was allowed to withdraw his resignation until after he completed his work on the Finance Committee and made his report for the year on June 30th 1908. Col Cole stated that he would not stand for re-election in June and that he would retire from the Council after his report for the year was made.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bills of the Star and Free Lance Pub Co

To Blank forms for Comm of Revenue \$10.00

To Blank forms for City Collector \$3.50

\$13.50

On motion of Mr Somerville ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's Report for the month as follows

Fredericksburg, Va April 16, 1908

To Hon City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen;

We respectfully report that the Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P. Wallace, Mayor, W S Embrey, Acting Mayor

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

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported (\$4,970.00) in the City Treasury, and stated that considerable more money had been expended than in former years for necessary improvements. He said he did not make this statement to frighten the members, but to make each Committee cautious as to expenditures; that we area confronted with expenditures for the School Building and other necessary work, which will require careful financing.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Somerville of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property reported bids for the erection of the New Public School Building as follows

E G Heflin	City	\$35,575
D J Phipps	Newport News Va	\$46,000
F P Stearns	City	\$47,885
W L Ragland & Co	Richmond Va	\$51,299
J C Curtis	Newport News Va	\$43,732
King Lumber Co	Charlottesville, Va	\$45,990
Pavesine & Co	Washington DC	\$37,700

He said his Committee made no recommendation and awaited action of the Council

Mr Dannehl moved that all bids be rejected except that of E G Heflin, and that Heflin's bid be accepted, but referred back to the Committee to see if some revision could not be made to bring it within the sum of \$30,000 designated by the Council for said School Building, seconded by Mr Rowe

Mr Embrey offered an amendment which was seconded by Mr Garner, to reject all bids and refer to Joint Committee to bring in estimate within \$30,000

Mr Young in the Chair

Messrs Embrey, Cole, Goldsmith, Bradley spoke in favor of the amendment

Messrs Dannehl, Rowe & Somerville opposed it

Mr Embrey's amendment was adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes: Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Young (8) votes

Nos; Rowe, Dannehl, Somerville (3) votes

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported the bids let for tearing down buildings, at old Gas House at (\$275.00) and that work would not be commenced till School Building matter was settled.

Mr Embrey of Street Committee asked for an appropriation of \$500.00 to the Street Committee, which on motion was appropriated by following [Page 225] recorded vote;
Ayes; Cole Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young (11) votes

Mr Embrey also reported cost of granolithic work around Kenmore at \$500 and curbing on South Side of Lewis Street opposite Kenmore at \$100; also \$150 for putting one inch of hard surface on the road bed on East Side of Washing Avenue, all of which was ordered.
On motion of Mr Lane the sum of (\$600.00) was appropriated to the Street Committee, curbing and granolithic work on Lewis Street between Winchester and Mary Washington Avenue.

Mr Goldsmith presented a communication from Dr H M Eckenrode, asking for curbing on south side of Lewis Street

Col Cole moved that the Street Committee be instructed to carry out the work on East Side of Washington Avenue as ordered by the Council June 20, 1907. Carried.

Mr Embrey presented a petition for an extended sewer on Hanover Street, which, on motion of Mr Somerville was referred to Water Committee to report back.

Mr Goldsmith, Public Interests Committee reported that Col Cole, J W Masters & A P Rowe from Business Men's Association had accompanied him to Washington DC. That they had a conference with Congressman W A Jones, in reference to Public Matters. Mr Jones has introduced a bill for \$25,000 additional for Public Federal Building.

He also reported that a contract of about \$100,000 had been awarded by the Government for improvement to the Rappahannock River.

Mr Warden of Health and Police reported as follows;

The Board of Health acting after consultation with your Committee, has taken charge of several cases of Small Pox existing the family of Chas T Truslow, near the west end of the Falmouth Bridge beyond the Corporation line. The County Authorities allowed Truslow, who was first taken sick, but one dollar per week for provisions, and a like amount for each visit of his Physician. Both amounts being, in the opinion of your Committee altogether inadequate, owing to the great danger of the disease spreading without proper care & quarantine measures, and the City having police jurisdiction a mile beyond the Corporation boundary. Your Committee felt justified in following this course.

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Signed by Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl, S W Somerville (Committee on Health and Police)

On motion of Col Cole the report was received and the action of the Health Committee approved.

Col Cole suggested that the Health Committee would keep an account of the expense and that said bill be presented to the County of Spotsylvania, Va for payment.

Mr Bradley presented the following resolution.

Resolved by the City Council that the Street Committee ascertain the cost of laying granolithic curbing on both sides of Prince Edward Street from Commerce Street to Fauquier Street, said curbing to be 6 inches in width and said Committee will report the same to the next meeting of the Council.

On motion unanimously adopted

On motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council was held Monday night April 27th 1908 at 8 PM with the following members present; E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr and S E Eastburn, Clerk

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property on the New School Building.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of the Joint Committee on New Public School Building reported as follows: To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg Va

The undersigned Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property to whom has been referred the matter of a Public School Building for this City, beg leave to make the following report.

First: That said Joint Committee made a report to the City Council on January 16th 1908 as follows:

“That when Mr E G Heflin prepared plans and specifications for what he designated a (\$30,000) with (16 rooms) that the Committee report to the City Council the plans and specifications for said building and the plans and specifications for an (18 room) building estimated to cost (\$35,000) and that the Committee recommend to the Council to adopt the building estimated to cost \$30,000.

Second: This report was directed to lie over until the next meeting of the Council and the two sets of plans and specifications above referred to were furnished by Mr Heflin to the Joint Committee in the mean time.

Third: On Feb’y 20, 1908 the Joint Committee presented said plans and specifications to the Council and the Plans and specifications for the building estimated to cost (\$30,000) was referred back to the Joint Committee with instructions to make such modifications in the same as said Committee should deem proper and to advertise bids for furnishing material and constructing the said building.

Fourth: On April 16, 1908 the Joint Committee reported to the Council the following bids for said work:

E G Heflin	City	\$35,575
D J Phipps	Newport News Va	\$46,000
F P Stearns	City	\$47,885
W L Ragland & Co	Richmond Va	\$51,299

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J C Curtis	Newport News Va	\$43,732
King Lumber Co	Charlottesville, Va	\$45,990
Pavesine & Co	Washington DC	\$37,700
		\$308.176

The aggregate of these bids divided by seven show that their average is \$44,025.

The bid of E G Heflin, the lowest bid is (\$*,455) below the average of all the bids

Fifth: Your Joint Committee was unanimously of the opinion from the start that any Public School Building erected by the City should be of sufficient capacity to accommodate without crowding 700 pupils since the present number actually attending the Public School of the City is 529, and the erection of a new modern School Building would speedily increase the number and the maximum of 700 will certainly be reached in the next three or four years.

Sixth: The two contractors of this City, who bid on said plans and specifications E G Heflin and F P Stearns, both have stated to your Committee that it is not possible to furnish any plans and specifications for the erection of any adequate school building for the accommodation of 700 pupils for (\$30,000).

The seven bids actually received, five of them from experienced contractors out side of our City, and widely separated, testify to the same fact, and you Committee is reliably informed that all the bidders from a distance expressed the same opinion, that it was simply impracticable to build a school house to accommodate (700) pupils for (\$30,000) and the bidders from a distance expressed the opinion that it could not be built for (\$35,570)

Your Committee was informed by Mr Stamfer of the firm of Stamfer, Ragland and Co, one of the bidders and one of the leading, most reliable and largest contractors in Richmond Va, that his firm built the Barton Heights Public School Building and that it cost (\$28,000.) and was built to accommodate only 300 pupils. Mr Stamfer expressed the most emphatic opinion after carefully going over the plans and specifications that the building could not be erected for less than about (\$50,000). And that no plans and specifications could be drawn for a building to accommodate 700 pupils for anything like \$35,000.

Seventh: Hence your Committee concluded and so beg leave to report that it is impracticable for them to obey the [Page 229] Resolution of the Council of April the 16th that your Committee bring in estimate for a school building at a cost not exceeding (\$30,000).

Eighth: Your Joint Committee further reports that E G Heflin is willing to renew his bid of (\$35,570) provided the sum of (\$175) for additional cost of transportation of materials is added, or if the filter provided for in the plans and specifications is omitted, his big will be \$35,545. Your Committee deems the filter unnecessary.

Mr Heflin requires if his bid is accepted that he be given until February 10th 1909 to complete the work.

Respectfully, S W Somerville, W E Bradley, A M Garner, Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, J P Rowe.
Joint Committee on New Public School Building

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

A general discussion of the report followed. The City Attorney by request addressed the Council covering the entire Public School Building question.

Mr Young in the Chair

Mr Dannehl moved that Mr Heflin's bid of \$35,545 be accepted by the Council. Recorded vote was taken. Ayes: Bradley, Rowe, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Masters (7 votes)
Nos; Cole, Lane, Goldsmith, Young (4 votes)

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Dannehl then offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property notify E G Heflin that his bid of (\$35,545) has been accepted by this Council and the Joint Committee will proceed in behalf of the City of Fredericksburg Va to execute a contract between said E G Heflin and City to furnish the material and erect said building in strict accordance with plans and specifications, drawn by him and adopted, accepted by the Council with the modifications of the omission of the filter, provided for in said specifications. The said Heflin shall have until the 15th day of February 1909 to complete said work, and subject to the payment of liquidated damages provided in said plans and specifications for every day after the 15th day of February 1909 that he shall fail to complete said building and all the other provisions of said plans and specifications, shall apply to the acceptance of this bid and said E G Heflin shall execute a bond called for by said Plans and specifications of 25% of his bid, with security

to be approved by Joint Committee, and said Joint Committee is authorized and empowered to agree with the said [Page 230] E G Heflin, as to the method of making payments as the work progresses.

Further resolved: That the joint Committee be authorized and directed to employ a competent inspector or inspectors under said Joint Committee to supervise and pass upon the material to be used in said construction and the construction of the proposed building. The plans & specifications providing for the work to be done subject to approval of the said Joint Committee and its authorized agent.

On motion of Mr Bradley the rules were suspended.

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee presented the following contract prepared by the City Attorney.

This Contract made this 25th day of April 1908 by and between Geo W Wroten party of the first part and the City of Fredericksburg Va by its duly authorized agents, the Public Property Committee of the City Council, party of the second part.

Whereas the City Council by resolution of March 30, 1908 awarded the contract for the erection of the Wallace Library Building in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by said Geo W.

Wroten, to said Wroten, he to furnish all material, said building to be completed by Oct 15th 1908.

Now this contract, Witnesseth that the said Geo W Wroten in consideration of the sum of (\$5,000) to be paid as provided for in resolution of the Council, doth hereby contract to do and perform the work and furnish the material, set forth in said plans and specifications in strict accordance with the same, and within the time set forth above, and said plans and specifications are made a part of the contract, as fully as if the same were recited herein, and all of the requirements and provisions are to be faithfully observed, obeyed, and performed by the party of the first part as fully as if the same was herein specifically set forth.

And the part of the Second part hereby contracts to pay the party of the first part for said work in installments as provided for by resolution of the Council.

Signed

G W Wroten

W E Bradley

Henry Dannehl

A M Garner

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole
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Resolved by the Council that the contract executed by Geo W Wroten for the erection of the Wallace Library according to the plans and specifications heretofore approved by the Council, bearing date on the 25th of April 1908 is approved and the same shall be executed by the City by the Public Property Committee of the Council as its agents and the same shall be filed with the Clerk of the Council and entered in the minutes of the Council.

And the Council doth approve and confirm the order drawn upon the City Treasurer by the Public Property Committee for (\$500) to be paid said G W Wroten out of the Library Fund April 25, 1908 and doth direct said Committee to draw on said fund in favor of said G W Wroten as follows;

When floor joists laid	\$1,000
When brick work half done	\$1,000
Completed	\$500
When roof one	\$500
When partitions up and house lathed	\$500
When contract completed in accordance with plans and accepted	\$1,000

The foregoing work is to be done under the Supervision of A M Garner, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee.

Rev J S Peters, Hon J D Eggleston, Judge R H L Chichester, E J Smith, a Committee from the Fredericksburg Normal School Board of Visitors, appeared before the City Council. Messrs Peters and Eggleston made short speeches. It was stated that it was expected to begin work on the Normal School here as soon as the \$25,000 appropriated by the State is available which is in February 1909. It is expected that the school will have for its ultimate enrollment 800 students; that the State being committed to a Normal School here will appropriate from year to year sums sufficient to meet this end; that the \$25,000 is a mere bagatelle, compared to what will follow; that the site to be donated by Fredericksburg will be selected at once.

On motion of Mr Dannehl, a Committee of five members of the Council as appointed by President Cole to confer with the Normal School Board Tuesday.

Committee, H Dannehl, H Warden, H B Lane, E M Young, J M Goldsmith.

On motion of J M Goldsmith, President E D Cole and Superintendent of Public Schools B P Willis were added to the Committee

Then on motion the Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council held on Tuesday night April 28, 1908 at 8 o'clock with the following members present. E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, J W Masters, Henry Warden, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col E D Cole in the Chair

Col Cole stated that the Council had been called to consider a combination of the interests of the Public Schools of our City with the Proposed State Normal School to be established here. It was expected that some members of the Board of Directors of the Normal School would have been present, but owing to important engagements elsewhere were unable to attend.

Henry Dannehl in the Chair

A general discussion of the Public Schools and State Normal School. No action was taken.

On motion of Mr Rowe, The Council then adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber May 14th 1908 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

E D Cole President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property.

Mr Somerville, chairman of the Joint Committee presented this report;

Resolved by the Committee that

Whereas the bid made to the Council by Mr Heflin through the Joint Committee was accepted by the Council and said Heflin was duly notified, Tuesday, April 28th 1908 of said acceptance, and

Whereas said Heflin has since said notification found that it is impossible to secure the kind of floor timbers called for in the specifications, viz; well seasons long leaf North Carolina pine and he is therefore compelled to enter into and execute the proposed contract, and

Whereas the said Heflin has submitted to your Committee the following proposition which being accepted he is will to execute and perform said contract.

That the specifications be changed so far as related to the seasoned conditions of the long leaf North Carolina Yellow pine, permitting the use of the said North Carolina Long Leaf Pine as well seasoned as can be found in the market; and further that the construction and erection of the building, shall be carried forward in such a way as to permit of the seasoning of the floor joints before the floors are laid thereon, and before the ceiling lathes are attached thereto, not however, extending the time of completing the said building beyond the 15th day of February 1909 and further that gravel be substituted for crushed stone in the foundation work.

Your Committee refer this to your for consideration. S W Somerville, Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl, A M Garner, J P Rowe, W E Bradley (Committee)

Mr Somerville then offered a resolution that the Joint Committee be empowered to make contract with Mr Heflin to erect the Public School building according to the plans and specifications as presented to bidders with the modifications named in the above report for the sum of (\$35,545.00).

H Dannehl in the Chair

General discussion

E D Cole in the Chair

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Resulted in the its passage by the following recorded vote.

Fore: Rowe, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young (7 votes)

Against; Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith (4 votes)

Mr Young offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

For, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young (11 votes)

Whereas the joint Committee on Schools and Public Property have reported to the Council a new proposition from Mr Heflin embodied in said report and whereas said proposition has been accepted by the Council.

Therefore resolved: that the said Joint Committee for and on behalf of said City of Fredericksburg Va execute with the said Heflin a contract for furnishing the material and building the School Building in accordance with the plans and specifications furnished by him to the Council subject only to the modifications contained in his last proposition embodied in the report of the Joint Committee this night presented to this Council.

It is understood that the filter provided for in his original plans and specifications is omitted.

The last proposition of said Heflin herein accepted is to furnish said material and erect said building for (\$35,545.00), to be paid in such installments as the Joint Committee shall approve.

Said Committee shall concurrently with the execution of said contract take from said Heflin Bond called for by original specifications, with security approved by the Joint Committee.

On motion the rules were suspended by the unanimous vote of the Council, and City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh spoke briefly on the proposed State Normal School for Fredericksburg, Va and on motion of Mr Bradley the following resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote:
For, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Whereas the City of Fredericksburg has for the past two years made earnest and strenuous efforts through its representative in the Legislature to secure the location of one of the State's Normal Schools at or near the said City, and [Page 235]

Whereas the General Assembly of Virginia, by an Act entitled "An Act Appropriating the Public Revenue for the two fiscal years ending respectively on the 28th of February 1909 and the 28th of February 1910" approved March 14, 1908, did appropriate the sum of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for the establishment of a State Normal and Industrial School for women, near or within the Corporation limits of Fredericksburg, said sum to be available on and after the 28th of February 1909, and

Whereas the said Act of the General Assembly of Virginia declares that the establishment of said school near or with the Corporate limits of the City of Fredericksburg, in the County of Spotsylvania, or Stafford, is conditional upon an appropriation of not less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) cash to be paid by the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Spotsylvania or Stafford, upon the establishment of said School, and

Whereas, it is the fixed purpose of the City to comply with said condition, so soon as it can secure for the General Assembly the requisite authority to do so, therefore

Resolved by the City Council: That is doth hereby pledge the City of Fredericksburg, to make application to the General Assembly of Virginia, at the earliest possible opportunity, for the authority to comply with the aforesaid condition, by contributing the aforesaid sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), as required by the aforesaid Act, to said Normal School and to contribute the same.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

On motion of Col Cole, City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh was requested to present the above resolution as passed to the Board of Visitors of the State Normal School at the meeting to be held here May 19th 1908.

Col Cole stated that all arrangements had been perfected for the meeting of the Summer Normal Institute here in July, except the usual appropriation of (\$250.00) or so much thereof as is necessary to finance the same, and on motion the sum of (\$250.00) or so much thereof as is necessary was appropriated to the School Committee for above mentioned purpose by the following recorded vote.

For, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

On motion the Council then 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 May 21st 1908 at 8 o'clock PM

The members present; Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young and Clerk Eastburn

E D Cole, President in the Chair

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

H Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report as follows:

Fredericksburg Va May 21, 1908

To the President and Common Council

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

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

Col Cole presented bills of Registrars of the City

J T Brown, Registrar Lower Ward

May 20, 1908	One day sitting as Registrar	\$2.00
	Posting notices twice	\$2.00
	Registering & transferring 84 @ 10¢	\$8.40
	Constable one day	\$1.50
On motion ordered paid		\$13.90

Also bill of John J Berrey

John J Berrey, Registrar Upper Ward

May 19, 1908	One day services as Registrar	\$2.00
	Posting notices twice	\$2.00
	Registering & transferring 76 @ 10¢	\$7.60
	Constable one day	\$1.50
On motion ordered paid		\$13.10

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented report of Judge John T Goolrick in disbursing the three hundred dollars (\$300.00) allowed by the City Council for taking the Census of the City during the summer of 1907.

Amount allowed by the Council \$300.00

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To Cash paid S E Eastburn, Supervisor	\$70.00	
To Cash paid E B Carter, Clerk	\$40.00	
To Cash paid R L Williams, Enumerator	\$50.00	
To Cash paid Benj F Cole, Enumerator	\$40.00	
To Cash paid R L Stofregen, Enumerator	\$30.00	
To Cash paid Lee Baurer, Enumerator	\$30.00	
To Cash paid Timberlake Printing	\$6.80	
To Cash paid Mitchell Typewriting	\$3.50	
To Cash paid W R Hall Police Services	\$5.00	
To Cash paid J H Robinson Police Services	\$5.00	
To Cash paid B S Pates Police Services	\$5.00	
To Cash paid Ab Stone Police Services	\$5.00	\$298.80
Balance		\$1.20
Due Lee Braurer	\$10.00	
Due R L Stofregen	\$10.00	

On motion of Mr Bradley, referred to Finance Committee with power to act.

Col E D Cole asked that Mr Fitzhugh be heard in reference to the State Normal and Industrial School, whose Board of Visitors met in our city on May 19, 1908. Mr Fitzhugh reported that the Board of Visitors were entirely without funds, and they had incurred sum expense and would incur considerably more expense before the \$25,000 will become available. The said Board of Visitors desired to know if the City could not help them by loaning them \$600.00 until their money was available, and upon his advice had prepared the following which he submitted for consideration.

Fredericksburg Va May 20, 1908

Motion made by Mr Eggleston and carried that the President and Secretary draw a warrant payable March 1st 1909 on the State of Virginia for the sum of six hundred dollars, and present the same to the City of Fredericksburg Virginia, with the request that the Council turn over to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Normal and Industrial School for women at Fredericksburg Virginia the same amount at its face value.

Sidney Peters, President, Normal & Industrial School

Alden Bell, Secretary, Normal & Industrial School

Fredericksburg, Va May 20, 1908

The Treasurer of the State of Virginia will pay to the City of Fredericksburg Va on March 1st 1909, the sum of (\$600.00) out of the twenty five thousand dollars made available on the 28th day of February 1909, under the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia of March 14th 1908, for a Normal and Industrial School at Fredericksburg Virginia, the said City having advanced said (\$600.00) to the Board of Trustees of said Normal and Industrial School to meet its necessary expenses.

