

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1909

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber January 21st 1909 at 7:30 PM with the following members present:

Bradley, President, Garner, Vice President, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Green and Clerk Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved after a change in dates interest payable on the 4% bonds extended to read—payable semi-annually on the 1st day of July and January of each year (refers to page 320)

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported the sale of \$5,600 of Va Century 3% bonds held as a sinking fund and proceeds applied to the payment of the \$8,000 5% Water Bonds due Jan'y 1, 1909. That all the bonds were not in yet. Mr Lane also reported that the coupons for the extended \$22,000 of 5 % Water Bonds to bear 4% would be here in a few days, and his Committee would report in full at next meeting and present the \$8,000 of 5% Water Bonds to the Council to be destroyed, and one bond of \$1,000.00 had not been brought in for payment yet.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report:

January 21, 1909

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that the Police Officers have faithfully and fully discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$93.00) collected since last meeting of the Council up to January 1st 1909, received by me and turned over to the City Treasurer.

Herewith I transmit a proposition from the Washington DC *Post* newspaper soliciting an advertisement of our City & its advantages in the "prosperity edition" to be published by that paper and distributed during the inauguration of our next President. I would respectfully suggest that the Council consider descriptive article showing the attractions and advantages of our City. I also transmit herewith replies from letters written to various cities inquiring about the methods by which the streets of their respective cities are kept free of waste paper and other such litter. I would respectfully ask that these letters of reply be given the proper consideration. I think as a matter of civic pride something should be done in the way of ridding this City of the nuisance of trash and waste paper being thrown [Page 326] into the Streets and, following my recent suggestions along this line, I can think of no better way than to supply the business section with receptacles of some sort for the purpose, and then pass an "Ordinance" requiring all such trash to be burned in the houses, or on the lots out of sight of the Streets in the residential sections of our City, and requiring all persons along the business sections to deposit such trash in the receptacles provided for the purpose. If the Council is unwilling to do this, then it seems that we ought to be allowed to make a "virtue" out of necessity, and be given the right for an house every business morning to burn up this trash on the Streets.

Very Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Lane the salaries of the Police Officers were ordered paid by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Lane, that part of the Mayor's report referring to the proposition of the Washington Post soliciting an advertisement of our city in the "Prosperity Edition" to be distributed at the Inauguration of our next President, was referred to the Committee on Public Interest by unanimous vote.

On motion of Lane, that part of the Mayor's report and correspondence relating to same, referring to trash in the Streets be referred to the Street Committee. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee presented bill of Mr Val Dannehl:
54 boxes complete for Main Street shade trees @\$1.50 \$81.00
On motion bill ordered paid.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on the foot bridge across Hazel Run in the River Road, that the [bridge] could be built at a probable cost of \$75.00 & favored its being built.

Mr Lane moved that the sum of (\$100.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to the Street Committee to build a foot Bridge across Hazel Run on the River Road. Such bridge not to exceed the above appropriation in cost. The same was adopted.

Mr Goldsmith of the Public Interests Committee passed up and had read letters concerning toilet arrangements at the R F & P Depot. These were private letters, hence no action was taken.

Mr Masters of the Committee on Health reported on the matter of Health Officer, referred to his Committee at last meeting:

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“Ordinance”

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

(First) That the present Health Officer of this City, Dr J N Barney be and he is hereby employed as the City Physician for one year from the first day of January 1909, to the first day of January 1910, at a salary of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for said year, said sum to be in full of salary as Health Officer.

(Second) For said salary, the said City Physician shall attend all cases of persons with any kind of contagious disease, where such case is taken in hand by the Health and Police Committee of the Council.

(Third) For said salary the said City Physician shall also attend the City Poor at the Alms House, and such other poor in the City as the Alms House Committee of the Council may direct.

(Fourth) This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

(OK H Lewis Wallace)

I hereby accept the above salary in full for all services rendered and to be rendered under above “Ordinance” when adopted from January 1st 1909 to January 1st 1910.

J N Barney

Mr Embrey moved to suspend the rule in order to pass the above “ordinance” the rules were suspended by unanimous vote:

On motion of Mr Rowe, the Ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (11) votes

Mr Masters of the Health Committee reported one mild case of Varioloid [Small pox], and that the parties were in destitute circumstances. He stated all necessary quarantine precautions had been taken. The Health Committee was instructed on motion of Mr Rowe to provide necessary provision and medicine.

Mr Green of the Fire Committee asked for an appropriation of \$100.00. On motion of Mr Lane it was appropriated.

Mr Embrey offered the following:

Whereas the Kenmore Shoe Co having recently suffered the destruction of its plant in Fredericksburg Va by fire, has received flattering offers for the location of Plant elsewhere, and Whereas it is beyond the legal power of the City of Fredericksburg to donate money to said Company, or to grant its exemption from taxes, but the Council of Fredericksburg feels that it should do what in its power lies to secure the retention and rebuilding of the said factory here. Therefore: Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that it has heard with pleasure that there [Page 328] a probability of rebuilding said Factory here, and be it further resolved: that should said Factory be rebuilt here and as an inducement thereto, the City of Fredericksburg hereby offers and agrees to furnish said Factory gas as a fuel for motor power and for illuminating purposes at the said Factory, should it be rebuilt, at the price of 65 cents per thousand feet. This offer if accepted to be and remain valid and binding upon the City of Fredericksburg for a period of (5) years from January 1st 1909.

On motion the above resolution was referred to the Joint Committee of Public Interests and Light Committees to confer with the Green Bros Shoe Company and report to the Council.

Mr Warden offered the following: which on motion of Mr Rowe was laid over until next meeting of the Council.

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 29th 1908, the Charter of the City of Fredericksburg was amended so as to provide for the election and qualification of a Police Justice to discharge certain functions and to perform certain duties presented by the said Act; and

Whereas under provisions of the Act aforesaid, it became, and was, the duty of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va to fix the salary of said Police Justice; and

Whereas the said Council has heretofore neglected to perform its duty in the premises, and has up to this date neglected to fix the salary of the said Police Justice as by law it is required to do, and should have done before, the first day of January, 1909; Therefore

Be it resolved that the matter of fixing the salary of the Police Justice of this City be now considered by this Council and the amount of salary fixed as required by the Charter of this City and the amendment thereto.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

A M Garner, Vice President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held Feb'y 3rd 1909 in the Council Chamber at 7:30 PM with the following present; President W E Bradley, Vice President A M Garner, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, Arthur Brown, Henry Warden, F L W Green; City Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair and after calling the Council to order read the following call
Called meeting of the City Council for Feb'y 3, 1909 at 7:30 o'clock PM

Objects: To hear applications for Franchises for Electric Light, Heat and Power Co and to consider report of Joint Committee on new School Building.

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Joint Committee on New Public School Building made the following report which we read by the Clerk.

Fredericksburg Va 1/27/1909

To the Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: Mr E G Heflin, contractor, having this day made application to the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property for an extension of time for completing the new Public School Building from the 15th of February 1909 to the 15th of April 1909.

And the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property having no authority to grant such extension;

It was moved by Mr Masters and resolved by the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property: that they recommend to the City Council the granting of said extension, provided the same is consented to by the Company guaranteeing Mr E G Heflin's contract and bond.

The Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property recommends the calling of a special meeting of the Council to consider this recommendation.

S E Eastburn, Secretary of Committee

As Mr Stearns, Inspector, has reported, that Mr E G Heflin, contractor has furnished sufficient material and work to justify the payment to Mr Heflin of (\$1,840.50), we, the Joint Committee recommend that: that amount (\$1,840.50) be paid by this City Council to said E G Heflin on his contract.

Mr Warden stated that information had not been received in regard to extension of Mr Heflin's Bond and he moved and it was adopted that the part of the report which referred to the extension of time on Contract be referred back to the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property with power to act.

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Mr Green offered the following, which was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Bradley (all who were present when vote taken)

Mr Warden Chairman of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property having reported to the Council that Inspector Stearns has reported to said Joint Committee that the Contractor, E G Heflin, is entitled to receive additional sum of (\$1,840.50) on account of material and work done, in the City Public School Building, which estimate of Inspector Stearns is approved by the Joint Committee.

Resolved by the Council: That the Finance Committee of the City Council and the City Treasurer united in drawing a draft on the Farmers & Merchants State Bank for (\$1,840.50) to be paid out of the fund loaned said bank by the City.

Judge A T Embrey was present and by unanimous consent he was allowed [to] address the Council briefly and asked for the following Franchises:

1st An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light and Power lines including poles, wires, and other appliances, in upon and along over and under the Streets alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Va for the purpose of supplying Electric Light and Power.

2nd An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Va, and under and across Main Street, Fredericksburg Va with its Junction with Factory Street.

On motion of Mr Lane both of the applications for franchises were referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance Committees of this Council.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the rules were suspended and he presented the report of the Joint Committee of Public Interest and Light in reference to officer inducements to the Green Bros: to rebuild Kenmore Shoe Factory recently destroyed by fire. It is as follows:

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To the Honorable President and members of the City Council
Gentlemen: The Joint Committee of Public Interests and Light Committees met on January 27th 1909 at 4:30 PM with all the members present also City Attorney Mr Fitzhugh, to consider the resolution offered by Mr Embrey at the last meeting of the City Council and referred to this Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee invited the Green Bros to appear before said Joint Committee which they did. Said resolution was read to Green Bros and they stated that concessions proposed in said resolution would furnish an inducement to them to re-build their factory at Fredericksburg Virginia.

Whereupon Green Bros were asked whether they had any proposition to make to the City Council touching the re-building of their factory, and they replied they had not.

On motion the above was adopted as the report of the said Joint Committee to the Council
S E Eastburn, acting clerk for Joint Committee

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

Mr Warden of the School Committee presented the following:

Nov 30, 1908

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I herewith have the honor to submit a report of the expenditures of the appropriation made by your honorable body last summer to the support of the State Summer Institute held in your City during the month of July. Accompanying the report is a check for the unused balance of \$24.93

In this connection, I will say, that the conductor of the School was allowed no compensation for his services from the State and was instructed that his compensation would have to come out of the local appropriation. I will say further that the compensation stated in the accompanying report is the smallest amount allowed any conductor of a similar school in the State. This notwithstanding the fact, that the Fredericksburg School was the largest in the State and a number of schools did not have one-fourth the attendance for the school in Fredericksburg Va

I am yours very cordially E H Russell

All receipts are on file with the Department of Public Instruction at Richmond Virginia.

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Report of the Expenditures of the appropriation of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia to the State Summer Institute, held in that City during the Summer of 1908.

Original appropriation		\$250.00
Feuerherd's bill for boat excursion	\$23.00	
Printing tickets for same	\$1.50	
Paid Mr Owens for Janitor service	\$6.75	
R L Stone for plumbing	\$7.25	
Mr Rosebro for Janitor work	\$11.00	
Use of Piano	\$5.00	
Rent of Furniture	\$7.25	
Postage	\$13.32	
Compensation of Conductor	\$150.00	
By balance returned by check to City	\$24.93	\$250.00
Respectfully submitted, E H Russell, Conductor		

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the report was received, adopted and the check ordered turned over to the Finance Committee of the Council.

And Clerk Eastburn directed to express thanks of the Council to Director E H Russell for his business methods in handling the fund given the Summer Normal Institute.

On motion the Council then adjourned

A M Garner, Vice 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 Feb'y 18, 1909 at 7:30 PM with the following members present;

A M Garner, Vice President, Melville Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden and Clerk Eastburn

A M Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Melville of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report.

February 18, 1909

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that each of the Police Officers has faithfully discharged his duty for the past month.

Rev John W Rosebro, having removed from this City and State, giving up his residence in same, his position as Director of the Wallace Library Board of Directors has become vacant. So, I take pleasure in nominating Colonel E D Cole as his successor on said Board

Very respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Embrey the salaries of the Police officers were ordered paid.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the nomination by Mayor Wallace of Colonel E D Cole to be Director of the Board of Wallace Library to fill place made vacant by Rev J W Rosebro, moving out of City and the State, be approved and ratified by this Council.

Mr Melville of the Light Committee reported that the appropriation to Gas Works was nearly exhausted and that it would take about \$2,500.00 to run Gas Plant to the 1st of July 1909 and asked that this amount be placed to the credit of Gas Committee.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the request of the Gas Committee was laid over to an adjourned meeting of the Council.

Mr Goldsmith of the Public Interests Committee reported on the advertisement of the City in the Washington Post during the inauguration of our next President, referred to his Committee at last meeting of the Council. That Fredericksburg does not accept the proposition of the Washington Post to advertise our City in said issue.

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On motion the report of the Public Interests Committee was received and filed.

Mr Masters of the Health and Police Committee reported that because of extraordinary expenses, his funds were running low and asked for an appropriation of (\$100.00) to his Committee.

On motion of Mr Melville the sum of \$100.00 was appropriated to the Committee on Health and Police by unanimous vote.

Mr Masters reported that Quarantine had been raised at Geo Brooks and that his Committee would like to be instructed about paying Mr Brooks rent during the time of his quarantine.

On motion the Committee on Health and Police were instructed to pay one month's rent amounting to \$6.00 for Geo Brooks during his quarantine by the Health Committee.

Mr Warden offered the following: That the question of fixing the salary of Police Justice laid over at last meeting to this meeting of the Council be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Common Council. Unanimously adopted.

On motion the Council then adjourned to next Tuesday Feb'y 23rd 1909 at 7:30 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber February 23rd 1909 at 7:30 PM with the following members present: Bradley, President, Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J C Melville, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, Arthur Brown, J W Masters, H Warden, Green, Howard; Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn
W E Bradley President in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had (7) (\$1000.00) Water 5% bonds due January 1, 1909 called in by the City of ordered paid (Nos 1, 12, 14, 16, 17, 28, 30) and presented said bonds to the Council and asked that said bonds be destroyed by burning. 1 bond of \$1,000, No 22, not found. Mr Garner moved and it was so ordered that said bonds be destroyed.

The President appointed Messrs Masters and Garner to check up, and destroy the 5% Water Bonds payable January 1, 1909 and presented to this meeting of the Council (7) 5% Water Bonds (Nos 1, 12, 14, 16, 17, 28, 30).

Mr Garner reported bonds checked up and destroyed. Report received.

Mr Lane reported that the extension coupons for the (\$22,000.00) of 5% Water Bonds due January 1, 1909 and extended at 4% had been received and were now in the hands of the City Treasurer ready to be attached to the bonds when presented.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the license tax ordinance for 1909 and 1910 which account to the rules lays over to next regular meeting of Council.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the History Committee, reported:

Gentlemen of the Common Council: About the 1st of August last year your Committee one History entered into contract with the Hermitage Press of Richmond Va it being the lowest bidder for printing one thousand copies of the History of Fredericksburg.

The terms of the contract were; for a book of 288 pages, price with forty inserts, 300 to be wrapped for mailing (\$640.00).

The contract further provided that for each page of the book over 288 the charge would be \$1.20 and each page less, a deduction of \$1.20 should be made.

The charge for forty inserts was (\$2.00) each page, \$2.00 to be added for each page over forty and \$2.00 deducted for each page less than forty.

The gold for the top of the book was to be two cents per copy.

The binding was selected by the Committee from samples furnished by the Publishers and the paper was excellent book paper, sixty pounds per ream. The books were printed and delivered about the 19th of December 1908 and so far as the Committee can discover the work is well done and in accordance with the contract.

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The publisher's bill in full is as follows:

Printing 1,000 books		\$640.00
44 extra pages at \$1.20 each		\$76.80
Gilding top of books, 1000 at 2 cents		\$20.00
Cut and Autograph of S J Quinn		\$3.25
Extra type list of Mayor's and index in 8 point type and foot notes in 6 point type in excess of less ten point type used in body of book		\$13.25
Making a total of		\$753.65
Cr by 4 inserts less than forty		\$8.00
		\$745.65
Express on Books, postage & other expenses		\$62.71
Expense of printing circulars, cards etc		\$20.50
Total expense to date		\$828.56
336 books sold at \$1.50	\$504.00	
Amt of postage received	\$7.57	\$511.57
Amt due this date		\$317.29
Books sold and postage as above		\$511.57
Cash paid for printing	\$20.00	
Cash paid Publishers	\$475.00	\$395.50
Bal in Treasurers hands		\$16.07
Balance due Publishers		\$270.65
Amt due for express postage, etc		\$62.71

	\$333.36
Less bal in Treasurers hands	\$16.07
Amt due at this date	\$317.29
Ninety eight (98) persons, most of them living in town, who subscribed for the book before its publication have not yet paid their subscription the total of which would be \$148.50	
Book account	1000 copies printed
No sold	336
Newspaper & etc	18
	354
	654 books on hand

These 646 books at \$1.50 each will be \$969.00

We are making an effort to get a favorable notice of the book in the “*National Tribune*” at Washington, DC and the “*Confederate Veteran*” at Nashville, Tennessee. The former representing the Union Veterans and the latter the Confederate Veterans, which we hope will open up a sale for quite a number of those on hand.

The Committee asked for an appropriation of \$317.29.

On motion the report was received and the sum of \$317.29 was appropriated to the History Committee recorded vote: Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (11) votes

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Mr Melville, Chairman of the Light Committee asked that his request of meeting Feb’y 18, 1909 laid over to this adjourned meeting be taken up and acted upon (\$2,500.00) asked for the Light Committee.

On motion of Mr Rowe the sum of \$2,500.00 was appropriated to the Light Committee by the following recorded vote: Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard and Bradley (11 votes)

Mr Howard presented:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.

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

1. That an advertisement be published in the *Daily Star* and in the *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, once a week for four successive weeks inviting bids for a franchise to be granted in and by the following ordinance.

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

1. That a franchise is hereby granted to [blank] its successors and assigns hereinafter denominated the Company for the period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance to erect, operate and maintain wires, cables, & other conductors, including the necessary poles and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under the streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg Va as its business may from time to time require; to construct conduits, tubes, and other constructions in, under and along said streets, alley and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Va and to make suitable connections therewith and to supply electric current, light, heat and power subject to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned: provided that all poles shall be neat, symmetrical and painted, said poles to be straight, and with bark taken off,

and securely set in the ground, and repainted from time to time as may be necessary when required by the City Council.

2nd The location of the poles and other structures in, under and along the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg, shall be subject to the approval of the City Council & when plans showing the locations of such structures aforesaid shall have been submitted to said Council and approved by the City Council the same shall be effective and binding to the same extent as if they were set out fully and at length in this ordinance: Provided that such location and plans may be changed from time to time by the said Company its successors & assigns with like approval of the said City Council.

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The work of erecting poles shall be done under the supervision of the Street Committee and the portions of the surface of Parks, Streets, avenues, alleys and pavements of the City of Fredericksburg disturbed in constructing, repairing or replacing the works of such company along, over or under, the same shall be immediately restored to and maintained in good condition by said Company, and, in the case of failure on the part of the said Company to so restore and maintain the same the Corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly restore and maintain the same, and the costs thereof shall be recovered by the City from the said company in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Upon notice from the City, or any Committee of the Council that a local improvement, or Gas, Sewer or Water main or branch thereof is to be constructed or repaired in such manner as will necessitate the moving or altering of the poles or wires or other appurtenances of the said Company, the Company shall move or alter the same at its own expense and should said Company omit to comply with such notice, the poles, wires and appliances may be altered or moved by the City and the cost thereof recovered from said Company; and in event of fire, or other casualty rendering it necessary the said Company upon notice shall as to the control of its current, or disposition and care of its poles, wires, and other appliances, render promptly necessary aid to the firemen or other authorities of the City.

3rd In consideration of the grant of this franchise the said Company, its successors and assigns shall when so requested by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, permit its poles or fixtures to be used, without compensation, by said City, for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any fire of police alarms, telegraph or telephone wires, which by the Council may be construed necessary for the exclusive use of said police or fire department of the City of Fredericksburg:

Provided that such use by the said City of Fredericksburg, shall not interfere with the proper use of said poles, structures and fixtures by the said Company, its successors and assigns. And that the location & character of said wires and fixtures shall be subject to the approval of the Committee or Committees of said Council having charge of the police and fire department; And provided further that the said City of Fredericksburg, Va shall and it hereby agrees in even of such use of said poles of its wires as aforesaid, to indemnify and save harmless the said company its successors and assigns from any and all loss, damage, cost, and expense to which the said Company, its successors and assigns may be subject at by reason or as a result of the use of said poles, structures or fixtures by the said City of Fredericksburg as herein provided.

4th it: the said Company and its successors and assigns hereby agree to save the said City of Fredericksburg free & harmless from all loss, damage, cost, and expense that might occur to said City by or through the neglect of said Company in exercising the powers herein granted, or the neglect of the Company to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the Streets and alleys or other public places of the City, by reason of which the said City [Page 339] might become liable for damages, all or any of said claims to be defended and paid by said Company and its

failure to defend and pay in case of judgment thereon, all or any of said claims and to indemnify & save the City harmless as aforesaid shall entitle the City to revoke this franchise and to declare all its rights hereunder inoperative and void.

(5th) This ordinance shall be of no force or effect until the said Company shall file with the Clerk of the City Council of Fredericksburg a written acceptance of each and every provision of this ordinance, nor shall said ordinance have any force or effect unless said acceptance is filed and the bond herein required is deposited within sixty days from the date of the approval of this ordinance.

(6th) The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance & that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg. And upon the acceptance of this ordinance, by the said Company it shall deposit with the City Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg the bond of the said Company payable to said City with security to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which bond shall be in the words and figures as follows:

Know all men by these presents that we are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the payment whereof well and truly to be made the said Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, we bind ourselves and each of us jointly and severally firmly by these presents and we hereby waive the benefits of our homestead exemption as to this obligation.

Sealed with our seals and dated this [blank] day of [blank] 1909.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said [blank] company as foresaid has agreed and bound itself that a first class Electric Power Station will be constructed [Page 340] within the City of Fredericksburg, and that said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the said City, and maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of this grant and will furnish to customers in the City of Fredericksburg efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power service at reasonable rates during the period of thirty years from the final approval of this ordinance and that the work of the construction of the Electric Power Station and of the Company's distributing plant shall be begun actually and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result, in the opinion of the Council of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes, which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

To therefore, if the above bound the [blank] Company shall faithfully keep and perform or cause to be kept and performed said obligation agreement and understanding on its part then this obligation will be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

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And the said Company further agrees and binds itself that in the event of judgment in favor of said City of Fredericksburg being recovered in said bond the said Company will without delay upon the entry of such judgment execute a new bond to the said City of the same tenor and effect, and for the same amount as the bond upon which judgment was obtained, with security to be approved by the City Council as aforesaid and will deposit the same forthwith with the City Treasurer of the said City.