Sidney Peters, President, Normal & Industrial School

Alden Bell, Secretary, Normal & Industrial School

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Col Cole offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: For, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Masters, Young

The President of the Finance Committee of The Council having reported to the Council.

That the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School have reported to him at their meeting here on the 20th of May 1908.

That the said Board had incurred considerable expense and would incur additional expenses before the 28th of February 1909 when the fund of (\$25,000.00) the available for said Normal School, and be drawn from the State Treasury by said Board. The said Board has requested the City Council to loan the Board for their necessary expenses, the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and has tendered the Council a draft of said Board, on said State Treasurer for said sum payable on 1st of March 1909.

Resolved by the Council that the said draft be accepted and filed with the City Treasurer and the said Finance Committee check upon the fund of the City in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of Judge R H L Chichester, Treasurer of the said State Normal and Industrial School for said (\$600.00).

Col Cole brought to the attention of the Council that the Health Officer, Dr J N Barney, and the Health Committee had been furnishing supplies and practically supporting families since last January, in homes where small pox existed. Some of these families are in good financial circumstances. It developed that the Health Committee have overdrawn its account about (\$600.00) and that other bills have been contracted which have not been presented.

The opinion of the City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh, was asked and he said: the Health Officer and the Health Committee had not right whatever to furnish such supplies or order the payment of same.

That its power ended when quarantine was established except in cases of people who are unable to pay. When it was suggested that more bills would be presented in the Jacobs House case, Mr Warden said he did not know any bills for the Jacobs house had been paid; that the City was neither responsible for said bills, nor for the medical attention ordered by Health Officer Barney. The bills already paid for cases treated amount to over (\$1,000.00).

Mr Dannehl presented a report from Health Officer Barney giving a history of the Small Pox case since January.

Fredericksburg Va May 20, 1908

To the Council Committee on Health and Police

Gentlemen:

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I beg to present herewith a report showing the history and condition of the Small Pox cases present and past in our City.

On June 21, a case was reported to me by Dr Chewning Tompkins—a young man who had been exposed in rail-road work in a nearby County.

Under the instructions of your Committee, and the acting Mayor, I assumed charge of said case; establishing quarantine, isolating, vaccinating those exposed and thoroughly sterilizing person and premises when care was completed. No Spread.

On Feb'y 14 a case was reported by Dr Doggett, diagnosis concurred in by Dr Hales Scott. This case who did not spread, and was quarantined as usual.

On Feb'y 28, another case was reported by Dr Doggett, we took usual charge and no further infection followed in this locality. These last two cases are supposed to have been contracted from an unsuspected case, due to infection from Stafford County about one month before.

On March 22, Dr Cassidy had a case which he turned over to the Health authorities, infection probably contracted from a passerby who was watching him at work. No spread of disease.

Two days later I found a case near the Spoke Works, and some weeks later owing to a delayed vaccination another case developed in this house, the only instance where this recurred, and due doubtless to previous exposure before necessary vaccination.

The disease did not spread outside of the premises, this infection came from Stafford County through a visitor.

On April 13th by the direction of your Committee, I assumed charge of these cases in the county within a mile of our City Limits, and these terminated with no further spread.

April 6th case on Doswell field. No further trouble there.

On May 10th, three cases were reported by Dr Doggett and Cassidy and these were quarantined promptly and are still so. Due to Stafford County infection.

In the treatment of the above cases to date, the Health Officer has made 212 visits, sterilized nine houses, vaccinated 52 and send 2 cases out of town; they were not residents.

In no case has infection spread beyond the quarantined premises, and in practically every case the disease was brought here from nearby counties.

The number of persons in quarantine is as follows to Mary 20th 1908

1 st case	8 quarantined	24 days
2 nd case	7 quarantined	23 days
3 rd case	7 quarantined	29 days
4 th case	5 quarantined	25 days
5 th case	6 quarantined	45 days (2 cases)
6 th case	6 quarantined	23 days
7 th case	4 quarantined	16 days
8 th case	10 quarantined	11 days
Total	50	196 days

Based upon the figures furnished by Treasurer Knox, the City has guarded, fed, provided for the wants of 50 of its unfortunate citizens during a period of 196 days, [Page 240] at a cost of (\$547.46) this exclusive of medical attendance.

The average of the 8 cases was 6 per house, and the average number of days in quarantine was 24. It has cost the City thus about 70¢ per day, per individual in quarantine to provide food, fuel, guard and medicines.

Comparing our expenses here with those in other locations I beg to present the following facts:

In Lancaster Co, Va 1904, 4 cases occurred in one house. Cost to that County \$2,000.00 as so stated to me by Dr Lewis, Health Officer of that County.

In Chesterfield County, five years ago, I am informed by Dr Fisher, Midlothian that they had a number of cases, mostly Negroes, cost County over (\$3,000).

Augusta Co, has just finished handling 4 cases in Craigsville. Cost according to *News Leader* "nearly (\$2,000.00).

The cost here has been, it seems to me, reasonable, and must be regarded as unavoidable, extraordinary and not likely fortunately soon to occur again.

The City which pretends to pay any attention to a dangerous and loathsome contagious disease can expect to have such cases more economically handled in the absence of an established Pest House, than is done by the direction of your Committee. That is no case has the disease, recognized as the most contagious in the medical list of eruptive diseases, spread beyond its original and imported source.

Respectfully Submitted

J N Barney, Health Officer

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was adopted;

Resolved that the Health Committee notify Health Officer Barney, that he has no authority to furnish any provisions for Small Pox patients, and notify him not to furnish any further provisions to the Small Pox patients.

If any provision is needed in cases of indigent patients they must be supplied by the Health Committee and not by the Health Officer.

Mr Young in the Chair

On motion of Mr Warden the sum of (\$700.00) was appropriated to the Health Committee by following vote: For, Cole Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that his Committee had not been able to get an estimate of cost of curbing Prince Edward Street from Commerce to Fauquier sts owing to the absence of Surveyor Randall, but would have same ready for next meeting.

Mr Embrey reported progress on granolithic work on Lewis Street near Kenmore.

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Mr Goldsmith of the Street Committee reported that after this granolithic work is completed on Lewis Street the street would be left in bad condition and it would [cost] less now to finish it up while the other work was being done and asked for an appropriation of (\$100.00) to grade the street.

On motion of Mr Bradley the sum of \$100.00 was appropriated to the Street Committee to grade and fix up Lewis Street along the line of the granolithic work from Winchester to Washington Avenue.

Mr Goldsmith presented the following communication

Fredericksburg, Va April 25, 1908

To the Mayor and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: Mayor T P Wallace having called my attention several times to the bad order of a certain cellar door, situated on Commerce Street adjoining the property occupied by A Wooding as a grocery store in reply will say. Some twelve or eighteen months ago, I was summoned by the Chairman of the Board, Mr E D Cole, also by Collector A P Rowe to appear before the City Attorney, Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, to show cause why I had not paid the required tax on Street improvement, and when I stated the situation to these gentlemen, Mr Fitzhugh's reply was "Mr Cole, why in the devil don't you remedy this evil, the first thing you will have a suit on your hands. As yet this evil has not been

remedied and my property is being damaged each rainy spell, due to improper engineering, together with improper work.

I do not think Gentlemen that you can expect me to pay for, or renew such work, as has been done by the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va which has been admitted by the City Attorney as well as several members of the City Council, to be an utter and entire failure.

Gentlemen: if you are desirous of having the Collector's books closed in the near future, I ask that you give me suitable damage for my property, renewal of the cellar door, together with a credit of thirty four dollars (\$34.00) being the amount that I have been subjected to, due to the inferior manner in which this work has been done.

By complying with the above, I am willing at any time to make settlement of balance of account, otherwise it will necessitate my having to adopt Mr Fitzhugh's suggestion by bringing suit for damages.

Very Respectfully, R V Daniel

On motion of Mr Cole, the above matter was referred to the Street Committee with full power to act.

E D Cole in the Chair

[The following writing is interleaved between page 240 and 241 of the Council Minutes]

To the Honorable Council of the City of Fredericksburg

Your Joint Committee on Ordinance and Finance to whom was referred for consideration and report as provided by law, the bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co of (\$200.00) for the franchise privileges and right proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your honorable body February 17, 1910, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate an electric light, heat & Power lines, including poles, wires, and other appliances in upon, along, over and under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying electric Light, heat and Power.

Would respectfully report and recommend the acceptance of the said bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co.

Signed

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Mr Lane of the Water Committee made a report of extraordinary expenses incurred by his Committee during the year in extension of Mains, new work and etc: he said the use of water had greatly increased and the expenses of putting same in reservoir on hill had increased; that the extra steam power used cost (\$1,100) He asked for two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be given the water Committee.

E M Young in the Chair

On motion the sum of (\$2,000) was appropriated to the Street [Water] Committee by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young.

Mr Lane reported on sewer on Hanover Street extended referred to his Committee, April 16th 1908

H B Lane, E D Cole, J W Masters, Committee on Water

Gentlemen: According to your instructions I have estimated the cost of laying an eight inch sewer pipe on Hanover Street from where it crosses the small canal to the Corporation line. The distance is 1325 feet and for laterals 500 feet, making in all 1825 feet. The Cost will be as follows:

1325 feet	8" sewer	15¢ pr foot	\$198.75
500 feet	6" laterals	9¢ pr foot	\$45.00
26	6" bends	40¢ each	\$10.40

26	8x6 Y's	70¢ each	\$18.20
12	bags cement	60¢ pr bag	\$7.20
	Work of laying pipe		\$273.00
	Total cost		\$552.55

There are 23 houses in the line, 3 double, making the income say (\$46.00) per annum or 8¼ percent on the investment.

It will be observed the estimate for the labor is quite large. We have swamp clay which is very hard to dig and shovel.

In addition the ground in it much water and considerable bailing will be necessary.

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn, Supt

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the water committee was instructed to put in above sewer as per estimated cost of (\$552.55). Recorded vote. Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee presented the following communication from C W Jones and Charles J Green asking for better water facilities on the suburbs of the City, along Cedar Lane from Hupfel Street to the Corporation line.

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Fredericksburg Va May 19, 1908

S J Quinn, Supt of Water:

The undersigned desire to call your attention to the water pipe on Cedar Lane and to the small flow it will furnish when these buildings, two of them larger and having within them modern improvements, are place upon it. At present we are informed by you that from Hupfel Street to the Corporation line there is one inch pipe. At the Corporation line it is reduced to three fourths of an inch, which runs to the dividing line of the Smith property and the Fitzgerald tract. We fear this pipe will be too small to furnish a sufficient supply and we request the Corporation to run a 2 inch or a 1½ inch pipe to the Corporation line, and we will take it from that point to our respective buildings. We also agree that the Committee on Water shall have the right to tap said pipe when and where it desires.

Signed C W Jones, Charles J Green.

To the Committee on Water: If this larger pipe is run, the cost will be, for a two inch pipe about (\$80.00), if a 1½ inch pipe is run the cost will be about (\$60.00).

Very Respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt

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

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests Committee reported progress on Public Federal Building and hopes of extra appropriation of (\$25,000.00) also appropriation of (\$5,000) for the Boulevard.

Mr Masters of the Fire Department said his Committee had overdrawn and asked for an appropriation of (\$100.00).

Mr Warden moved that the sum of (\$100.00) be appropriated to the Fire Committee, if the sum of (\$50.00) has not already been appropriated. Then in that event the sum of (\$50.00) be appropriated to the Fire Department at this time.

Carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Col Cole presented the following from Clerk of the School Board

To the President & City Council Fredericksburg, Va May 20, 1908

Gentlemen: I am instructed by the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg Va to inform you that the term of office of A B Bowering as trustee of the Lower Ward, and W L Brannan Trustee of the Upper Ward school district, expired by limitation on the 4th of April last and to ask you to elect their successors. The trustees elected under this notice will serve for three years, their terms expiring on the 4th of April 1911.

On motion the election of two School Trustees was gone into. A B Bowering received all votes but Mr Warden, elected. Mr W L Brannan received all the votes, elected.

Adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber pursuant to notice May 24, 1908 at 8 PM

Members present; Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Rowe, Warden, Young and Eastburn, Clerk

E D Cole President in the Chair

The President stated the council had been called at the request of the Committee on Health and Police.

Mr Warden of the Health and Police Committee reported that he wished to present to the Council three bills for provisions furnished small pox patients in quarantine.

W L Bannan for Miss Dobson \$5.30

W L Bannan for Ernest Perry \$6.35

W L Bannan for Mr Jacobs \$32.26

\$43.91

Dr J N Barney, Health Officer of the City was present and by permission of the Council was allowed to explain his actions with regard to his acts concerning the management of the small pox cases and especially in regard to the Jacobs case, and disclaimed having done anything except with the knowledge and direction of the Health Committee, and felt that the resolution of the last meeting of the Council had reflected upon him in a capacity of Health Officer and placed him in a false light before this Community.

Mr Bradley present statement showing the cost of handing 16 Small Pox cases in the County of Orange to be about (\$400.00)

A general discussion of the whole matter then followed.

E M Young in the Chair

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, explained fully the resolution of the last meeting of the Council, and said it, in no way was intended as a reflection on the Health Officer, but to prevent a repetition by the Health Committee of similar proceedings.

The City Attorney then very clearly and forcibly explained the law governing the Health Officer and Health Committee in the management of all contagious and infectious diseases.

On motion of Mr Lane the above bills of W L Brannan for provisions for Small pox patients, \$43.91, was ordered paid.

Mr Bradley voting no.

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The following resolutions offered by Mr Lane was seconded and adopted by the following recorded vote;

Whereas; There is no ordinance of this City in relation to contagious and infectious diseases and the control of same.

Therefore: Resolved by the Council in case of any such disease, appearing in this City, the Health Officer shall immediately quarantine the premises where the disease exists, and shall report the same to the Health Committee of the Council, which Committee shall convene the Council without delay and report facts.

Whereupon the Council shall determine the cost of said quarantine and defray the same.

And the Council may authorize the said Health Committee to furnish provisions, medicines, and medical attention, where the person or persons quarantined are in indigent circumstances and unable to provide for themselves. But in no other cases without express authority from this Council.

And no contract for medical attention shall be made by said Health Committee without the expressed approval of the Council

Recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Bradley.

Mr Warden then presented the bill of Health Officer Dr J N Barney as follows:

City of Fredericksburg Va

Per Committee on Health and Police

To J N Barney, MD Health Officer

To services, Small Pox Cases

March 20 to May 21st 1908

133 visits, vaccinating 18,

Sterilizing 4 houses

58 days @ \$7.50 per day \$435.00

On motion ordered paid by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Young

Nos, Bradley

On motion 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 in the Council Chamber June 4, 1908 at 8 o'clock PM

Members present; E D Cole, W E Embrey, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, H Dannehl, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr, and S E Eastburn, Clerk

E D Cole President in the Chair

The President stated the Council had been called at the request of the Committee on Health and Police

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Health Committee stated that Health Officer Dr J N Barney, had reported another case of Small Pox (Wm Dobson) on Wolf Street, that the Health Officer had quarantined the house employing a guard with the promised that he would recommend to the Council that he be paid the sum of (\$1.50) per day.

That the Dobson family were in need of assistance from City.

On motion rules were suspended.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property reported that the joint Committee of Schools and Public Property with the aid of the City Attorney had made the contract with E G Heflin to furnish material and erect the new public school house that the contract had been

properly signed and that Mr Heflin's bond had been taken: and asked the Council for instructions as to what the Joint Committee should do with the contract and the bond.

"Neither the contract nor the bond came into the possession of the Clerk, hence no record of Contract."

Mr Lane moved, and it was adopted that the contract and bond be property labeled and turned over to the City Treasurer for safe keeping.

On motion of Mr H B Lane, the City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh was requested to give the Council the law and his opinion as to the management of the new Small Pox case which the Attorney proceeded to do very briefly.

Mr Lane then moved and it was adopted; that the Health Committee be instructed to employ Dr Barney, or some other doctor, to attend the Wm Dobson, small pox case on Wolf St at a salary not to exceed the sum of ten dollars per week (\$10.00) if the Health Committee think that it is necessary to do so.

Mr E M Young in the Chair

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Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted that the Health Committee be instructed to furnish provisions to the Dobson family on Wolf St, if said family are in indigent circumstances to the amount not to exceed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per day.

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 June 12th 1908 at 8 o'clock PM Members present; Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Warden, Masters and S E Eastburn, Clerk President E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called at the instance of the Finance Committee to consider the (\$15,000.00) 4% bond issue authorized by the last session of the General Assembly, toward the erection of the new Public School Building

J P Rowe in the Chair

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution, which was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Warden, Masters, Rowe

Resolved: That the Finance Committee of the Council proceed without delay to have the bonds authorized by the Act of the Last Session of the General Assembly to be issued and negotiated for the building of the Public School Building for this City lithographed and said Committee is authorized to accept offers at par for said bonds, which bonds shall bear date July 1, 1908, payable thirty years after date reserving the right of the City to redeem said bonds any time after ten years from their date.

On motion of Mr Warden the rules were suspended. Mr Warden, Chairman of Health and Police Committee asked for an appropriation to his Committee of (\$100.00) to pay for police uniforms.

On motion of Col Cole the sum of (\$100.00) was appropriated to the Committee on Health and Police

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber June 18th 1908 at 8 PM with the following members present, President E D Cole, Vice President H Dannehl, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, J W Masters, H Warden, E M Young Jr and Clerk S E Eastburn

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and on motion of Mr Bradley minutes of called meeting on June 4, 1908 were amended by requesting the Chairman of the Joint Committee New School House to furnish the Clerk the Contract for said New School Building that same may be spread on the records of this Council minutes were then approved

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance reported on the Census matter referred to his Committee at last meeting. That Braurer and Stoffregen had both been paid the balance of ten dollars due them as enumerators of census.

Col Cole also reported that the (\$15,000) of 4% School Bonds had been sold at par:

Col Cole then presented the following bills, which on several motions were ordered paid

Star and Free Lance Pub Co	per Mayor	\$2.50	
Star and Free Lance Pub Co	per Collector	\$4.00	
J N Barney Health Officer	June 1 to Jul 1908	\$37.50	
St Geo R Fitzhugh	Professional Services in 1907	\$300.00	

Bill for Judges and Clerks of Election

Lower Ward

R E Dignum	Judge	\$5.00	
Geo Freeman Jr	Judge	\$5.00	
J Wilmore Cox	Judge	\$5.00	
R E Smith	Clerk	\$5.00	
J F Brown	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Upper Ward

Geo W Shepherd	Judge	\$5.00	
Sam'l H Beale	Judge	\$5.00	
Wm Snellings	Judge	\$5.00	
R H Carmichael	Clerk	\$5.00	
Preston L Harris	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Col Cole presented the Mayor's report June 18, 1908

To President of Common Council

The Police of the City have faithfully discharged their duty and are entitled to their pay.

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

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Col Cole presented the following communication from the Business Men's Association
Fredericksburg Va June 3, 1908

Resolution

Whereas the Mercer Monument erected by the government in the City of Fredericksburg has been duly completed and placed in position and said monument being now in the care of the City, and observing that no public unveiling or reception of this memorial has ever been held, be it

Resolved, that the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg hereby petition and suggests to the City Council that they take necessary steps to have the Monument publicly unveiled and received at an early date.

Adopted by the Business Men's Association, June 3, 1908

Thomas H Harris, President

On motion of Mr Bradley the communication was referred to the Committee on Public Interests of the City.

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee reported as follows

To the President and members of the Council, Fredericksburg, Va 6/18/1908

Gentlemen: The Public Property Committee hereby submits its report for the fiscal year ending July 1st 1908, the amount of money originally appropriated to your Committee was (\$3,500) after which (\$150.00) was appropriated to pay the Fredericksburg Band for music in the Park, making a total sum of (\$3,650) of this sum there has been expended by said Committee the sum of (\$2,536.84) as can be seen by vouchers in the hands of Treasurer Knox, leaving an unexpended balance (\$1,113.16) to the credit of the Committee.

Your Committee during this year has rented the property near Free Bridge to Messrs Hohman and Pitts for the sum of (\$60.00) a year payable monthly. It has also rented to George Calamos a space of nine (9) feet in width extending across the north end of the Market House for the sum of (\$60.00) per year payable monthly.

We also report that there is on hand, paid out of this year's appropriation 14,000 feet of Bridge timber properly piled at the Free Bridge. We also report that in the last six weeks your Committee has taken charge of the Mercer Monument and the ground surrounding same, and also the grass plot within Washington Avenue road bed circle. These grounds are being carefully improved and present an entirely different appearance from what they did when they came into the hands of your Committee. Respectfully submitted

W E Bradley, A M Garner, Henry Dannehl (Public Property Committee)

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On motion of Mr Rowe, the report of the Public Property Committee was received and ordered filed.

Mr J P Rowe, of the Street Committee reported as follows

To the President and Members of the City Council, Fredericksburg, Va June 18, 1908

Gentlemen: Your Committee reports an appropriation at the commencement of the year for regular Street work the sum of (\$4,000) of this amount your Committee reports an expenditure of (\$2,155.11) in the Upper Ward and (\$1,974.53) in the Lower Ward making a total of expenditure of (\$4,129.64) which is \$129.64 more than said appropriation.

Your Committee respectfully asks that the sum of (\$129.64) be placed to its credit so as to balance its account on books of Treasurer Knox for the fiscal year ending July 1st 1908.

In addition to this sum heretofore named, there has been appropriated the following sums for special work.

Lewis Street (\$734.00)

George Street (\$600.00) making a total special appropriation of (\$1,334.00)

Respectfully submitted Joseph Goldsmith, J P Rowe (Street Committee)

On motion the report of the Street Committee was received and ordered filed and the sum of (\$129.64) appropriated to the Street Committee to close up its accts to July 1, 1908

Mr Rowe of the Street Committee bill of E H Randall City Surveyor

Jun 25, 1907 To fee pr finding Street Corner on Boulevard & help \$3.30

Apr 29, 1908 To fee finding grade on Lewis St & help \$3.35

Apr 30-May 2	To making profile map & grade of Lewis Street & help	\$3.00
May 4-8	To overlooking work Lewis	\$3.00
May 9-11	To overlooking work Lewis	\$1.25
Jun 2	Getting grade making map & help on George St and Measuring the concrete work on Lewis St	\$8.70
Jun 10	To finding grade of a portion of Fauquier St at W S Chesley's & help	\$4.75
Jun 12	To making measurements on Prince Edward Street	\$2.00
Jun 13	To making map of Prince Edward St	\$1.50
		\$30.85

[Copy of map of Prince Edward Street interleaved between pages 250-251]

On motion of Mr Young, the bill of E H Randall, City Surveyor for \$30.85 was ordered paid.

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Mr Goldsmith of the Street Committee reported that the P V Daniel matter referred to the Street Committee with power to act at the last regular meeting of this Council had been settled up.

And on motion of Mr Goldsmith the City Treasurer was instructed to allow Mr A P Rowe, City Tax Collector credit for amount charged on his book against R V Daniel for Street Improvement

June 16, 1908

Mr P V Daniel having appeared before the Street Committee and there two bills on the collectors books amounting to \$79.22 against him for sidewalk improvements in front of his two pieces of property on Commerce Street but it appearing that Mr Daniel has paid out \$34.00 for repairs growing out of this work. After deducting the latter amount a balance of (\$45.22) remains.

The Street Committee to whom this matter was referred has agreed to relieve Mr Daniel from the payment of the bill referred to. He to make any other repairs to pavement and Cellar door growing out of said improvements and relieving the City from any further responsibility in the matter.

I accept the above as satisfactory, P V Daniel.

The two bills for sidewalk improvements against Mr P V Daniel one for 1905, amounting to (\$39.59) and one for 1906 amounting to (\$33.63) having been released by the Street Committee: The Treasurer of the City is hereby directed to credit Collector A P Rowe with the amounts as stated which are charged to him on the Treasurer's books. On motion adopted.

Mr Young of the Light Committee reported on installing new wheels at City Electric Light Plant

Amount paid on acct of expense incident to new turbines

Cast iron foundation plates	\$30.90
Cartright & Davis concrete work	\$43.32
J W McCalley house over wheels	\$146.59
Val Dannehl acct C E Manor	\$150.00
J G Hurkamp Co, Belt	\$104.00
Melville Woolen Mill Power	\$200.75
E Jones Moving Dynamo	\$15.49
V Dannehl Foundation Bolts & bands	\$13.35
C E Manor On acct wheels	\$200.00
E D Cole Cement	\$11.86
C E Minor on acct Wheels	\$500.88
Jan'y 25, 1908 on acct wheels	\$1,800.00
Freight	\$74.12
	\$3,291.26

E M Young, J M Goldsmith (Committee)

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Mr Young presented the following

Mr E M Young Jr

June 18, 1908

Dear Sir: At your request I have this day inspected the Water Wheels and governor furnished you by the Jas Leffel Company, and beg to report that I find the same to be well installed, and in first class operating condition.

The Hydraulic machinery of your plant is now of high grade and in fact I know of no way in which it could be improved upon.

I unhesitatingly recommend the acceptance of the work and that the final payment due the contractors under their contract be authorized by your Committee.

Yours very respectfully, E W Trafford Consulting engineer

Mr Young then asked for the sum of (\$1,200.00) to pay balance due on the new wheels.

And on motion of Mr Bradley the sum of (\$1,200.00) appropriated to the Light Committee to pay balance due on the new wheels by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young (10 votes)

Mr Young also offered the following City Electric Light Plant.

Account of Disbursements made by W K Howard, Supt since Feb'y 1st 1908

Expense

1908

Feb'y 15	Drayage \$1.10 Turning Commutator \$5.00	\$6.00
Feb'y 26	Globes \$1.50, J G Hurkamp Co Belt \$104.00	\$105.50
Mar 3	Hack \$2.00, Printing \$5.30, Coal \$4.75	\$12.05
Mar 3	Doubleday Hill Co Elec supplies	\$29.18
Mar 23	Carbon \$27.50, Hauling \$1.30	\$28.80
Apr 1	Fbg Power Co \$237.50, Coal 17.50	\$255.00
Apr 1	Oil \$16.12, Carbons \$27.50, lumber \$2.15	\$45.77
Apr 10	Freight & drayage \$2.35 Globes \$15.17	\$17.52
May 28	Freight & Hauling \$21.54, Jun 1 Dray \$4.60	\$26.14
Jun 11	Elec supplies	\$10.75
		\$536.81

Labor

Feb 29	E Minor salary for Feb	\$35.00
Feb 29	W K Howard salary to date	\$112.35
Feb 29	E Minor 5.00, A Minor 7.50, J Dillard 1.88	\$14.38
Mar 7	A Minor 8.75, J Franklin 2.50	\$11.25
Apr 1	E Minor 35.00, Howard \$100.00	\$135.00
Apr 3	A Minor 7.50, May 1 E Minor 35.00	\$42.50
1 May	W K Howard \$100	\$100.00
Jun 1	E Minor 35.00, W K Howard 100	\$135.00
Jun 3	A Minor	\$3.75
		\$589.23

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Repairs

Feb 17	W Minor 2 wks labor on line	\$17.50
Feb 17	M Franklin 2.00, H Young 2.00, J Barker 2.00	\$6.00
	W Minor 7.50, J Dillard 3.75	\$11.25
	Fort Wayne Co 13.38, J G Hurkamp 3.40	\$16.78
Apr 22	V Dannehl \$10.00, Poles 60.50, Wire & Sup 48.10	\$118.60
	Paint 7.25, Frt armature 8.82, W Minor 15.00	\$31.07

May 16	J Dillard 3.75, J Vance 3.75, M Patterson 1.88	\$.938	
May 23	W Minor 8.75, J Dillard 5.62	\$14.37	\$224.95
Improvements			
Feb 26	Fbg Plow Works Foundation plates	\$30.90	
	2 Arc Lamps	\$28.00	
	Cartright & Davis concrete	\$43.32	
Feb 28	J W McCalley House over Turbine	\$146.59	
Feb 29	J Franklin 10.00, Moving Dynamo 15.49	\$25.49	
Mar 3	Melville Woolen Mill Power	\$200.75	
	V Dannehlh Foundation bolts	\$13.35	
Mar 23	Ft Wayne Elect Co power commutator	\$65.00	
	F Tyler cotton belt 24.33, clock 4.50, Cement 11.86	\$40.69	
Apr 23	Ft Wayne Co 2 arc lamps	\$28.00	
	E Cain, gutters 9.50, chairs 5.75	\$15.25	
Jan 25	on new turbine	\$1,800	
Feb 29	on new turbine	\$150	
Apr 1	on new turbine	\$200	
Jun 2	on new turbine	\$500.88	
	Total improvements	\$2,650.88	
	Repairs	\$224.95	
	Labor	\$589.23	
	Expense	\$536.81	\$4,649.21

On motion of Mr Bradley received and filed.

Mr Young of Light Committee reported on Gas Plant

Mr E M Young Jr, Chairman of Light Committee June 18, 1908

Dear Sir: This being the close of the fiscal year, I herewith submit the following report.

Total gas made amount		13,715,200 cu ft
Gas sold consumer meters	11,400,000 cu ft	
Used works and temp Cor	320,000 cu ft	
Used Street lamps	100,000 cu ft	
		11,820,000
Unaccounted for		1,895,000
Gas made in the year 1906-1907		11,552,300 cu ft
Gas made in the year 1905-1906		9,473,300 cu ft

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Increase this year over 1906-07 is 18%

Increase this year over 1905-06 is 45%

The last full fiscal year the old works was run, the make of Gas was 8,041.700 cu ft, showing for this, an increase over the last fiscal year at the old works of 70%.

I quote these figures to show that we are steadily increasing our business.

Our unaccounted for Gas, which includes shrinkage in 13% of the make is 3% more than last year, but as we made quite extensive main extensions this year, this amount is not excessive.

The coal supply for the past year has been good, and our yield was 4.57 cu ft of gas per lb of coal

Coal in hand June 1, 1907	150 tons
Purchased during the past year	1,575 tons
	1,725 tons
Used during year	1,500 tons
Coal on hand June 1, 1908	225 tons

Meters in use June 1, 1908		584
Meters set during year	68	
Meters removed	14	
Gain	54	
Meters set June 1, 1907		630
Increase for year		54

Meters changed for various causes during year 52

Mains were extended along the National Boulevard and the streets crossing it, also small pipes were taken up on Winchester and Lewis streets and 3 and 4 inch mains laid.

All this was badly needed and will increase the sale of Gas.

A large number of gas ranges are being installed by the local plumbers, and are giving universal satisfaction. This helps increase our summer send out.

Everything at the Plant has worked entirely satisfactorily and only such repairs as are usual have been made.

Expenses

Manufacture	Coal	\$5,010.35	
	Labor	\$2,355.88	
	Supplies	\$145.22	
	Repairs	\$66.48	\$7,457.93
Distribution	Repair Mains & Services	\$140.16	
	Complaint work	\$228.51	
	Advertising	\$62.00	
	Office Supplies	\$46.58	
	Material distribution	\$362.97	
	Labor	\$354.26	
	Repair meters	\$45.61	
	Supt Salary	\$1,000.00	\$2,240.09
Total Operation			\$9,698.02

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Extensions

Boulevard main, (itemized in separate sheet)	\$2,996.97	
Lewis and Winchester streets	\$564.17	
New Service	\$287.08	\$3,848.22
Improvements: new shop at works		\$848.48
Other expenses not chargeable to above		
Welsbach lights (itemized on separate sheet)	\$873.48	
Barrels	\$50.55	
New meters	\$124.00	\$1,048.03
Total money expended		\$14,988.75
Leaving balance with City Treasurer of \$11.25		

Receipts

Received for gas, turned over to City Treasurer	\$12,026.52	
Collectable bills in hand	\$59.45	
Bad bills in hand	\$50.31	
		\$12,136.28
Received for Coke and Tar		\$1,310.40
Welsbach lights		\$599.80
Total Receipts		\$14,046.48
Deducting operating expenses	\$9,698.02	

Bad bills	\$50.31	
Welsbach Lights	\$599.80	\$10,348.13
Receipts over operating expenses		\$3,698.35

In connection with this I wish to say that two of our largest customers or consumers have been off for the past two months, and the largest, the Kenmore Shoe Factory has not used gas for three months. Since the 1st day of October 1907, or eight months ago the price of gas has been \$1.00 per thousand cubic feet, our people thereby enjoying a rate the same as the larger cities, which has been a saving to them and at the same time reduces our surplus.

I wish to thank you and the rest of the Committee for your co-operation and support, to which is largely due the success of the business.

Respectfully submitted,

B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works

Welsbach report

Below is a report of Welsbach branch of the business

Stock in hand 1 st June 1907	\$225.00	
Purchased this year	\$873.48	
		\$1,098.48
Stock in hand June 1 st 1908	\$338.60	
Value of Arc On rental	\$284.00	
Sale of goods, lamps, mantles etc	\$599.80	
Retail from Arcs	\$98.00	
	\$1,320.40	
Sum paid on acct arcs	\$24.25	\$1,296.15
Balance		\$197.67
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Arc account		
Rental received		\$98.00
Cost of Maintenance mantles	\$32.00	
Cost of Maintenance Globes	\$4.50	
Labor cleaning	\$30.00	
Paid in acct	\$24.25	\$90.75
Balance		\$7.75

The balance shown in favor of the Welsbachs of \$197.67 would be materially reduced if the time of setting these lamps had been figured and perhaps wiped out all together. But the sale of gas that has been caused by the sale of them has more than paid for the handling the same.

At least 50% of our increase in sale of gas can be traced to the Welsbach Lights

Mr E M Young Jr, Chairman Light Committee June 10, 1908

Dear Sir: Below is a report of the expenses of running the mains and services on the Boulevard and crossing streets as ordered by the City Council.

Cast Iron pipe including freight and charges	\$1,613.88
Wrought iron pipe	\$175.20
Tools, picks, shovels, calking, and roping, cutters etc	\$109.41
Valves for cutting off gas while working	\$19.50
Sundries	\$14.34
Jointing material lead and cement	\$40.14
Meters and connections	\$281.25
Labor of digging and refilling trench laying pipe	\$570.25

Laying services setting meters etc	\$134.75
Stop cocks and boxes for curb cut offs	\$38.25
Total for entire work	\$2,996.97

We have at present time 21 consumers using gas from this pipe, all of them using it for cooking purposes and there are quite a few more who are now waiting for ranges, which are ordered and have not arrived as yet, but will be placed in use as soon as they get here.

Some of the local plumbers have orders to pipe some of the houses for lights, a few of which are now piped and are using gas for lighting and present prospect show that this will be a good paying investment.

Respectfully submitted,
B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works

Mr E M Young Jr, Joseph M Goldsmith (Committee on Light)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report of Light Committee on Gas & Gas Works received and ordered filed.

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Vice President Henry Dannehl in the Chair

Mr Cole asked to be excused, as there was an important meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Normal and Industrial School, now in session, in our City considering the question of a site for the same.

On motion Col Cole was excused.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Water Committee, through S J Quinn, Superintendent presented the following report

Messrs Lane, Cole & Masters, Committee on Water June 16, 1908

As Superintendent of the City Water Works, which includes the sewerage of the town I make my annual report covering both for the year ending June 15, 1908.

During the year we have constructed a sewer from the National [Blvd] down Spottswood Street connecting with the main sewer on Charlotte Street 625 feet. Not being permitted to construct a sewer on the Boulevard the owners of property front on the thoroughfare from Spottswood Street to the Spoke Works, requested that a main should be laid through the back part of their lots for the drainage of their buildings which was done, reaching the main sewer on Wolfe Street, through a vacant lot belonging to the Spoke Works. Permission being given therefor this is 650 feet.

Another line was laid on Lewis Street, commencing at Mrs Bear's up Lewis Street to near Washington Avenue some 500 feet.

We also continued the sewer on Charlotte Street from the 50 foot line from Main Street up to Wheeler's undertaking establishment 200 feet.

The first two lines are 6" pipe; the one on Charlotte Street is 8" as that will be the sewer to connection with the Government building to be erected on the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover Streets.

We are now constructing a main line of pipe from the little canal on Hanover Street to the Corporation line, which will be a little over 1300 feet long when completed. Counting the laterals for these lines of pipe together with those that have been run to the buildings on the upper part of Main Street, during the year amount to 75, the total number of laterals is (466).

The seven years' exemption on all parties connecting with private sewers, expires this year; and will be charged up on the books for connection next May, which will add very materially to the income from the connection tax. The total amount of connection tax collected this year is (\$1,278.74) which has been paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the City and receipts given therefor.

The only serious trouble we have had with the sewer during the year was a break in the large pipe near where it empties into the River. The grade was so steep at that point we found it necessary to remove the Terra Cotta pipe and substitute iron pipe. This work was done by Mr J H Davis, and was a good job.

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And I do not think we will have any more trouble at that point.

In addition to this the Committee purchased (250 feet) of hose for the purpose of flushing the sewers, which were indispensable.

The entire system of Sewerage is now, so far as I know, in good condition.

City Water Works

The City Water Works, including machinery, etc are in good condition, as we have improved our facilities for pumping water on the hill, the draught on the reservoir has very largely increased also, necessitating the running of our large pump nearly one-fourth of the time during the months of May and June. It is quite probable that this great increase has been as much the waste, as the legitimate user of water, since the waste can be carried off by the sewers without inconvenience to any one.

We have probably done more work outside of the regular expenses of the works this year than any one year since the construction of the works. At the close of last year we were laying a 6" main on Main Street, to the Germania Mills, and were brought to a halt near New Street, for lack of pipe. After the new year came in we proceeded to finish up that pipe at a cost of (\$491.22). Before the repairing of the National Boulevard, it was thought necessary that pipe should be laid across it, as the Government reported their unwillingness for it to be dug up for laying pipe. Therefore we laid a 4" pipe across the Boulevard at Willis Street; a 6" pipe at Weedon Street; a 4" across at Prince Edward Street, at a cost of (\$137.63).

We also connected the 6" main on Main Street running through the Woolen Mills yard, with a 4" main on Princess Anne Street, thereby materially strengthening the fire protection on that line of pipe at a cost of (\$76.25).

We also connected the 4" main on Main Street, by a 4" main upon Dixon Street, with the 4" main on Princess Anne Street at cost of (\$245.81). This was done in order to strengthen all the fire plugs on Main & Princess Anne streets below the Railroad and make them more efficient in case of fire. There are still two fire plugs on Main Street below Dixon that should be strengthened at some future time.

We also repaired several hundred feet of stone wall in the little Canal below Frederick Street at a cost of (\$186.89).

In addition to this, the expenditures for street sprinkling to date amounting to (\$408.77) has been charged up to the running expenses of the Works. These outside expenditures amounted to (\$1,546.58) for which no appropriation was made except (\$300.00) which appropriation will be mentioned hereafter.

The Collections for year have been as follows.

1907	Jun 30	Balance collected this month	\$54.74
1907	Jul 31	Collections this month	\$3,616.75
1907	Aug 31	Collections this month	\$100.52
1907	Sep 30	Collections this month	\$146.13
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1907	Oct 31	Collections this month	\$118.41
1907	Nov 30	Collections this month	\$246.33
1907	Dec 31	Collections this month	\$155.43
1908	Jan 31	Collections this month	\$3,750.46
1908	Feb 29	Collections this month	\$113.34
1908	Mar 31	Collections this month	\$130.08
1908	Apr 30	Collections this month	\$171.90

1908	May 31	Collections this month	\$248.18
1908	Jun 15	Collections this month	\$109.76
Total			\$8,962.03
Amount for operating the work		\$2,703.18	
Salary of Supt		\$900.00	
Int on Water bonds		\$1,500.00	\$5,105.18
Net profit of the Works			\$3,858.85

All of the above collections have been paid to the Treasurer and I have receipts for the same.

The entire appropriation July 1 1907	\$2,000.00
Salary of Superintendent	\$900.00
Amt of repairing Hunters well	\$25.00
Amt for Street Sprinkling	\$300.00
Amt for Special Work	\$2,000.00
Total	\$5,225.00
Total expenditures	\$5,149.75
Leaving balance to credit of Committee	\$75.25

It will be seen that the collections this year fall below those of last year by (\$45.00). This is accounted for in the fact that last year several estimates were settled up which owed considerable amount for water rent. Besides many owing back dues were forced to pay up. This year we had but a small amount of back dues to collect.

The only improvement I would recommend at present is the one so often made regarding that part of town lying south of the little canal. Much of that section is almost without a domestic supply of water; and in no part of it is there anything like an adequate fire protection. I again call the attention of the Committee to this condition of things, with the hope that at some future time the matter may be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

H B Lane, E D Cole, J W Masters (Committee on Water)

On motion the report of Water Committee was received and ordered filed.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests Committee reported an unexpended balance of \$187.60. The amount appropriated (\$200.00). On motion the report was received and ordered to be filed.

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Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests Committee reported (\$20,000) additional appropriation by Congress to the Public Federal Building, making a total of (\$60,000.) and believed they would get additional (\$5,000) for Boulevard. He also stated that the tonnage report made to the U S Government for the Rappahannock River, is larger than any previous year.

Mr Warden of Health and Police reported that his Committee had been unable to make a contract with any Doctor to attend the Small Pox case at (\$10.00) per week, but that Dr Barney was attending them free of charge.

Mr Warden reported an expenditure by the Health and Police Committee of (\$1,200.00) and asked that (\$50.00) or so much of it as is necessary be placed to the credit of the Health and Police Committee to close up accounts for the year.

And on motion the sum of (\$50.00) or so much of same as is necessary was appropriated to the Committee on Health and Police.