And the said Company further agrees and binds itself that whenever and as often as judgment in favor of said City of Fredericksburg being rendered on any bond executed under this section, the said Company will without delay upon the entry of such judgment execute a new bond to the said City of the same tenor and effect, and for the same amount as the bond upon which judgment was obtained, and with security to be approved by the City Council as aforesaid and will deposit the same forthwith with the City Treasurer of the said City.

The true intent and object of this provision being to provide for and insure that the said City shall never, during the said term of thirty years, be without ample security for the faithful performance by the said Company of the aforesaid obligation, undertaking and agreement on its part touching the efficiency of the Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates, and the maintenance of its property in good [Page 341] order throughout the terms of the grant.

If the said Company shall fail to comply with the provisions and requirements set forth in this section of this ordinance in relation to the bond of the said Company and its renewals wherever judgment is recovered thereon, the Council may declare any and all privileges and franchises authorized or granted by this ordinance forfeited.

The said company shall acquire no rights under this ordinance until the bond herein required is deposited as aforesaid.

(7th) The said Company by the acceptance of this ordinance or the exercise of any privileges herein granted binds itself and agrees that the rates of charges for Electric Light Heat and Power Service in the City of Fredericksburg shall not be higher than those charged by other companies generally in other cities having approximately the same population in this or in any other state.

(8th) The said Company shall at all times be subject to the City Ordinances now in existence, or which hereafter may be passed relative to the use of the highways, public roads, streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg by telephone, telegraph, electric light and heat and power companies.

(9th) If at any time the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg shall become satisfied that said Company, its successors, or assigns is not complying with the terms and provisions of this ordinance, or any reasonable regulations hereafter adopted as aforesaid, it shall give notice to said Company its successors or assigns of such failure and if said company its successors or assigns shall fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or the reasonable regulations aforesaid within thirty days after the date of the service of said notice, unless time be further extended by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, then it shall upon conviction thereof be liable to a fine of not exceeding twenty five dollars (\$25.00), each day's failure after the expiration of the said thirty days after written notice as aforesaid to constitute a separate offence; provided however, that in the event of a bona fide contest by said Company its successors or assigns as to its liability for said fine or an appeal from the decision, imposing the same, said Company, its successors and assigns shall be subject to no further penalties until its liability has

been finally established and for a period of ten days thereafter, or such longer time as may be allowed by said Council of the City of Fredericksburg.

(10th) In the location and erection of poles, conduits, and other structures, and fixtures, and in stringing of wires herein authorized the said Company its successors and assigns shall avoid all unnecessary damage to shade trees in and along the Streets alleys and public places in the said City of Fredericksburg and shall not cut or otherwise injure the said trees to any greater extent than is reasonably necessary in the execution of the work [Page 342] authorized to be done under the Franchise, upon plans to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg.

(11th) Any person who shall maliciously or wrongfully interfere with cut, injure or destroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures, or other property of said company, its successors, or assigns constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance within the Corporate limits of said City of Fredericksburg shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than one, nor more than ten dollars.

(12th) Nothing in this ordinance contained shall impair the right which has heretofore been or may hereafter be conferred by law upon the authorities of the City of Fredericksburg to prescribe rules, regulations, or rates of charge, to be observed by said Company in connection with any service performed by it under this franchise as far as such service may be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg.

(13th) All the obligations undertakings, and agreements assumed by the said Company under this ordinance by its acceptance of the same shall be assumed and performed by its successors and assigns, and such successors and assigns shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance as if they had originally accepted said ordinance in the place and stead of the said Company.

(14th) This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

2nd Be it further ordained that bids in writing for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by the above ordinance be delivered on the 26th day of March 1909, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock PM to the presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg in open session of said Council as required by law, but the City of Fredericksburg hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to reject a higher and award such franchise to a lower bidder as authorized by law.

So soon as the terms of this proposed ordinance are approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg the Clerk of the Council will have the foregoing resolutions published as therein directed.

I approve the foregoing ordinance and resolution this 23rd day of February 1909 H Lewis
Wallace Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia

Mr Howard moved and it was seconded to adopt as a whole.

Mr Warden offered an amendment seconded by Mr Melville to take up in sections.

Mr Howard then moved that Mr Warden's amendment be laid on the table. Vote:

For, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Howard, Bradley (7 votes)

Against, Melville, Warden, Masters, Green (4 votes)

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Motion of Mr Howard to adopt as a whole resulted:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley (9 votes)

Nos, Warden and Melville. Both stated that they were in favor of the franchise and had intended to vote for it, but since they considered the method used as railroading the ordinance through they could not vote for it.

Before the vote was taken on the Franchise Mr Howard had read two sets of resolutions; one from local union #1078 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and the other from Lincoln Federal Labor Unions No 11816, both of this City asking that the Council grant the franchise.

Mr Howard then presented an ordinance to construct a flume across Princess Anne Street down Factory Street and across Main, and asked its adoption.

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.

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

1st that an advertisement be published in the *Daily Star* and in the *Evening Journal* newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia once a week for four successive weeks inviting bids for a franchise proposed to be granted in and by the following ordinance:

1st That a franchise is hereby granted to [blank] its successors and assigns and they are hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit to be built of brick or concrete or steel and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street at or near its junction with Main Street and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street for the purpose of conducting water along and through said flume or conduit and for any other lawful purpose for which the same may be used.

2nd The permanent location of the said Flume or conduit under said Streets shall be subject to the approval of the City Council of Fredericksburg and when plans, showing the location of such construction aforesaid shall have been submitted to said Council and approved by it, the same shall be effective and binding to the said extent as if they were set out fully and at length in the ordinance.

3rd That said flume or conduit shall be laid at a distance below the surface of the said streets not less than four feet from the top of the flume or conduit and shall not [Page 344] in any wise obstruct or interfere with Public travel over and along said streets or obstruct and interfere with the ordinary use of the same, or damage private property without compensation therefore.

4th That any portion or portions of the surface of the said streets of any pavements disturbed in the construction, repair or replacing of the said flume or conduit or any part thereof shall be immediately restored to and maintained in good condition by said company and in case of failure on the part of the said Company to so repair and maintain the same the corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly repair and maintain the same and the cost thereof shall be recoverable by the City of Fredericksburg from the said Company in a court of competent jurisdiction.

5th That in the construction, repair and replacing of the said flume or conduit, the said company shall not in any way damage any shade tree or ornamental tree in front of any private residence or other building without the consent of the owners.

6th Any person who shall maliciously or wrongfully interfere with cut or destroy the said flume or conduit or any part of the said work constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within the Corporate limits of the City of Fredericksburg shall, upon conviction thereof be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

7th The said Company shall and it hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Fredericksburg from any and all loss damage, cost and expense to which the City may be subject by reason of , or as a result of, any act or nuisance of the said Company under this franchise, as the neglect of the said Company to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the Streets of the said City; and by the acceptance of this franchise the said Company shall and it hereby agrees and binds itself at the time of an while the work of constructing said flume is going on to fill in and raise to a grade, to be furnished the said company by the surveyor of the City of Fredericksburg, that portion of Princess Anne Street lying between the bridge across the branch canal leading to the silk mill and the bridge across the main canal of the Fredericksburg Power Company.

8th If the said Company shall fail to comply with the provisions set forth in this franchise and with its duties and obligations hereunder, the Council of Fredericksburg may declare any and all privileges and franchise authorized or granted by this ordinance forfeited.

9th The privilege herein granted shall continue for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance.

10th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

2nd Be it further ordained that bids in writing for the franchise, privileges and right proposed to be granted by the above ordinance be delivered on the 26th day of March 1909 [Page 345] at the hour of 7:30 PM to the Presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, in open session of said Council, as required by law. But the City of Fredericksburg hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to reject a high and award such franchise to a lower bidder as authorized by law.

So Soon as the terms of this proposed ordinance are approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg the Clerk of the Council will have the foregoing resolutions published as therein directed.

I approve the foregoing ordinance and resolution this 23rd day of February 1909

H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia.

On motion adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

Mr Warden Chairman of the School Committee presented a communication from the State Board of Education with reference to dividing the state into appropriate school divisions and the appointment of Superintendents for each district in the State.

On motion of Mr Lane referred to the Committee on Schools.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee offered the following ordinance to prescribe certain rules, regulations and conditions for electrical construction, insulation and wiring in the City of Fredericksburg and to impose certain penalties for violations therefore.

On motion of Mr Garner referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Rowe moved and it was unanimously adopted that the Ordinance Committee be empowered to employ and consult and expert electrician as to the provisions of the Ordinance on Electrical Construction.

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 March 18th 1909 at 7:30 o'clock with the following members present
President W E Bradley, Vice President A M Garner, H B Lane, J C Melville, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, A Brown, J W Masters, F L W Green, C R Howard and S E Eastburn, Clerk
President Bradley in the Chair
Minutes of last regular meeting and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of the Free Lance & Star Publishing Co which on motion were ordered paid.

Free Lance & Star Pub Co		
250 license blanks (2 forms)	\$3.50	
60 license blanks (2 forms)	\$1.50	
75 license blanks (2 forms)	\$2.00	
150 license blanks (2 forms)	\$3.00	\$10.00
Ok by A B Bowering Com of Rev		

Free Lance & Star Pub Co	
200 bills bound in tobbt	\$1.50
250 circular letters	\$1.50
OK A P Rowe Collector	\$3.00

Also certificate of Publication from the *Fredericksburg Journal* of Franchise ordinance published for weeks at blank cost

Mr Lane presented the Mayor's Report as follows
Fredericksburg Va March 18th 1909

To Hon W E Bradley, President and members of Common Council

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that the police officers have faithfully and efficiently discharged their respective duties for the past month

Especially do I take pleasure in complimenting Officer Tansill on the courage and presence of mind he displayed in arresting Chester Toombs on the 11th instance, Toombs making ugly resistance.

I beg to report fines collected by me from Justice Dannehl for months of February and March 1909 amounting to \$89.50, same having been turned over to R T Knox, Treasurer

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Now that we are at the beginning of Spring I sincerely trust that the Committee on Streets will promptly provide Main and Commerce Streets with a necessary number of trash receptacles, needed to facilitate the task of keeping those streets free from waste paper and other such litter.
Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee were not ready with the license tax ordinance, offered at the last meeting of the Council and asked for more time and that when this meeting adjourned it will adjourn to meet on March 26th 1909 at 7:30 PM

On motion more time was allowed and it was decided to adjourn to March 26, 1909 at 7:30 PM

Mr Embrey reported Hazel Run foot bridge built at cost of \$75.00. Mr Embrey of the Street Committee asked for an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the Street Committee.

And on motion the sum of (\$250.00) asked for, was appropriated to the Street Committee by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Rowe moved and it was so ordered that the question of fixing the salary of Police Justice set for this meeting be postponed to April Meeting of this Body.

On motion the Council then adjourned to meeting March 26th 1909 at 7:30 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held March 26th at 7:30 PM pursuant to notice with the following members present; Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green & Howard; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn.

W E Bradley President in the Chair

The President stated that this was an adjourned meeting of the Council for the purpose of opening and considering the bids for the two franchises as advertised for four weeks in the Evening Journal and Daily Star; and to consider the License Tax Ordinance for 1909 and 1910 and asked what was the pleasure of the Council.

On motion of Mr Garner the Council decided to take up the bids for the Franchises first.

Whereupon Judge A T Embrey passed the following bids to the President who read the same.

To the Hon W E Bradley, President and Presiding Officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned, The Fredericksburg Electric Company, a Corporation chartered, organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Virginia by Alvin T Embrey its Secretary thereto specifically authorized at a meeting of the stockholders of that said Company held on the 18th day of March 1909, hereby respectfully bids the sum of \$100.00 in cash by an ordinance of your honorable body dated February 23rd 1909 entitled "An ordinance to provided for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, Heat and 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."

And said Company in event of the acceptance of its bid hereby further agrees to pay all expenses in consideration with the advertisement of the said franchise.

Dated at Fredericksburg Virginia this 26th day of March 1909.

The Fredericksburg Electric Company

By Alvin T Embrey, Secretary

A certified check for \$100.00 accompanied the above bid and was turned over to the Finance Committee by the Clerk.

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To the Honorable W E Bradley, President and Presiding Officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg

The undersigned The Electric Generating Company, a corporation chartered, organized, and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Virginia, by Alvin T Embrey, its Secretary, thereto specifically authorized at a meeting of the stockholders of the said Company held on the 18th day of March 1909 hereby respectfully bid the sum of (\$25.00) in cash for the Franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your honorable body dated February 23rd 1909 entitled, "An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia at or near its junction with Factory Street." And said Company in the event of the acceptance of its bid hereby further agrees to pay all expenses in connection with the advertisement of the said Franchise.

Dated at Fredericksburg Virginia this 26th day of March 1909

The Electric Generating Company

By Alvin T Embrey, Secretary

A certified check for (\$25.00) accompanied the above bid and was turned over to the Finance Committee by the Clerk.

Judge Embrey Sec. stated that these bids were merely nominal and not for the value of the franchises. That these companies would not be exempted from taxes or licenses from year to year as the Council might assess against the said Companies as they prospered.

President W E Bradley then read the following correspondence

Rock Hill, SC March 23, 1909

Mr W E Bradley, President City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sir: The City Council will meet this week to receive bids for a franchise granting the right and power to distribute and sell electric light and power within the City Limits, and it is well known that the newly organized Fredericksburg Electric Company will put in a bid for this franchise; and since this company has a tentative contract with the Electric Generating Co, the sole lessee of the large water power being developed by the Fredericksburg Power Co, it was reasonably expected that the bid of this Company would be accepted, since it gives to your citizens the privilege of using the water power of the Rappahannock River, to the fullest extent and in the most modern & efficient way.

I have been informed that the City Attorney intends to advise the Council to demand of the Fredericksburg Power Co free water, for its water supply as a consideration of accepting the [Page 350] bid of the Fredericksburg Electric Co, for the said Franchise. I am not advised just how your learned Counsel proposes that this be done in a just and legal way. The Fredericksburg Power co not being in any way an applicant for this franchise. I presume, however, that he will tell you why it is necessary to make such a demand at this time. I think the probabilities are that

upon investigation you will find that whoever was the City Attorney at the time the water works were built was negligent in having the proper Contract executed.

The Fredericksburg Power Co is only interested in this measure, in that the Generating co will be a large consumer of its water power, and should the franchise be granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Co, the City of Fredericksburg will get the first chance to use the water power of the Rappahannock.

If, however, your Council adopts the suggestion of the City Attorney & makes this unjust and illegal demand upon the Fredericksburg Power Co, I wish to notify you that the demand most certainly will not be complied with and as far as our company is concerned we shall accept it as your ultimatum that the City of Fredericksburg does not desire to have our water power transformed into Electric Power and distributed to all parts of the City as it is proposed to do at this time.

You may not be advised of the fact that under our charter we have the power, and it is perfectly feasible for us to transmit our power to more distant and larger markets, and should the Fredericksburg Electric Co fail to secure its franchise we shall immediately proceed to perfect partially prepared plans for doing this and carry them into effect as rapidly as possible.

If the City of Fredericksburg has a valid contract for the use of water for its system of water work, then there is certainly no excuse for this demand, suggested by your attorney, but if they have no contract, I can assure you that the Power Co will deal fairly and justly with you, as it hopes and expects the City to deal with it in the same manner.

Yours very respectfully

Wm C Whitner, President

Fredericksburg Power Company

Rock Hill SC March 25, 1909

A T Embrey, Sect'y Fredericksburg Power Co

Dear Sir: I wired you this morning as follows your letter received, if you decide city can use part of their thirty horse power for filling reservoir, we will stand by your decision, and wish to confirm same by this letter.

I understand from your communication that when the City contracted for this 30 horse power at their pumping station it was agreed that they might use it for City Water Works, and certainly filling the Reservoir would be such use, so far as we are concerned they might use any part or all of the 30 horse power for filling the reservoir. I would think that five or six horse power would fill this requirement.

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Yours very truly Wm C Whitner, President

Fredericksburg Power Company

Fredericksburg Va March 26, 1909

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen: By deed dated October 26th 1900 and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg in Deed Book II page 291, Mrs Martha E Clark, the predecessor in title of the Fredericksburg Power Company leased in clause eight of the said deed, and agreed to deliver to the City of Fredericksburg. . .

"Its assigns and successors at the tail race of the old Paper Mill site for purposes connected with the City Water Works during this lease, and its renewals a water power not to exceed 30 horse power"

Some question has been raised pending the consideration of the proposed franchise sought by the Fredericksburg Electric Company as to whether or not this water referred to in clause eight of this deed is strictly for power purposes, for running the City's pump or whether the City has the right, under said clause eight of the deed to use said water for the purpose of filling the reservoir of the City.

The Fredericksburg Power Company successor in title to the property of the said Mrs Martha E Clark, under a deed from the devisees of the said Mrs Martha E Clark of date June 1st 1904, and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg in Deed Book JJ page 580 begs leave to state that according to its construction of the said contract the city has the unquestioned right to use said water, not to exceed thirty (30) horse power for any purposes it sees fit in connection with the City Water Works, and may draw the same in whole or in part into its reservoirs or any use the same in whole or in part as a motive power for the purpose of running its pumps.

The President of the Fredericksburg Power Company, Mr Wm C Whitner is at present at Rock Hill, South Carolina, but I am authorized to state that he concurs in the views herein expressed, as will be seen from a letter from Mr Whitner and signed as President of the Fredericksburg Power Company, dated March 25th and appended to this communication.

Very Respectfully Fredericksburg Power Company Inc.

By Alvin T Embrey, Secretary and Treasurer

State of Virginia, Corporation of Fredericksburg SS

I, S C Whitehouse, a notary public for the Corporation and State aforesaid do hereby certify that Alvin T Embrey, Secretary and Treasurer of the Fredericksburg Power Co, Inc whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date the 26th day of March 1909, personally appeared before me in my Corporation aforesaid and acknowledged the same to his act and deed.

Given under my hand this 26th day of March 1909

S C Whitehouse, Notary Public

My commission expires October 11th 1911.

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Mr W S Embrey offered the two resolutions following which were adopted by following recorded vote

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

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

That the bid of \$100.00 of the Fredericksburg Electric Company, a Corporation chartered, organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date February 23rd 1909 entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.

Be and it is hereby referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of this Council for consideration and report as provided by law.

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

That the bid of \$25.00 of the Electric Generating Company, a Corporation chartered, organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date February 23rd 1909 entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.
Be and it is hereby referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of this Council for consideration and report as provided by law.

Mr Howard presented the report of the Joint Committee as follows:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

Your Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance to whom was referred for consideration and report as provided by law the bid of the Fredericksburg Electric Company of (\$100.00) for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your body of date February 23rd 1909 entitled

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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 [Page 353] supplying Electric Light, Heat and Power.”

Would respectfully report and recommend the acceptance of the said bid of the said Fredericksburg Electric Company.

Clarence R Howard, F L W Green, W E Bradley, H B Lane, W S Embrey, John C Melville (Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance)

To the Honorable Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

Your Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance to whom was referred for consideration and report as provided by law the bid of the Electric Generating Company of (\$25.00) for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your body of date February 23rd 1909 entitled

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.”

Would respectfully report and recommend the acceptance of the said bid of the said Electric Generating Company.

Signed Clarence R Howard, F L W Green, W S Embrey, H B Lane, John C Melville, W E Bradley (Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance)

Mr W S Embrey offered the following which was adopted by following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey Brown, Masters Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

An ordinance accepting the bid of (\$100.00) in cash of the Fredericksburg Electric Company, a Corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date February 23rd 1909 entitled:

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.”

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

That the report of the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of this Council, recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Fredericksburg Electric Company of (\$100.00) for the Franchise, Privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by the Ordinance of February 23rd 1909, Entitled:
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“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.”

Be and the same is hereby received and adopted and that said bid of the said Fredericksburg Electric Company for the Franchise, rights & privileges aforesaid be and the same is hereby accepted.”

Mr W S Embrey offered the following which was adopted by following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey Brown, Masters Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

An ordinance accepting the bid of \$25.00 of the Electric Generating Company, a Corporation chartered, organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date February 23rd 1909 entitled:

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.”

That the report of the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of this Council, recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Electric Generating Company of (\$25.00) for the Franchise, Privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by the Ordinance of February 23rd 1909, Entitled:

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.”

Be and the same is hereby received and adopted and that said bid of the said Electric Generating Company for the Franchise, rights & privileges aforesaid be and the same is hereby accepted.
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Mr Howard presented franchise which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

“An ordinance granting to the Fredericksburg Electric Company a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.”

Whereas by ordinance of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg approved February 23rd 1909 entitled “An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, heat and 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.”

Bids in writing for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by the said ordinance were invited, the same to be delivered on the 26th day of March 1909, at the hour of 7:30 o’clock PM to the Honorable W E Bradley, President and presiding officer of the Council required by law and

Whereas said Ordinance of February 23rd 1909 was duly advertised as required by law, by publication thereof once a week for four successive weeks in the *Daily Star* and the *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg Virginia: and

Whereas at the hour of 7:30 o’clock PM on March 26th 1909 a bid in writing for such franchise was received by the Honorable W E Bradley, President and Presiding Officer of the said Council and was read aloud as required by law and enquiry was thereupon made for other bids but none were offered and said bids were closed: and

Whereas the only bid so received was the bid of the Fredericksburg Electric Company, a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Virginia, offering to pay the sum of (\$100.00) in cash for the Franchise, privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by the said Ordinance of February 23rd 1909, and asking that if said be accepted the said franchise, privileges and rights so proposed to be granted should be granted to it, the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company which bid was the only bid received; and

Whereas the said bid for said Franchise, Privileges and rights so received on the date and at the hour aforesaid [Page 356] was by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance And Finance of the said Council for consideration and report as provided by law; and the said Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg did report recommending the acceptance of the bid of the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, being the highest and best bid as aforesaid, and said bid was accepted by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 26th day of March 1909 and

Whereas the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company has requested that an ordinance be adopted substantially in the form advertised as aforesaid, granting the franchise, privileges, and rights named in the ordinance of February 23rd 1909 to it. The Fredericksburg Electric Company, a corporation chartered, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia.