Mr Masters of the Fire Committee reported as follows:

By appropriation	\$300.00
Jul 1, 1908 Salary of janitor at \$5.00 per month	\$60.00
Nov 13, 1907 Amt pd fire 603 Ameila St	\$13.25

Jan 27 1908	Amt pd fire Geo Freeman Sr's	\$10.65	
Feb 1, 1908	Amt pd fire Henry Deane	\$13.50	
Feb 1	painting ladders, reel & etc	\$18.00	
Feb 20	Brown & Co Boots	\$52.50	
Feb 20	W H Brulle & Co Rubber Coats	\$44.25	
Mar 2	Amt paid fire W A Williams	\$14.40	
Apr 1	Watchman Masonic Carnival	\$9.00	
	Watchman Masonic Carnival	\$7.00	
Apr 18	Gas Bill	\$1.65	
Apr 18	Bill Free Lance	\$1.00	\$245.70
	Balance in hand		\$54.30

Respectfully submitted, J W Masters, Chairman
On motion of Mr Rowe, the report was received and filed.

Mr Rowe of the Alms House Committee reported as follows:

By appropriation	\$1,450.00
Expenditures	\$1,203.43
Balance unexpended	\$246.37

In addition to this your Committee reports receipts from Alms House field (\$35.00) and from board of Mrs Margaret V. King (\$60.00) which sums were placed by Treasurer Knox to credit of general fund and not to your Committee.

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We also report that of the (\$1,203.43) expended that (\$150.00) of said sum was used by the City Mission for alleviating the suffering of the City's poor during the winter months outside the Alms House Committee.

Respectfully submitted, J P Rowe, W E Bradley, E D Cole (Committee)

On motion the report of the Alms House Committee was received and ordered filed.

Mr Rowe also reported that the School Committee had prepared no report owing to the absence of its chairman, Mr Somerville, and that important matters of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property in regards to the New School Building now in course of erection were awaiting the arrival of its chairman, Mr Somerville.

On motion the Council then adjourned to Monday night June 29th at 8PM 1908

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Contract of City with E G Heflin (School Building)

This contract made this 1st day of June 1908 by and between E G Heflin, party of the first part, and the City of Fredericksburg, Va, by its duly authorized agents, the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property of the City Council.

Whereas the said E G Heflin prepared plans and specifications for a three story Public School Building for the City of Fredericksburg, to be erected on the lot in said City where the present Public School Building for White children stands, and

Whereas the said Heflin has made an offer to said City, through said Joint Committee that for thirty-five thousand five hundred and forty five dollars (\$35,545.00) he will furnish all the material and to erect said Public School Building in strict accordance with said plans and specifications, except that the filters called for in said plans and specifications are to be omitted and the well washed gravel is to

be substituted for crushed stone in the foundation work, and that the specifications, so far as the same related to the seasoned condition of the long leaf North Carolina Pine shall be modified so as to permit the use of the said Long Leaf North Carolina Pine as well seasoned as can be found in the market, and that the construction and erecting of the building shall be carried forward in such a way as to permit the seasoning of the floor joists before the floor is laid thereon, and before the ceiling lathes are attached there-to, not however, extending the time of completing the said building beyond the 15th of February 1909; and

Whereas the City Council of Fredericksburg on the 14th day of May 1908 accepted said proposition of said Heflin and on said day adopted the following resolution unanimously;

“Whereas, said proposition has been accepted by the Council, therefore resolved that the said Joint Committee for, and on behalf of the City of Fredericksburg execute with the said Heflin a contract for furnishing the material and building the School Building in accordance with the Plans and Specifications furnished by him to the Council, subject only to the modifications contained in his last proposition embodied in the report of the Joint Committee this night presented to this Council It is understood that the filter provided for in his original plans and specifications is omitted. The last proposition of said Heflin herein accepted is to furnish said material and erect said building for thirty five thousand and five hundred and forty five dollars (\$35,545) to be paid to him in such installments as the said Joint Committee shall approve.

Said Committee shall concurrently with the execution of said contract take from said Heflin bond called for by original specifications with security approved by the Joint Committee.”

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Now this contract: Witnesseth that the said E G Heflin, in consideration of the said sum of thirty five thousand and five hundred and forty five dollars (\$35,545.00) to be paid to him at such times and in such installments as the Joint Committee aforesaid shall approve, doth hereby contract with said City to do and to perform the work, and furnish all the materials and complete the Public School Building in strict accordance with the aforesaid plans and specifications and the design which accompanied said specifications, by the 15th day of February 1909, subject only to the modifications set forth in the foregoing preamble, viz; that the filters called for in said specifications are to be omitted, and that well washed gravel is to be substituted for crushed stone in the foundation work, and that the specifications so far as the same relate to the seasoned condition of long leaf North Carolina Pine shall be modified so as to permit the use of said Long Leaf North Carolina Pine as well seasoned as can be found in the market, and that the construction and erection of the building shall be carried forward in such a way as to permit the seasoning of the floor joists before the floors are laid thereon, and before the ceiling lathes are attached thereto, not however, extending the time for the completion of said building beyond the 15th day of February 1909, and subject to said modifications only the said plans and specifications are made a part of this contract as fully as if the same were recited herein and all of its requirements and stipulations and provisions are to be faithfully observed, obeyed and performed by the said Heflin as fully as if the same were herein specifically set forth, and all work done and material furnished under said specifications are to be subject to the approval of said Joint Committee or its duly authorized inspector.

And the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia by the aforesaid Joint Committee doth hereby contract to pay the said Heflin the said sum of thirty five thousand and five hundred and forty five dollars (\$35,545.00) as said work progressed and when the said building is completed in accordance with said plans and specifications at such time and in such installments as the said Joint Committee shall approve.

Given under our hands,

E G Heflin, Contractor

S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Henry Warden, W E Bradley, A M Garner, Henry Dannehl (Joint Committee on School & Public Property.)

Contract returned to City Treasurer, June 24, 1908 R T Knox

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held June 29, 1908 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. E D Cole, President, H Dannehl, Vice President, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young and Clerk Eastburn.

E D Cole in the Chair

The President requested Mr Young to take the Chair.

E M Young in the Chair.

President E D Cole offered his resignation as President of the City Council.

On motion of Mr Lane the resignation was accepted.

Mr Dannehl then moved, and it was adopted that the Council go into the election of a President of the Council to fill the unexpired term of Cole E D Cole.

Mr Dannehl nominated W E Bradley for President of the Council for the unexpired term of Col E D Cole, which was seconded by Mr Goldsmith.

Ballot was then taken and Mr Bradley received nine (9) votes, Mr Dannehl received one (1) vote.

Mr Bradley was declared elected and qualified by taking the oath of office required by law before S E Eastburn, JP. Mr Bradley accepted the honor in a few well timed remarks and took the Chair.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that in obedience to instructions from this Council his Committee had sold the (\$15,000) of 4% new school building bonds at par and had the new bonds lithographer, and that they would be here tomorrow for delivery.

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that the money received from the sale of the new Public School Building 4% bonds be turned over by the Finance Committee to the City Treasurer to be kept by him and known as the New Public School Building Fund.

Col Cole presented the following bill for Hacks in connection with the selection of a site for the New State Normal School

Jacobs and Armstrong

Jun 18 to 1 hack 2 horses \$2.00

Jun 19 to 2 hack 2½ horses \$5.00 \$7.00

On motion the bill of Jacobs & Armstrong for Hacks for State Normal School Site was ordered paid.

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee offered the annexed report of his Committee for the year ending June 30th 1908.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va June 29, 1908.

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1908 and 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.

Col Cole, W S Embrey, H B Lane, Finance Committee City Council, Fredericksburg, Va Jun 22, 1908
Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of Collections of Revenue for the fiscal year ending June 20, 1908.

The amount received from the different sources are given separately and I am exceedingly gratified to report that the collections are larger than ever before.

The accounts for sidewalk improvements have all been balances and no bills for this work remain on my books. Mr Clarence R Howard in making his payment June 18th requested me to say that the Council will hear from him, as he wishes the matter further considered in his case.

All licenses assessed are paid and the following itemized statement shows the receipts and balances for all of the different accounts. Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, City Collector of Taxes.

On assessment of 1907	Real Estate	\$21,390.74	
On assessment of 1907	Personalty	\$9,108.39	
		\$30,499.13	
Less discount 5%		\$1,524.96	\$28,974.17
On Assessment of 1907 after Oct 15 th			
	Real Estate	\$1,727.39	
	Personalty	\$259.59	
Add Penalty & Interest		\$168.18	\$2,155.16
Sewer Tax to Oct 15		\$1,606.23	
Sewer Tax after Oct 15		\$131.17	\$1,737.40
Improved Pavement Bills, Wash Avenue		\$249.69	
Improved Pavement Bills, Wash Avenue \$14.50			
Improved Pavement Bills, Interest .70		\$15.20	
Improved Pavement Bills, Wash Avenue		\$130.02	\$394.91
General Licenses fr Jun 24/07 to Apr 30/08		\$772.90	
Dray Licenses fr Jun 24/07 to Apr 30/08		\$31.00	
Licenses for Opera House Exhibitions		\$51.00	
Licenses fr Circuses & Special Shows		\$186.00	
Amt taken over		\$1,040.90	\$33,261.64
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Amt brought over		\$1,040.90	\$33,261.64
On General licenses 1908/9	\$14,589.75		
Less 5% discount	\$729.48	\$13,860.27	
On licenses 1908/9 after May 15		\$100.07	
On dray licenses 1908/9	\$120.00		
Less discount	\$6.00	\$114.00	
On dray licenses after May 15		\$20.00	\$15,135.24
Rent of City Hay Scales Jan 1908			\$38.00
Total for 1907 and 1908			\$48,434.88
On assessment of 1906	\$16.87		
Add penalty & Interest	\$1.77		\$18.64
On assessment of 1905	\$.78		
Add penalty & Interest	\$5.18		\$5.96
On assessment of 1904	\$1.01		
Add penalty & Interest	\$.33		\$1.34
On assessment of 1903	\$.66		
Add penalty & Interest	\$2.21		\$2.87
On assessment of 1902	\$.50		
Add penalty & Interest	\$.19		\$.69
On assessment of 1901	\$.73		
Add penalty & Interest	\$.32		\$1.05
Total from all Sewers			\$48,465.43
The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg Va, by delinquents for the year 1883 to 1907 inclusive			
To amount on books of 1907			\$33,318.85
By Collections to Oct 15, 1907	\$28,974.14		
Add 5% deducted	\$1,524.96	\$30,499.13	
By Collections after Oct 15, 07	\$2,155.16		

Deduct penalty & interest	\$168.18	\$1,986.98	
By delinquent Real Estate bills turned over to Treasurer June 22 1908		\$328.89	
By bills exempted by Court		\$300.29	\$33,115.29
Amount delinquent			\$203.56
To Sewer Tax on Books of 1907			\$1,762.23
By collections to Oct 15		\$1,606.23	
By collections after Oct 15		\$131.17	
Delinquent sewer bills turned Over to Treasurer June 22, 1908		\$24.09	
Sewer bills exempt by Court		\$.74	\$1,762.23
To improved pavement bills on book of 1905			\$39.59
To improved pavement bills released by Council			\$39.59
To improved pavement bills on book of 1906			\$39.63
To improved pavement bills released by Council			\$39.63
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To improved pavement bills on Washington Avenue			\$394.21
By collections		\$294.69	
By collections	\$15.20		
Deduct interest	\$.70	\$14.50	
Collections		\$130.00	\$394.21
To amounts on Books of 1906			\$135.90
By collections		\$18.64	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$1.77	\$16.87
Amount delinquent			\$119.03
To amounts on Books of 1905			\$115.17
By collections		\$5.96	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$.78	\$5.18
Amount delinquent			\$109.99
To amounts on Books of 1904			\$88.66
By collections		\$1.34	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$.33	\$1.01
Amount delinquent			\$87.65
To amounts on Books of 1903			\$40.01
By collections		\$2.87	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$.66	\$2.21
Amount delinquent			\$37.80
To amounts on Books of 1902			\$76.98
By collections		\$.69	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$.19	\$.50
Amount delinquent			\$76.48
To amounts on Books of 1901			\$77.28
By collections		\$1.05	
Deduct penalty & interest		\$.32	\$.73
Amount delinquent			\$76.65
To amounts on Books of 1900			\$20.18
To amounts on Books of 1899			\$14.16
To amounts on Books of 1898			\$7.88

To amounts on Books of 1897	\$5.31
To amounts on Books of 1896	\$4.82
To amounts on Books of 1895	\$5.26
To amounts on Books of 1894	\$3.04
To amounts on Books of 1893	\$2.54
To amounts on Books of 1892	\$2.28
To amounts on Books of 1891	\$1.24
To amounts on Books of 1890	\$2.04
To amounts on Books of 1889	\$.93
To amounts on Books of 1888	\$.86
To amounts on Books of 1887	\$2.92
To amounts on Books of 1886	\$2.13
To amounts on Books of 1885	\$.80
To amounts on Books of 1884	\$1.91
To amounts on Books of 1883	\$1.51

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Recapitulations of Collections

On books of 1907	Taxes, Licenses, Pavement Bills, etc	\$48,434.88
On books of 1906		\$18.64
On books of 1905		\$5.96
On books of 1904		\$1.34
On books of 1903		\$2.87
On books of 1902		\$.69
On books of 1901		\$1.05
		\$48,465.43

Recapitulation of Bills due on Books of 1907

On books of 1906	\$203.56
On books of 1905	\$119.03
On books of 1904	\$109.99
On books of 1903	\$87.65
On books of 1902	\$37.80
On books of 1901	\$76.48
On books of 1900	\$76.65
On books of 1900	\$20.18
On books of 1899	\$14.16
On books of 1898	\$7.88
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	\$2.54
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
\$791.80

Respectfully submitted
A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

The report of A P Rowe, Collector, as for the preceding year shows the largest collection of the City's revenues 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 Mr R T Knox, our most efficient, painstaking, and accurate City Treasurer.
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Treasurer's Report receipts of the Corporation of Fredericksburg from all sources brought into the Treasurer from July 1, 1907 to June 22nd 1908

Jul 1, 1907 by balance on hand		\$18,612.69	
June 22	Receipts from Water	\$8,962.03	
June 22	Receipts from Gas	\$13,936.62	
June 22	Receipts from Taxes	\$30,334.90	
June 22	Receipts from Licenses	\$14,756.86	
	Receipts from Delinquent Real Estate	\$185.97	\$68,176.38
	Receipts from fines from Mayor	\$888.34	
	Dog & G? License	\$374.50	
	Gran Pavement Apr 16 nett	\$243.45	
	Imp Pavement Wash Ave nett	\$141.59	
Auditor of State 1/3 of Cap Tax (\$1027.50)		\$342.50	
Gen Sinking fund to pay for \$3,000 Century Bonds N., see Nov 27, 1907		\$2,572.50	
Rent of Hay Scales		\$36.10	
Gately returned .95 from Mar .50		1.45	
Jacobs 1/2 repair special Wash Ave		\$19.12	
Fr W E Bradley sale of bridge timber		\$17.00	
Fr Metcalf lot & Heflin		\$4.05	
Fr sewer \$4.50 fr house at bridge \$45.00		\$49.50	
Fr Bradley, Board of Mrs King Alms House 1yr		\$60.00	
Steven Russell Taxes of 1903, Yates 8.27, B F Dobson Clk of Ct 5.01		\$13.28	
Rent Alms House field		\$35.00	\$4,798.38
Total receipts			\$91,587.45

Disbursements made by R T Knox Treasurer of City for the year from July 1, 1907 to June 22, 1908, upon order of the City Council from time to time and general appropriations by said Council all supported by proper vouchers.

Order of Water Committee	\$5,179.32	
Order of Gas Committee	\$14,988.77	
Order of Street Committee	\$4,088.95	
Order of Public Property Committee	\$2,652.69	
Order of Alms House Committee	\$1,180.93	\$28,090.66
Order of Special St Committee, Lewis St etc	\$774.00	
Order of Electric Light Committee	\$7,748.64	
Order of Court	\$2,345.84	
By order of the Council pd bond due Nat Bank, \$5,000, and Interest to Nov 1, 1907. \$33.34	\$5,033.34	

Paid Coupons counted and destroyed by Council from Jan 1, 1908 to Jul 1 1908	\$5,526.00	
Order of Fire Department Committee	\$245.70	
Order of Health & Police Committee	\$1,248.81	
Order of Mayor T P Wallace	\$146.83	
Order of Judge Goolrick, Census	\$286.80	
Order of Public Interests Committee	\$12.40	
Order of History Committee	\$24.05	
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Amount brought forward		\$28,090.66
Order of Council setting aside for Public School Building	\$5,000.00	
Order Salary of Mayor	\$400.00	
Order Salary of Treasurer Knox	\$750.00	
Order Salary Clerk of Council	\$145.82	
Order Salary Commonwealth Attorney	\$366.63	
Order Salary Judge A T Goolrick	\$916.63	
Order Salary of five Policemen	\$2,220.00	
Order Salary of Market Master	\$68.75	\$51,767.54
		\$79,858.20
Total Receipts		\$91,587.45
Total Expenditures		\$79,858.20
Balance on Hand		\$11,729.20
R T Knox, Treasurer June 22, 1908		
R T Knox, Treasurer, with new Sewer Account, receipts from every source for 1907		
1907 Jun 25 By Balance in hand		\$1,555.08
Aug 1 By amt from S J Quinn		\$413.82
Oct 1 by amt from S J Quinn		\$68.00
Dec 11 by amt fr A P Rowe, \$1,606.23 less coms of Rowe \$40.16		\$1,566.07
1908 Jan 27 by amt delinquent real estate colored		6.75
1908 Jan 27 by amt delinquent real estate white		5.30
Jan 29 by amt R T Knox, Treas, Sinking Fund for Sewer Va Bonds		\$257.25
Jun 16 by amt Sewer Tax pd by S J Quinn		\$796.92
Jun 22 by amt Sewer Tax fr A P Rowe Collector	\$131.17	
Less A P Rowe 2½ Com	\$3.28	\$127.89
Total receipts		\$4,797.08
Total disbursements		\$3,197.95
Balance now on hand		\$1,597.13
Sinking fund account Sewer Bonds in my hands for Sewer sinking fund % \$100.00		
4% Bonds and 3 Va Century Bonds		\$1,000.00
1907 Nov 27 Had drawn \$15.25 over		
1908 Jan 29 By 6mos int on \$300 fr John G Due warrant on Treas of State	\$4.50	
Jan 22 had deposited in C G & G National Bank	\$180.00	
	\$184.50	
Balance to our credit there		\$15.25
22 to balance due, sinking fund Sewer Bonds		\$169.25
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To balance carried to next year		\$11,729.25
		\$91,587.43
E & OE R T Knox, Treasurer, Fredericksburg Va June 22, 1908		

June 25, 1907 to June 22, 1908, and disbursements during that period

Disbursements

1907 To amt pd for interest on bonds due Nov 1, 1907	\$340.00	
1908 To amt pd for interest on bonds due May 1, 1908	\$340.00	\$680.00
Sinking Fund one percent on \$18,000.00		\$180.00
By amt pd for running expenses upon ordered of the Committee & Council fr time to time		\$2,337.95
		\$3,197.95
Balance on hand		\$1,599.13
		\$4,797.08

R T Knox, Treasurer

I have the Planters National Bank Book showing

1907 Jan 3 deposited there for old 7% Bond still out		\$600.00
1907 Jun 30		\$8.85
1907 Dec 31		\$9.12
Balance to credit City of Fredericksburg		\$617.97

R T Knox Treasurer

R T Knox, Treasurer, General Sinking Fund, exclusive of \$18,000 Sewer

1907

Jan 16 by amt paid to order of John F Gouldman, cashier Farmer and Merchants State bank for the following State Century Bonds

No 4879	\$1,000.00	
No 4880	\$1,000.00	
No 1736	\$500.00	
No 6246	\$100.00	
	\$2,600.00 @ 94.50	\$2,457.00

By amt paid for \$3,000 Century Bonds @ 85-3/4

Nos 5476, 5477, 5478 (\$1,000) each		\$2,572.50
Balance still on hand		\$37.50

Nov 27 by balance due, R T Knox Treasurer		\$5,067.00
		\$37.50

1908 Jan 29 by int on \$5,600 Century Bonds John G Due, Second Auditor check Jan 2		\$84.00
To Credit at Bank should be		\$121.50

R T Knox, Treasurer

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Bonds in account with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank 1907

Jan 16 to check this day deposited on Farmers & Merchants 513 by order Finance Comm		\$2,514.00
Jan 3 to John G Due 2 nd Auditor warrant No 777 Jul 1 on \$2,600 Bonds semi-annual int		\$39.00
Nov 27 by amt pr order Council plac'd to credit this fund Jan 17 th in Farmers & Mercts		\$2,514.00
		\$5,067.00

R T Knox, Treasurer

Bonded debt of the City of Fredericksburg January 22, 1908 exclusive of \$18,000 City Sewer bonds

New 5% Water Bonds 30 @ \$1,000 each payable Jan 1 st 1909		\$30,000.00
4% Gas Bonds payable Jan 2, 1902		
40 bonds @ \$500 each	\$20,000.00	
50 bonds @ \$100 each	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00
4% Bridge Bonds payable Jul 2, 1920		
13 bonds @ \$1,000.00 each	\$13,000.00	

22 bonds @ \$500.00 each	\$11,000.00	
10 bonds @ \$100.00 each	\$1,000.00	\$25,000.00
4% Electric Light Bonds due Jan 1, 1931		
22 bonds @ \$500.00 each	\$11,000.00	
10 bonds @ \$100.00 each	\$1,000.00	\$12,000.00
4% Street Improvement Bonds payable April 1, 1931		
10 bonds @ \$100.00 each	\$1,000.00	
18 bonds @ \$500.00 each	\$9,000.00	
10 bonds @ \$1,000.00 each	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
4% Water & Gas Bonds due April 1, 1935		
8 bonds @ \$1,000.00 each	\$8,000.00	
20 bonds @ \$500.00 each	\$10,000.00	
20 bonds @ \$100.00 each	\$2,000.00	\$20,000.00
4% City for old 7% Bonds due May 1, 1936		
26 bonds @ \$1,000.00 each	\$26,000.00	
204 bonds @ \$100.00 each	\$20,400.00	
146 bonds @ \$500.00 each	\$73,000.00	\$119,400.00
4% Water Bonds due April 1, 1935		
Due Nov 1 st 1908	\$5,000.00	
Due Nov 1 st 1909	\$5,000.00	
Due Nov 1 st 1910	\$5,000.00	
	\$15,000.00	
		\$251,400.00

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Farmers and Merchants State Bank in account with City of Fredericksburg for the Public Free School Fund

1907 Jul 5	Deposited Century Va bonds	\$5,000.00
1908	Interest due	\$56.59
Jun 2	To cash due, warrant	\$87.00
Jul 1	To Interest	\$1.10

By check Dec 7, 1907 for \$5,700

Century Va Bonds	\$5,000 @ .85-3/4	
	\$700 @ 86½	\$4,894.75
By check Dec 12, 1907 for \$100 bond No (7004		\$88.25
By balance		\$161.69
		\$5,144.69
By balance		\$161.69

R T Knox, Treasurer

Report of Auditing Committee

To the Honorable President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, members of the Auditing Committee on the City of Fredericksburg beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer of said City and found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers.