Now therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

(1) That a Franchise is hereby granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company a corporation chartered and organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia its successors and assigns hereinafter denominated the Company for the period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance to erect, operate and maintain wires, cables, & other conductors, including the necessary poles and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under the streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg Va as its business may from time to time require; to construct conduits, tubes, and other constructions in, under and along said streets, alley and other public places of the City

of Fredericksburg, Va and to make suitable connections therewith and to supply electric current, light, heat and power subject to the provisions, conditions, and restrictions hereinafter mentioned: provided that all poles shall be neat, symmetrical and painted, said poles to be straight, and with bark taken off, and securely set in the ground, and repainted from time to time as may be necessary when required by the City Council.

(2) The location of the poles and other structures in, under and along the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg, shall be subject to the approval of the City Council & when plans showing the locations of such structures aforesaid shall have been submitted to said Council and approved by the City Council the same shall be effective and binding to the same extent as if they were set out fully and at length in this ordinance: Provided that such location and plans may be changed from time to time by the said Company its successors & assigns with like approval of the said City Council.

The work of erecting poles shall be done under the supervision of the [Page 357] Committee on Streets and the portions of the surface of Parks, Streets, avenues, alleys and pavements of the City of Fredericksburg disturbed in constructing, repairing or replacing the works of such company along, over or under, the same shall be immediately restored to and maintained in good condition by said Company, and, in the case of failure on the part of the said Company to so restore and maintain the same the Corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly restore and maintain the same, and the costs thereof shall be recovered by the City from the said company in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Upon notice from the City, or any Committee of the Council that a local improvement, or Gas, Sewer or Water main or branch thereof is to be constructed or repaired in such manner as will necessitate the moving or altering of the poles or wires or other appurtenances of the said Company, the Company shall move or alter the same at its own expense and should said Company omit to comply with such notice, the poles, wires and appliances may be altered or moved by the City and the cost thereof recovered from said Company; and in event of fire, or other casualty rendering it necessary the said Company upon notice shall as to the control of its current, or disposition and care of its poles, wires, and other appliances, render promptly necessary aid to the firemen or other authorities of the City.

(3) In consideration of the grant of this franchise the said Company, its successors and assigns shall when so requested by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, permit its poles or fixtures to be used, without compensation, by said City, for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any fire or police alarms, telegraph or telephone wires, which by the Council may be construed necessary for the exclusive use of said police or fire department of the City of Fredericksburg:

Provided that such use by the said City of Fredericksburg, shall not interfere with the proper use of said poles, structures and fixtures by the said Company, its successors and assigns. And that the location & character of said wires and fixtures shall be subject to the approval of the Committee or Committees of said Council having charge of the police and fire department; And provided further that the said City of Fredericksburg Va shall and it hereby agrees in even of such use of said poles of its wires as aforesaid, to indemnify and save harmless the said company its successors and assigns from any and all loss, damage, cost, and expense to which the said Company, its successors and assigns may be subject at by reason or as a result of the use of said poles, structures or fixtures by the said City of Fredericksburg as herein provided.

(4) The said Company and its successors and assigns hereby agree to save the said City of Fredericksburg free & harmless from all loss, damage, cost, and expense that might occur to said City by or through the neglect of said Company in exercising the powers herein granted, or the neglect of the Company to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the Streets and alleys

or other public places of the City, by reason of which the said City might become liable for damages, all or any of said claims to be defended and paid by said Company and its failure to defend and pay in case of judgment thereon, all or any of said claims and to indemnify & save the City harmless as aforesaid shall entitle the City to revoke this franchise and to declare all its [Page 358] rights hereunder inoperative and void.

(5) This ordinance shall be of no force or effect until the said Company shall file with the Clerk of the City Council of Fredericksburg a written acceptance of each and every provision of this ordinance, nor shall said ordinance have any force or effect unless said acceptance is filed and the bond herein required is deposited within sixty days from the date of the approval of this ordinance.

(6th) The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance & that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg. And upon the acceptance of this ordinance, by the said Company it shall deposit with the City Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg the bond of the said Company payable to said City with security to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which bond shall be in the words and figures as follows:

Know all men by these presents that we are held and firmly bound unto the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to the payment whereof well and truly to be made the said Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, we bind ourselves and each of us jointly and severally firmly by these presents and we hereby waive the benefits of our homestead exemption as to this obligation.

Sealed with our seals and dated this [blank] day of [blank] 1909.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, a corporation chartered, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia as aforesaid has agreed and bound itself that a first class Electric Power Station will be constructed within the City of Fredericksburg, and that said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the said City, and maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of this grant [Page 359] and will furnish to customers in the City of Fredericksburg efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power service at reasonable rates during the period of thirty years from the final approval of this ordinance and that the work of the construction of the Electric Power Station and of the Company's distributing plant shall be begun actually and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result, in the opinion of the Council of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes,

which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg; To therefore, if the above bound, the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company shall faithfully keep and perform or cause to be kept and performed said obligation agreement and understanding on its part then this obligation will be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

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And the said Company further agrees and binds itself that in the event of judgment in favor of said City of Fredericksburg being recovered in said bond the said Company will without delay upon the entry of such judgment execute a new bond to the said City of the same tenor and effect, and for the same amount as the bond upon which judgment was obtained, with security to be approved by the City Council as aforesaid and will deposit the same forthwith with the City Treasurer of the said City.

And the said Company further agrees and binds itself that whenever and as often as judgment in favor of said City of Fredericksburg being recovered in any bond executed under this section, the said Company will without delay upon the entry of such judgment execute a new bond to the said City of the same tenor and effect, and for the same amount as the bond upon which judgment was obtained, with security to be approved by the City Council as aforesaid and will deposit the same forthwith with the City Treasurer of the said City.

The true intent and object of this provision being to provide for and insure that the said City shall never, during the said term of thirty years, be without ample security for the faithful performance by the said Company of the aforesaid obligation, undertaking and agreement on its part touching the efficiency of the Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates, and the maintenance of its property in good order throughout the terms of the grant.

If the said Company shall fail to comply with the provisions and requirements set forth in this section of this ordinance in relation to the bond of the said Company and its renewals wherever judgment is recovered thereon, the Council may declare any and all privileges and franchises authorized or granted by this ordinance forfeited.

The said company shall acquire no rights under this ordinance until the bond herein required is deposited as aforesaid.

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(7) The said Company by the acceptance of this ordinance or the exercise of any privileges herein granted binds itself and agrees that the rates of charges for Electric Light Heat and Power Service in the City of Fredericksburg shall not be higher than those charged by other companies generally in other cities having approximately the same population in this or in any other state.

(8) The said Company shall at all times be subject to the City Ordinances now in existence, or which hereafter may be passed relative to the use of the highways, public roads, streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg by telephone, telegraph, electric light and heat and power companies.

(9) If at any time the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg shall become satisfied that said Company, its successors, or assign is not complying with the terms and provisions of this ordinance, or any reasonable regulations hereafter adopted as aforesaid, it shall give notice to said Company its successors or assigns of such failure and if said company its successors or assigns shall fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or the reasonable regulations aforesaid within thirty days after the date of the service of said notice, unless time be further extended by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, then it shall upon conviction thereof be liable to a fine of not exceeding twenty five dollars (\$25.00), each day's failure after the

expiration of the said thirty days after written notice as aforesaid to constitute a separate offence; provided however, that in the event of a bona fide contest by said Company its successors or assigns as to its liability for said fine or an appeal from the decision, imposing the same, said Company, its successors and assigns shall be subject to no further penalties until its liability has been finally established and for a period of ten days thereafter, or such longer time as may be allowed by said Council of the City of Fredericksburg.

(10) In the location and erection of poles, conduits, and other structures, and fixtures, and in stringing of wires herein authorized the said Company its successors and assigns shall avoid all unnecessary damage to shade trees in and along the Streets alleys and public places in the said City of Fredericksburg and shall not cut or otherwise injure the said trees to any greater extent than is reasonably necessary in the execution of the work authorized to be done under the Franchise, upon plans to be approved by the Council of City of Fredericksburg.

(11) Any person who shall maliciously or wrongfully interfere with cut, injure or destroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures, or other property of said company, its successors, or assigns constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance within the Corporate limits of said City of Fredericksburg shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than one, nor more than ten dollars.

(12) Nothing in this ordinance contained shall impair the right which has heretofore been or may hereafter be conferred by law upon the authorities of the City of Fredericksburg to prescribe rules, regulations, or rates of charge, to be observed by said Company in connection with any service performed by it under this franchise as far as [Page 361] such service may be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg.

(13) All the obligations undertakings, and agreements assumed by the said Company under this ordinance by its acceptance of the same shall be assumed and performed by its successors and assigns, and such successors and assigns shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance as if they had originally accepted said ordinance in the place and stead of the said Company.

(14) This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

Approved March 27th 1909 H Lewis Wallace, Mayor for City of Fredericksburg Va.

Mr Howard presented franchise ordinance below which was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

An ordinance granting to The Electric Generating Company, a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.”

Whereas by ordinance of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg approved February 23rd 1909 entitled: “An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit for the conveying of water under and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street.”

Bids in writing for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by the said ordinance were invited, the same to be delivered on the 26th day of March 1909, at the hour of

7:30 o'clock PM to the Honorable W E Bradley, President and presiding officer of the Council required by law and

Whereas said Ordinance of February 23rd 1909 was duly advertised as required by law, by publication thereof once a week for four successive weeks in the *Daily Star* and the *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg Virginia: and

Whereas at the hour of 7:30 o'clock PM on March 26th 1909 a bid in writing for such franchise was received by the Honorable W E Bradley, President and Presiding Officer of the said Council and was read aloud as required by law and enquiry was thereupon made for other bids but none were offered and said bids were closed: and

Whereas the only bid so received was the bid of the Electric Generating Company, a corporation chartered and organized under the [Page 362] laws of the State of Virginia, offering to pay the sum of (\$25.00) in cash for the Franchise, privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by the said Ordinance of February 23rd 1909, and asking that if said be accepted the said franchise, privileges and rights so proposed to be granted should be granted to it, the said The Electric Generating Company which bid was the only bid received; and

Whereas the said bid for said Franchise, Privileges and rights so received on the date and at the hour aforesaid was by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance And Finance of the said Council for consideration and report as provided by law; and the said Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg did report recommending the acceptance of the bid of the said The Electric Generating Company, being the highest and best bid as aforesaid, and said bid was accepted by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 26th day of March 1909 and

Whereas the said The Electric Generating Company has requested that an ordinance be adopted substantially in the form advertised as aforesaid, granting the franchise, privileges, and rights named in the ordinance of February 23rd 1909 to it. The Electric Generating Company, a corporation chartered, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

(1) That a franchise is hereby granted to the Electric Generating Company its successors and assigns and they are hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate a flume or conduit to be built of brick or concrete or steel and across Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street, and under and along Factory Street at or near its junction with Main Street and under and across Main Street Fredericksburg Virginia, at or near its junction with Factory Street for the purpose of conducting water along and through said flume or conduit and for any other lawful purpose for which the same may be used.

(2) The permanent location of the said Flume or conduit under said Streets shall be subject to the approval of the City Council of Fredericksburg and when plans, showing the location of such construction aforesaid shall have been submitted to said Council and approved by it, the same shall be effective and binding to the said extent as if they were set out fully and at length in the ordinance.

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(3) That said flume or conduit shall be laid at a distance below the surface of the said streets not less than four feet from the top of the flume or conduit and shall not in any wise obstruct or interfere with Public travel over and along said streets or obstruct and interfere with the ordinary use of the same, or damage private property without compensation therefore.

(4) That any portion or portions of the surface of the said streets of any pavements disturbed in the construction, repair or replacing of the said flume or conduit or any part thereof shall be

immediately restored to and maintained in good condition by said company and in case of failure on the part of the said Company to so repair and maintain the same the corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly repair and maintain the same and the cost thereof shall be recoverable by the City of Fredericksburg from the said Company in a court of competent jurisdiction.

(5) That in the construction, repair and replacing of the said flume or conduit, the said company shall not in any way damage any shade tree or ornamental tree in front of any private residence or other building without the consent of the owners.

(6) Any person who shall maliciously or wrongfully interfere with cut or destroy the said flume or conduit or any part of the said work constructed and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, within the Corporate limits of the City of Fredericksburg shall, upon conviction thereof be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars.

(7) The said Company shall and it hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the City of Fredericksburg from any and all loss damage, cost and expense to which the City may be subject by reason of , or as a result of, any act or nuisance of the said Company under this franchise, as the neglect of the said Company to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the Streets of the said City; and by the acceptance of this franchise the said Company shall and it hereby agrees and binds itself at the time of an while the work of constructing said flume is going on to fill in and raise to a grade, to be furnished the said company by the surveyor of the City of Fredericksburg, that portion of Princess Anne Street lying between the bridge across the branch canal leading to the silk mill and the bridge across the main canal of the Fredericksburg Power Company.

(8) If the said Company shall fail to comply with the provisions set forth in this franchise and with its duties and obligations hereunder, the Council of Fredericksburg may declare any and all privileges and franchise authorized or granted by this ordinance forfeited.

(9) The privilege herein granted shall continue for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance.

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10th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

Approved March 27, 1909 by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following which on motion of Mr Goldsmith was adopted by the following recorded vote of the Council:

Ayes; Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (12 votes)

The Board of Directors of the Wallace Library having reported to the Council that said Board is unanimously of the opinion that only the sum of (\$5,000.00) of the (\$10,000.00) belonging to said Library Fund should now be expended in the purchase of books and the remaining (\$5,000.00) should be invested by the Council until the same is needed for the purchase of more books.

Resolved by the Council; that the Finance Committee of the Council do invest said (\$5,000.00) in Virginia Century Bonds registered in the name of the City of Fredericksburg Va for Wallace Library:

And the City Treasurer is directed to honor the draft of said Finance Committee for said (\$5,000.00)

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, called attention to the grade on Princess Anne Street from George to Commerce Street. On motion of Mr Rowe, referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Whereas by resolution of the Council of Fredericksburg passed March 26th 1909 the matter of adopting and declaring and establishing a permanent grade for Princess Anne Street between a point 93 feet Commerce Street to the line of George Street was referred to the Street Committee with power to act, and now this 27th day of March 1909 the said Street Committee pursuant to said resolution, doth declare and permanently establish as the said grade, the grade thereof indicated by red lines on the survey of E H Randall, Surveyor, attached hereto, the said permanent grading to be established as on said plot indicated between the points C. and E. on said Plot and the said Street Committee doth report this, its action to S E Eastburn, Clerk of the City Council and doth direct him to spread this report and plot and all endorsements on the said plot on the minutes of the Council.

W S Embrey and Clarence R Howard (Street Committee)

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This diagram represents the profile of the center of Princess Anne Street from south gutter on Commerce to north property line of George Street. A is Commerce Gutter. B. is a point in Street center 4 feet south of a point opposite the south line of the Bradford Building. C is a point in Street center at South end of the cobble pavement. D is a point in Street Center opposite south end of Improved Walkway. E is in Princess Anne St center and is property line of George Street

1 is a point in St Center opposite Judge Embrey's front steps.

2 is a point in St Center opposite Judge Embrey's south line.

3 is a point in St Center opposite south line of the Parish House.

4 is a point in St Center opposite Main Entrance to St George's.

In view of the fact that an improved walkway has been put down from the Parish House Northward, although out of the proper grade. I would recommend that the Council adopt this grade from south end of cobble pavement to north line of Parish House, and from North line of Parish House to North line of George St. The cut in street center from "E. to D." would not exceed 7 inches and from "D. to E." the cut would not exceed 9 inches. The proper grade is from "D. to B." but this would destroy all the improved walk way. The black line is the surface. The red line is the suggested grade.

Given under my hand this 20th day of February 1909.

E H Randall, S S C and City Surveyor of Fredericksburg.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee presented bills for street sprinkling since July 1st 1908, cleaning raceway near Kenmore Shoe Factory, and laying pipes amounting to (\$650.00). The question was raised that the street sprinkling should be paid out of regular water appropriations, and Mr Rowe withdrew bills for information until next meeting.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee called up ordinance presented at December 1908 meeting to prevent distributing hand bills etc on Streets and lots and in porches of residences.

Lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Garner, Embrey, Green, Howard

Noes, Lane Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Brown, Masters, Warden, Bradley.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented Ordinance providing for regulation and installation of Electrical work and equipment in the City, which was laid over.

Mr Warden of School Committee presented the following from School Board.

Mr Henry Warden, Chairman, School Committee: March 25, 1902

Dear Sir: I am instructed to communicate to you the following information that you may lay it before the City Council for its action:

1.a The terms of officer as school trustees of James R Rawling for the Upper Ward School District and Geo Freeman Jr for the Lower School District, expires on the 4th day of April 1909, and the City Council is requested to elect their successors. The Trustees thus elected will hold office for three years from April 4, 1909.

On motion James R Rawlings was elected for Upper Ward. On motion Geo Freeman Jr was elected for Lower Ward.

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Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee offered the License and Tax Ordinance presented at February Meeting of the Council, which was taken up by sections agreed to and finally on motion of Mr Howard was adopted by the following recorded [vote].

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

The Tax and License Ordinance follows:

An Ordinance

Imposing Taxes on Property, Incomes, Persons, and Imposing licenses for the payment of interest on the City debt, for the support of the City Government, for other expenses and providing for the collection thereof;

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that no person shall engage in any business in the City of Fredericksburg for which a license is required by the laws of the Commonwealth or the Ordinances of the said City, without first having applied for and obtained such license, under the penalty of penalties hereinafter provided as a part of this ordinance; and that for the year beginning the First day of May 1909, and for each year thereafter, while this ordinance is in force there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms and Corporations or association in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and associations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year thereafter while this ordinance is in force; and that for the year beginning on the first day of February 1909, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force in addition to any special tax levied and known as a Sewer tax or Street tax or otherwise, the taxes on persons, property and incomes for the year commencing the first day of February 1909 and each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force shall be as follows to wit:

General Levy

Lands, Lots, Ground Rents, Rent Charges

§1. On tracts of lands and lots and improvements thereon no exempt from taxation, ground rents and rent charges, there shall be a tax of one dollar and forty-five cents (\$1.45) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

Tax on Persons

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

Tangible Personal Property

§3. Upon all personal property, as defined Schedule B of the state tax bill approved April 16th 1903, Chapter 148, Act Extra Session 1902-3-4, not exempt from taxation, there shall be a tax of (\$1.40) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof

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Personal Property in Choses in action etc.

§4. Upon all personal property in choses in action, on all personal property not tangible personal property, not otherwise taxes herein and taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of (\$1.45) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof, under this section shall be included all property under schedule C of the general tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid. On all property which may be taxed by the City of Fredericksburg, required by law to be reported annually by the State Corporation Commission and assessed by the State Corporation Commission showing the character of the property, its value and location for the purpose of taxation in this City there shall be a tax of \$1.45 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

No tax shall be assessed upon the Capital of any bank or banking association, trust or security company organized under authority of this State or of the United States and located in the City of Fredericksburg, but the stockholders in such banks or banking associations, trust, or security companies, shall be assessed and taxed on the market value of their shares of stock therein at the same rate that is assessed and taxed by this ordinance upon other moneyed Capital in the hands of individuals.

Each bank or banking association, trust, or security company, aforesaid, as soon after this ordinance takes effect as possible and thereafter on the first day of February of each year, shall make up and return to the Commissioner of the Revenue of this City a report in which shall be given the names of stockholders, the number of shares owned or held or controlled by each, the market value of said stock and the stockholder's residence. The market value of said stock herein shall be ascertained as is provided for in the State tax bill. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of the Revenue as soon after this ordinance takes effect as practicable, and on or after the first day of February in each year hereafter to assess each stockholder upon the shares of the stock estimated at the market value on the first day of February 1909, and on the first day of February in each year hereafter, a tax at the same rate per (\$100.00) of the said market value thereof as is imposed by this ordinance on other moneyed Capital in the hands of individuals residing in this City, and it shall further be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to make out four assessment lists and give one to such bank or banking association, trust or security company, shall be notice to the bank or banking association, trust or security Company, of the tax assessed against its stockholders and each of them, and have the legal effect and force of a summons upon suggestion formally issued and regularly served, the tax assessed upon each stockholder in said bank or banking association, trust or security company shall be the first lien upon the stock standing in his name and upon the dividends due and to become due thereon, no matter in whose possession found, and have priority over any and all liens by deed of trust, mortgage, bill of sale, or other assignment made by the owner, holder, and take priority over all liens by garnishment or execution, attachment process sued out by the creditors of the Stockholder, [Page 368] the bank or banking association, trust, or security company, shall hold the dividend or other fund which belongs to the stockholder and in its custody at the time the assessment list is received, or that shall thereafter come under its control for the use of the city; and apply the same to the payment of the taxes assessed and where thus applied shall be acquitted and discharged from all liability to the stockholders for the money thus disbursed; provided, that after making report to the Commissioner of the Revenue, any bank or banking association, trust or security company, on or before the first day of June in each year, which shall

so elect, may pay the taxes assessed against the stockholders directly to the City Treasurer, but should said bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay to the said City Treasurer the tax amount against its stockholders on or before the first day of June in each year, then it shall be the duty of the Collector of City Taxes and Levies to collect said taxes therein assessed, and to this end levy upon the stock of the tax payer or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said tax, and sell the same at public auction for cash, as other chattels and personal property are sold under execution. He shall give the purchaser a bill of sale made under his hand and sale, the bank or banking association, trust or security company, in which such stock stands, on presentation by the purchaser of his bill of sale, shall cause the stock therein described to be transferred to said purchaser and he shall take a clear and unencumbered title to the stock purchased.

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

Should the bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay the tax assessed against its stockholders on or before the 15th day of October in each year, the Collector of City Taxes and Levies may in addition to the powers given above, proceed to collect the tax in the same manner as other personal taxes may be collected.

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

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

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

Income

§5. Upon all incomes in excess of \$1,000.00 as defined in Schedule D of the General Tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid, taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of one dollar and forty five cents (\$1.45) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

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

§6. Upon any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be (\$1.45) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

On all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th of October there shall be added 5 per cent penalty and 6 percent interest thereon from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City.

Taxes imposed by the sections above shall be payable in National currency of the United States and in the coupons upon the bonds of the City which have matured.

Licenses

Be it further ordained that for the year beginning the first day of May 1909, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force, there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms, corporations or associations engaged in this City in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning the first day of May 1909 and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force as follows, to be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the first day of May of each year.

Merchants

§7. On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm, the tax shall be graduated as follows; Where the amount of purchases for the year ending April 1st 1909 did not exceed (\$2000.00) the tax shall be \$15.00

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

Merchant tailors, lumber merchants, furniture merchants, butchers, [Page 370] green grocers, hucksters, dealers in coal, ice or wood shall be embraced in this section, but dealers in wood, coal or ice paying license tax under this section may peddle the same from vehicles without paying additional tax.

But dealer in wood and coal or either who do not pay license under this section, who shall deliver wood and coal or either wood or coal from house to house in the City from vehicles or otherwise selling the same in this City, shall pay a License Tax of (\$15.00)

Commission Merchants

§8. On every commission merchant \$25.00. Every person firm or Corporation buying or selling for another shall be a commission merchant and shall have, under a Commission Merchant's license, the same rights and privileges, and none other as under a Commission Merchants license from the State of Virginia.

Peddlers

§9. On every peddler, (\$100.00). The term "peddler" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a peddler shall have like privileges and none other, under his city license as under a State license. Not Prorated.

Patent Rights

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

Land Agents

§11. On every agent for the sale of real estate, residing or doing business in or keeping an office in this City, (\$50.00).

Book Agents

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

Auctioneers

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

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

Retailers of Tobacco

§14. No person not a producer shall be allowed to sell by retail tobacco, snuff, cigarettes, or cigars without having obtained a specific license to do so. The sum to be paid by retailers of tobacco, snuff, cigarettes or cigars shall be for said privilege a specific tax of (\$10.00).

The sum to be paid by retailers of cigarettes shall be for said [Page 371] privileges a specific tax of (\$100.00) which shall be assessed and collected as other assessments upon licenses, which shall not be in lieu of Merchants licenses on purchases.

Junk Dealer, Canvassers for Junk etc

§15. On every junk dealer (\$50.00) and for the privilege of canvassing for the purpose of buying any junk or other matters or things for any such junk dealer or for sale to a junk dealer, each person so engaged shall pay the sum of (\$25.00). The terms “Junk dealer and Canvasser” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a junk dealer or canvasser hereunder shall have like privilege and none other, and be subject to the same restriction under his City license as under a State License. Not prorated.

Common Crier

§16. On every common crier, (\$35.00). The term “Common Crier” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a common crier shall have like privilege and none other and be subject to like restrictions under his city license as under a State license. No persons, firm, or Corporation by virtue of a license to conduct such business shall be authorized to confer such privilege on any other person, firm, or corporation not duly licensed under this section.

Ship Brokers

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

Stock Broker and Private Banker

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

Pawn Brokers

§19. On every pawn broker, (\$25.00). The term “pawn broker” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and a pawn broker shall have like privilege and none other under his City license, and no person shall be licensed as a pawn broker who shall not first have complied with section 79 of the State Tax bill.

Brokers who receive and distribute merchandise, including Flour, Hay and Grain.

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

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Building and Loan Association or Companies

§21. On every building and loan association or company (\$150.00). Provided the capital of said company actually paid in, whether from paid up stock or partially paid stock is less than (\$25,000.00). The term “Building and Loan Association or Companies” shall be construed as

defined in the State Tax Bill and a building and loan association or Company shall have like privileges and none other under its City license as under a State license.

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

Insurance Brokers

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

Mercantile Agencies

§23. On every mercantile agency (\$50.00). The term “Mercantile Agency” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill, and the Mercantile agents shall have like privilege and none other under his City license as under a State License.

Undertakers

§24. On every undertaker (\$40.00). Any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of embalming or burying the dead shall be deemed an undertaker.

Barbers

§25. Any person, firm, or corporation doing business as a barber, or supplying baths for compensation, shall be deemed a barber or proprietor of a bath house, and shall on the first day of May in each year procure a license from the Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg. Which license shall be upon the following basis; for each barber shop (\$10.00) and for each chair in excess of three the sum of (\$1.00) additional; for one bath tub (\$1.00) and for each additional bath tub the sum of (50¢). Any person, firm or Corporation failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than two dollars (\$2.00) and not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) for each offense.

Contractors

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

If the gross amount of all orders or contracts aggregate (\$1,000.00), he shall pay the sum of (\$10.00), if the amount of such orders or contracts are more than (\$1,000.00) and do not exceed (\$3,000.00) the sum of (\$15.00), if the amount of such orders or contracts exceed (\$3,000.00) and [Page 373] do not exceed (\$5,000.00), the sum of (\$25.00), if the amount of such orders or contracts exceed (\$5,000.00) the sum of (\$35.00).

And when any such contractor shall have obtained a license for any year for which he has paid a license tax of less than the maximum above prescribed, he shall not accept any contract or contracts during such year the aggregate amount of which exceeds the maximum amount for which his said license was obtained, unless and until he shall have paid such additional sum as will make the total license tax paid by him for that year sufficient to cover the aggregate amount of such contracts as prescribed above and unless he pays such additional sum he shall be deemed to be acting without a license. Not prorated.

Architects

§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.

Houses of Private Entertainment

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

§29. On every eating house (\$20.00). The term "Eating House" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a person keeping an eating house shall have like privileges and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Bowling Saloon or Ten Pin Alley

§30. On every license permitting a bowling Alley or Ten-Pin Alley to be kept in this City, whether a charge is made for playing or not, where the public is invited, the tax shall be (\$20.00) for one alley and (\$5.00) for each additional alley.

On game of Box Ball, the license shall be (\$5.00) for each alley. Not Pro rated.

Billiard Saloon

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

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

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

Theatres, Shows, Circuses, etc.

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

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But this section shall not apply to any exhibition held in any church or building owned or used as a place of worship by any religious congregation in this City.

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

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

The specific license tax on every theatrical performance of any kind, professional juggler, necromancer, Negro Minstrel Show, concerts, lectures or other exhibitions or entertainments of like kind (\$3.00) for each exhibition, (\$12.00) for six consecutive days by the same exhibitor, but when such exhibition, performance, or lecture is held or given for any charitable or literary purpose within this City to such charitable or literary purpose the Mayor shall have power and authority to give a permit for such exhibition, performance or lecture free from all tax or charge, and every license included in the above clause shall only be granted upon the order of the Mayor,

and each exhibitor shall pay the City Collector the sum of (75¢) for collecting, provided that said Collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection. Such license tax shall be paid to the City Collector before any exhibition.

Hobby Horses, Merry Go Round or other machines

§34. On every hobby-horse, merry-go-round, or other like machine, whether the same is propelled by hand, horse, steam, electric, or other power on which persons are charged for riding (\$20.00), which shall not be prorated.

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, etc

§35. Every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, Surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, who has been licensed for less than five years shall pay (\$25.00). and every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, Surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, who has been licensed for five years or more shall pay (\$35.00). [Page 375] The terms “attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, as used in this ordinance shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill; and the license herein required shall not be sufficient for any partnership, but each and every member of any partnership or firm shall be required to take a separate license therefor.

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

On every manicurist, Chiropodist, and Veterinary Surgeon (\$10.00) not prorated.

Vendors of Medicines, Salves, Liniment, etc

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

Daguerrean and Photograph Artists and their Agents

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

Agents for Renting House

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

Labor Agents

§39. On every labor agent (\$50.00). Any person who hires or contracts with laborers, male or female, to be employed by persons other than himself shall be deem to be a labor agent, which shall not be prorated.

Persons Operating Laundries

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

Storage and Impounding

§41. No person shall without a license authorized by law, keep for compensation any house, yard, or lot for storage or impounding any produce, goods, wares, or merchandises, including wood, coal, lumber, guano, marl, or any other commodities, or any like stock, or made demands or receive in any manner compensation for storage or impounding. Every person who shall keep for compensation any house, yard, or lot for storage or a wagon yard, or other impounding shall pay for said privilege (\$10.00).

Livery Stables, Vehicles, etc

§42. On every keeper of a livery or feed stable (\$50.00), and on all vehicles for hire, not owned by a livery or feed stable keeper shall be paid the specific tax of (\$4.00) on each one horse vehicle, and (\$8.00) on each two horse vehicle; Provided that every year during the time of the R V A & M S Fair, any person desiring to run vehicles to haul [Page 376] 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).

Persons Selling or Offering to Sell Sewing Machines, and accessories other than at the regular place of business

§43. Persons other than merchants at the regular place of business selling or offering for sale sewing machines and accessories in this City, shall pay a license tax of (\$25.00).

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

§44. The term "Agents" in this paragraph shall be construed as defined in Section 136 of the State Tax bill, on agents for the sale of manufacturing implements or machines by retail other than sewing machines there shall be a tax of (\$20.00).

Peddlers of Manufactured Implements & Machines other than sewing machines and on Peddlers of Cooking Ranges and Clocks.

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

Slot Machines

§46. On any slot machines, permitted by law to be licensed under section 139 of the State Tax bill, there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00), not prorated.

Except slot weighing machines, which shall be (\$15.00) Not pro rated.

Dealers on pistols, dirks, or Bowie Knives

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

Bill Posters

§48. On every bill poster, (\$50.00). And shall not be pro rated.

Steamboats

§49. Any steamboat Company or any person, firm, or corporation operating a steamboat who shall engage in the business of receiving property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg, to be carried or delivered to a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, engaged in the business of delivering property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg from a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, shall pay for doing such business, but not including any business of delivering property or person in the City of Fredericksburg from a point without the State of Virginia, or of receiving property or persons in the City of Fredericksburg to be delivered at a point without the State of Virginia, and not including any business done for the Government of the United States, its officers or agents, a license tax of (\$50.00), and if more than one steamboat is so operated (\$10.00) on each additional boat shall be paid.

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Express Companies

§50. On every express company doing business in this city for business done exclusively in the City, not including business done to and from points without the state or business done for the Government of the United States, its officers or agents (\$300.00). And in default of payment of

the license tax herein imposed for thirty days after the same becomes due, a penalty of double the amount of the tax hereby imposed shall be incurred, and shall be paid by such defaulting company.

Telegraph Companies

§51. Any person, firm, or Corporation who shall engage in the business of sending telegrams from the City of Fredericksburg to a point within the State of Virginia, or receiving telegrams in the City of Fredericksburg from a point in the State of Virginia excepting, however, telegrams sent to or received by the Government of the United States or their agents or officers, shall pay a license tax of (\$50.00).

Telephone Companies

§52. Any telephone company or person or firm furnishing telephones and doing the business of furnishing connection for conversation between two points, both of which are within the City of Fredericksburg and not including any business done for this State or the United States or their officers or agents shall pay a license tax of (\$125.00).

§53. Any telephone company of person, or firm furnishing telephones and doing the business of furnishing connection for conversation between two points one of which is within the City of Fredericksburg and the other of which is without the City of Fredericksburg, but within the State of Virginia, but not including any business done for this State or the United States or their officers or agents, shall pay a license tax of (\$15.00), but this tax shall not be required of any person or company which pays a license tax for doing a telephone business between points in the City of Fredericksburg as required in the preceding section.

Agents Canvassers, etc.

§54. On every "agent" for copying pictures (\$15.00). On each agent of each insurance company represented (\$50.00). On each Life Insurance doing business in this City (\$50.00) for each company. On each solicitor for accidental health or liability insurance (\$15.00). On all claim and collection agencies or agent (\$25.00). On each detective agency (\$25.00) or on each detective (\$10.00). On each lightning rod agent having an office in or putting up work in this city (\$15.00). Canvassers or agents not otherwise provided for (\$15.00). Licenses under this section 56 shall not be pro rated.

Bakers and Confectioners

§55. On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants (\$25.00). On every person delivering bread from house to house and not licensed as a baker, (\$25.00).

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Hotels

§56. On every person keeping a hotel, (\$25.00). On every person keeping a boarding house (\$10.00), any person other than the keeper of a hotel, eating house or restaurant who shall furnish for compensation board or lodging to more than three (3) persons shall be deemed a boarding house keeper.

Itinerant Doctors

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

Oysters and Fish

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

Railroad Tickets

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

Medicines

§60. On every person engaged in the sale on the streets or other public places of patent, or quack medicines, or any other articles by auction or otherwise, or exhibiting the same (\$7.50) for each day or night the same may be done. This license shall be a personal privilege and be granted only by order of the Mayor.

Shooting Galleries

§61. On the proprietor of every shooting gallery (\$5.00), which shall not be pro-rated.

Dealers in Futures

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

Guarantee Insurance Companies

§63. On every license to a person or firm to act as agent or solicitor for any company guaranteeing official or other bonds, not having its principal or home office in this City, there shall be a specific license tax for doing business in this City of (\$50.00) for each company represented.

Wagon Yards

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

Fortune Telling and Palmistry

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

Ice Dealers

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

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Electric Light and Power

§67. Any person, firm, or corporation who shall engage in the business of furnishing electric light or electric power or both, (\$200.00).

Advertising Distributors

§68. Every person engaged in distributing advertisements for other parties than citizens of Fredericksburg shall be known as “advertisement distributors” and shall pay an annual license tax of (\$20.00). By “Advertising Distributors” it is intended to designate any person engaging in the business of distributing in the City of Fredericksburg Almanacs, pamphlets, dodgers, or samples on the Streets, or from house to house of said City, Every person distributing such advertisements other than licensed advertising distributors or merchants doing business in the City shall pay a license tax of (\$2.00) for each day or part thereof that he is engaged in such distribution. No pro rata.

Soda Fountains

§69. The specific license tax on every soda fountain shall be (\$10.00) for one year or fractional part thereof.

Job Printing

§70. Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of job printing, by hand or foot power (\$5.00) when by other than hand or foot power (\$15.00), in addition to the tax on the capital invested.

Kerosene and other illuminating oils.

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

Any person, firm or corporation who shall engage in the business of selling or offering to sell to consumers in this City kerosene oil or other illuminating oil, shall pay a license tax of (\$150.00). But this section shall only apply to any person, firm or corporation producing, refining, or manufacturing the oil it sells or offers to sell or to any person, firm or corporation who store its oil in stationary tanks within or outside of the Corporate limits of the City and transports the same by means of tank wagons or in barrels through the streets of the City for the purpose of distribution or delivery of the oil to purchasers thereof at the place of business of said purchasers.

Hucksters

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

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

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Plumbers, Fitters, etc

§73. On every plumber, gas-fitter, steam or hot water fitter, who shall not be duly license as a merchant, there shall be a tax of (\$15.00).

Marble, Granite, or Stone Yards

§74. On every person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of keeping a marble, granite or stone yard or manufacturing or selling grave stones or monuments or erecting monuments, curbing, or with stone work not licensed as a contractor under section 25 herein, (\$50.00) which shall not be pro-rated.

Pop, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla or other Aerated Water

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

Shoeing Horses

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

Cider, Rice Beer, Argaric, Co-Co Cola etc

§76. On every person, firm or corporation selling cider, rice beer, Argaric, Coco Cola, and any other beverage containing caffeine & Jamaica Ginger except where said Jamaica Ginger is sold by licensed druggists on prescription, the license shall be (\$75.00) for the year or any part thereof.

Bricks

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

Paving, etc.

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

Hokey Pokey, Ice Cream, etc.

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

Supplying Water in Pipes

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

Trading Stamps

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

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Auction Sales

§83. Every person or firm who shall bring into this City from any place beyond its limits a stock of goods of any kind and remain here temporarily selling the same at wholesale, or retail and either at public auction or privately shall there after a specific tax or license of (\$50.00). Not transferable, not prorated.

Baby Racks and other games

§84. Every person conducting baby Rack, knife rack, or like game of chance not prohibited by law, shall pay on each game a specific license tax of (\$5.00), per week or part thereof. Not transferable, not pro rated

Itinerant Musician

§85. Every itinerant musician performing on the streets of this City, such as organ-grinders, bag-pipe blowers, etc shall pay a specific tax of (\$2.00) per day or part thereof. Not transferable, not pro rated.

Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company

§86. On every license to an Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company, or an Aid Society, doing business in this City, or any person or firm acting as a principal agent or solicitor for any such company or society, there shall be a specific tax of (\$15.00) and in addition thereto there shall be a specific tax of (\$10.00). But a license to do business as either an industrial or Prudential Insurance Company or Aid Society, or as its principal agent of either shall entitle the holder to do business as both without paying additional license tax. But any Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company doing business in this City who pays (\$50.00) License under section 56 shall not be required to pay the specific tax of (\$15.00)

An industrial or prudential Company shall be taken to mean a company which writes small policies on lives, the premiums on which are payable by weekly payments and on Aid Society shall be taken to mean a society or company paying daily, weekly, monthly, or annual benefits for sickness or accident and at death. Any old line insurance company doing either an industrial or prudential business or an aid society business or both, shall pay the foregoing tax in addition to the regular license required of each old line insurance companies. Not transferable.

Livestock Insurance

§87. On every license to a person or firm to act as an agent or solicitor of a livestock insurance Company, not having its principal office in this City, there shall be a specific License tax for doing business in this City of (\$15.00) per annum for each company represented. Not pro-rated, not transferable.

Receiving and Distributing Brokers.

§88. Every person, firm or corporation doing business in this City who receives or distributes provisions or merchandise including flour hay, or grain shipped into this State for distribution on account of the Shipper and receiver or compensation therefor, whether in the way of profits on such sales or otherwise, and whether he invoices such sales or not, and whether he collects the money therefor or not, shall be deemed a broker who receives or distributes such articles and shall pay a license tax of (\$25.00). No pro rata.

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But only one license shall be required for both receiving and distributing such articles when both are done by the same person or Corporation. No pro rata.

Street Merchants

§89. On every person whether manufacturer or not selling upon the streets or other public places of this City inflated balloons, plaster figurines, Toys and other small articles, the license Tax shall be (\$2.00) per day, or part thereof. No Transferable, No pro-rata

Swings

§90. On every proprietor of a revolving swing or flying tournament, or machine of like nature (\$2.00) per day. Not transferable, no pro-rata.

Skating Rinks

§91. On every license to a person or firm to keep for compensation a skating rink, the tax shall be (\$25.00) for one year. Not transferable, no pro-rata.

Dyeing, Cleaning, Pressing Clothes

§92. On each person or corporation conducting a dyeing establishment or establishment for cleaning or pressing clothes there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00). Not transferable, no pro-rata.

Bicycle, Lock or Gun Repair Shop

§93. On each and every person repairing bicycles, locks or guns, except those having a merchants license for the sale thereof there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00). Not transferable, no pro-rata.

Persons selling by sample card, etc

§94. On each and every person selling direct to customers by sample, card or representation, or taking orders for any article from consumers at the place of business of the persons so offering such article for sale, there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00) per day or part thereof. No pro-rata. Not transferable.

Song Books

§95. On each and every person selling or offering to sell song books or pamphlets on the Streets of this City there shall be a license tax of (\$1.00) per day or part thereof. No pro-rata.

Vaudeville Parlor, Moving Pictures

§96. On every vaudeville parlor, moving picture and illustrated song show and theatre (\$10.00) per month or (\$80.00) per Year

General Provisions

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

§98. Whenever a license shall be especially required by law on any business, profession or employment, where the ordinance aforesaid does not clearly define and provide for the same, the license may be granted according to law which govern in similar cases and be subject to such restrictions as [Page 383] appertain thereto, and the Mayor of the City may authorize the granting of such license, which shall be deemed a personal privilege.

§99. All other license taxes imposed by this ordinance are subject to a pro rata deduction when the same are issued after the beginning of the year to which this ordinance applies, provided that

the tax on the license issued shall always be assessed as of the first day of the month in which issued and shall cover the period until the 30th of April next succeeding.

§100. Every person, corporation, company, firm, partnership, or association desiring to obtain a license to prosecute any business, employment or profession shall make application therefore in writing to the Commissioner of Revenue, in which shall be stated the residence of the applicant, the nature of the business, employment or profession, the place it is proposed to be prosecuted, and in case the business is to be licensed is taxed upon the graduated scale, as hereinbefore provided, shall make such statement under oath.

The Commissioner of the Revenue shall thereupon notify the applicant of the amount of the license tax required of him by law, and upon such applicant presenting a receipt from the collector of City taxes and Levies endorsed on the said application, stating that the amount of such license has been paid, the Commissioner of the Revenue shall issue a duplicate of said application, duly signed by him, to said applicant and shall file the original in his office. Such duplicate shall constitute a license to prosecute the business, employment or profession therein named, unless it be a business for which a license can be granted only on the certificate of the Court, in which case the applicant upon obtaining such certificate, shall be entitled to the license.

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

A duplicate of his application for license, including his statement under oath above required, shall form part of the license.

All persons, firms and Corporations, required to pay a license tax under the provisions of this section shall post and keep posted in a conspicuous place, their license, and in case said tax is graduated as hereinbefore provided, the license and the application therefore, which said license and the application shall not be separated, detached, mutilated or defaced, and any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section in any way, [Page 384] shall be subject to a fine of not less than (\$10.00) or more than (\$100.00) for each day or part of a day of each violation.

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

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

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

§105. As to all questions in regard to the duty and conduct of officers of the City in collecting and enforcing the taxes herein imposed, and in regard to questions of constructions and for definitions of terms used in this ordinance and the rules and regulations applicable to putting the same in operation, reference is hereby made to the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for

the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the current year, or to so much thereof as is applicable to this ordinance, and is not inconsistent with it and the general ordinances of the City; And for the conduct and guidance of the officers of the City and other parties affected by this ordinance, and for fixing their powers, rights, duties, and obligations, the provisions of said Act of the General Assembly, so far as applicable, are hereby adopted without being specifically herein quoted.

§106. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to keep a book in which he shall classify all the branches of business and occupations upon which a license tax is imposed by this ordinance, and show the amount of the assessment made on each quarter, commencing with that commencing on the 30th of April, he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries therein made during the preceding quarter properly classified. These extracts shall be certified under oath.

§107. Any person, firm or corporation or association who shall fail to pay a license tax required of them by this ordinance, on the day that the same becomes due and payable shall be liable to a fine of twenty dollars (\$20.00) a day for each day of failure therefore to pay such license.

§108. Every person or firm or corporation commencing business after the first day of May and who shall fail to obtain a license within ten days thereafter, shall be subject to the same penalties as in section 107.