The said accounts of the Treasurer embrace the general accounts of receipts and disbursements which show a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the City of Fredericksburg of eleven thousand, seven hundred and twenty nine 25/100 (\$11,729.25).

And we have examined the accounts for sewer connections which show a balance to the credit of the City of Fredericksburg at the Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank of fifteen hundred and ninety-nine and 31/100 dollars (\$1,599.13).

The Treasurer's books also show that he has on hand seven \$100 Fredericksburg City bonds, four per cent purchased May 3rd 1906

	\$700.00
And three hundred dollar in Va Century 3% bonds	\$300.00
Bonds on hand	\$1,000.00

And his books show one hundred and sixty nine 25/100 dollars (\$169.25) to credit of City of Fredericksburg, Virginia this 22nd day of June 1908 at Conway, Gordon & Garnett National Bank to the credit of Sewer Funding account.

All the coupons from the various bonds due by the City have been paid up to this date and have been destroyed by burning, as shown by the Treasurer's vouchers given to Treasurer by the Finance Committee.

Treasurer Knox has in his hands (\$5,600.00) in Va Century Bonds belonging to General Sinking Fund account and there is to his credit at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank sinking fund account City of Fredericksburg (\$121.50) and there is [Page 274] to credit of the Public School Building fund (\$161.69) balance due City to-day in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank. The Treasurer has in his hands (\$5,800) of 3% Va Century Bonds.

We have examined the books of A P Rowe, Collector, S J Quinn, Superintendent of Water and Sewer, B F Bullock, Superintendent City Gas Works, and found the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted, A M Garner, E M Young Jr, W E Bradley (Auditing Committee)

The report of Mr Knox Treasurer shows that the City has no floating debt and that its revenues are in a splendid condition:

Balance on hand July 1 st 1907	\$18,612.69
Receipts for the year from all sources	\$72,974.76
Making in Total of Balance on hand July 1 st 1907	\$91,587.45
Expenditures for the year	\$79,858.20
Net Bal July 1, 1908 in hand of Treasurer	\$11,729.25

(1)A General Sewer Account

Your Committee calls attention to a statement of the general sewer account filed with Treasurer Knox's report, a short statement of which account would be as follows:

To Balance on hand at close of business last year	\$1,555.08
Receipts from all sources during the year	\$3,242.00
Total	\$4,797.08
Expenditures during the year including interest on bonds, etc	\$3,197.95
Leaving balance on hand	\$1,599.13

Having reference to the balance on hand of last year of (\$1,555.08) it will be seen that notwithstanding the collections credited to this fund, the present balance exceeds last years balance by only \$44.15

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Sewer Sinking Fund

The condition of the Sewer Sinking fund is satisfactory and in accordance with the orders of the Council

This bonded debt is	\$18,000.00
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The sinking fund to date is:

Fredericksburg 4% bonds of	\$700.00
Va Century 3% bonds	\$300.00

Cash in Treasurer's hands in Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank belonging to this fund (\$169.25)

The annual report of the Treasurer show this information [Page 275] in detail

Old funded debt bonds outstanding.

Your Committee in last year's report showed that (\$600.00) of the old 7% bonds were still outstanding, and the money to redeem them had been deposited in the Planters National Bank of Richmond, bearing three percent interest.

This deposit now amounts to (\$617.97) plus interest on this amount from December 31, 1907.

Your Committee recommends that this entire deposit be withdrawn after July 1, 1908 and carried to the City's General Fund, in as much as, it is bearing on 3% interest and the City can use the money for need expenditures and at any time the bonds turn up they can be paid from the General fund.

General Sinking Fund

Your body has seen fit to treat and carry the Sewer bonds and the sinking fund for the reduction of the said bonds, separate and distinct from the other bonds of the City, and separate and distinct from the General Fund. Above is set forth the amount of the Sewer bonds and the condition of the Sinking Fund to meet and retire those bonds.

In addition there-to your Committee reports the general bonded indebtedness of the City to be (\$251,400.00) as shown by the report of Treasurer Knox's returned with this report, and the Sinking Fund to meet and retire this indebtedness as shown by Treasurer Knox's further report, consists of (\$5,600.00) of Virginia Century Bonds and (\$121.50) in cash all with the Farmers and Merchants State Bank, to order and credit of the City.

Your Committee further reports that in addition to the Sewer Bonds and general bonded indebtedness above set forth, there are outstanding and held by the National Bank of Fredericksburg three (\$5,000.00) script bonds, known as Gas & Water Bonds bearing 4% interest and payable respectively on the first day of November 1908, 1909 and 1910.

No Sinking Fund has ever been provided by the Council for the retirement of these bonds, but the same are to be paid out of the General Annual levies of the City, for the year as they fall due.

Recapitulating, your Committee here begs leave to report the entire bonded indebtedness of the City of Fredericksburg as follows.

5% water bonds	Due 1909	\$30,000
4% Gas bonds	Due 1920	\$25,000
4% bridge bonds	Due 1920	\$25,000
4% Electric bonds	Due 1931	\$12,000
4% Sewer & St Imp bonds	Due 1931	\$18,000
4% St Imprvt bonds	Due 1931	\$20,000
4% Gas & Water bond	Due 1935	\$20,000
4% Funded debt	due May 1, 1936	\$119,420.00
3 4% Bonds due Nat bank Nov 1 1908 and annually		\$15,000
Total		\$284,420.00

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Your Committee would recommend the following appropriations:

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 \$119,420	4% Funding bonds	\$4,776.00

Interest on \$20,000 4% Gas & Water	\$800.00	
Principal (2 nd) bond due Nat Bank	\$5,000.00	
And interest one year at 4% on \$15,000.00	\$5,600.00	
Sinking fund on above bonded debt viz:		
1% Int On \$30,000 5% water		\$300.00
1% Int On \$25,000 4% bridge bonds		\$250.00
1% Int On \$25,000 4% gas bonds		\$250.00
1% Int On \$18,000 4% sewer bonds		\$180.00
1% Int On \$12,000 4% Electric Light bonds		\$120.00
1% Int On \$20,000 4% Street Imp bonds		\$200.00
1% Int On \$20,000 4% Gas & Water		\$200.00
1% Int On \$119,420 4% Funded bonds		\$1,194.00
Total appropriations for interest & sinking fund		\$19,370.00
Salaries		
Judge of Corporation Court		\$1,000.00
Clerk of the Court		\$400.00
Sergeant		\$300.00
Treasurer		\$600.00
Commonwealth Attorney		\$400.00
Mayor		\$400.00
Clerk of the Council		\$125.00
Clerk of the Market		\$75.00
City Attorney (approximate)		\$400.00
Public Schools		\$3,000.00
4 Police (\$480.00) ea		\$1,920.00
One Police retired		\$300.00
Water	\$3,000.00	
Supt Salary	\$900.00	\$3,900.00
Gas	\$9,000.00	
Supt Salary	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00
Electric Lights	\$3,000.00	
Sup Salary	\$1,200.00	\$4,200.00
Alms House	\$1,200.00	
Supt Salary	\$150.00	\$1,350.00
Public Property		\$3,000.00
Streets		\$3,000.00
Fire Department		\$200.00
Health & Police		\$200.00
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Public Interest		\$200.00
		\$34,970.00

Total appropriation (\$54,340.00) (\$2,000) more than last year.

That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting thereafter if any of these appropriations are exhausted and not to pay any orders on bills until further appropriations are made to meet them.

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

The aggregate annual interest on the City's bonds indebtedness including interest on the \$15,000 due the National Bank is \$11,806.00

The annual aggregate appropriation for the sinking fund on the aggregate bonded indebtedness of the city is \$2,874.00

To this may be added the \$5,000 bond to be paid the National Bank on Nov 1, 1908 with interest on (\$15,000) \$5,600.00

Your Committee further reports that the estate of the late R W Adams Ex-City Treasurer is due the Corporation a balance of principal of about (\$2,302.45) the only asset from which to recover which sum is the interest of the said Adams in some Western land, and the Attorney for the City together with other attorneys in the case are at work endeavoring to realized the asset.

Your Committee, on last year, seeing the need of a new Public School Building recommended that an appropriation be made and a fund accumulated to anticipate the erection of a school building, since the erection of a new Public School Building has closed a contract for the erection of a new Public School Building and your Committee desire to report that in accordance with the statement of Treasurer Knox, filed herewith the school fund has now to its credit at the Farmers and Merchants State Bank (\$161.69) of money and Virginia Century Bonds of the par value of (\$5,800.00) in Treasurers hands.

For all of the above it will be seen that the balance on hand July 1, 1907 was (\$18,612.69) while the balance on hand July 1st 1908 amounts to only (\$11,729.25) a difference of about \$6,883.44, in favor of 1906 and 1907 as against 1907 and 1908, but your Committee desire to call attention to the fact that during the year just ended the several departments of the City have drawn on the Treasurer for extensions, permanent improvements and extraordinary demands in a sum approximating (\$11,800.00) expended by the following committees

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Water Committee	approximately	\$1,500.00
Gas Committee	approximately	\$5,000.00
Electric Light Committee	approximately	\$4,300.00
Health Committee	approximately	\$1,000.00
		\$11,800.00

And if these extraordinary expenses had not been ordered by the City for permanent improvements, extensions, etc, set out above, the balance at the close of business for this year would have been in round numbers (\$23,500.00) as against a balance of (\$18,500.00) in round numbers for last year.

Respectfully submitted E D Cole, H B Lane (Finance Committee)

Mr Goldsmith moved and it was adopted unanimously that the Finance Committee's report including the City Tax Collector's report, City Treasurer's Report, and Auditing Committee's report be received and ordered filed.

Mr Rowe moved and it was adopted that the Finance Committee's report, together with the City Collector's report, City Treasurer's report and auditing Committee's report be published by the Finance Committee at a cost not to exceed (\$25.00)

Henry Dannehl in the Chair

Col E D Cole, then asked that his resignation as a member of the Council to take effect July 1, 1908 be received.

He expressed regret at the severance of the cordial relations which had existed between himself and the Council, thanked the members for the uniform courtesy extended to him while a member of the body and as Chairman of the Finance Committee, paid a high compliment to City Collector A P Rowe, and City Treasurer R T Knox, with whom he had come in close contact in his official work as most efficient officers and wished each and every officer of the City success.

Mr Bradley in a few well chosen words expressed his regret at the resignation of Col E D Cole, and said that his loss would be keenly felt by the Council.

On motion of Mr Lane, the resignation of Col E D Cole was accepted. Mr Young voting no.
Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that as soon as the (\$15,000.00) for the sale of the new School Building Bonds, came into the Treasurer's hands that (\$1,000.00) be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on [Page 279] School and Public Property.

Mr Somerville offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Bradley. Resolved: That so soon as the Finance Committee turns over to the City Treasurer (\$15,000.00) proceeds of New School Building bonds, after deducting (\$1,000.00) to be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on School and Public Property, the remaining (\$14,000.00) shall be placed by the City Treasurer in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Fredericksburg Va in the savings department of said Bank bearing 3% Interest and to be subject to check by the City at any time in sums of not less than (\$1,000.00)

On motion the Council then adjourned.
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice July 16, 1908 at 8 PM with the following members present; W E Bradley, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Masters, Warden, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk
W E Bradley, President in the Chair
Minutes of last regular meeting and adjourned meeting read and approved.

Fredericksburg Va July 16, 1908
To the President and members of the Common Council
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 [blank] the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

The President stated that a vacancy existed in the Council caused by the resignation of Col E D Cole. On motion of Mr Garner, it was determined to fill the vacancy.
Mr Lane placed in nomination Mr John C Melville and stated that Mr Melville having received a much larger vote at the recent election than any other of the newly elected Councilmen who will assume their duties September 1st 1908, he was entitled to election to the unexpired term. This nomination was seconded by Mr Young, and John C Melville was unanimously elected. Mr Melville was sent for, appeared before the Council and qualified before Clerk Eastburn by taking and subscribing the usual oath of office. Mr Melville received the hearty congratulations of the members of the Council.

With the concurrence of the Council the President made the following assignments of Committees,
H B Lane, Chairman of Finance
Mr J C Melville, Chairman of Water

Third on Finance and second on Alms House

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that under instructions from the Council at previous meeting, the \$14,000 of Public School Bonds had been placed in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank to bear 3% interest subject to call in sums of (\$1000.00) and over.

That the \$600, with interest \$27.22 placed in the Planters Bank of Richmond to redeem at \$6.00 [Page 281] Bond of 7% Bonds recently funded and which is supposed to be lost or destroyed has been taken out of said bank and placed in the Treasury

That \$2,514.00 was placed to the credit of general sinking fund on July 1, 1908, instead of Jan'y 1, 1909 as has been previously done, thereby adding 6 months interest @ 3% to said fund until it can be used for securing bonds in January 1909.

He also reported placing \$205.50 accumulated interest from sinking fund in bank at 3% interest.

Mr Lane also reported additional amount to credit of general Sinking Fund \$5,600 of Virginia Century Bonds and to credit of Sewer Sinking Fund (\$201.75)

He stated that there were \$700 of 4% City Bonds belonging to the Sewer Sinking Fund, and asked for authority to trade these bonds for Sewer Bonds, and burn up said Sewer Bonds.

On motion of Mr Young, the Finance Committee was granted authority to make such exchange and the report of the Committee was received and ordered filed.

Mr Goldsmith of Streets reported the condition of the macadam from Winchester to Washington Avenue on Lewis Street, a distance of 490 feet at a cost of less than (\$150.00) that the work was highly satisfactory.

He also stated that similar work could be done for about (\$200.) for each block. This work consists of a road bed of 4 inches of crushed stone and one inch of fine stone, well rolled with the heavy roller of Henry Warden, who kindly loaned the same free of cost for which the returned thanks.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported that he had complaints from citizens on Winchester Street from Colbert's Corner to Frank K Tyler's as to insufficient water piping. The Committee were instructed to investigate and report back to the Council.

Mr Garner asked what had been done with the (\$25.00) appropriated to the Water Committee last September with instructions to clean out and fix up around Gunnery Spring.

Mr Lane replied that the matter had been overlooked.

On motion of Mr Garner, the sum of (\$25.00) was appropriated to the Water Committee with instructions to use the same in cleaning out and fixing up Gunnery Spring and around the same. [Page 282]

Mr Rowe of the School Committee reported that the contract for the maintaining of ten scholarships in the Fredericksburg College had expired and recommended a renewal of said contract.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous recorded vote. Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young (9 votes) Resolved that the contract heretofore made between the Fredericksburg College and City of ten scholars at (\$450.00) be renewed with this condition. That the School Board to whom the matter is referred shall furnish the ten (10) scholars from the Public Schools of this City.

If less than ten scholars (10) are furnished there shall be a pro rata, reduction of the above sum of (\$450.00).

If the above ten (10) scholars cannot be obtained from the Senior Class of the Public School, the School Board exercise their judgment in selection of others, all from citizens of Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr Lane of the History Committee reported that his Committee was in a position to make a highly satisfactory report; that it had received orders for (319) copies at \$1.50 each; that (1,000) copies will cost the City not over (\$675.00); That he felt assured if the Committee was instructed to have the History published, not a dollar would be taken out of the City Treasury; That the Publisher had agreed to furnish the History splendidly bound on such terms that before it became necessary to make the final payment sufficient money would be realized from the book to meet all costs.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Mr Bradley sustained Mr Lane, and on motion of Mr Young the following resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolved: That the History Committee of the Council be empowered to have published (1,000) copies of the History of Fredericksburg Va, purchased of and written by Captain S J Quinn at a cost not to exceed (\$675.00)

Mr Warden stated he had been requested to call the attention of the Council to condition of sidewalk on Lee Avenue, south of Hanover Street and offered a resolution that the Street Committee investigate the conditions referred to and recommend such improvements as they deem necessary and the approximate cost of said work. Adopted.

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Mr Goldsmith asked that the City Surveyor Mr E H Randall be heard in reference to grade desired by the United States Government at the Corner where the new Public Building is to be erected. Mr Randall was heard and on motion of Mr Dannehl.

The Street Committee was instructed to have the "Armat Maps" examined and bring in recommendations for established grades.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the City Council was held Friday July 24th 1908 at 8 o'clock PM

Members present, Bradley, Dannehl, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Masters, Somerville and Eastburn, Clerk

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called by the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of the Joint Committee reported that at a meeting of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property held July 24, 1908 at 4 o'clock PM with all the members present, also Attorney Fitzhugh, Inspector Stearns, and contractor Heflin had already done considerable work on the New School building and had considerable material on the ground. That Inspector Stearns had reported to the Joint Committee that (\$2,500.00) worth of work had been done & (\$1,000) worth of material on the ground.

It was moved by Mr Bradley and unanimously adopted that the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property recommend to the City Council that Contractor E G Heflin be paid the sum of (\$2,000) on his contract for erecting the New School Building.

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

Ayes Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville (7 votes)

The Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property having reported to the Council that E G Heflin contractor is entitled to receive the sum of (\$2,000) on account of work on Public School Building, that being not in excess of 75% of work done and material accumulated. It is ordered that the City Treasurer check on the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Fredericksburg, Va for (\$2,000) of the Public School Fund, loaned to said bank & pay the same to said E G Heflin & take his receipt therefore.

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber August 20th 1908 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. President W E Bradley, Vice President Henry Dannehl, H B Lane, John C Melville, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, J W Masters, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr and Clerk, S E Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

The clerk read the following communication:

To the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: During the years of continuance of service as a member of the Council, I have in all things endeavored to faithfully perform the duties incumbent upon me, and have labored without fear or favor, for what I conceived to be the best interests of Fredericksburg.

Being now, through illness, unable further to discharge those duties, I beg to tender this my resignation, as a member of the Council of Fredericksburg Va. The same to take effect upon the reading of this note before the Council.

Very respectfully, W S Embrey, per A W Embrey.

August 20, 1908

Witness A W Embrey, Alvin T Embrey

Mr Dannehl moved to accept the resignation of W S Embrey and it was accepted.

Mr Garner moved to go into the election of a Councilman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W S Embrey and it was so ordered.

Mr Lane placed in nomination W S Embrey Jr and he was unanimously elected Councilman from the Lower Ward to fill the unexpired term of W S Embrey, resigned.

Mr W S Embrey Jr was sent for. He appeared before the Council and qualified before Clerk Eastburn by taking and subscribing the usual oath of office and took his seat as a member of the Council.

Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report.

Aug 20, 1908

To the Hon President and Common Council, Fredericksburg, Va

The Police Officers of the City have faithfully discharged the duties of their office and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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Mr Young moved to receive the Mayor's Report and that the salaries of the Police Officers be paid. Carried.

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

Bill of Clerk of Council	Postage & Stationary	\$2.39
Bill of Star & Free Lance	blank warrants	\$2.50

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had been unable to make exchange of the \$700 4% Sewer Sinking Fund Bonds as no record was kept of Bonds in the Treasurer's office.

Mr John C Melville, Chairman of the Water Committee reported as follows on the complaint of insufficient water facilities on Winchester Street referred to his Committee at last meeting of the Council.