§109. Every license granted for the unexpired term or portion of term heretofore mentioned, shall be charged pro rata, [Page 385] unless otherwise provided; but no license shall be issued for a less sum than (\$5.00), nor granted for a longer period than the first of May following.

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

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

§112. The Commissioner of the Revenue shall, before the first of March of each year ascertain the names of persons and firms who are engaged in any of the occupations, professionals, or businesses. He shall list and keep such list in his office and report annually; he shall assess each person or firm named in the list with the license tax imposed by this ordinance and he is not authorized to release or discharge any of the persons or firms enumerated in this list who are engaged in the occupation, profession or business upon which license tax is imposed without a judicial decision in the case.

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

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

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

Adopted March 26, 1909. Unanimous vote recorded.

Approved by Mary H Lewis Wallace, March 27, 1909

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 April 15th 1909 at 8 PM. Present Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Howard. Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report as follows:

April 14, 1909

Hon W E Bradley, President, and members of the Council

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that the Police officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties for the past month.

I beg to report the collection of (\$35.00) in dog tax licenses since January last.

And fines turned over by Justice Dannehl of \$53.50 all of which has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Green presented the following:

Resolved by the Council: That the grade on Princess Anne Street, between Commerce and George Streets reported favorable by the Street Committee be and the same is adopted as the permanent grade for said Block.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee in obedience to a resolution of the Council of date March 26, 1909 had invested the \$5,400.00 of the Wallace Library Book Fund in Virginia Century Bonds, registered in the name of the City of Fredericksburg Va for Wallace Library. Bonds cost \$.91½

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented the Ordinance providing for the regulation and installation of Electrical work and equipment in the City of Fredericksburg Va laid over from last meeting and recommended its passage as follows:

Adopted by recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (9 votes)

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"An Ordinance"

"Providing for the regulation and installation of Electrical work and equipment in the City of Fredericksburg, Va.

(1) The City Electrician is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to regulate and determine the placing of electric wires or other appliances for electrical light, heat and power in the City of Fredericksburg, Va, and to cause all such wires and appliances to be so placed, constructed and guided as not to cause fires or accidents, endangering life or property.

(2) The City Electrician shall have the right in the discharge of his duties to enter any building, man hole or subway or to climb any pole for the purpose of examining and testing the electrical appliances therein or thereon contained.

And for that purpose he shall be given prompt access to all buildings, public and private, and to all man holes, subways, or poles, on application to the individual or Company owning or in charge of same.

Whenever an electric wire or appliance shall be defective through improper or insufficient insulation, or for any other reason, he shall at once cause the removal of such defect or defects at the expense of the owner of such wires or appliances.

(3) No alteration shall be made in the wiring of any building for light, heat or power, or increase in the load carried by such wires, nor shall any building be wired for electric lights, motors, or heating devices without a written permit therefore from the City Electrician.

(4) Upon the completing of the wiring of any building for light heat or power it shall be the duty of the Company, firm, or individual doing the same, to notify the City Electrician who shall at once inspect such wiring & appliances and if approved by him, he shall issue a certificate of satisfactory inspection, which shall contain the date of such inspection and an outline of the result of his examination, but no such certificate shall be issued unless such electric wiring and appliances be in strict conformity to the rules and regulations prescribed or required by these ordinances, nor shall current be turned on such installation until said certificate be issued.

(5) All future construction, all material and all appliances used in connection with electrical work, and the operation of all electrical apparatus within the City of Fredericksburg Virginia shall conform to the "Rules and requirements of the National Board of Fire Underwriters" for the installation of wiring and apparatus for electrical purposes as they are now established or may hereafter be amended; and the said Rules and such regulations are hereby adopted and approved as a part of this ordinance.

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(6) Every person, firm, or corporation desiring to engage in the business of electrical construction and of the installation of wiring and apparatus for electric light, heat and power in the City of Fredericksburg Virginia shall before doing so, obtain a license therefore, the fee for which shall be [blank] dollars, which shall be paid into the Treasury of the City before such license shall become effective. Said license shall be issued by the City Clerk after the payment of the fee above mentioned. Any person, firm or Corporation found doing electrical work in the City of Fredericksburg Va, without such license shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment for thirty days or both.

(7) It shall be the duty of the City Electrician to so direct the placing of Poles and wires in the Streets, alley, and Public Places of the City, that the same shall cause as little obstruction as possible either to public travel on such thoroughfares, or to the private use and enjoyment of adjacent property. It shall also be his duty and he shall have authority to compel the removal of unsafe and superfluous poles.

(8) A person or company owning or using any such poles who shall fail or refuse after five days notice from the City Electrician to remove and pole or poles deemed by him unsuitable, unsafe or improperly located, or the location of which he shall require to be changed, shall upon conviction be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars (\$20.00).

And the erection or use of any poles rejected or condemned by the City Electrician shall subject the offender upon conviction to a like penalty.

(9) The City Electrician shall cause all wires, except telegraph wires that have not been used for thirty days and which are known as dead wires, to be removed at once at the expense of the

owners of such wires. All dead wires of Telegraph Companies shall be detached from the buildings with which they have been connected.

(10) On any pole of any electric light, power, street railway, telephone, or telegraph company used jointly by two or more such companies, each company shall be allotted a special zone and shall confine its wires to that zone. Spaces shall be measured from the tops of poles downward and the up most zone on every pole shall at all times be reserved for the free use of the city in stringing its fire alarm or police telegraph wires.

(11) The City Electrician shall keep a full and complete daily record of all work done, permits and licenses issued, examinations made, and other official work performed as required by this ordinance and shall make a report thereof to the Council on or before the [blank] of each year [Page 389]

(12) whenever builders or persons engaged in repairing, painting, etc find it necessary to remove wires from buildings in prosecuting their work, the owner of such building, or the contractor engaged thereon shall serve the City Electrician with a written notice twenty-four hours before such contemplated work is begun and said City Electrician shall have authority in his discretion to direct the owners of such wires to remove the same.

(13) Any person, firm or corporation who shall fail to correct any defect or defects in his work, after having been duly notified for ten days by the City Electrician, shall not receive any further permit until such defect or defects have been corrected; and any case in which any person shall continue to or persistently violate the ordinance of the City in regard to Electrical affairs or the orders of the City Electrician touching the same, the license of such person shall be forfeited.

(14) In an case of failure to comply with this ordinance, the City electrician shall have authority after due notice to cut out lights or current in any locality concerned, and to enforce discontinuance of the same until said requirements are complied with.

(15) Any person, firm or company who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter for which no specific penalty has been provided or shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any order of the City Electrician given in pursuance of and by the authority of this ordinance and the rules embraced therein, shall upon conviction be fined not less than [blank] dollars, nor more than [blank] dollars for each offense or confined in City prison or worked upon the Streets of the City not exceeding sixty days, either or all, in the discretion of the police justice.

(16) All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this chapter are hereby repealed.

(17) This act shall take effect from its passage.

Clarence R Howard, J L W Green, W S Embrey (Committee)

Mr Warden, Chairman of School Committee asked for the usual appropriation of (\$250.00) to the School Committee to be used in financing the State Normal School to be held in this City about July 1st

On motion of Mr Rowe, the sum of \$250.00 was appropriated to the School Committee to be turned over the Conductor of the Summer Normal, he to make itemized report to School Committee as to how said money is expended and School Committee to report same to the Council.

Mr Lane in the Chair

The Question of Police Justice salary was brought by Mr Bradley who stated that the question had been delayed in order to make a practical test of amount of fees received by the Police Justice in three months, as an index of what the office will pay for a year and that the Council could act intelligently in the matter.

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He presented a statement from January 1st 1909 to April 1st 1909 showing court held an hour each day during a period of 78 days. The fees actually received by the Justice as his compensation are (\$102.00) and the amount of fines turned into the Treasury (\$165.50). On this basis he said the salary will be (\$400.00) per year for one hour's time each business day during the year.

Mr Embrey moved to make the salary (\$100.00) in addition to the fees. This did not meet with a second, and on motion of Mr Rowe, the matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Rowe stated that Mr Geo Freeman Jr was present in company with Coco-Cola representatives and wished to be heard on the license tax of (\$75.00) for sale of Coco-Cola adopted at last meeting of the Council.

City Attorney Fitzhugh, in response to a question of Mr Rowe, said he thought it unwise to reopen the license tax bill; that if it was done, the Council will be deluged with complaints. Mr Rowe then withdrew any application for a hearing and on motion the Council 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, April 23rd 1909 at 8 o'clock PM. Members present, President W E Bradley, H B Lane, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, Henry Warden, FLW Green; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called to receive the bond of the Fredericksburg Electric Company; to receive plans for locating poles; plans for flume, to consider an order of the Corporation Court with reference to refunding unused Liquor Licenses & etc.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following:

Virginia

In the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, April 20th 1909.

Pursuant to Chapter 25, Section 587B of the Code of Virginia, 1904, it is hereby certified that a license for the sale of liquor in the City of Fredericksburg, granted to each of the following persons,

Bode and Reid: Terrence McCracken, trading as P McCracken & Bro & Co; Jake Goldsmith; The Henry Dannehl Co whose license has been transferred to August Dannehl; W T Armstrong; James B Colbert; O M Armstrong; C Howard Kenneday; The Postner Brewing Co V C & J S Strasburger, partners doing business as Strasburg & Son.

For the year commencing May 1st 1908, and ending April 30, 1909. Which said licenses were revoked by a certain Local option election and order of said Court of date April 3rd 1909. And said license would have continued and been in force for twenty-seven more days, if the same had not been revoked as aforesaid.

Teste, A B Yates, Clerk

Mr Rowe offered the following resolution which adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley.

The Council having received from the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg a copy of the order showing that the liquor licenses of all the dealers of the City had on April 3rd 1909 been revoked

by an order of the Supreme Court of Appeals and that there was due the said Liquor dealers a rebate on their several licenses for the 27 day, which the same would have run, had they not been revoked.

Resolved by the Council of Fredericksburg that the Commissioner of the Revenue of the City is hereby directed to report to the Finance Committee of the Council the pro rata values of the said several unexpired licenses and that upon the receipt of the said information the Treasurer of Fredericksburg be, and he is hereby ordered, upon the approval of the Finance Committee to refund and pay to the holders of the said [Page 392] several liquor licenses or to their assignees the amounts so shown to be due them.

Mr Goldsmith of the Public Interests Committee presented and had the Clerk read a letter from Mr A P Rowe with regard to shipping statistics for the Rappahannock River, and wished instructions from the Council.

On motion the question of shipping statistics was referred to the Public Interests Committee of the Council with power to act.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee presented statement of expenditures for extra work for which no appropriation was made.

March 25, 1909

Amt expended for street sprinkling fr Jul 1908 to date	\$348.00
Amt exp'd for cleaning out and repairing mill race, Pr Edward to Kenmore Shoe Fac	\$121.37
Amt exp'd for laying 3" water main fr Fauquier, up Winchester to Hawke to Wash Ave	\$206.59
	\$675.96

On motion of Mr Embrey the sum of \$675.96 asked for by the Water Committee was appropriated to said Committee by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley

Judge A T Embrey presented the following which the Clerk read.

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg and to the Clerk of said Council

The Fredericksburg Electric Company, a Corporation chartered, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia to whom by an ordinance passed by the Council March 26th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg March 27th 1909 was granted a Franchise to construct, maintain & operate Electric Light, Heat and Power lines, including poles, wires, and other appliances in, upon, along, and over and under the Streets, Alleys, and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Light, heat and power pursuant to the requirements of Section (5) five of the said ordinance hereby files with the Clerk of the City Council of Fredericksburg this its acceptance of each and every provision of the said Ordinance.

The Fredericksburg Electric Co

By R M Van Dorn, President

Attest: Alvin T Embrey, Secretary

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Judge A T Embrey presented to the Council for the Fredericksburg Electric company its plans of pole construction for the Electric distributing plant.

Mr W S Embrey offered the following resolution which was adopted by unanimous vote:

The Fredericksburg Electric Company this day presented to the Council its plans of pole construction for the Electric distributing Plant proposed to be constructed by the said Company,

and on motion duly seconded the said plan is hereby ordered to be and hereby is referred to the Joint Committee of Streets and Light of the Council which Joint Committee is directed to report on the said plan to the Council at some regular or special meeting hereof.

Mr Lane offered the following resolution seconded by Mr Rowe and which was adopted by recorded vote as follows:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley

The Electric Generating Company to whom by an ordinance passed March 26, 1909 and approved March 27, 1909 was granted the right to construct a flume under Factory Street and under and across Princess Anne and Caroline Streets as provided in said Ordinance. This day presented to the Council a plan of said flume and construction and on motion of Mr Lane duly seconded it is ordered that said plant be and the same is hereby approved, subject to the provisions of said ordinance of March 26, 1909, and the Clerk of the Council is directed to record the said upon his minutes and preserve the original of the same.

And it is further ordered that upon request of the said Electric Generating Company the Street Committee of the Council & the Surveyor of the City are hereby directed to give the grade of said Princess Anne Street required to be filled in by the said Generating Company by its said Franchise.

Judge A T Embrey presented bond of the Electric Company which was carefully examined by Attorney Fitzhugh and approved.

Mr Rowe offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley

The Fredericksburg Electric Company, to whom by Ordinance passed March 26, 1909 and approved March 27, 1909 was granted a franchise for the purpose and with the power and subject to the conditions in said ordinance set forth. This day tendered to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg its bond in the [Page 394] penalty of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars with the Virginia Trust Company as its surety. The said bond being in words and figures set forth in said franchise.

On motion of Mr Rowe duly seconded, it is hereby ordered that the said surety is acceptable to the Council of Fredericksburg and the said bond be and the same is hereby approved and accepted.

And it is further ordered that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company be permitted to take a copy of the said bond, and that the said Bond be delivered by the Clerk of the Council to the Chairman of the Finance Committee to be lodged in the National Bank of Fredericksburg Va for safe keeping.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council to consider furniture for new school house and other business was held May 7th 1909 at 8 PM with the following members present: Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green and Clerk Eastburn

W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Warden offered the following, seconded by Mr Lane which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved: that the Joint Committee heretofore appointed in relation to the construction of the new Public School House, ascertain what furniture and other equipment is now necessary for said building and the approximate cost of the same and make report thereof to the Council. And said Joint Committee is authorized to appoint a sub-committee to visit public schools in Richmond and Washington to obtain information in relation to above matters, if said Joint Committee deems the same expedient.

Mr Lane, offered the following, seconded by Mr Green which was unanimously adopted
Resolved: that the Public Property Committee is authorized to advertise for bids to tear down the old Public School Building at corner of Lewis and Main Streets with power to accept or reject same.

Resolved that if said Public Property Committee deems it advantageous to sell said building as a whole or taken down by day labor that they be empowered to do so.

Resolved further: that said Public Property Committee be empowered to sell all material from said building to best advantage and turn proceeds over to City Treasurer, R T Knox

On motion Council adjourns

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held May 10th 1909 at 10 o'clock AM with the following members present: A M Garner, Vice President, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Howard and Clerk Eastburn

A M Garner, Vice President in the Chair

The Chair stated that the Council had been called to take suitable action with reference to the coming to our City on May the 12th 1909 of a large number of the 15th New Jersey volunteers, who would be here part of two day and one night.

Mr W S Embrey offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Green and unanimously adopted

Resolved that the Public Interests Committee is hereby instructed to extend to the members of the 15th New Jersey Volunteers and their guests, which come here on May 11th a cordial welcome to the City. That courtesies and proper attention be shown them during their stay and every assistance given them in procuring accommodations.

That the Court House building be kept open and they to have full use of same for head quarters.

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 notice in the Council Chamber May 14th 1909 at 5 PM. Members present Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Garner, Masters came in late.

President W E Bradley called the Council to order and stated that the Council had been called to receive and act upon report and recommendation of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property in regard to paying Contraction Heflin some money and other business.

Mr Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property in the absence of Mr Warden, Chairman, presented the following:

Fredericksburg Va May 13, 1909

At a meeting of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property held in the Council Chamber after due notice was give, at which were present, Warden, Bradley, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner and Masters; Attorney Fitzhugh, Contractor Heflin, Inspector F P Stearns and secretary S E Eastburn

Mr Stearns, Inspector, reported that the new School Building was practically completed.

That there were some defects that the contractor's attention had been called to, that would approximately cost about (\$300.00). These defects were outlined to the Joint Committee and said Joint Committee by vote decided to visit the school building, next Monday at 5 o'clock PM May 17, 1909, and inspect the building and pass on said defects.

It was shown that Mr Heflin, contractor, was due the sum of (\$14,786.52).

Whereupon, Mr Bradley offered the following which was duly seconded and adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Warden, Bradley, Masters, Garner, Goldsmith, Rowe [Lane] (7 votes)

Resolved that the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property recommend that the Common Council pay to Contractor E G Heflin, on contract for erecting the new Public School Building the sum of (\$13,786.52).

A copy

S E Eastburn, Secretary Joint Comm

To the Hon President and members of the City Council

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On motion the report of the Joint Committee was received.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution, which was duly seconded and adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Garner and Bradley (7 votes)

Whereas the Joint Committee on Public School Building has reported unanimously to the Council that Contractor E G Helfin is entitled to receive the sum of (\$13,786.52) on account of his contract to erect said building.

Resolved: by the Council

That the Finance Committee draw upon the city Treasurer in favor of said Heflin for the said sum of \$13,786.52) and pay same over to him taking his receipt therefore.

Mr Bradley presented the following bill approved by Inspector F P Stearns, for hardware for the new School building from E D Cole.

Amounting to \$327.97

\$200.00 of which is chargeable against contractor Heflin, and all excess of \$200.00 for hardware for the New School House to be paid by the City.

On motion duly seconded by Mr Lane the bill for Hardware amounting to (\$237.97) was ordered paid by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Garner and Bradley (7 votes)

On motion the Council then adjourned
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held May 20th 1909 at 8 o'clock PM pursuant to notice give with the following members present: Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report as follows

Fredericksburg May 20, 1909

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Council:

Gentlemen: It is with pleasure that I certify that the Police officers have faithfully and efficiently discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines paid me by Justice Dannehl amounting to \$41.50 which amount has been turned over to the Treasurer of our City.

The distinguished gentleman and their party who visited this City on the 12th inst appear to have been very favorably impressed with our City and citizens, and express themselves as having had a most pleasant time.

I have received many letters from them expressing sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended by our citizens generally especially the Joint Committee of the Council, Maury Camp, The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Citizens Committee.

I congratulate our city upon the improvements noticeable in our streets, side walks, and yards.

The Streets are cleaner, the Sidewalks cleaner, and the front yards and premises neater and prettier. I hope the good work may continue on steadily and increasingly.

With its excellent location as to drainage and its bounteous supply of the most healthful air, foods and finest drinking water, there is only one thing needed to perfect health, namely cleanliness. In this connection I would remind the Street Committee that I am still expecting it to provide trash receptacles along Main and Commerce Streets.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Rowe, duly seconded the Mayor's report was received and ordered filed and the salaries of the police officers for the month ordered paid.

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

Robt Kishpaugh

1 Stamp & pad .75

2 1 line stamps "due July 1st" .40

Ok by Finance Committee \$1.15

150 copies of License Tax Ordinance \$22.50

Ok by Clerk

To Ordinance "Gas" \$75

Ok by clerk \$24.40

J T Brown, Registrar Lower Ward

To sitting as registrar 1 day May 1909	\$2.00	
To post notices twice	\$2.00	
To amt paid constable	\$1.50	
To registering & transferring 31 persons @ 10¢ ea	\$3.10	\$8.60

John J Berrey, Registrar Upper Ward

To one day service as registrar	\$2.00	
To registering & transferring 27 persons @ 10¢ ea	\$2.70	
To post notices twice	\$2.00	
To amt paid constable	\$1.50	\$8.20

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Water Committee presented the following statement by the Superintendent and asked for an appropriation to the Water Committee of (\$400.00)

To J P Rowe, H B Lane & A M Garner, Committee on Water

Gentlemen: The water department will need an additional appropriation of (\$400.00) in order to run the works and do the necessary work between now and the first of July, when our new appropriation becomes available.

Items to be paid

W T Hicks	\$55.00	
S B Quinn	\$63.00	
Muhler	\$10.00	
Supt Salary	\$75.00	
Workman	\$80.00	
Street Sprinkling	\$117.00	(\$400.00)

S J Quinn Supt

On motion of Mr Melville, the sum of (\$400.00) was appropriated to the Water Committee by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Bradley (9 votes)

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, duly seconded the vote by which the “Ordinance on Electrical Construction was adopted on April 15th 1909” because of certain defects in the Ordinance for which reason, the clerk had not submitted said ordinance to the Mayor for his approval, was recommended by the following recorded vote (unanimous vote).

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On motion of Mr Lane duly seconded it was unanimously decided to refer the ordinance on Electrical Construction adopted at meeting April 15, 1909 and reconsidered by unanimous vote at this meeting back to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Embrey of the Ordinance Committee presented “Ordinance” on regulation and construction of Electrical Work and equipment which lays over, by the rules until next meeting.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest Committee reported on Committee’s work under instructions from the Council on May 10th 1909. That the Committee had procured and had distributed to the visitors souvenir programs. That they had allowed the visitors full and free use of the Court House for head quarters and they had cooperated with the other Committees in welcoming and entertaining the visitors. The committee had spent between \$50.00 and \$60.00 which would be paid out of Committee’s appropriation.

Read by the Clerk

Fredericksburg Va May 18 1909

The Fredericksburg City Council, Mr W E Bradley, President

Gentlemen: At the last meeting of the Business Men's Association the following resolution was adopted and the secretary instructed to present a copy of same to your honorable body.

Resolved that we, the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg, Virginia respectfully ask that the City Council consider the advisability of opening up Prince Edward Street across the Canal, to connect with Cedar Lane, and that they erect a fence of protection along said Canal from the present bridge fronting Cedar Lane, along said Canal to the further side of Cedar Lane.

Very Respectfully J Garnett King, Sec

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to the Street Committee

Read by the Clerk

Fredericksburg Va, May 18, 1902

The Fredericksburg City Council, Mr W E Bradley President

Gentlemen: At the last meeting of the Business Men's Association, the following resolutions were adopted & the secretary instructed to present a copy of same to your honorable body.

Resolved: That we, the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg Virginia looking to the present needs and future growth of our City do respectfully request the City authorities to "at once" ascertain their street rights at the [Page 401] upper end of Washington Avenue, and if not sufficient then, they at once acquire a width of eighty feet or more up to the Canal Bridge.

Second: That this street may the more quickly become useful, both for business and pleasure driving we would ask that the Street Committee require all street sweepings and other dirt removed by the City from its streets, Public buildings etc, to be dumped on said Avenue extended.

Very Respectfully J Garnett King, Secretary

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to Street Committee

May 20th 1909

To the Hon President and Members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit to your honorable body according to instruction the accompanying paper unanimously adopted by the City School Board, at a meeting yesterday afternoon.

This report was submitted to the School Board by a Committee of its own members after a thorough and complete examination of the absolute future needs of the Schools, to bring them with the rules laid down by the State Board of Education, and to an equal participation in the distribution of the Public School funds of the State, which we have not fully shared in in the past years.

The Board without attempting to press your honorable body to immediate action, if not already informed on the subject earnestly desires that you will reach a conclusion at as early a day as convenient.

This early action is made necessary by the fact that the teachers are to be employed by the Board and it is anxious to make selections before the best teachers, not of our present corps contract elsewhere.

Respectfully S J Quinn, Clerk

Report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the needs of the Schools in the way of additional teachers and principal and with an approximate appropriation needed and report to the board at a meeting to be held on 19th of May.

The Committee appointed as above would say, that after thorough investigation of the subjects submitted that it is now possible for the City School Board to develop the Public Schools by removing the congestion in the primary grades and establishing at least the minimum requirements of the State High School Course.

This much desired development has been made possible for the next and future sessions by the completion of a magnificent school building, second perhaps in all its apartments and conveniences to none in the State of Virginia.

In order to obtain the best results for the Public School pupils therefore this commodious building was erected by the City Council and now that it has been constructed

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The citizens of the Town; the fathers and mothers of these pupils—demand that we shall adopt methods and improvements which will bring us within full and hearty co-operation and sympathy with the School authorities of the State. Without this Fredericksburg must remain as heretofore without proper recognition by these high school officials, and participation in the distribution of the contingent school funds of the State.

The Board has already expressed itself as desiring a superintendent separate from any other school division, and to effect economy and efficiency has also selected a principal, who, in all probability will be acceptable to the State Board of Education as a division superintendent, thus relieving the financial situation in two very essential particulars; first, securing additional appropriations from the State Board and second, obtaining a teacher of a high school which is indispensable to the Public School system under the regulations of the State Board.

By this method we will obtain a practical school man, capable of properly grading the Schools, so as to secure the best results without crowding or rushing too much the intervening years so essentially necessary from the primary to the high school department, besides giving the Schools the benefit of his knowledge as a thoroughly trained public School Director.

Our new building has fifteen school rooms; five on the lower floor, six on the second and four on the third.

The seating capacity of these rooms is estimated at forty pupils each, which number is regarded as quite enough for the comfort of the pupils.

The attendance of the White Schools for the ensuing session will not be less than 600 pupils and perhaps exceeding that number. This increase will be mostly small children, fifty of whom may comfortably be seated in one room.

These rooms and the Schools, to be located therein will require fifteen teachers, including the principal of a high school. This is an increase of five teachers, four for lower grades, made necessary by the crowded condition of the present grades, and a high school bringing us within the proper organization of the Public Schools as prescribed by the State Board.

The estimated cost of the teaching force of our school thus organized will be as follows:

13 teachers at a salary of \$350.00 each		\$4,550.
1 Assistant High School Teacher		\$500.
1 High School Teacher and Principal		\$1,400
		\$6,405
Deduct from this salary and now paid Supt	\$200.00	
Add aid to salary of principal of State Board	\$400.00	\$600
		\$5.850

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This will be an increase of expense over last year of (\$2,200.00) for this increase for teaching force and other necessary expenses in connection with the new building. The Board will have to apply to the Council for an increased appropriation of (\$2,500.00) making the total appropriation from that body (\$5,500.00)

With the foregoing prospectus before the Board, hope and encouragement dawn upon the City Public Schools. With this comparatively small increase for the present and future school purposes the City Council to be commended for the splendid building a monument to them and a much needed substantial benefit to our children. The School Board relieved from the burdens each year by the crowded conditions of the various rooms and unfit buildings made necessary to accommodate the demands for tuition during the past years, together with parents naturally interested in their children's welfare, with this small increase of (\$2,500.00) all will rejoice and take pride in the fact that health, comfort and progressiveness are not longer jeopardized or impeded but everything is conducive to success, and Fredericksburg will go forward on the educational tide now sweeping over, not only Virginia but the entire Country.

Respectfully submitted, A B Bowering, Isaac Hirsh, W L Brannan (Committee)

Unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of Fredericksburg at a meeting held May 19, 1909,

S J Quinn, Clerk of School Board

On motion of Mr Rowe, Mr E H Russell, School Inspector who was present was requested to address the Council on the above report, which he did giving some very valuable information

On motion of Mr Lane the Communication from the School Board was referred to the Joint Committee on Schools and Finance to report to the Council.

Mr Embrey of the Joint Committee of Streets and Light to whom was referred the proposed plans of pole locations and construction of the Fredericksburg Electric Co reported that the said plan be approved with these provisos:

(1st) That no pole shall be place so as to interfere with unrestricted access by conveyances to the public and private alleys.

(2nd) That so far a practicable the said poles be not placed immediately in front of the front doors of buildings, both public and private of the City, of course having regard to the stability of the construction by said company of its said lines that

Respectfully submitted

W S Embrey, Clarence R Howard, Joseph Goldsmith (Committee on Streets)

John C Melville, H B Lane (Committee on Lights)

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Mr W S Embrey, presented the following

“Ordinance”

An ordinance approving a plan showing the location of the poles of the Fredericksburg Electric Company in and along the Streets, alleys, and public places of the City of Fredericksburg.

The Fredericksburg Electric Company having submitted to the City Council of Fredericksburg for its approval a plan showing the location of the poles of the said Company in and along the Streets, Alleys and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg, and said plan having heretofore been referred by said Council to the Joint Committee on Streets and Light of the said Council for report thereon, and now this day the Joint Committee having returned said plan recommending that the said plans be approved with the following provisos

(1st) That no pole shall be place so as to interfere with unrestricted access by conveyances to the public and private alleys of the City; and

(2nd) That so far a practicable, having regard to the stability of the construction by said company of its said lines that the said poles be not placed immediately in front of the front doors of buildings, both public and private in the City of Fredericksburg.

Resolved: that the said report of the said Joint Committee on Streets and Light be received and adopted and:

Resolved further that the said Plan of the said, The Fredericksburg Electric Company of the location of its poles aforesaid accompanying said Committee report be and the same is hereby approved by this Council with the provisos hereinabove set forth.”

On motion the rules were suspended by unanimous vote

On motion of Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Brown, the above ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Bradley (9 votes)

Judge Embrey was present and asked that the Street Committee be instructed to give him grades at corner of Prince Edward and Hanover Streets. And it was so ordered.

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 held this 7th day of June 1909 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber pursuant to notice to consider the grades of the City School Furniture and other business with the following members present: Bradley, President, Garner, Vice President, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and S E Eastburn, Clerk

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

The Chair stated that the Council had been called for general business:

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property offered the following report from the Joint Committee

Fredericksburg Va June 7, 1909

A meeting of the Joint Committee of Schools & Public was held June 7th 1909 at 4:30 o'clock at the new School Building with the following members present; Warden Bradley, Masters, Garner, Goldsmith, Rowe; City Attorney Fitzhugh, and Clerk Eastburn

Following resolution was offered recorded and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Masters, Garner, Goldsmith, Rowe, Warden (unanimous vote)

Resolved: that the Joint Committee of Schools & Public Property recommend to the City Council the purchase of single adjustable desks and chairs offered by the Cleveland seating Co said desks to be (2) sizes (37) desks 16x24. The remainder (613) desks to be 14x22 for the aggregate sum of (\$2,189.90) delivered at the new school house and set up in place, by the Cleveland Seating Company. The desks to be open box style to be delivered in 30 days.

The aforesaid desks shall be cherry wood, chairs to accompany the above desks to be maple but stained cherry.

Construction and finish of said desks and chairs to be same as samples exhibited.

S E Eastburn, Secretary of Joint Committee Schools & Public Property.

After some discussion on motion of Mr Howard the report of the Joint Committee of Schools & Public Property on school furniture was referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report to the Council by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Green, Howard (6 votes)

Noes, Melville, Garner, Masters, Warden, Bradley (5 votes)

Mr Brown came in and took his seat in the body.

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Schools and Finance to whom was referred a communication from the School Board presented to the Council May 20, 1909 and referred to a Joint Committee of Schools and Finance for consideration and report; made the following report, which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley (12 votes)

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Whereas the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the City, having made report to the Council: That in the judgment of said Trustees the City should have a principal for the Public Schools who shall also be Superintendent for the City: And that in order to meet this need the sum of (\$5,500.00) will be required from the City for the coming Scholastic year, and the said Trustees recommend that said appropriation be made.

And whereas the Board will derive from the sale of the old furniture the sum of (\$250.00),
And will dispense with one teacher at a Salary of \$350.00

And will receive from the State Board to-ward the salary of the principal at least the sum of \$250.00,

Resolved by the Council that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for the foregoing purposes, provided that the principal selected shall be approved by the Council.

Mr Fitzhugh read a letter addressed to Post Master John M Griffin for the Supervising Architect at Washington DC

Sir: The following discrepancies are noted in relation to the grades of the Site in your custody for the Post Office building as shown by the survey made by the City Engineer and those on the "Armat Map"

The maximum difference is between the present grades and the proposed grades as shown on the "Armat Map" is under 2 feet on Princess Anne Street, and 3 feet on Hanover Street.

The maximum difference between these same proposed grades and the present grades as shown in the survey of the Post Office Site on Princess Anne Street is 8 feet 6 inches and on Hanover Street, 14 feet.

It is, also, noted that the Armat Survey was officially adopted by the City Council of Fredericksburg Oct 15, 1908, but it seems hardly possible that such great changes in the grades as noted above were really contemplated, especially in view of the fact that the City Engineer notes on his survey that the grades "will not be materially changed."

You are requested to take this matter up with the proper authorities, and to obtain exact data as to the present grades of the sidewalks adjoining the site, and the changes if any, which are proposed. The grades should be given with references to one of the bench marks established by the "Armat Survey".

Please give this matter your immediate attention as it will be impossible to properly the drawings for the building until this office is in possession of definite information as to the above.

Respectfully, J K Taylor, Supervising Architect
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After some discussion and a careful examination of the Armat Survey by City Attorney and Messr E H Randall and S S Bradford Engineer who had been invited to be present. It was moved by Mr Warden and duly seconded to reconsider the vote of Oct 15th 1908 by which a part of the Armat Survey was adopted.
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley.

On motion Mr Goldsmith was excused after the vote below

Mr Green moved to revoke the action of the Council of Oct 15, 1909[8] in reference to the Armat Grades
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley. (12 votes)

On motion the question of Street grades be referred to the Street Committee to report back to the Council as early as possible.

Mr E H Russell was recognized and he made some brief, pointed statements with regard to appropriations of the City to said State Normal School and presented Dr J A Chandler, a member of the Board of Directors of said State Normal School, who clearly impressed the Council with the importance of immediate action on the part of the City.

Mr Embrey offered the following which was duly seconded and adopted by the following recorded vote;
Ayes Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley
The Board of Trustees of the Fredericksburg Normal School having reported to the Council that the Auditor of the State of Virginia refuses to pay over to said Board the (\$25,000.00) appropriated by the State for said Normal School, until Fredericksburg had contributed the (\$20,000.00) required of it.
Resolved by the Council that it is of the greatest importance that the City's contribution should be raised without delay. The City already stands pledged to issue its bonds to raise said fund so soon as legal authority can be secured therefore.
The matter is hereby referred to the Finance Committee with authority to appeal to the Business men of Fredericksburg to lend their endorsement to the negotiation of the paper necessary to raise said fund. Recommending to the Finance Committee to negotiate the said paper if obtained in the three Banks of this City in equal amounts.
The said City will take care of the discount of said paper.
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Mr Melville, Chairman of the Light Committee, stated that his [Committee] were about out of money and asked for an appropriation to the light Committee of (\$280.00)

On motion of Mr Green duly seconded the sum of \$280.00 was appropriated to the Light Committee by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Masters, Chairman of Health & Police Committee stated that his Committee were about out of money and needed about (\$130.00) to pay for Police uniforms already ordered.

On motion [blank] duly seconded the sum of \$130.00 or so much thereof as may be needed be appropriated to the Health and Police Committee by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Russell of the Board of Trustees of the State Normal School asked for information in regard to the City's purpose with regard to opening upon the Street running from Mary Washington Avenue to the proposed site of the State Normal School on the Rowe Property. He was informed that the City owned a forty foot street the whole distance. It was then asked if a sixty foot street could be obtained without charge for the additional 20 feet, and he was told that this could probably be done.

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, June 17, 1909 at 8 PM with the following members present; W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, Lane, Rowe, Melville, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard; Attorney Fitzhugh, Clerk S E Eastburn
W E Bradley, President in the Chair
Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report as follows:
Fredericksburg, Va June 17, 1909

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: It give me pleasure to certify that the Police Officers have faithfully and efficiently discharged their duties for the past [month].

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$42.00) collected from Justice Dannehl and turned over to the City Treasurer, since last Council Meeting. Also dog licenses amounting to \$7.50 turned over to the City Treasurer.

Having had so many complaints of dogs in the City, running out after vehicles and horses, and savagely attacking other dogs, and having had so many complaints of youths frequenting pool and billiard saloons that I feel it my duty to recommend that ordinances be passed remedying same; and so I herewith submit two ordinances which I think it would be wise to pass.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the Mayor's report was received and ordered filed. The salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid, and the two ordinances recommended by the Mayor referred to the Ordinance Committee for report.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following bills of Free Lance & Star which were ordered paid

Free Lance & Star	500 Note Heads	\$1.50
Bowering Ok, Commissioner of the Revenue		
Free Lance & Star	500 bill pay licenses	\$1.75
Free Lance & Star	local pay licenses (D Star)	\$1.50
Ok A P Rowe, City Collector		\$3.75

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill of City Attorney for services for year 1908 and 1909 July to July June 17, 1909 To amount \$350.00

On motion ordered paid by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported for his Committee on the questions of raising the \$20,000.00 for the State Normal School, referred to Finance Committee June 7, 1909 at a called meeting, that his Committee had readily secured the necessary endorsements of citizens and that the three banks were willing and ready to discount the notes, so soon as the Board of Trustees bought a site and were in a legal position to receive same.

Mr Masters, member of Committee on Public Property, presented the annual report for the Committee

Gentlemen: June 17, 1909

Your Committee on Public Property reports its appropriation for the fiscal year from July 1, 1908 to July 1, 1909 of the sum of \$3,000.00 of this sum \$2,863.21 has been expended for which vouchers properly signed are in the hands of the City Treasurer, R T Knox, and will be inspected by the Auditing Committee of your body. This leaves an unexpended balance of (\$136.79) which will be turned back in the City Treasury.

Your Committee reports substantial improvements during the year to the Free Bridge, Market House, Park and Grounds, around the Mercer Monument, Public School Building grounds, Court House grounds. Your Committee also reports the loss of the building used for colored inmates at the Alms House, on which there is an insurance of \$800.00 with the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia. This sum will be paid over to the City Council at an early day, and turned back into the City Treasury. It will become the duty of the Public Property Committee, the Council concurring, to rebuild said building, and this Committee recommends that it be built of brick, and other materials to be taken from the Union house, which will be torn down in a very short time. Respectfully submitted, W E Bradley, A M Garner, J W Masters (Committee on Public Property)

On motion the above report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee stated that his appropriation was \$3,250.00 and expenditures were \$3,568.72, his committee would need (\$318.72) to close up the year's business of the Committee to July 1, 1909. His Committee will hold conference on Friday concerning grades for New Public Building.

On motion of Mr Melville, the sum of (\$318.72) was appropriated to the Street Committee to close up the year's accounts to July 1, 1909. [received and filed] by the unanimous vote of those present.

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Mr Melville, Chairman of the Light Committee offered the following report of the Superintendent of the Gas Works as its report and the Superintendent read the report, which on motion was received and ordered filed.

Dear Sirs: I have the honor of submitting this report for the year ending June 1st 1909

Total amount of Gas made		15,172,200 cu ft	
Gas sold	12,979,900 cu ft		
Used works &c	395,000		
Street Lamp	224,000		
	13,598.900	13,598.900	
Loss and condensation about 10%		1,583,300 cu ft	
Increase in send out over 1907-1908	10%		
Increase in send out over 1906-1907	31%		
Increase in send out over 1905-1906	55%		
Increase over last year of old plant	88%		
Coal on hand June 1 st 1908		450,000 lbs	
Coal purchased		3,536,100 lbs	
		3,986,100 lbs	
Used during year		3,036,950 lbs	
On hand June 1, 1909		949,150 lbs	
Gas made per lb coal carbonized			4.99 cu ft
Gas sold through consumer meters pr lb coal carbonized			4.44 cu ft
Meters in use June 1 st 1909	640		
Set during year	172		
Removed	116	56	
Meters in use 1 June 1908		584	
Gain in year		56	
Two meters destroyed in Kenmore Shoe Co Fire			
Expenses			
Manufacture	Coal	\$4,911.06	
	Labor	\$2,875.51	
	Works, supplies & repairs	\$258.08	
	Repairs to bench (construct)	\$580.00	
	Repairs to bench (labor)	\$74.27	\$8,698.92
Purification		\$186.00	\$186.00
Distribution			
	Labor	\$1,293.28	
	Supplies	\$135.04	
	Printing and advertising	\$108.15	
	Renewing service	\$139.00	
	Repairs to meters	\$133.02	\$1,808.47
Cost of operation			\$10,693.39
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New work and material	Pipe & fittings	\$400.05	
	Welsbach Lights	\$759.36	
	New Meters	\$281.26	
	New Services	\$360.39	\$1,801.06
Total money spent by Gas Works			\$12,500.00

Receipts		
Receive for Gas	\$13,079.59	
Bills in hand	\$104.46	\$13,184.05
Received for Coke & Tar		\$1,613.49
Coke on hand		\$200.00
Received for Welsbach lights		\$278.45
Welsbach lights on hand		\$504.16
Total		\$15,830.15
Cash turned in to City Treasurer	\$14,997.54	
Total expense as shown by vouchers	\$12,494.45	
Receipts over expenses	\$2,487.08	

Total receipts & coke bills on hand less Welsbach lights	\$14,997.54
Operating expense	\$10,693.39
Receipts over operating expenses	\$4,304.15

To this account should be added five street lamps that burn on all night, schedule for which we receive no credit

Respectfully, B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works
J C Melville, H B Lane, J W Masters (Committee)

Mr Melville of the Light Committee also presented report of Superintendent Howard of Electric Light. This report on motion of Mr Masters was referred back for a correction, there being a small discrepancy between the report and Treasurer Knox's account.

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Water Committee through Supt S J Quinn's report for Water Committee

Gentlemen: June 15, 1909

I herewith submit to you my annual report of the operating of the Water Department for year ending June 15, 1909. I have the pleasure of reporting that the works are in good condition and we have been able to furnish the town with clear water for the entire year. I have no recommendations to make as to improvements for the ensuing year, but feel it my duty to again call your attention to the fact that the portion [Page 413] of the town lying south of the small canal between Hanover Street Extended and the National Boulevard, in many places are without adequate domestic supply of water and the entire territory is without proper fire protection. During the year we have done considerable extra work not in a line with running expenses, for which the Council made special appropriations. During the year we laid a 3" Water Main from the corner of Fauquier and Winchester streets up Winchester to Hawke and up Hawke to Washington Avenue, connecting with the main pipe at that place. This supplies that part of those streets that have recently been built up, and which were formerly supplied with a small pipe which was inadequate to the service.

On account of complaints made by the people about the unhealthy condition of the Canal from Prince Edward Street bridge to the Kenmore Shoe Co, I was instructed by the Committee to clean out that part of the Canal, which I did at a cost of \$123.37.

The work was discontinued near the mouth of the culvert leaving a space of about 150 feet, between that place and the point where the work was left off a few days ago, and which will have to be removed if any large volume of water is to pass through the culvert.

In consequence of the change of grades on George, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Winchester streets we have to lower the water supply pipes and mains in some places more than once. We also had to repair the South bank of the reservoir: First, the strengthening of the bank which had been washed by the rains making it stronger and able to resist the heavy pressure of water against it; and second to widen it sufficiently for wagons and carts to pass over it, and deliver coal to our bin without injury to the bank. These items cost \$218.72

We submit the following expenditures, Water Works for one year from June 15, 1908 to June 15, 1909

Special work

Laying 3" Water Main from corner of Fauquier and Winchester Streets up Winchester to Hawke Street, up Hawke to Washington Ave.

Pipe, fittings, labor, etc \$212.59

Cleaning out mill race from Dannehl's Shop to Kenmore Shoe Co's property, and repairing sides of race-way. Lumber, labor, etc \$123.37

Work of changing pipes, laterals, etc to conform to new grades on George, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Winchester streets; repairing reservoir banks at pump house.

Labor, Material, etc \$218.72

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Amount expended for Street Sprinkling to June 15, 1909 \$483.50

Superintendent's salary to June 1st 1909 \$900.00

\$1,938.18

Cost of operating pumping station, coal, freight & drayage

(209) tons from June 15, 1908 to June 15, 1909 \$889.33

Cost of Labor for running engine \$450.70 \$1,340.03

(17 5/12 to average consumption of coal per month)

Other expenditures such as material, water taps, repairs, etc \$1,703.13

Total expenditures to June 15, 1909 \$4,891.34

Deduct special work, St sprinkling \$1,039.18

And Supt salary \$900.00 \$1,938.18

Actual cost of operation \$3,043.16

Appropriations

July 1, 1908 running expenses \$3,000.00

July 1, 1908 Supt Salary \$900.00

Apr 13 1909 special work & street sprinkling to Feb 15, 09 \$675.96

June 1, 1909 additional appropriations \$400.00 \$4,975.96

Total Expenditures \$4,981.34

Overdrawn \$5.38

Amount expended for Street Sprinkling

Since February 15, 1909 \$135.50

Our overdraft \$5.38

Credit to City Works \$130.12

Recapitulation

Total receipts from June 20, 1908 to June 15, 1909 \$9,220.90

Expenses for operating \$3,043.16

Supt salary \$900.00

Interest on \$20,000.00 Bonds @ 5% \$1,000.00 \$4,943.16

Net profit of works

\$4,277.74

Sewers

The sewers, barring the defects in construction are in very good condition. In some places where they are nearest the surface, roots have grown into the joints, and have given some trouble, but in all of them now the flow seems to be very good.