Estimate of the cost of running a 3" cast iron pipe from Washington Avenue down Hawk Street to Winchester, thence down Winchester to its intersections with Fauquier, the distance being 810 feet.

Labor	\$96.00
Pipe (166 ft)	\$57.00
Lead	\$24.00
(1) double fire plug, Winchester & Hawk corner	\$23.00
Total	200.00

We have on hand approximately 650 feet of 3" Cast Iron pipe which can be utilized for this work. There will also be 15 laterals to be transferred from 3/4" galvanized pipe which now supplies houses on said Streets to 3" pipe.

On motion of MR Goldsmith, the Water Committee was instructed to do the work at a cost not to exceed the sum of (\$200.00).

Mr John C Melville of Water Committee presented the following
Washington DC 8/18/08

Custodian of site U S Post Office, Fredericksburg Va

Sir: Referring to the US Post Office to be erected on the Government site in your custody, you are advised that the design of the building renders it necessary to provide three window-areas and one door area for the proper lighting, ventilation etc. of the basement presenting an aggregate catchment area of about 150 square feet. In order to drain same property it will be necessary to connect them to the Sanitary drainage system of the building, and you are [Page 286] requested to take the matter up with the proper authorities and endeavor to obtain permission for the disposal of the drainage of the areas in the manner indicated.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Respectfully J K Taylor, Supervising architect

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

With the concurrence of the Council the President made the following assignments in the Standing Committees

W S Embrey Jr to fill vacancies of W S Embrey resigned on Streets, Finance and Public Interests

Mr Melville of the Water Committee reported on Gunnery Spring, referred to his Committee at last meeting. That his Committee had visited and examined the Gunnery Spring and found the Spring in good and the drainage all that could be desired, and saw no use of spending (\$25.00) on it.

Mr Melville of the Water Committee presented the following petition, which on motion of Mr Somerville was referred to the Water Committee to report back with recommendations.

Aug 20, 1908

Mr John C Melville, Chairman of Water Committee City Council Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: The undersigned property owners of real estate on block (89) bounded by Dunmore, Elizabeth, Charles, and Prince Edward streets being desirous of improving said property abutting on Charles Street very respectfully petition your honorable body to confine the Mill Race belonging to the City that runs into Charles Street within Granite Walls and decked over with oak planking, raising the grade of the street to conform thereto, in order that the tenants of houses I desire to erect may have proper means of ingress and egress, which under existing conditions would be impossible.

And your petitioners would ever pray very respectfully

Mrs E M Purcell, W T Armstrong, Julian J Gaines, E W Jones

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Mr Dannehl asked that Capt Tom Lasker of Company L be heard. There being not objection, Capt Lasker stated that recent regulations required that the property of Soldier Companies had in the future to be very carefully taken care of by a bonded person and asked that the Company be allowed the use of two rooms in the Court House building, or properly and safely keeping the equipment of his Company.

On motion referred to the Public Property Committee

The Clerk read the following communication for the Mayor

Aug 20, 1908

To the Hon President and Common Council

The term of office of S J Quinn, James S Knox and A P Rowe as directors of the Wallace Library, having expired. I hereby nominate S J Quinn, James S Knox, and A P Rowe, as directors of the Wallace Library of the City of Fredericksburg for the period of three years, and hereby submit their nominations to your honorable body for confirmation, should you see fit to do so.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville, the nominations of the Mayor were confirmed by unanimous vote.

Term commences Aug 15, 1908, term expires Aug 15, 1911.

The Clerk read the following communication: Resolutions passed by the State Summer Institute In view of the fact that one of the most pleasant experiences of the Fredericksburg Summer Institute was an excursion down the Rappahannock river on Board the Steamer "Middlesex" of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, we desire to express our thanks to our friends who generously provided this excursion for our enjoyment.

Be it therefore resolved that the thanks and appreciation of the whole institute be extended to the Steamboat Company through their courteous agent Mr W D Scott, and to all officers and crew of the "Middlesex" and to Col E D Cole, Mr St George R Fitzhugh and W E Bradley of Fredericksburg who assisted in making this delightful trip possible.

Resolved further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company, through their agent, Mr W D Scott, and W E Bradley, President of the City Council. Unanimously passed at the full session of the Summer Institute
E H Russell, Conductor, State Summer Institute

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On motion Mr Lane the paper was received and ordered to be spread on the records of the Council.

The Clerk read the following petition from residents and property owners along Lee Avenue.

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

We the undersigned property holders on Lee Avenue do petition your honorable body to take such steps as are necessary to put our street in proper and safe condition.

As for pavements, we have none worthy the name, but rather on continuous jumble of hills and holes which have caused more than one small accident, which only teach us to think of what might happen in something is not done.

There are no gutters and serious damages have occurred by reason of the water overflowing on the residents and filling their cellars and at the Green House Establishment of S E Covey, filling the boiler room and putting out the fires, which is a very serious affair, since there is no street in this end of the town more traveled than ours. We beg to submit that we have a just claim upon the support of the City. Whereas a modest amount would suffice for the necessary work, we trust that you will order the work done at once.

Frank T Covey pr S E Cover

Frank Beckwith

M P McDonnell

S G Coghill

Mr S S Cadot

Mrs May J Pratt

On motion referred to the Street Committee

H W Sayd

Mrs J S Courtney

M H Dickinson pr Swift

B S Pates

Mrs S R Harrell

W H Bunnell

Mrs M Long

The Clerk read the following from the State Corporation Commission

Richmond Va July 30, 1908

The State Corporation Commission will hold sittings in their offices in the State Capitol, Richmond Va on the dates named below for the purpose of ascertaining and assessing the value of the properties and the Gross Transportation receipts for the current year as follows:

Steam Railroad and the Pullman Co Sep 1st

Steamboat and Electric Lines & Express Co Sep 3rd

Telephone, Telephone, and Canal lines Sep 4th

Please take notice accordingly and the Commission will hear any statements you may wish to make relative to the assessment of the property of the Co you represent. If you have not already done so, please forward the [Page 289] tax report of your Company to the Clerk of the Commission as soon as possible, not later than September first, on blanks furnished and forwarded on June 30, 1908

Yours Truly, R P Wilson, Clerk of the Commission

Copy for information, Council of Corporations.

On motion referred to the Finance Committee

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to a call of Hon H Lewis Wallace, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Fredericksburg, Va Tuesday Sept 1st 1908 at 10 o'clock AM Clerk S E Eastburn called the Council to order promptly at 10 o'clock AM and read the call of the Honorable H Lewis Wallace, Chief Executive Officer of the City, convening the new Council.

The Clerk read the following communication from the Clerk of the Corporation Court

State of Virginia, City of Fredericksburg

At the Corporation Court held for the City of Fredericksburg on Saturday the 27th day of June 1908.

It is hereby entered of Record that Joseph M Goldsmith, Clarence R Howard and Arthur Brown, A Mason Garner and F L W Green from the Lower Ward, who on June 9th 1908 were elected members of the Common council of this City for the term of four (4) years from September 1st 1908, this day

appeared before the Clerk of the Court and qualified by taking and subscribing the oaths of officer required by law, which are ordered to be filed.

A copy Teste: A B Yates, Clerk

The Clerk called the roll and the following Councilmen answered to their names: W E Bradley, H B Lane, John C Melville, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, A M Garner, W S Embrey Jr, Arthur Brown, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, Clarence R Howard

The Clerk stated that the first business before the Council was the Election of President and that nominations were in order.

John C Melville placed W E Bradley in nomination for President of the Council for two years.

Vote was taken and W E Bradley was declared by the Clerk to be elected President of the Council for the term of two years; and he qualified by taking and subscribing the usual oath of office before Clerk S E Eastburn. Mr Bradley accepted the honor in a graceful little speech and took the Chair.

W S Embrey nominated A Mason Garner for Vice President of the Council for a term of two years.

Vote was taken and Mr Garner was declared elected Vice President of the Council for a term of two years [Page 291] and qualified before Clerk S E Eastburn by taking and subscribing the usual oaths of office.

Mr Garner accepted the honor in a few timely remarks.

J P Rowe moved that the salary of the Clerk of the Council be fixed at (\$150.00) per annum and was unanimously ordered.

Mr Goldsmith placed in nomination the present incumbent, S E Eastburn. The President to the vote and declared S E Eastburn unanimously elected Clerk of the City Council.

The Clerk duly qualified before Justice S J Quinn by taking and subscribing the oaths required by law.

The following communication from Mayor Thomas P

Wallace, the retiring Mayor was read by the Clerk and on motion of Mr Rowe was received and ordered filed.

To the President and Members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va
I have the honor of reporting to your honorable body, my actings and doings as the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg for the year commencing on the 1st day of September 1907 and ending the 31st day of August 1908 (inclusive)

I have issued 25 wagon and cart licenses which end of the 30th day of April 1909.

I have issued 344 dog collars as against 326 for the year ending 31st day of August 1907, amounting to \$376.50. I have in the four years issued 1374 dog licenses.

The amount of fines for the year ending 31st August 1908 collected and paid over to the Treasurer \$839.70. The amount of fines collected under the Statute laws of Virginia for the State for year ending 31st August 1908 and paid over to Clerk of the Corporation Court, for which receipt of Clerk has been taken \$223.40

Total \$839.70 fines \$376.50 dog tax \$223.40 State \$1,362.20

During the year ending August 31st 1908 there has been 704 arrests as against 1135 during the year ending August 31st 1905, the first year of my administration as Mayor. There has been a very great decline in the number of crimes and criminals in each year of my administration and necessarily this carries with it a decline in the amount of fines received and in the work of the Chain Gang upon the Streets.

This year the work has amounted to \$332.00

At the rate of amount paid other hands for similar work as against \$965.19 for year ending August 31, 1907. The records of the Police Department of the Mayor the Mayor's office shows that we have a very moral, temperate and law abiding people [Page 292] of whom we may well be proud.

This amount for labor (\$332.00) added to the total fines &c heretofore mentioned in this report makes total of (\$1,694.60) for the year ending August 31st 1908.

In closing the financial part of this report being the last one I will make to your honorable body. I make the following recapitulation to show what has been done in the four years of which I have been Mayor

For Year ending Aug 31, 1905	Paid R T Knox Tr	\$1,572.70
For Year ending Aug 31, 1906	Paid R T Knox Tr	\$1,763.72
For Year ending Aug 31, 1907	Paid R T Knox Tr	\$2,300.69
For Year ending Aug 31, 1908	Paid R T Knox Tr	\$1,694.60
Amount paid State		\$97.00
Total amount in fines, dog tax, State and labor		\$7,652.11

During my term of four years

The foregoing is a statement showing what has been done by me as Mayor during my term of four years.

In severing my official relations with your Honorable Body, I feel assured of the fact that you will pardon me for saying that I hope some effort may be made soon for a more effective and efficient and better equipped Fire Organization for your City. I think one is greatly needed, and I would like so much for your honorable body to have the side walks of the City curbed, so that the property owners may be required to fill in to them, I know you will pardon these suggestions.

Now in severing my personal relations, having known attached to most of your honored fathers and holding each of you in high esteem, and regarding each of your as my personal friends, I part with you, hoping that you may all have happy and prosperous futures before you.

Very Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace

Aug 31, 1908

The address of Mayor H Lewis Wallace was read and on motion of Mr Lane received and ordered to record.

Fredericksburg Va Sep 1, 1908

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: In entering upon this discharge of my duties as the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Fredericksburg, I deem it meet and proper that I should call to the attention of your body some matters appertaining to the welfare of our City, and at the same time I would express to you the hope that during my administration, the executive and Legislative branches of our City Government may work together in certain co-operation for the advancement of our City citizen's interests [Page 293] it does not seem out of place to mention the fact that we enter upon our duties with the responsibility of providing for extraordinary obligations undertaken by our predecessors for the cost of erecting a new City Free School Building and the appropriation for the establishment here of a State Normal School amounting in the aggregate to (\$55,000.00).

Hence it is needless to suggest that economy should be the keynote of your body meaning thereby that there should be incurred as little extraordinary expense as is consistent with the progress and prosperity of our City, and as far as practicable expenditures should be held down to appropriations.

The idea of any increase in taxation is not to be entertained for the necessity there for does not exist.

By proper economy the obligations mentioned can be discharged in two years from the surplus revenue of our City without interfering with appropriations for current expenses.

From the last report of your Finance Committee it will be seen that the estimated revenues for the current year from all sources together with the balance in the Treasury on July 1st 1908, will amount to (\$79,503.91). Deduct the amount of estimated current expenses for the year amounting to (\$54,515.00)

and this years' (\$5,000.00) appropriation for the Free School Building and we have left over a balance of (\$19,988.91). So there will be at the end of the current year approximately an unappropriated balance over and above estimated current expenditures of (\$20,000.00).

One half of this amount of surplus revenue can be applied to payment of cost of the Free School Building, and the other half be applied to the Normal School appropriation.

This (\$10,000.00) applied to cost of the Free School Building together with the present fund in the hands of the City Treasurer from the proceeds of the sale of the (\$15,000.00) of City Bonds, and the appropriation of (\$5,000.00) last year and that amount this year for the Free School Building, would make the aggregate of (\$35,000.00), the contract cost in round numbers of the City's Free School Building.

An appropriation of (\$10,000.00) this year and that amount next year, would liquidate the Normal School obligations. The (\$10,000.00) to be appropriated next year can be legally raised on January 1st next by means of revenue notes to mature when taxes are collected in the Fall.

These suggestions are offered in the hope and belief that they point the way to avoiding the necessity for any increase in our present rate of taxation.

The importance of practicing strict economy so as to speedily pay off the extraordinary obligations before referred to, becomes the more apparent when we consider the pressing need of Street and Sidewalk improvements.

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Indeed there are some sections of our City in which the side-walks in bad weather are so wretched that it would not be money ill-spent if some of our Street appropriations could be spared for improving same.

It is oftentimes a preventive of extravagance to look back over items of expenditures. Therefor as a means of encouraging economy, it might be well for each Committee of the Council to file an itemized statement of its previous expenditures when asking for further appropriations.

One other matter: Paragraph 1, under Chapter XLII of our City Ordinances, making it the duty of the Mayor to appoint the Council's standing Committees is obsolete and a nullity under our present Virginia Constitution, and the Mayor has no such authority now. When this ordinance was passed the Mayor was part of the Council, being the Presiding officer, but the new constitution has entirely separated the Mayor from the Council. The Mayor now representing the Executive and the Council the Legislative branches of our City Government. The only power affecting the actions of the Council now preserved by the Mayor are the veto power and the power to decide all questions "in case of a tie" and the power of convening the in serving Council following an election, and these powers exist by virtue of the Constitution and City Charters.

The rule of law is general that "The Common Council appoints its Committees whenever necessary to the proper performance of municipal functions (See Pollard code of Va, Section 1115G and 2nd Ed of English and American Encyclopedia Law Vol 20, page 1216 and authorities cited) It is also an established principal of law "that the public power or trusts developed by law or charter upon the Council or governing body of a municipal corporation to be exercised by it, when and in such manner as it shall judge best, cannot be delegated to others." The Council can delegate a power administrative or ministerial powers, but it cannot delegate a power where discretion or judgment is to be exercised, such as selecting Committees, the appointments of which involve judgment and discretion and may materially affect legislations (See 90 Va Page 77; 1 Dill Mun Corp (3rd) Sec 96:2 ed, English and American Encyclopedia Law Vol 1, pages 975 and 976, and Vol 23, page 365; and Vol 20, page 1217) Hence since the adoption of the new Constitution of Virginia any ordinance delegating to the Mayor the power of appointed the standing Committees of the Council is null and void and of no validity, for being a power requiring the exercise of judgment and discretion, it cannot be delegated to others.

Therefor in view of my official oath, I must leave with [Page 295] with your body the appointment of your standing Committees.

Peculiarly well situated as regards industrial and commercial advantages with the finest water power and the best of sites for all kinds of manufacturing plants; in the midst of a rich and prosperous section producing large and various crops; having a prosperous and progressive population; possessing excellent railroad and water transportation facilities; and the prospect of another competing railroad in the near future; with unusual advantages as to health, residence, schools, and churches, there is no reason why Fredericksburg should not at once enter on an era of great development. All that is needed by its people is organization and co-operation. And, Gentlemen of the Council I assure you of my cheerful readiness to act with you in any matter looking to the advancement of our city.
Very respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the salary of the Mayor of the City was fixed at \$400.00 per annum by the unanimous vote of the Council. (Recorded vote) (12 votes)

Mr John C Melville nominated Mr A P Rowe for City Tax Collector and Mr Rowe was unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes for one year.

Mr J M Goldsmith nominated Mr E H Randall for City Surveyor and Mr Randall was unanimously elected City Surveyor for one year.

On motion of Mr Rowe the salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at (\$75.00) per year.

Mr F L W Green nominated Samuel Fitzhugh for Clerk of the City Market, and Mr Fitzhugh was unanimously elected Clerk of the City Market at a salary of \$75.00 per year.

On motion of Mr Masters the salary of Superintendent of the City Alms House was fixed at (\$150.00) per year, application of J W Ball was read by the Clerk and J W Ball was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Alms House at a salary of \$150.00 per year.

On motion J B Herndon was elected scavenger for the upper ward.
On motion R L Carneal was elected scavenger for the Lower Ward.

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On motion of W S Embry Jr C A Gore was unanimously elected Special Police officers in the same conditions as last year at a salary of (\$25.00) per month.

On motion of Mr Rowe the salary of the regular police officers was fixed at (\$40.00) per month and [?] Messrs John H Robins, Wm R Hall, W N Tansill, and J A Stone were unanimously elected Police Officers for the City for one year.

Mr Rowe moved that the salary of the Supt of Electric Light be (\$1,200.00) same as last year.

Mr Goldsmith move to make the salary (\$900.00)

Mr Meville agreed with Mr Goldsmith.

Mr Lane moved as a substitute that the salary be (\$1,000.00). Mr Goldsmith withdrew his motion and seconded Mr Lane's. The vote being taken on Mr Lane's motion for \$1,000.00 and it was lost.

Recorded vote;

For, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Embrey

Against, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

The resolution of Mr Rowe to fix the salary of Sup Electric Light at (\$1,200.00) was adopted.

Recorded vote:

Against, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Embrey

For, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

Mr Hon W K Howard, Ernest Minor and A R Bauman were applicants for the position of Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant.

Mr Ernest Minor was applicant at Salary of \$900 per year

Mr A R Bauman was applicant at Salary of \$1,000 per year

Vote was taken and W K Howard was unanimously elected Superintendent of City Electric Light Plant at a salary of (\$1,200.00) per annum.

President Bradley then presented the following list of Standing Committees and in doing so stated that in preparing the list of assignments he had conferred with a majority of the members of the Council as well as with some citizens largely interested in the financial and business interests of the City, and hoped they would be ratified by the Council.

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Finance:

Chairman	H B Lane	J C Melville	W E Bradley
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Public Property

Chairman	W E Bradley	A M Garner	J W Masters
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Water

Chairman	J P Rowe	H B Lane	A M Garner
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Streets

Chairman	W S Embrey Jr	J M Goldsmith	C R Howard
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Light

Chairman	J C Melville	J W Masters	H B Lane
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Alms House

Chairman	A M Garner	W E Bradley	J P Rowe
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Public Interest

Chairman	J M Goldsmith	C R Howard	Henry Warden
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Ordinances

Chairman	C R Howard	W S Embrey Jr	F L W Green
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Auditing & Claims

Chairman	Arthur Brown	F L W Green	J C Melville
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Health & Police

Chairman	J W Masters	Henry Warden	Arthur Brown
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Schools

Chairman	Henry Warden	J P Rowe	J M Goldsmith
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Fire Department

Chairman	F L W Green	Arthur Brown	W S Embrey Jr
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On motion of J P Rowe, the appointment of the above standing Committees were ratified by the Council

On motion of Mr Lane the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber September 17, 1908 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present:

President W E Bradley, Vice President, A M Garner, H B Lane, J C Melville, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, J W Masters, F L W Green, C R Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair
Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented Mayor's report as follows
Fredericksburg Va Sep 17th 1908

To the Hon President and Common Council

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that the police officers have each faithfully discharged their duties up to date. Very Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of J P Rowe the Mayor's Report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented to the Council the Bond of A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes for ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the bond of Mr A P Rowe, City Tax Collector was referred back to the Finance Committee to be approved by the City Attorney and if all right to be deposited in safe keeping.

A P Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported that the "Wallace Library" Building was nearing completion and his Committee thought it ought to be insured and offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

"Resolved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to make application and sign the necessary paper to obtain insurance for (\$3,500.00) three thousand five hundred dollars on the "Wallace Library" building in Fredericksburg Va in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Water Committee reported that the work of laying 3" cast iron water pipe on Winchester and Hawk Streets was nearly completed, and that more time was desired by his Committee in reference to the raceway below the Rail Road, as there were [Page 299] more questions that his committee wished the opinion of the City Attorney and that he was out of the City taking a much needed rest.