Those persons on private sewers, exempted for seven years, became chargeable this year for sewer connection, as their exemption expired in 1908.

During the year we have run main lines of sewers as follows:

On Hanover St fr Main Sewer near the small canal up Hanover St to McDonnell's Corner 1737ft

On the upper end of Main St from manhole near "River View" up Main to the corner of New St 321ft

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On Hanover St fr Main Sewer just inside baseball park up Hanover St east to old Manuel House (Brown) 971ft

On Lee Ave fr Main Sewer on Charlotte St down Lee Ave to Beckwith's alley 212ft

On Weedon St fr Sewer on Hanover St up Weedon south for Pratt & others 531ft
3,772ft

Number of laterals put in 70

Number of manholes constructed 6

These manholes are very important in clearing of the Sewer of obstructions and some three or four others are very much needed; and should be constructed this year.

In 1908 the number of building chargeable for Sewer connection Tax was 460, by the addition of 70 furnished with laterals this year and the 135 persons in private sewers, we now have 665.

So it will be seen that if we could collect the whole assessment our entire annual Sewer fund will about only to \$1,330.00, fully half of which would have to go to the interest on bonds and Sinking fund.

It will be seen therefore that the strictest economy will have to be observed to keep the sewers in order with the small amount at our command, to say nothing of sewer extensions.

We have placed in the hands of the Treasurer this year \$1,277.00.

Our expenditures were \$1,765.93, which with the \$460.00 interest on bonds and the \$173.00 Sinking Fund, will leave us as of today \$393.43 for the entire years' care of the sewers. [?

Numbers don't sum to correct balance]

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn, Superintendent

J P Rowe, H B Lane, A M Garner (Committee) approved

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the above report on Water Works and Sewer was received and ordered filed.

Mr Rowe asked that the sum of \$5.38 be appropriated to the Water Committee to close up the accounts for the year. And on motion \$5.38 was appropriated to Water Committee.

Motion was made by Mr Embrey to and consider "The Ordinance" of Electrical Construction offered at last meeting. Lost by

Ayes, Embrey and Howard (2 votes)

Noes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Warden, Masters, Bradley (9 votes)

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported as follows

Gentlemen: June 17, 1909

Your Committee on Alms House herewith presents its report for the year commencing July 1, 1909, 1903, [?] and ending July 1, 1909. That amount of money appropriated by the City Council for the year named \$1,350.00 That amount expended for [Page 416] which there are vouchers properly signed in the hands of City Treasurer Knox for \$1,347.24, leaving a balance unexpended of \$2.76.

Of this sum, over \$200.00 has been spent upon the main buildings during the year, for improvements, shingling etc, on said building.

On Friday night June 4th lightning struck the building occupied by the colored inmates, burning said building down, and also burning the body of Mary Fox, colored, by said bolt of lightning and was unable to be gotten out of said building until it had burned.

On this building there was insurance of \$800.00 with the Mutual Assurance Society of Va which amount will be paid in a few days.

The number of inmates in the Alms House at this time is three white and three colored.

It gives us pleasure to testify as to the efficiency of the present superintendent and the condition in which the property is kept.

Respectfully submitted, A M Garner, W E Bradley, J P Rowe (Committee)

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Warden, Chairman of the School Committee submitted a report from the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property on School furniture.

Fredericksburg, Va June 17, 1909

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property held at the new school house June 17, 1909 at 12 o'clock (noon) with all the Joint Committee, Attorney Fitzhugh and three other members of the Council present.

The following resolution offered by Mr Bradley and unanimously adopted:

Resolved that the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property to whom the City Council at its meeting, June 17, 1909 referred back for further consideration and report the question of suitable furniture for the New School House, and the cost of same.

That we recommend to the Honorable City Council that the contract for furnishing for the new School building:

37 Desks & chairs, Ideal, (cherry wood) adjustable, size 16x24, open box @ 3.35ea	\$123.95
613 Desks & chairs, Ideal, (cherry wood) adjustable, size 13x21 open box @3.00ea	\$1,839.00
Total	\$1,962.95

All furniture set up complete in new School house. Furniture to be delivered in 30 days for receipt of order.

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Terms: one half (1/2) to be paid each when furniture is set up complete, and the other half (1/2) to be paid in twelve months thereafter, without interest.

Furniture to be as per sample shown and retained in School House

Be awarded to the Virginia School Supply Company

S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee

On motion the above report of Joint Committee was accepted.

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

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

Mr Green was absent

The Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property having by their report of this date recommended to the Council the acceptance of the following bid of the Virginia School Supply Company to furnish desks and chairs, for the new public school building viz:

37 Desks & chairs, Ideal, (cherry wood) adjustable, size 16x24, open box @ 3.35ea	\$123.95
613 Desks & chairs, Ideal, (cherry wood) adjustable, size 13x21 open box @3.00ea	\$1,839.00
Total	\$1,962.95

All the above furniture to be delivered and set up complete in the School Building, in 30 days from the acceptance of the above bid by the Council.

one half (1/2) of the aforesaid purchase money to be paid so soon as the said desks and chairs are set up complete in the building and screwed to the floor.

The other half (1/2) of said purchase money to be paid within twelve months thereafter, without interest.

All furniture to be cherry wood, to be finished as per sample shown and retained by the Council until contract performed.

Resolved by the Council that the aforesaid of the Virginia School Supply Company is hereby accepted.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the Finance Committee of this Council notify the Board of Visitors of the Fredericksburg State Normal School, now in session in this City, that (\$20,000.00) promised by this City was ready to be turned over, as soon as, the Board of Visitors conformed to conditions in selecting site, and its approval by State Board.

On motion adjourned till June 29, 1909 at 8 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, June 29th 1909 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present: Bradley, Garner, Melville, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

The Chair stated that this was an adjourned meeting of the Council to receive the other annual reports of the Standing Committees and for other business.

Mr Warden, Chairman offered the report of Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property To the President and members of the Common Council:

Of the \$1,000.00 placed to the credit of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property there has been expended \$774.15, itemized as follows:

Public Property Committee	Cleaning Bricks	\$140.00
Advertising in Free Lance and Star		\$18.50
Record Book		\$.90
J W Musselman, inspecting concrete		\$240.00
Corner Stone		\$24.00
Long distance Phone to Eggleston, Richmond		\$.75
Inspector Stearns		\$350.00
		\$774.15

There remain unpaid bills for advertising for bids for School furniture, and the expense of the sub-Committee to Washington to examine School furniture.

Respectfully submitted, Henry Warden, Chairman

On motion of Mr Lane, the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Melville, Chair of Light Committee presented the report of W Key Howard, Superintendent of Electric Light

June 15, 1909

To Mr John C Melville, Chairman E L Committee

Sir: I present below a memorandum of the expense of the Electric Light Plant for the past year.

The total appropriations amount to (\$5,680.00) of which (\$1,200.00) was to pay balance on turbine wheel installed last year, leaving for running expenses (\$4,460.00) out of this was paid

To E W Trafford, consulting engineer	\$61.70
Fort Wayne co repairing commutator	\$168.08
Fort Wayne Co, new field coil for dynamo	\$102.55
Amounting to	\$332.33

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Which was for work done prior to this year. I also found considerable repairs necessary to the line last summer, and have bought this year then new Arc lamps (@ \$19.60 ea) which are charged to the repair account. We have (12) more old style lamps, in Circuit which I would recommend be replaced by new modern type lamps in the near future.

We are now running 90 arc lights and (5) series incandescent" lights a full load for the dynamo which is in good condition.

The new turbine had not given a moments trouble and is most satisfactory. There will be some repairs to the line which should be done this summer, such as renewing 15 or 20 poles and overhauling lamp supports and cross arms. I removed (7) coils of an armature that had burnt out last Spring thereby saving the City considerable expense.

Respectfully, W Key Howard, Superintendent

John C Melville, H B Lane, J W Masters (Light Committee)

Appropriations		
For Electric Lights		\$4,200.00
For Turbine Wheel		\$1,200.00
For extra		\$280.00
Overdrawn		\$4.13
Expenditures		
For Expenses	\$4,410.69	
For Turbine wheel	\$1,200.00	
Gas charged	\$73.12	
Postage (Mr Knox)	\$.32	
	\$5,684.13	\$5,684.13

I certify the above report to be correct

W Key Howard, Superintendent

Memorandum of running expenses for year

	Total	Expense	Repairs	Improvement
Jul 08	867.97	\$455.40	\$377.52	\$35.05
Aug 08	491.80	\$195.05	\$296.75	
Sep 08	297.62	\$139.36	\$147.76	\$10.50
Oct 08	559.75	\$447.89	\$106.86	

Nov 08	293.71	\$157.60	\$132.61	
Dec 08	319.75	\$194.39	\$125.36	
Jan 09	430.36	\$378.35	\$52.01	
Feb 09	210.99	\$208.69	\$2.30	
Mar 09	212.04	\$204.89	\$7.15	
Apr 09	397.75	\$397.75		
May 09	135.50	\$135.50		
Jun 09	198.45	\$159.25	\$39.20	
	\$4,410.69	\$3,074.12	\$1,287.52	\$49.05
		\$1,287.52		
		\$49.05	\$4,410.69	
Monthly av	367.56	\$256.18	\$107.29	\$4.09

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On motion of Mr Embrey the report of Electric Light Committee was received and ordered filed

Fredericksburg, Va June 29, 1902

To the President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Public Interests respectfully report their appropriation for the year, the sum of (\$200.00) of which amount (\$141.09) has been spent, vouchers for which properly signed are in the hands of City Treasurer R T Knox, leaving an unexpended balance for the year of \$58.91.

Respectfully submitted, J M Goldsmith, Henry Warden, Clarence R Howard (Public Interest Committee)

Mr Lane Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Committee's report, also A P Rowe, R T Knox, Treasurer and the Auditing Committees report as a part of same.

Report of Finance Committee of the City Council for the year ending June 30th 1909

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1909, embracing settlements of account of City Collector, A P Rowe, and of City Treasurer, R T Knox, whose reports are appended hereto and are adopted as a part of this report.

Fredericksburg Va June 22, 1909

Messrs H B Lane, J C Melville & W E Bradley, Finance Committee of the City Council

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collections of Revenue for the fiscal year ending June 22, 1909.

The Collections of taxes for the year 1908 exceeds those for 1907, but the aggregate of collection is less on account of the falling off in amount of licenses assessed and the additional fact that no Sewer taxes or Improvement pavement bills were collectable for the fiscal year ending June 22, 1909.

The delinquent list for 1908 is less than for any previous year, at the first year's settlement.

The amounts derived from the different sources are given separately and all licenses assessed have been paid.

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

Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes.

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City Taxes collected for the year ending June 22nd 1909

On Assessment of 1908	Real Estate	\$22,005.53	
On Assessment of 1908	Personalty	\$9,489.06	
		\$31,494.59	
Less 5% discount		\$1,574.73	\$29,919.86
On assessment of 1908 after Oct 15th			
	Real Estate	\$1,766.25	
	Personalty	\$442.51	
		\$2,208.76	
Add penalty & Interest		\$169.22	\$2,377.98
General Licenses fr Jun 24 08 to Apr 30, 09		\$607.37	
Dray Licenses fr Jun 24 08 to Apr 30, 09		\$30.00	
Licenses for Opera House Exhibitions		\$66.00	
Licenses for Special Shows		\$126.00	
On General Licenses 1909/1910		\$12,991.23	
Dray Licenses 1909/1910		\$188.00	\$14,008.60
Rent of Hay Scales for 1909			\$25.00
Total for 1908 and 1909			\$46,331.44
On Assessment of 1907		\$45.03	
Add penalty and Interest		4.97	\$50.00
On Assessment of 1906		\$11.69	
Add penalty and Interest		1.95	\$13.64
On Assessment of 1905		\$4.55	
Add penalty and Interest		\$.94	\$5.49
On Assessment of 1904		\$2.97	
Add penalty and Interest		\$.80	\$3.77
On Assessment of 1903		\$2.73	
Add penalty and Interest		\$.87	\$3.60
On Assessment of 1902		\$3.79	
Add penalty and Interest		\$1.11	\$4.90
On Assessment of 1901		\$4.19	
Add penalty and Interest		\$1.83	\$6.02
On Assessment of 1900		\$1.40	
Add penalty and Interest		\$.73	\$2.13
On Assessment of 1899		\$.90	
Add penalty and Interest		\$.52	\$1.42
Total Collections from all sources			\$46,442.41

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg Va by delinquents for the years 1883 to 1908 inclusive:

To amount on books of 1908			\$34,437.76
By collections to Oct 15, 1908	\$29,919.86		
Ad 5% deduct	\$1,574.73	\$31,494.59	
By collections after Oct 15, 1908	\$2,377.98		
Deduct penalty & Interest	\$169.22	\$2,208.76	
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		\$33,603.35	\$34,437.76
By delinquent real estate bills turned over to Treasurer Jun 22	\$278.94		\$34,278.31
Amount delinquent			\$159.45

Amount on Books of 1907			\$203.56
By Collections	\$50.00		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$4.97	\$45.03	
By bills exempted by Court		\$15.96	\$60.99
Amount delinquent			\$142.57
Amount on Books of 1906			\$119.03
By Collections	\$13.64		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$1.95		\$11.69
Amount delinquent			\$107.34
Amount on Books of 1905			\$109.99
By Collections	\$5.49		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$.94		\$4.55
Amount delinquent			\$105.44
Amount on Books of 1904			\$87.65
By Collections	\$3.77		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$.80		\$2.97
Amount delinquent			\$84.68
Amount on Books of 1903			\$37.80
By Collections	\$3.60		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$.87		\$2.73
Amount delinquent			\$35.07
Amount on Books of 1902			\$76.48
By Collections	\$4.90		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$1.11		\$3.79
Amount delinquent			\$72.69
Amount on Books of 1901			\$76.55
By Collections	\$6.20		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$1.83		\$4.19
Amount delinquent			\$72.36
Amount on Books of 1900			\$20.18
By Collections	\$2.13		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$.73		\$1.40
Amount delinquent			\$18.78
Amount on Books of 1899			\$14.16
By Collections	\$1.42		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$.52		\$.90
Amount delinquent			\$13.26
Amount on Books of 1898			\$7.81
Amount on Books of 1897			\$5.31
Amount on Books of 1896			\$4.82
Amount on Books of 1895			\$5.26
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Amount on Books of 1894			\$3.04
Amount on Books of 1893			\$3.54
Amount on Books of 1892			\$2.28
Amount on Books of 1891			\$1.24
Amount on Books of 1890			\$2.04
Amount on Books of 1889			\$.93

Amount on Books of 1888		\$.86
Amount on Books of 1887		\$2.92
Amount on Books of 1886		\$2.13
Amount on Books of 1885		\$.80
Amount on Books of 1884		\$1.91
Amount on Books of 1883		\$1.51
Recapitulation of Collections		
On books of 1908 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$46,331.44	
On books of 1907 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$50.00	
On books of 1906 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$13.64	
On books of 1905 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$5.49	
On books of 1904 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$3.77	
On books of 1903 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$3.60	
On books of 1902 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$4.90	
On books of 1901 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$6.02	
On books of 1900 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$2.13	
On books of 1899 Taxes, Licenses &c	\$1.42	
	\$46,422.41	
Recapitulation of Bills due		
On books of 1908	\$159.45	
On books of 1907	\$142.57	
On books of 1906	\$107.54	
On books of 1905	\$105.44	
On books of 1904	\$84.68	
On books of 1903	\$35.07	
On books of 1902	\$72.69	
On books of 1901	\$72.36	
On books of 1900	\$18.78	
On books of 1899	\$13.26	
On books of 1898	\$7.81	
On books of 1897	\$5.31	
On books of 1896	\$4.82	
On books of 1895	\$5.26	
On books of 1894	\$3.04	
On books of 1893	\$3.54	
On books of 1892	\$2.28	
On books of 1891	\$1.24	
On books of 1890	\$2.04	
On books of 1889	\$.93	
On books of 1888	\$.86	
On books of 1887	\$2.42	
On books of 1886	\$2.13	
On books of 1885	\$.80	
On books of 1884	\$1.91	
On books of 1883	\$1.51	
	\$858.04	

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes
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Report of Treasurer R T Knox, showing the receipts and disbursements of the City of Fredericksburg for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1909 & further detailed report of the Wallace Library, General Sinking fund, Sewer Account and the Building Fund for the School.

Receipts from all sources paid over to Robert T Knox, Treasurer, from July 1st 1908 to July 1st 1909.

1908

June 22	By balance on hand		\$11,729.25
	By receipts from Water	\$9,220.90	
	By receipts from Gas	\$13,079.59	
	By receipts from Coke & Tax	\$1,613.49	
	By receipts from Welsbach Lights	\$278.45	\$14,971.53
	By receipts from Taxes due the City		\$31,386.87
	By receipts from Licenses		\$13,682.14
	Delinquent real estate		
	By receipts \$254.05 and \$86.42		\$340.47
	By receipts Fines		\$612.00
	By receipts Dog & [?] licenses		\$468.50
	By receipts Alms House pasture &c		\$78.00
	By The Fredericksburg Electric Company		\$100.00
	By The Electric Generating Company		\$25.00
Nov 20	Auditor of State, check for 1/3 capitation taxes		
	Assessed in 1907	\$1,978.50	
	Delinquent	\$829.50	
		\$1,149.00	
	1/3 returned to City		\$383.00
Jul 1	Amt placed to Credit of Joint Com of Schools and Public Property being part of proceeds from sale of \$15,000.00 Public School Building Bonds, sold at par		\$1,000.00
	Amt received today fr Planters National Bank, check for \$6.00 and interest set aside for missing bond		\$627.22
Mar 9	By our draft in Treasurer of Virginia for amt loaned to State last fall paid back March 1909		\$600.00
Mar 24	By proceeds fr sale of \$5,600 Va Bonds	\$5,180.00	
	Interest on same	\$84.00	
	By proceeds fr sinking fund set aside to meet Payment of 8 water bonds	\$2,800.00	\$8,064.00
	By amt received fr History of Fredericksburg Capt Quinn's		\$63.79
	By amt received fr rent Market and Bridge House		\$80.00
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	By amt returned fr Normal School fr last year		\$24.93
May 20 1909	Wire on Bridge		\$40.00
	By amt fr W E Bradley from Mrs King		\$60.00
	By amt received fr Col E D Cole freight		\$5.17
	By amt received Metcalf's lot \$5; Calamos \$25; Pitts \$10		\$40.00
	By amt received fr old bricks, iron etc, fr old Gas House		\$164.19
	By amt received from A P Rowe		

For year 1899	\$1.42		
For year 1900	\$2.13		
For year 1901	\$6.02		
For year 1902	\$4.90		
For year 1903	\$3.60		
For year 1904	\$3.77		
For year 1905	\$5.49		
For year 1906	\$13,64		
For year 1907	\$50.00		
	\$90.97		
Off 5% Comm Rowe	\$4.55		
See up above in Del R Estate	\$86.42	\$82,037.71	\$11,729.25
			\$82,037.71
			\$93,766.96
Less Amt paid out			\$86,851.11
Balance Carried to credit new acct			\$6,915.85

Disbursements made by Robert T Knox, Treasurer for City of Fredericksburg for year from July 1st 1908 to July 1st 1909.