Mr Masters called the attention of the Council to the fact that an implied if not expressed premise had been made to the property owners on Lower Main Street that when the City took away their shade trees to put down the street improvement that spaces for trees would be left in the granolithic sidewalk, and said trees replaced by the City. The three parties had secured permission for the Street Committee and planted Norway Maple Trees. That it was desirable that all the trees be of the same variety and set out at the same time, and offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote.

For, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley (8 votes)

Against, Melville, Goldsmith (2 votes)

Resolved that the Street Committee be instructed to purchase and set out Norway Maple shade trees 10 or 12 feet high, in all the spaces left in the granolithic side walk along the street improvement, for trees on lower Main Street.

W S Embrey Jr of the Street Committee called the attention of the Council to the present condition of the National Boulevard and thought that some body should have charge of it and clean it up and keep it in proper condition, and offered the following resolution which was lost by the following vote:

Nos, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Masters, Green, Bradley (8 votes)

Yeas, Embrey Jr and Howard (2 votes)

As it was thought unwise to take any action at this time on account of certain correspondence going between the Public Interest Committee and the United States Government.

Resolved that, the Public Interest Committee communicate with the proper U S Government authorities through our Representative Hon W A Jones in regard to taking care of and cleaning of the National Boulevard.

Mr Rowe of the School Committee in absence of Mr Warden, Chairman of the Joint Committee on New School Building reported that the work in the New School Building was progressing nicely and that the corner stone was laid with Masonic Honors on Tuesday Sept 15, 1908.

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Mr Lane moved that the report be received and that the account of the ceremonies attending the laying of the corner store, contained in the *Daily Star* of Sep 16, 1908 [Page 3, column 3] be spread upon the Council records as a part of the Joint Committee report. Unanimously adopted.

Corner Stone Ceremonies

The laying of the cornerstone of the Public School Building in this City Tuesday makes another notch in the progress of educational advantages for our people. The building is situated on the corner of Lewis and Main streets and with the play ground attached will occupy more than half of an entire block. Its frontage is 105 ft 9 in; depth 77.6; height three stories and will cost when completed and furnished (\$40,000.00). It will be up-to-date in every particular. The plans were drawn by E G Heflin, who is contractor also.

The whole work was started by and is being done under the direction of a joint Committee of the City Council composed of the Committee on Schools and Public Property, with Frank P Stearns, inspector. Ground was broken for the building on June 8th 1908 and the contract calls for its completion on Feb'y 15th 1909.

The ceremonies attendant upon the laying of the corner stone were simple but impressive. The progression was formed at the Court House square Tuesday Sep 15, 1908 at 3:45 PM and the march was down Princess Anne to Hanover to Main and up Main to the Building.

Lieutenant A G Billingsley of Co L 3rd Reg Va was chief marshal with the following aides, members of the same Company; Sergeants Geo E Rowland & Allen Berry; Corporals C E Cox and C L Hart and J W Humphries.

There was only one carriage in the procession. In this were Mayor H Lewis Wallace, Judge J T Goolrick, of the Corporation Court, Rev Dr T S Dunaway, and Supt of Schools B P Willis.

The City Council, the City School Board, and School officers were next on foot. With the City Council were ex-President Col E D Cole, Ex Vice President Henry Dannehl and Ex-Chairman S W Somerville, of the Joint Committee which started the movement for the Building.

Then came five hundred and fifty school children with their teachers. This was the prettiest sight of all. These children were dressed in white with garlands of flowers on their heads, carrying United States flags.

The Junior Order of American Mechanics, The Patriotic song of American had representatives who followed the school children. Then came Lodge No 4 A M & A M with past Grand Master S J Quinn and Worshipful Master Clarence R Howard, Senior Warden J P Stiff [Page 301] and Junior Warden E M Young Jr. On arrival the children formed around the building. The presiding officers and officials took stand on the temporary platforms erected.

Mayor H Lewis Wallace called the assemblage to order and said:

Ladies and Gentlemen and fellow citizens of Fredericksburg: Having the Honor and pleasure of presiding over this assemblage. I respectfully call it to order. We assemble here for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of our new Public School Building, which by invitation will be done by the

Masonic Lodge. The order of the ceremonial will be in accordance with the program published yesterday evening in our local newspapers.

This is an occasion in which we all should take pride, for it marks a great advancement in the progress of our City, showing that we are in line with the general educational advancement of our state and country. That all good citizens heartily approve the object sought to be attained by the erection of this handsome and commodious School Building goes without saying.

This building will be a credit and an ornament to our city; it supplies a great public demand; it prevents the over crowding of scholars, heretofore unavoidable because of our limited School House accommodations; it puts an end to the unsanitary arrangement of renting rooms here and there to accommodate the overflow pupils; it obviates the necessity of turning away any child seeking the advantages of a public school education; it will be a monument to the wisdom and foresight of the Joint Committee that has the work in charge, and I congratulate the entire community on the successful outcome of the undertaking.

The song "America" was sung by the School Children. Rev Dr T S Dunaway the oldest minister, not only in point of service, but of age and residence here, delivered a short, impressive prayer:

Superintendent of Schools, B P Willis, made an interesting address. He spoke of the difficulties under which the School Board had labored, of the needs of the new School Building, the progress made by Fredericksburg from a financial, educational and moral standpoint; referred to the new Post Office Building, Wallace Library Building, Normal School, College and other indications of advancement. He complimented the Joint Committee and its Ex-Chairman S W Somerville on its work.

The exercises were then turned over the Lodge No 4 A F and A M who laid the corner stone with Masonic Honors. Past Grand Master S J Quinn conducting the ceremonies.

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This was watched by hundreds of people, from the windows of the present school building, and other points of vantage. The closing song was sung by the entire public school and the benediction was pronounced by Rev Dr T S Dunaway.

Contents of Cornerstone:

- (1.) A List of the City and Hustings Court officials
- (2) A copy of the Free Lance dated Sep 15, 1908 with program
- (3) A copy of Daily Star dated Sep 15, 1908 with program
- (4) Columbia half dollar by Master Arthur Jones
- (5) List of officers and members of Fredericksburg Lodge No 4 A F & A M
- (6) A Canadian 25 cent piece by James T Layton
- (7) Bible of Miss M Emily Mander, given as a prized when young for repeating the shorter catechism which she had used until her death.
- (8) A list of teachers and pupils of the White Public Schools by grades.
- (9) Copy of Fredericksburg Daily Journal, dated Sep 14th 1908 with program
- (10) Photo of Col E D Cole, first president of the City Council under the new Constitution
- (11) One cent copper coin dated 1828, dug up in foundation of this building by Mr Geo Hicks.
- (12) Musket ball and buck shot, dug up I foundation of this building by Mr Geo Hicks
- (13) Wm J Bryan's address on Imperialism by Henry Dannehl
- (14) Two Public School medals dated 1884 and 1886 by the pupils who won them
- (15) Cast gold inlay made by Dr J P Stiff, Sep 12, 1908
- (16) Name of Joint Committee comprised of Committee of Schools and Public Property who inaugurated the move for erection of this building.
- (17) One coin by H B Lane, Esq. Chairman of the Finance Committee.
- (18) One coin by Capt S J Quinn.
- (19) A sketch of the life of Mr Peter Goolrick who started the first free school in the City of Fredericksburg while Mayor. Capt Quinn in reading this said: "All honor to his memory." Which received with applause.

(20) One penny (1864) by Mr J Shriver Woods.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber September 24th 1908 at 8 PM with the following members present:

President W E Bradley, Vice President A M Garner, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, W S Embrey Jr, J W Masters, F L W Green, Clarence R Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called to consider the question of hauling passengers to and from the Fair:

Mr Clarence R Howard, Chairman of Ordinance Committee offered the following:

An Ordinance

To amend and re-enact item 42 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance imposing taxes on Property, Incomes, Persons, and imposing licenses for the payment of interest on the City Debt, for the support of the City Government, for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof."

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that item 42 of an ordinance entitled "An ordinance imposing taxes on Property, Incomes, Persons, and imposing licenses for the payment of interest on the City Debt, for the support of the City Government, for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof." Be amended and re-enacted to read as follows.

Livery Stables, Vehicles etc

(42) On every keeper of a livery or feed stable (\$50.00) and on all vehicles for hire, not owned by a livery or feed stable keeper, shall be paid the specific tax of (\$4.00) on each one-horse vehicle, and (\$8.00) on each two-horse vehicle; provided that every year during the time of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society's Fair, and person desiring to run a vehicle to haul passengers to and from the Fair, may do so without any license charged therefor; on every milk wagon from which milk is sold or delivered in this City there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00)

This ordinance shall take effect from its passage.

Approved and recommended for adoption

Clarence R Howard, Committee

On motion of Mr Lane the rules were suspended, Mr W S Embrey Jr voting no. [Page 304] moved and seconded to adopt.

A general discussion took place.

Mr J W Masters advocated the passage of the ordinance, and said it was almost impossible for the livery men to handle the business of hauling passengers during the Fair; That it was the People's Fair, and that every facility should be given the people that the liverymen reaped a harvest during the three days and ought to be satisfied.

Mr Embrey Jr and Green contended that liverymen should be protected as they paid their licenses.

The ordinance was amended by the following recorded vote:

For, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Bradley, Masters, Howard (7 votes)

Against, Embrey Jr, Green (2 votes)

Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor Sep 25, 1908

On motion adjourned

W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber October 15th 1908 at 7:30 PM with the following members present;

W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J C Melville, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey Jr, A Brown, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, C R Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the following bills, which in several motions were ordered paid.

Free Lance-Star Pub Company
50 Cards Council Committees

\$3.00

Free Lance-Star Pub Company

1000 Blue Linen Envelopes

\$2.50

1000 Blue Linen Envelopes, official

\$3.50 Clerk

1000 Blue Linen Letter heads

\$3.00 Clerk

\$9.00

Free Lance-Star Pub Company

4 in add pay your taxes *Daily Star*

\$6.00

Locals in *Daily Star*

\$2.00

1 City Tax Book

\$10.00

1000 large tax bills

\$3.00

500 large tax bills

\$2.00

4 in add pay your taxes *Free Lance*

\$2.00

\$25.00

John J Berrey, Registrar for Upper Ward

Services one day as registrar

\$2.00

Pasting notices

\$2.00

Registering & transferring 8 voters before regular day .80

Constable Preston Payne (one day)

\$1.50

\$6.30

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the following:

Oct 15th 1908

Received of A B Bowering, Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg Va one land book and Personal Property Book for A P Rowe, City Tax Collector and one Land Book and one Personal Property Book for R T Knox Treasurer making for books

Robert T Knox, Treasurer.

On motion of W S Embrey Jr the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue amounting to (\$350.00) was ordered paid by following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report

Oct 15, 1908

To the Honorable President and Members of Common Council

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Gentlemen: It is with pleasure that I certify that the Police Officers respectively have faithfully and diligently discharge their duties for the past month.

Retired officer Gore having departed this life since the last regular meeting of the Council, leaving surviving him a widow and three infant children dependent on the salary given him by the City for their living. I would respectfully recommend that the salary be continued for the benefit of the family and paid his widow for such reasonable time as meets with the approval of the Council.

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$116.50) collected and turned over by me to the City Treasurer since Sept 1st 1908

Being very desirous of having our streets, certainly Main and Commerce, kept as cleanly as possible and believing the Council desirous of aiding all it can in the attainment of this end, I hope I will be pardoned for expressing the hope that the Council may approve and adopt the recommendations which I understand will be submitted by the Street Committee that refuse receptacles be placed at proper intervals along Main and Commerce streets so as to afford a means of keeping rubbish and trash from being thrown in the said Streets, and form and pass an ordinance requiring that rubbish and trash be not thrown on said Streets but into receptacles.

There being so many complaints made to me about the over-loading and over-working of horses within our City, that I feel it my duty to respectfully suggest to the Council that it take up the matter and after due consideration to the convenience of the Public as well as to the suffering horses thus ill-treated frame and pass such ordinance as required by the circumstances, specifying a given load for a horse of a given size and condition.

Very respectfully H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Mr Rowe moved and it was adopted that the Mayor's report be received and filed.

Mr Rowe moved and it was so ordered that the salaries of the Police Officers be paid.

W S Embrey Jr, Chairman of Streets reported progress in matter of petition of citizens on Lee Avenue to have their street put in better condition referred to the Street Committee August 20th 1908 and asked that the following paper be filed.

To the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg Va and to the Street Committee of the said Council.

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The undersigned property owners abutting on Lee Avenue between Hanover and Charlotte streets, do agree if Lee Avenue be grade and that the side walks on said Street be lowered and graded in accordance with the judgment of the Street Committee entrusted with such work and the signers hereof hereby waive any rights of damages or compensation against or from the City of Fredericksburg for the prosecution of such work.

Frank Beckwith, Frank T Covey (by S E Covey), Ida McDonnell, S G Coghill, Lizzie S Courtney, M H Dickinson, Lillian L Cadot, C P White, Alvin T Rowe.

On motion of H B Lane the above paper waving all right-of-claim for damages to their property from grading Lee Avenue Street and side walks was ordered filed.

(refer to Page 406) rescinded

Mr Embrey Jr of the Street Committee offered a blue print of the Armat Survey of certain streets in the City. He moved that the Armat plat be adopted with the exception of that portion of Princess Anne Street from St George's Church to Dr Doggett's corner. Mr Goldsmith offered an amendment as to the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover Streets, this was lost and Mr Embrey's resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Bradley (8 votes)

Noes, Goldsmith, Green, Howard (3 votes)

Mr Masters was excused from voting.

Mr Embrey Jr of the Street Committee stated it has become necessary to have a map of the whole City so as to give grade lines etc, that his Committee had been repeatedly applied to for curb lines and was unable to give them: that his Committee had asked Mr Randall for an approximate estimate of furnish said grades and would like to submit Mr Randall's estimate.

Crest Va, Oct 31, 1908

To the Honorable Street Committee of the City Council, Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sirs: At the request of the Chairman of said Committee I have made an estimate of the probable cost of making a survey of Fredericksburg showing profile and fixed grades of every street in the City on curb lines of the same. This estimate includes all streets whose grades have been fixes & accepted as it would necessary to run over those to show their relative profile to the connecting Streets.

PS This does not include Doswell Field.

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I estimate that my fee would be:

60 days	fieldwork	@\$4.00	\$240.00
60 days	office work	@\$1.50	\$90.00
Help			\$150.00
To find street corners			\$100.00
			\$580.00

Respectfully submitted E H Randall, City Surveyor

On motion of Mr Embrey, the following resolution was adopted as follows.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley Nos, Howard

Resolved : that the Street Committee be empowered to secure the services of an engineer to make such a survey of the city to secure the data necessary to establish grade and curb lines through out the whole City. And to prepare and submit to this Council such plans as may be necessary, together with his recommendations.

The compensation to be paid such engineer to be not more than \$4.00 per day for field work, and \$1.50 per day for office work. The said Committee to furnish the necessary assistants at a cost not to exceed (\$150.00) the whole cost not to exceed (\$600.00)

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported work of laying 3" iron pipe on Winchester and Hawk Streets completed.

Mr Rowe also called attention to the condition of the Canal opposite the Kenmore Shoe Company, Mr Green also spoke emphatically of its condition.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, the Water Committee was instructed to have Canal cleaned at once and pay for same after which it will be ascertained who are the proper parties to bear the expenses.

A petition was read by the Clerk from the Trustees of the Fredericksburg Normal and Industrial Institute asking for the erection of a foot bridge across Hazel Run, and also that the Council allow to said Institute four scholarships each year from the Fredericksburg Colored Grammar School at a cost of \$20.00 for each scholarship.

On motion of Mr Lane, that part bearing on foot bridge was referred to the Street Committee, and that part bearing on Scholarships to the Committee on Schools to report back to Council with recommendations.

On motion adjourned

W E Bradley, 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 October 22nd 1908 at 10 o'clock AM. Members present, W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, John C Melville, J P Rowe, Arthur Brown, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, and Clerk S E Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair and called the Council to order and stated that the Council had been called to take suitable action on the death of Major W S Embrey an ex-members of this Council.

Mr A M Garner presented the following resolutions which on motion of Mr Green, seconded by Mr Lane were adopted.

The Common Council having heard with profound sorrow and regret of the death on last Tuesday night Oct 20th 1908 of Mayor W S Embrey, who up to a few months ago, when he resigned because of failing health was a faithful, useful and efficient member of this body; Be it resolved;

1st That the services rendered by Major Embrey during his years of public life as a member of this body are and will be a lasting benefit and will be long and gratefully remembered by our community.

2nd That his high standard of official action as well as his clean Christain life, set an example well worthy of imitation.

3rd That as a mark of merited respect the Council Chamber be draped in mourning for thirty days and that this body attend the funeral of our late associate member in a body, and the Mayor is requested to attend with the Council.

4th that sincere sympathy is hereby extended his bereaved widow and children in their great affliction and irreparable loss.

5th That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this body and a copy thereof be made by the clerk and presented to the widow of the late Mayor Embrey.

On motion the Council then adjourned to attend the funeral in a body.

W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk of Council
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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday Nov 5th 1908 at 4:30 o'clock PM with the following members present; W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey Jr, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green; Clerk S E Eastburn and City Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh.
W E Bradley in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called to consider the report of the Joint Committee on New Public School Building.

The Clerk read the following;

Fredericksburg Va Nov 2nd 1908

To the Hon President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Joint Committee on New Public School Building held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber on Monday Nov 2nd 1908 at 10 o'clock AM with the following members present; Henry Warden, Chairman, A M Garner, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, J W Masters, Contractor E G Heflin, Inspector F P Stearns and Secretary S E Eastburn.

Mr Warden, Chairman, stated that the work on the New Public School Building was progressing nicely. That he had a request from the Contractor E G Heflin that the sum of ten thousand dollars be paid him on his contract price for erecting the new Public School Building.

Mr F P Stearns, inspector was present and recommended that the amount of (\$10,000) be paid Mr E G Heflin on his contract.

Mr A M Garner moved and it was seconded that the request of E G Heflin, Contractor, that he be paid the sum of Ten thousand dollars on his contract price for erecting the new Public School Building, approved by Inspector F P Stearns, be approved by the Joint Committee in session and that we recommend that the Council pay to E G Heflin contractor the sum of ten thousand dollars on his contract price for erecting the new Public School Building.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, Henry Warden, A M Garner, J W Masters, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith
S E Eastburn, Secretary of the Joint Committee

A copy- teste:

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On motion of Mr Garner the report from the Joint Committee was received and ordered filed.

Whereupon Mr Lane offered the following which on motion was adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (9 votes) all present
The Joint Committee of the Council on Schools and Public Property having reported to the Council that Inspector Frank P Stearns has reported to said Joint Committee that the contractor E G Heflin is entitled to receive an additional sum of (\$10,000) on account of material and work done on the City Public School building which estimate of the inspector is approved by the Joint Committee

Resolved by the Council:

That the Finance Committee of the Council, and the City Treasurer unite in drawing a draft on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Fredericksburg Va in favor of said E G Heflin for (\$10,000) to be paid out of the fund lent said bank by the City.

And the City Treasurer, shall keep a record of all money paid to said contractor, E G Heflin on account of said School Building.

On motion of Mr J P Rowe, the rules were suspended.

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Water Committee to whom was referred the Canal in front of the Kenmore Shoe Company, with instructions to have same cleaned out, reported that his Committee had done the work up to the Kenmore Shoe Company's property at a cost of about (\$113.00). They find the Canal in bad shape at this point, and propose making more openings from the top to learn the true condition and the probable cost of completing the work.

Mr Lane moved and it was adopted that the Water Committee be instructed to ascertain the cost of cleaning out the race way, and report back to this Council.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Nov 19, 1908 at 7:30 PM with the following members present; W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J C Melville, J M Goldsmith, W S Embrey, Arthur Brown, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, Clarence R Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn.

W E Bradley President, in the Chair

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

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

J Fred Brown Registrar for Lower Ward

To sitting one day at Court House	\$2.00	
Constable at Court House	\$1.50	
Posting notice twice	\$2.00	
Registering and transferring 10 persons @10¢	\$1.00	
	\$6.50	

Lower Ward

J Wilmore Cox	Judge	\$5.00	
Geo Freeman Jr	Judge	\$5.00	
R E Dignum	Clerk	\$5.00	
R E Smith	Clerk	\$5.00	
J Fred Brown	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Upper Ward

Geo W Shepherd	Judge	\$5.00	
Sam'l H Beale	Judge	\$5.00	
William Sullinger	Clerk [Judge?]	\$5.00	
R H Carmichael	Clerk	\$5.00	
Preston Harris	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Mr Lane Chairman of Finance Committee presented Five (\$1,000.00) Gas and Water Bonds, Nos 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 with one coupon signed by Treasurer Knox due March 1st 1909 attached to each bond. The said bonds had been paid by the City Treasurer and sent to the City Council to be disposed of. Mr Howard moved, and it was so ordered that the above Gas and Water Bonds Nos 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 be destroyed in the presence of the Council by burning.

The President appointed Mr Howard and Mr Melville to burn the above Gas & Water Bonds Nos 11, 12, 13, 14, 15). Committee reported bonds burned.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee reported that his Committee had, in compliance with an order of this Council exchanged the \$700 in 4% Sewer Sinking fund Bonds for 7 \$100 Sewer [Page 313] and Street Improvement bonds (Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) and presented the above bonds and asked that they be destroyed by the Council.

Mr Howard moved and it was so ordered that the Council destroy by burning the above 7, \$100 Sewer & Street Improvement Bonds (Nos 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9). Committee reported bonds burned.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of Dr J N Barney

Nov 17, 1908

1908 To expenses distributing oil for summer 1908; 3 times March, 4 times each April, May, June, July, August, 3 times Sept, 2 times October @50¢ per weekly trip	\$14.00
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On motion of Mr Embrey referred to the Committee on Health and Police for information.

Mr Lane presented the Mayor's Report which on motion was received and filed.

Nov 19, 1908

To Hon W E Bradley, President, and members of the Council

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that each of the Police Officers of our City has faithfully discharged his duty for the past month.

The amount of fines collected by me for the past month and turned over to the City Treasurer is \$32.00. In this connection it gives me pleasure to state that during the past thirty days exceptionally good order has prevailed throughout our City. There having been need of but few arrests as attested by the small amount of fines collected.

I trust I will be pardoned for again referring to the urgent importance of providing Main and Commerce Streets with refuse receptacles which would render it so much easier to keep these Streets clean. Most of the trash and paper littering our Streets is thrown there by purchasers from our stores who would gladly deposit the same in a receptacle for the purpose if such is provided.

Considering the difficulty of getting the necessary force of water for copy with and extinguished fire out along the Boulevard, which was experienced during the recent conflagration, that resulted in the loss we hope temporarily, of not only one of our most important industries, but the throwing out of work right upon the threshold of winter, many deserving artisan.

I would suggest that steps be taken to remedy the trouble.

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True, our City debt and expenses are such as not to warrant any great expenditure of money in any direction just at this juncture, but the flow of water would be rendered more forceful were smaller plugs and smaller hose provided for use where the Main pipe is not sufficiently large to force a strong flow of water through our present large hose.

Very respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the salaries of the Police officers were ordered paid.

Mr Goldsmith of the Street Committee stated that arrangements had already been made to provide the proper receptacles referred to

Mr Embrey of Streets, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the members of the Committees of this Council on Water, Streets, and Fire Department, together with the President of this Council who shall be ex-officio chairman of the Committee be and they are hereby appointed a special Committee for the time being and are authorized and directed to investigate and to report to the Council at its next regular meeting, or at a meeting to be called specially for the purpose.

1st Upon the adequacy of the fire protection in several sections of the City.

2nd The relative pressures of water in the City Mains in the several sections of the City, and whether or not the pressures on said Mains could or should be increased in any sections of the City.

3rd Whether or not increased pressures and increased flow of water could not be secured from the City pump house at the time of a fire.

4th The advisability of the purchase by the City of a team of horses for the use on the Streets of the City, by the Street Committee in the day and the use of the said team by the fire department Committee in the event of a fire in the City, either in the day time, or in the night time and the advisability in connection with the purchase of the said team of the purchase of a hose wagon, or other vehicle to be used in the event of fire.

Resolved: That the Committee be and it is hereby instructed to ascertain and report at the next regular meeting the probable cost of preparing plans and specifications for the better fire protection.

W S Embrey

Mr Goldsmith asked that the report have embodied in its information, which will be furnished by Insurance Companies, what effect the increased fire protection will have on Insurance Rates and decreasing the same in the City.

This was accepted by Mr Embrey and embodied in the Resolution which was adopted.

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Mr Melville of Light, submitted report of Supt Bullock of Gas Works as the report of the Committee:
Nov 19, 1908

Mr J C Melville, Chairman Light Committee

Dear Sir: Continuous complaints having been made to me of the lack of pressure of the gas on upper Commerce Street and along Prince Edward, Lewis, Hawke, Fauquier, Winchester, and Washington Ave, from about 5 o'clock until 10 and having investigated the matter carefully find these complaints are justifiable.

The trouble is caused by the supply pipes not being large enough and when the heavy draw of gas is one, on Main and Commerce Streets, not enough pressure is left to supply these places through the small pipe.

The entire section named leaving out upper Commerce Street is supplied with a 3" main connected into Commerce Street-Prince Edward.

The 6" main on Commerce Street ends at the corner of Prince Edward and Commerce Streets, sometimes called "Hirsh's" corner, and from there up for about 100 ft there is a 3" pipe and the rest of the way up Commerce Street is supplied by an 1¼" pipe.

The condition at Mr Frank Stearns' house is very bad, he having to discard his gas range altogether and is not able to burn more than one light with satisfaction, on lighting a second light the first reduced so that it does not give light enough.

The only way to relieve this trouble is by extending the Mains, running the 6" pipe up Commerce to Barton Street, the corner Capt Quinn lives one, and thence a 4" pipe from there to Washington Avenue, then along said Avenue, connecting with a 4" pipe already on Lewis Street and ending by a connection with a 3" pipe now on Washington Avenue.

The running of this pipe is in line with an improvement mapped out three years ago, and when the pipe run out the Boulevard last Spring is connected with the end of the Main on Commerce Street there improvements will be complete. This will then give a circuit starting from the Gas Works each way, and being connected, will give a uniform pressure all over town.

I know your have to be careful of money this year, but as this is a revenue producing plant, and doing this work may increase the revenue and if not done with certainly decrease the revenue, I most earnestly ask that you recommend to the City Council that they give us the necessary money to do this work.

Attached to this is an estimate of the Cost.

Respectfully, B F Bullock, Supt

The will benefit 87 consumers, there will be a few new ones.

Estimate of cost of extending Mains along Commerce St & Washington Ave

600 ft	6" cast iron pipe	@23.20 pr ton	\$195.00
1525 ft	4" cast iron pipe	@23.70 pr ton	\$335.00
	Caulking rope, cement etc		\$25.00
	Special fittings		\$25.00
	Labor		\$250.00
	Total		\$830.00

B F Bullock, Supt 11/19/1908

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On motion of Mr Goldsmith the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Melville also reported the Electric Lights had been tampered with lately and the officials were on the look out for the guilty parties.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee submitted the report of the Supt of Water.

Nov 17, 1908

To Messrs Rowe, Lane and Garner, Committee on Water

Gentlemen: At your request, although not an expert in such matters, I herewith present an estimate for clearing out the covered canal from south corner of Kenmore Shoe Factory to the point reached by the Fredericksburg Milling Co in cleaning some years ago.

The work of a few years ago terminated in front of the store door of Major W S Embrey, deceased. The distance to be cleaned is 150 feet. The Canal has an average width of five feet and the filling averages four feet. This filling consists of a mixture of stiff mud and sand is quite heavy and difficult to handle because of its adherence to both shovel and barrow.

Again, in order to remove and take care of this filling, a part of it will have to be handled four, and a part of it five times. Besides these men in the culvert will have to work in a bending or stooping position. These things make the work both slow and expensive. Considering these conditions and estimating as closely as we can, not providing for any cave in or other accident, but alone for relieving the mud, the cost is \$255.00.

In consequence of the Canal being filled with mud it is not possible to examine the banks thoroughly to see what condition they are in. We know, however, that they have only one inch boards lining the banks and most of these boards are bent into serpentine shapes showing that they are pressed in by the caving walls or by some other pressure behind them. In one or two places they are leaning from the banks or else the width of the Canal has contracted.

Nearly all the braces are gone and those remaining are in bad condition.

The covering of the Canal is a double layer of cedar posts, some eight feet long, running well into the banks on either side. The sap of these timbers has rotted, leaving in some places small cracks through which fine earth may sift, but not to any great extent and it is thought these posts will stand for many years to come.

In this estimate no repairs for these timbers is included, because the covering could not well be renewed without removing the dirt from the top to do which we would have to cross the National Boulevard diagonally, which the government might object to.

The estimate therefore here presented includes casing the banks of the canal with two inch white oak boards, securely nailed to posts into the banks at intervals of four feet, bracing each of them both at top and bottom.

The estimate for this work is (\$220.00)

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Both estimates being as follows

Removing the filling	\$255.00
Timbering canal	\$220.00
Total	\$475.00

Respectfully submitted S J Quinn, Supt

After a full discussion of the report and the canal in general Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that (\$475.00) or so much as is necessary to do the work be appropriated for the purpose.

For, Lane, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Green, Bradley (six votes (6)

Against, Melville, Brown, Warden, Howard (four votes (4)

Mr Goldsmith was excused from voting.

Mr Howard of Public Interests presented an invitation from the National Rivers and Harbors Congress to have a representative attend its meeting in Washington DC December 9-10 & 11.

On motion of Mr Lane it was received and filed.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, Mr Clarence Howard of Public Interests Committee was selected a delegate to National Rivers & Harbors Congress in Washington DC December 9-10 & 11.

Mr Warden of Schools submitted the following report:

To the President and members of the Council,

At the last regular meeting of the Council there was referred to the Committee on Schools that portion of a petition submitted to the Council by the Trustees of the Fredericksburg Normal and Industrial Institute relating to their request that four scholarships at \$20.00 each be granted to them.

After consulting with Mr St George R Fitzhugh as to the legality of the desired action, and being advised by him that, owing to the Institute being outside of the corporate boundary, said donation could not be legally made. Your committee recommends that the request be not granted.

Respectfully, Henry Warden, J M Goldsmith (Committee)

On motion the report was received and filed.

Mr Green of the Fire department reported fire of the Kenmore Shoe Co and referred in complimentary terms to Henry Walters and the rest of the volunteer firemen.

On motion of Mr Embrey the question of dedicating the Mercer Monument was referred to the Public Interests Committee to report back

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber December 17th at 7:30 PM

Members present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, and Clerk Eastburn

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane presented bond of R T Knox City Treasurer, approved by the City Attorney. Amount (\$10,000.00). Mr Howard moved and it was so ordered that the Finance Committee place the Treasurer's bond in the vault of the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following bills which in several motions were ordered paid.

Bill of Free Lance & Star Pub Co

To 150 Tax bills	\$1.00	
To 100 bills Hay scale	\$1.50	
Ok by A P Rowe, Collector	\$2.50	

Bill of Electoral Board for 1908

S Geo R Fitzhugh	services	\$10.00	
W D Scott	services	\$10.00	
E J Smith	services	\$10.00	
Scott supervising printing ballots May L O E		\$2.00	
Scott supervising printing ballots November		\$2.00	
Expense to rec't and to have ballots printed		\$1.00	
Express on ballots		\$.40	\$35.40

Bill of Clarence R Howard expense to Washington D C as a delegate to the Rivers and Harbors Congress \$8.65

Mr Lane presented the Mayors report Dec 17, 1908

To Hon President and members of Common Council

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that each of the Police officers has diligently and faithfully discharged his duty for the past month.

There have been collect and turned over to the City Treasurer by me fines to the amount of \$69.50
Dog licenses Tax to the amount of \$352.50

Which is for 39 females and 194 male dogs

I take great pleasure in commending the work of our local fire department in our recent large fire with the means and appliances at their command. Chief Robinson and his assistants and all the volunteers are to be congratulated [Page 319] upon their success in checking and conquering the great fire, that destroyed the "Biscoe building." It seems next to a miracle that these gallant firemen succeeded in saving a frame dwelling house that immediately adjoins a brick dwelling that was consumed by the spreading flames. Considering the dangerous work undertaking by these firemen and the faithful and fearless manner in which they discharged their task it would not be out of order for the Council to extend a vote of thanks.

Very truly H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Melville received and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the salaries of Police ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following Ordinance

An Ordinance providing for the extension of (\$22,000.00) of the 5% water bonds of the City of Fredericksburg maturing on the first day of January 1909. And for the extension in force of the limitation on the deed of trust securing the same.

Whereas the (\$30,000) of bonds known as the 5% Water Bonds of the City of Fredericksburg were issued under resolutions of the Common Council of said City, adopted on the 1st day of April 1895 and the 12th day of June 1895; and

Whereas said resolutions and issuances of bonds pursuant to the same, and also the execution of a deed of trust securing the same were duly ratified by the General Assembly of Va by an Act approved December 12th 1895; and

Whereas: said bonds will be due and payable on the 1st day of January 1909; and

Whereas: The Finance Committee of said City has reported to the Council that (\$8,000.00) of these bonds can be paid off by proceeds of sale of (\$5,600.00) of Virginia Century 3% bonds together with the money on hand, both said Virginia Bonds and money being now held as the sinking fund for maturing bonds, leaving a balance of (\$22,000.00) of said bonds unpaid; and

Whereas: the holders of the said (\$22,000.00) of said 5% bonds, being numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29. And the said Finance Committee have agreed subject to the ratification of the Council with the holders of said Bonds of the above number that the payment of said (\$22,000.00) of said 5% bonds shall be extended for 20 years, and that the limitation in the said Deed of Trust, if any exist in favor of the City, securing the same, shall be extended as provided by Section 2935 of the Code of Virginia at any time before the expiration of the said Twenty years, the said bonds so extended are to bear interest at the [Page 320] rate of 4% payable semi-annually on the 1st day of January and July of each year to be evidenced by a sheet of coupons payable semi annually to be signed by the Treasurer of the city and attached to such bond;

And the City of Fredericksburg is to have the right-to pay off and extinguish the whole or any part of said twenty two bonds so extended after ten years from the the 1st day of January 1909.

Now therefore be it ordained that the agreement set out in the preamble of this ordinance be adopted, ratified and confirmed and that the Mayor of this City do extend said bonds by causing the same to be stamped with the words "This bond extended for twenty years at 4%, with the right of the City to redeem the same after the 1st day of January nineteen hundred and nineteen" which said extension the Mayor shall sign and affix the seal of the City thereto;

And it is further ordained that the Finance Committee shall have full power to carry out on behalf of the City the details of this Ordinance and the provisions set out in the preamble thereto, and (\$25.00) or so much of same as needed is appropriated, subject to the order of the Finance Committee for the necessary expenditure in providing sheets of coupons, and a rubber stamp, and for other necessary expenses; and the Treasurer of the City is direct to sell the \$5,600.00 of Va Century Bonds held for the Sinking fund appropriate the proceeds of the same together with any other money in the Sinking Fund and if necessary supplementing the same with any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to the payment of the remaining (\$8,000.00) of said 5% bonds mentioned in the preamble of this ordinance maturing January 1st 1909.

And the Clerk of the Corporation Court is hereby appointed Attorney in fact to extend the limitation of said Deed of Trust pursuant to section 2935 of the Code of Virginia at any time before the expiration of twenty years from the 1st day of January 1909. The present limitation not expiring before the end of said twenty years, at the request of any holder of said extended bonds.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage."

On motion of Mr Howard the rules were suspended by the following vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

On motion of Mr Rowe seconded by Mr Embrey the above ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

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Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported in resolution referred to his Committee Sep 17, 1908 in regard to planting trees in spaces left in improved pavement on Lower Main Street.

That the trees had been secured and planted and presented the following bill of S E Covey

To 49 Norway Maples @1.50 \$73.50

To sacking \$3.00

Approved Embrey, Howard, and Goldsmith (Committee) \$76.50

On motion of Mr Garner ordered paid and report ordered filed.

Mr Melville of the Light Committee reported that the sum of (\$1,200.00) appropriated by the Council June 18, 1908 to pay the balance of the new wheels for the Electric Light Plant had not been used prior to July the 1st 1908 and after that date reverted back to the general fund of the City. And that since the appropriation for this year was made to the Electric Light Plant, the bill came in and had been paid by the Light Committee out of their annual appropriation and asked that (\$1,200.00) be appropriated to the Electric Light Committee to reimburse them for that amount spent out of their general appropriation for the balance due on the new wheels for the Electric Light Plant.

On motion (\$1,200.00) was appropriated to the Electric Light Committee to reimburse them for the \$1,200.00 spent out of this annual appropriation by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported on Canal near Kenmore that in advice of the City Attorney, the owner of the canal had been notified of its condition and requested to fix same.

Mr Rowe moved to go into the Election of Supt of City Water Works and the motion was unanimously adopted

On motion of Mr Rowe the Salary of Supt of Water was fixed the same as last year \$900.00 per annum by unanimous recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley

Application of S J Quinn was read by the clerk and S J Quinn as elected by unanimous vote, Superintendent of the City Water Works for the next 12 months at the same salary as last years, \$900.00 per annum.

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Mr Melville of the Light Committee moved to go into the Election of Superintendent of the Gas Works, adopted.

Mr Goldsmith moved that the salary of the Superintendent of the Gas Works be the same as last year. One thousand dollars and rent of house on Gas Plant and fuel and lights: adopted by unanimous recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

Application of B F Bullock was read by the Clerk and B F Bullock was elected superintendent of the Gas Work for next year at the same salary as last year. One thousand dollars, rent of house on Gas plant and fuel and lights by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented an Ordinance

To prohibit the throwing of sample packages of medicine or other merchandise or of hand bills, circulars, or other advertising matter in yards, halls, porches, driveways or vestibules.

Laid over 30 days

Mr Howard of the Public Interests Committee reported that he attended the Rivers & Harbors Congress in Washington D C December 9 & 10, as a delegate from the Council. The attendance was large, and some of our national big men spoke.

Mr Masters of the Health Committee reported on bill of Health Officer Barney referred to his Committee at the last meeting of the Council for information. That the bill was correct and his Committee recommended that it be paid.

Dr J N Barney for Health Committee

To expense distributing oil to prevent mosquitoes

Summer 1908 \$14.00

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Masters of the Health Committee presented bill for salary of Health officer J N Barney to Dec 31st 1908

July 1st to Dec 31, 1908, 6 months \$37.50

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Masters of the Health Committee presented the following:

In view of the possible difficulties in securing a physician to take charge of contagious diseases such as we experienced last year when we had so many cases of Small Pox, your Committee recommends that

the salary of the Health Officer be increased [Page 323] from \$75.00 to (\$300.00) per year as conditions that the duty of attending all such cases shall devolve on him.

J W Masters, Henry Warden, Arthur Brown (Committee)

A M Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley outlined a plan as talked over with the Health Officer whereby the duties of attending the City's poor would be included in the duties referred to above.

W E Bradley in the Chair

On motion of Mr Lane referred to the Health Committee to make arrangements with the Health Officer including the addendum and prepare and present to this Council an Ordinance covering the same.

Adopted if contract is made to date from January 1, 1909.

Mr Warden Chairman of the Joint Committee reported that the work on the New Public School building was progressing nicely. That he had a request from Mr Heflin, contractor, for another allowance in his contract price for erecting new Public School Building; Mr Stearns, inspector was present and recommended that the sum of (\$6,000.00) be paid Mr Heflin in his contract.

Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted

That the Recommendation of Inspector Stearns be approved by the Joint Committee

And that we, (The Joint Committee now in session) recommend that the City Council pay to Mr E G Heflin, contractor the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) on his contract price for erecting the new Public School Building.

S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee

On motion received and ordered files.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee offered the following which was adopted on the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Embrey, Warden, Bradley (10 votes)

Resolved by the Council:

That the Finance Committee receive from the City Treasurer the bonds of the State of Virginia of the par value of (\$5,800.00) in which the fund heretofore set forth or set apart for the Public School Building was invested and said Finance Committee shall sell said bonds and turn over the proceeds thereof to the City Treasurer who shall deposit same in the Farmer and Merchants State Bank of Va to credit of School Building Fund.

On motion adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Embrey, Warden, Bradley (10 votes)

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Mr Warden of the School Committee offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Embrey, Warden, Bradley (10 votes)

The Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property having reported to the Council that Inspector F P Stearns has reported to said Joint Committee that the Contractor Mr E G Heflin is entitled to receive additional sum of (\$6,000.00) on account of material and work done on the City Public School Building, which estimate of the inspector is approved by the Joint Committee.

Resolved by the Council

That the Finance Committee of the Council and the City Treasurer united in drawing a draft on the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Fredericksburg Va in favor of E G Heflin for (\$6,000.00) to be paid out of the fund loaned said Bank by the City.

Mr Lane of the History Committee reported the History of Fredericksburg Va written by Capt S J Quinn and ordered published by the City Council is in the hands of the History Committee and is a work of which all parties connected with it should feel proud, and offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved that the Committee on History and Council is hereby authorized to collect one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) form each subscriber to the History of Fredericksburg Va and eleven cents (\$0.11) addition on those whose books are to be sent by mail, and turn the same over to the City Treasurer who is hereby charged to keep this fund separate from other funds in his hands.

Resolved that said Committee is also authorized to draw upon said fund for the expenses incurred by it or may be incurred in the publication of said History and the distribution of the books, and also for the bill for printing the same, when it shall become due, and make full report to this body of its receipts and expenditures in the discharge of these duties.

Mr Warden moved and it was adopted that the Public Property Committee procure, frame and hand in the Council Chamber a map of the City.

Mr Goldsmith asked for information in regard to the City's rights on Winchester Street and Washington Avenue extended. Col Cole was present and was heard on the subject. A legal question, no action taken.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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