To orders paid by Water Committee		\$4,978.84	
To orders paid by Gas Committee		\$12,500.95	
To orders paid by Street Committee		\$3,611.31	
To orders paid by Public Property Committee		\$2,863.21	
To orders paid by Alms House Committee		\$1,347.24	
To orders paid by Electric Light Committee		\$5,684.13	
To orders paid by Order of Court		\$2,115.06	
To orders paid by Fire Department Committee		\$258.15	
To orders paid by Mayor's Order		\$168.58	
To orders paid by Health & Police Committee		\$362.44	
Salary of Mayor	\$399.98		
Salary of Commonwealth Attorney	\$399.98		
Salary of Judge of Circuit Court	\$1,083.29		
Salary of R T Knox, Treasurer	\$750.00		
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Amounts brought over	\$2,633.25		\$33,889.91
Policemen			
One \$75.00, 4 at \$480 or such	\$1,995.00		
Special work on Washington Ave	\$140.00		
Special work on George Street	\$507.88		
Coupons pd and destroyed by Finance Com	\$10,915.00		
Hazel Run Bridge	\$103.95		\$16,295.08
For Normal Schools	\$507.00		
Public Interests Committee	\$58.91		
Joint School & Public Property Committee	\$744.15		
Sam Fitzhugh	\$75.00		
Clerk of Council	\$150.00		
To order of Council	\$35,101.06		\$36,666.12
Part of these orders by Council (\$35,101.06) were			

1908 Jul 2 Sinking Fund	\$2,514.00	
Nov 2-5 \$1,000 bonds & interest pd at National Bank	\$5,033.34	
Feb 23 Eight Water Bonds ordered pd	\$8,000.00	
May 15 Public School Building Mat Contractor	\$327.97	
	\$13,786.52	
	\$29,661.83	
All supported by vouchers herewith tendered		\$86,851.11
By amount of receipts for year		\$93,766.96
Amount carried to next year		\$6,915.85

Robt T Knox, Treasurer
June 23, 1909

Robt T Knox Treasurer, in account with Wallace Library

1908 Apr 11	By cash received and deposited in National Bank of Fbg Va	\$5,000.00	
Jul 13	By cash received and deposited at same bank	\$10,000.00	
	Total Library Fund	\$15,000.00	
Apr 27	To amt pd Geo W Wroten	\$500.00	
Apr 27	To amt pd Geo W Wroten	\$4,500.00	
1909 Apr 2	To amt pd Virginia Bonds		
	No 1290	\$5,000.00	
	No 7830	\$100.00	
	No 7831	\$100.00	
	No 7832	\$100.00	
	No 7833	\$100.00	
		\$5,400.00	\$4,995.00
			\$9,995.00
	Balance on hand	\$5,000.00	
		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

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1909

Jun 23	To balance on hand in National Bank	\$5,005.00
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June 23, 1909 R T Knox, Treasurer

General Sinking Fund deposited at Farmers & Merchants State Bank in account with Robert T Knox, Treasurer

Jan 19	To balance on hand this day	\$23.16
Jul 8	To R T Knox, Treasurer, check No 1911, to pay at National Bank, Water Bond No 22, When presented	\$1,000.00
		\$1,023.16

R T Knox Treasurer

Sinking fund Sewer Account at Farmers & Merchants Bank in account with Robert T Knox Treasurer,

1908 Jul	To my check on Conway, Gordon & Garnett	\$201.75
	Amt of Interest for 6 mos on Fredericksburg 4% bonds changed for Sewer and Improvement Bonds	\$14.00
1909 Jan 1	By amt int on \$300 Va State Bonds for 6 mos	\$4.50
Jun 22	To my check on Conway, Gordon & Garnett as Treas New Sewer Account to R T Knox Treas, Sinking Fund. Sewer Account at Farmers & Merchants State Bank	\$173.00

By balance in Farmers & Merchants State Bank		\$393.25
Bonds on hand June 23 rd 1909		
No 6952	\$100.00	
No 6953	\$100.00	Va Century Bonds
No 6954	\$100.00	
	\$300.00	
June 23, 1909	Robert T Knox, Treasurer	

Building Fund for School In acct with R T Knox Treasurer
1908

Jul 1	By amount received from Sale thirty bonds this day		
	\$500.00 each, signed, sealed & delivered		\$15,000.00
	To order of Council to convey \$1,000.00 to credit R T Knox, Treas Corp of		
	Fredericksburg Va		\$1,000.00
	By balance to Credit School		\$14,000.00
Dec 23	By amount received from Farmers & Merchants National Bank for sale	\$5,800.00	State
	of Virginia bonds by Davenport & Co @ 94-1/8 less comm.	\$5,444.75	
1909	less interest	\$87.00	\$5,357.75
Jan 4	By int on \$5,800 State Bonds sold		\$87.00
1908 Jul 8	By int on \$5,800 State Bonds sold		\$87.00
Jan 1	By int on \$5,800 State Bonds sold		\$87.00
	Bal from Public School acct belonging to this acct		\$74.69
1909 Jan 1	Interest on Balance		\$138.46
1909 Jan 1	Interest on Balance		\$3.72
			\$19,835.62

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Amount brought over		\$19,835.62
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1908 Jul 24	To E G Heflin	No 1	\$2,000.00	
1908 Nov 2	To E G Heflin	No 2	\$10,000.00	
1908 Dec 23	To E G Heflin		\$6,000.00	
1909 Feb 4	To E G Heflin		\$19,840.50	
	By Balance due on same			\$4.38
				\$19,840.50

To balance due Corporation (overdrawn)	\$4.38
June 23, 1902	Robt T Knox, Treasurer

Histories of Fredericksburg sold and put down by Robt T Knox, Treasurer

1909 Jan 12	By 279 Histories to this date	\$429.79
1909 Jan 19	By 7 Histories to this date	\$11.35
1909 Jan 20	Amount received fr Capt S J Quinn	\$4.39
1909 Feb 18	By 33 Histories to this date	\$53.88
1909 Feb 18	By 7 Histories	\$11.05
1909 Feb 20	By 1 History	\$1.61
1909 Feb 20	Balance due on Histories to Hermitage Press Pub Co	\$511.57
		\$317.29
1908	To cash pd Free Lance & Star Pub Co	\$4.50
1908	To cash pd Free Lance & Star Pub Co	\$16.00

1908 Dec 28	To cash per check, this day		
	Hermitage Pub Co Richmond	\$475.00	
Mar 3	To check pd S J Quinn today	\$16.07	
Feb 25	To amt pd Hermitage Pub Co	\$511.57	
	Pr order of Council	\$317.29	
		\$828.86	\$828.86
	By check returned by me to S J Quinn		\$46.64
	By check returned me by Hermitage Press Pub Co		\$46.64
Jun 23	in my regular report today I rendered amt		
	Received fr Capt Quinn June 19 th	\$63.79	
Robt T Knox, Treasurer			

Supplementary of the Treasurer's report on the History of Fredericksburg, the History Committee reports as follows:

"History of Fredericksburg"

Cost of printing, etc	\$745.65
Express, postage, etc	\$62.71
Printing Circulars, cards, etc	\$20.50
Total cost of publishing	\$828.86
Amt collected for books & postage to date	\$575.36
Cost in excess of receipts	\$253.50

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No of Copies printed		1,000
No copies sold to date	378	
Complimentary & Newspaper etc	18	
No books due Historian	12	408
No now in hands of History Committee		592
June 20, 1909		

New Sewer Account, In account with R T Knox, Treasurer

1908 Jun 22	By balance in hand per bank		\$1,599.13
1908 Sep 1	By amt from S J Quinn		\$94.84
1909 Jan 8	By amt from S J Quinn		\$8.40
Apr 1	By amt sewer bills put into my hands by AP Rowe Collector white	9.64	
	by AP Rowe Collector colored	7.65	
		\$17.29	
	Less R T Knox Commission	\$.86	\$16.43
Apr 30	By amt from S J Quinn		\$117.05
May 14	By amt from S J Quinn		\$332.16
Jun 15	By amt from S J Quinn		\$734.55
Jun 13	By amt paid 46 coupons \$10 each, \$460.00		\$2,892.13
Jun 22	By amt placed this day to credit of Sewer Sinking fund	\$173.00	
	By amt bill pd per voucher	\$2,039.13	\$2,672.13
	By balance now to credit new Sewer Acct		\$220.43

Bonds now due by bonded indebtedness of City

Water bonds interest due Jul 1, 1909 and Jan 1, 1910 22 bonds	\$22,000.00
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Twenty years to run, No 22, \$1,000 not paid yet, but money is in Gen Sinking Fund to meet same

Gas Bonds payable Jan 2, 1920, int due Jul 2 nd and Jan 2 nd	\$25,000.00
Bridge Bonds payable Jan 2, 1920, int due Jul 2 nd and Jan 2 nd	\$25,000.00
Electric Bonds payable Jan 1, 1931, int due Jul 1 and Jan 1	\$12,000.00
Sewer Bonds payable Apr 1, 1931, int due Apr 1 and Oct 1	
No 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 = Seven \$100ea paid	\$17,300.00
Sewer & St Imp Bonds payable Apr 1, 1931, int payable Apr 1 and Oct 1	\$20,000.00
Water & Gas Bonds payable Apr 1, 1935, int payable Apr and Oct	\$20,000.00
Gas & Water Bonds, \$5,000 will be paid Nov 1 st , leaving \$5.00 int due 1 Nov	\$10,000.00
Fredericksburg City Bonds, payable May 1 st 1936, Int payable Nov 1 & May 1	\$119,400.00
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Jul 1, 1908 Bonds for School \$15,000 payable 1938, In Jan 1 st & Jul 1 st	\$15,000.00
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$285,700.00
June 23, 1909 R T Knox, Treasurer	

Mr Brown, Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported as follows

City Council June 28, 1909

We the undersigned Auditing Committee of the City Council have carefully examined to books of

A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

B F Bullock, Supt Gas Works

W Key Howard, Supt City Electric Works

S J Quinn, Supt City Water Works

R T Knox, City Treasurer

We have found said books to be correct, being supported by proper receipts and vouchers

Respectfully submitted Arthur Brown, F L W Green, J C Melville (Auditing Committee)

We feel there is little the Finance Committee can add to the full and complete reports of the City Treasurer and Collector of City Taxes. We will, however, give in detail a few of our acts done in accordance with resolutions passed by the Council from time to time during the fiscal year just ended.

We retired (\$8,000.00) of the (\$30,000.00) of 5% Water Bonds due January 1st 1909, and arranged with the holder of the remaining (\$22,000.00) of these bonds to renew the same for ten to twenty years at 4% interest. Of the (\$8,000.00) of bonds retired, we paid (\$7,000) in cash, and deposited the other (\$1,000) in the interest bearing department of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank to pay the (\$1,000) Bond No. 22, not yet surrendered, although interest on same was stopped in January 1st 1909.

To raise the above \$8,000 we sold \$5,600 of Va Century Bonds belonging to the Sinking Fund for \$5,180.00

Added this year (1908-9) sinking fund	\$2,514.00
Also accumulated Int on Va Bonds	\$329.16
Making a total of	\$8,023.16 or \$23.16 more than was needed, which
bal was left in the Sinking fund acct.	

We exchanged \$700.00 of Fredericksburg 4% bonds belonging to the Sewer Sinking Fund for \$700.00 of Sewer 4% bonds, and they were destroyed at a subsequent meeting of the Council, thus reducing the Sewer Bond indebtedness from (\$18,000) to (\$17,300).

We call attention to the Treasurer's Sewer report showing only a balance of \$220.43 to the credit of the Sewers, not enough to pay running expenses for the coming year.

The \$627.22 reported by the last Finance Committee as being in the Planters National Bank, Richmond Virginia has been withdrawn and placed in the General Funds of the City per the Treasurers report.

Having sold the \$5,600 Va Century Bonds for account of General Sinking Fund and \$5,800 Va Century Bonds for account of Public School Building, the City now owns on \$5,700 Va Century Bonds (\$5,400), belonging to the Wallace Library Fund and (\$300) to Sewer Sinking Fund.

On acc't of the Public School Building we have paid the contractor out of general fund	\$13,786.52
We have also paid Contractor Heflin at different times	\$19,840.50
Total	\$33,627.01

This last sum being derived from the sale of the Va Century Bonds and (\$14,000) of Public School Bonds.

The total indebtedness of the City is	\$285.700
Our expenses over and above usual appropriations have been heavy, the public school building coming in for a larger share, viz: Paid contractor Heflin out of general fund	\$13,786.52
Paid E D Cole for supplies not in Heflin's Contract	\$327.97
Paid on acct Water Wheel Electric Light Plant	\$1,200.00
Paid Gas Com expenses over regular appropriation	\$2,500.95
Total	\$17,815.44

The City Attorney states that he has nothing to add to his last report, a year ago in regard to the City's claim vs Estate of the late Treasurer R W Adams. Report of last Finance Com placed the amount at \$2,302.45.

Notwithstanding the above extra drain upon the City's funds the Treasurer's Report shows a balance brought down July 1, 1909 of \$6,915.85 or \$4,813.40 less than last year's balance.

Your Committee having regard to the financial needs of the several departments of the City Government for the ensuing twelve months beginning July 1, 1909 recommend the appropriation set out in the attached ordinance and the passage of which ordinance they recommend.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the following appropriation by made for the year ending June 30th 1910.

For interest on \$22,000	4% Water Bonds	\$880.00
For interest on \$25,000	4% Bridge Bonds	\$1,000.00
For interest on \$25,000	4% Gas Bonds	\$1,000.00
For interest on \$17,300	4% Sewer Bonds	\$692.00

For interest on \$12,000	4% Electric Bonds	\$480.00
For interest on \$20,000	4% St Imp Bonds	\$800.00
For interest on \$119,400	4% Funding Bonds	\$4,776.00
For interest on \$20,000	4% Gas & Water Bonds	\$800.00
Principal on 4 th bond due National bank, plus int for 1yr @ 4% on \$10,000		\$5,400.00
For interest on \$15,000	4% School Building Bonds	\$600.00

For Sinking Fund			
1% Int on	\$22,000	Water Bonds	\$220.00
1% Int on	\$25,000	Bridge Bonds	\$250.00
1% Int on	\$25,000	Gas Bonds	\$250.00
1% Int on	\$17,300	Sewer Bonds	\$173.00
1% Int on	\$12,000	Electric Bonds	\$120.00
1% Int on	\$20,000	St Imp Bonds	\$200.00
1% Int on	\$15,000	School Building Bonds	\$150.00
1% Int on	\$119,400	Funded Bonds	\$1,194.00
			\$19,185.00

For Salaries and other expenses			
Salary of Judge of Corporation Court			\$1,000.00
Salary of Clerk of Corporation Court			\$400.00
Salary of Sergeant of Corporation Court			\$300.00
Salary of Treasurer			\$750.00
Salary of Commonwealth Attorney			\$400.00
Salary of Mayor			\$400.00
Salary of 4 policemen at \$480.00 each			\$1,920.00
Salary of Clerk of Council			\$150.00
Salary of Clerk of Market			\$75.00
Salary of City Attorney (approximated)			\$400.00
Schools			\$5,000.00
Expenses of Water Committee	\$3,000.00		
Add Salary of Sup	\$900.00		\$3,900.00
Expenses of Gas Committee	\$12,000.00		
Add Salary of Sup	\$1,000.00		\$13,000.00
Expenses of Electric Light	\$3,000.00		
Add Salary of Sup	\$1,200.00		\$4,200.00
Expenses of Alms House Committee	\$1,000.00		
Add Salary of Sup	\$150.00		\$1,150.00
Street Sprinkling approximate			\$500.00
Public Property Committee			\$3,500.00
Streets Committee			\$3,000.00
Fire Department Committee			\$200.00
Health & Police Committee			\$200.00
City Physician & Health Officer			\$300.00
Public Interest Committee			\$200.00
			\$40,945.00

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2nd Resolved further

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 therefor.

Respectfully submitted, H B Lane, John C Melville, W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

On motion of W S Embrey, the above reports of Finance Committee, Collector, Treasurer and Auditing Committee with adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lance, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Garner, Howard, Bradley (10 votes)

On Motion of Mr Lane, the Finance Committee were instructed to have the Finance Committee report publishing in the Town papers at not more than \$25.00 each

Mr Howard, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance
“An Ordinance”

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

1. That any person or persons who shall commit within the criminal jurisdiction of the City of Fredericksburg any offence, that is made a misdemeanor by Common Law or Statute of Virginia shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars.
2. This law shall be in force from its passage.”

Clarence R Howard, W S Embrey (Ordinance Committee)

On motion of Mr Embrey the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard, Bradley

On motion of Mr Embrey the Ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard, Bradley

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented and had read an Ordinance Visious and Savage Dogs.

On motion of Mr Lane laid over till next meeting.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held July 2nd 1909 at 8 PM with the following members present: Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard: Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

A M Garner, Vice President in the Chair

The Vice President stated that the Council had been called by the Street Committee to hear their report on Street grades at the New Post Office corner, referred to the Street Committee June 7, 1909, to report back to the Council and other business.

Mr W S Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee to whom was referred June 7th 1909 the question of Street Grades at the New Post Office Corner, to report back to the Council made the following report:

Fredericksburg Va June 30th 1909

To the Chairman of the Street Committee of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va
Gentlemen: We beg leave to submit our report upon the crossing and grading of Princess Anne and Hanover Sts.

At your request we have carefully considered this proposition and hand you attached to this report profiles of Hanover Street from Charles Street to Main Street and Princess Anne Street, from George to Charlotte Street.

There profiles show the grades which we think will best adopt themselves to the present street and the adjacent property.

We believe that a uniform grade should be made from Main to Princess Anne, and from Princess Anne to Charles Street.

This, of course, would necessitate considerable cutting between the last two mentioned streets, but this we understand you could not consider because of the cost, Therefore we do not submit profile showing these grades.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that if the grades as shown upon the profile are adopted it will not be necessary to do very much of the work shown on Princess Anne Street between Hanover and George Streets, or on Hanover between Princess Anne and Charles Streets. We would suggest that the grading of these two blocks be postponed until the City feels able to have a first class map and profile made of all the City Streets, in order that each block can be graded from time to time along some organized plan and in this way the drainage can be properly taken care of.

We would also recommend that a small brass tablet be located at some point in the City, so that all [Page 435] work can be done from the same datum. For it is impossible to make new grades fit old grades unless they are worked from a common datum.

Respectfully submitted, S Sidney Bradford, Cecil L Reid (Engineers)

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee offered the following, a report of the Street Committee

July 1, 1909

To the President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg
Gentlemen: Your Committee beg to recommend the adoption of the grades on Hanover and Princess Anne Streets, as shown on the Map of Messrs Reid and Bradford and also their suggestion as regarding making as little changes for the present on Hanover between Princess Anne and Charles Streets and on Princess Anne Street between Hanover and George Streets. We also beg to recommend another suggestion of Messrs Reid and Bradford, regarding the tablet for a permanent Bench Mark and from which all work can be taken.

We also note that the pavement adjacent to the Exchange Hotel is now approximately two feet below the present grade, in some places, and we recommend that the said Hotel Company be required to raise the pavement to conform with the grade as shown on the map of Messrs Reid & Bradford, there being practically no change in the present grade from that now existing on the north side of Hanover Street.

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, Clarence R Howard, Joseph M Goldsmith (Street Committee)

On motion of Mr Rowe, the report of the Street Committee was adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance

“An ordinance to establish a permanent grade along Hanover Street in Fredericksburg Virginia, from Charles Street to Main or Caroline Street, and along Princess Anne Street in said City from George Street to Charlotte Street.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that the profiles of the following named streets as set forth on a diagram of the same, recommended by the City Surveyor and the Committee on Streets, and by Engineer S S Bradford and Cecil R

Reid and made a part of this ordinance be and are hereby established as the true grades of the said following named Streets:

[Insert image of profiles here]

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Hanover Street from Charles to Caroline or Main Street

Princess Anne Street from George Street to Charlotte Street.

The said Diagram to be recorded in the minutes of the council as a part of this ordinance.

Clarence R Howard, W S Embrey (Ordinance Committee)

(approved by Mayor H Lewis Wallace, July 3rd 1909)

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

On motion of Mr Melville the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard, Bradley (10 votes)

On motion of Mr Howard the above ordinance on grades was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Howard, Bradley (10 votes)

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the Clerk of the Council send a copy of this ordinance and a copy of Blue Print of Survey, as soon as approved by the Mayor to the proper authorities at Washington DC

Mr Lane offered the following which was adopted by the unanimous vote of those present Resolved by the Council that the Street Committee according to recommendation of Bradford and Reid procure a suitable tablet as a bench mark and place the same securely at a point indicated by the engineers. [bench mark proposed “on East end of Lowest Step of East Door of St George’s Church Elv 108.15”]

Mayor Wallace presented the following communication

Honorable H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of Fredericksburg July 1, 1909

The members of the Executive Board, Representing the Mary Washington Hospital Assn, comprising one hundred and twenty five members, would respectfully and earnestly appeal to the Mayor of Fredericksburg, the Street Committee, and to all in authority, requesting that a granolithic curbing be laid, and the sidewalks graded and put in better condition around the property owned and occupied for the public benefit as a hospital for the sick. This important and most necessary work should be of interest to all citizens of Fredericksburg, since all have equal rights and interests in the Mary Washington Hospital property. No street improvement of any kind whatever has been made either directly near, or in the vicinity of the Hospital since its erection twelve years ago.

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And now that improvement and progress of all kinds is the City’s boast, the Ladies of the Hospital Association, who give much time and effort, that their hospital may be as “up-to-date” as possible would urge that the matter of Street Improvement around and about said hospital be taken up at once by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed, Miss Virginia Knox, Mrs D C Bowman, Mrs Maurice Hirsh, Mrs Wm H Richards, Mrs M M Lankford, Mrs A P Rowe, Miss Annie Myer, Miss R A Williams, Miss Sallie Gravatt, Mrs John E Mason

Mr Rowe moved to refer the above communication to the Street Committee to ascertain the cost of the necessary Street improvement, around the Mary Washington Hospital and report back to the Council with any recommendations and it was so ordered.

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 notice in the Council Chamber July 15th 1909 at 8 o'clock PM

Present, Bradley, Lance Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair

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

Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report

To the Hon Pres and members of the City Council July 15, 1909

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that the Police officers have fully and faithfully discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines received from Justice Dannehl amounting to \$50.50 which I have turned over to the City Treasurer

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's report was received and ordered filed.

On motion the salaries of the Police were ordered paid.

Mr Lane, of Finance Committee, presented bill of the

Clerk of the Council for postage & etc for the year \$1.59

On motion ordered paid

Mr Bradley asked that the Public Property Committee be instructed to insure the new School House.

Mr Warden offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (11 votes)

Resolved: That the Public Property Committee be instructed to make application and sign the necessary papers to obtain insurance for (\$15,000.00) Fifteen Thousand dollars, on the New Public School Building, in Fredericksburg Va in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on the improvements around the Mary Washington Hospital, referred to the Street Committee at a called meeting held July 2, 1909 to consider & report back with recommendations:

To the President & members of the City Council July 15, 1902

We the undersigned members of the Street Committee, recommend that the City of

Fredericksburg put a cement curb around the Mary Washington Hospital, not to exceed the cost of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

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W S Embrey, Joseph M Goldsmith, Clarence R Howard (Street Committee)

Mr Rowe moved that the recommendation of the Street Committee be adopted and that the sum of (\$150.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to the Street Committee for granolithic curbing around the Mary Washington Hospital and that the work be let at contract to competitive bidders. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Embrey of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance

An ordinance to appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for laying down of concrete curbs in Fredericksburg Va

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

1st That the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) be and it is hereby appropriated out of the levies of the City for the year beginning July 1, 1909 for the purpose of laying down standard granolithic curbs on Main Street, Princess Anne Street, Charles Street and Prince Edward Street, in the City of Fredericksburg; The said sum of money to be expended, twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) thereof for the lower ward, and twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) thereof for the upper ward of said City.

2nd That said appropriation shall be a special appropriation and shall be expended by and under the direction of a joint Committee to be composed of the Committees on Streets, Finances and that said Joint Committee shall from time to time have the said curbs laid down of standard construction and on permanent grade lines, the work of said construction to be let to some reasonable bidder, or bidders, therefor, in competitive bidding, and the said Joint Committee to have the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to call for new bids.

3rd That in getting the bids for the construction of the said granolithic curbing, the said Joint Committee is hereby instructed also to receive estimates for the laying down of permanent granolithic sidewalks of standard construction, and that, when any curbing is laid down, as in this ordinance provided for, and any Citizen, in front of whose property said curbing shall be laid, desires to have a standard pavement put down in front of his said property and is willing to pay the cost thereof, in accordance with the estimate thereof received by the said Committee, then the said contractor shall, at the cost of the said property owner, lay said pavement the same to be of standard construction and to be laid on permanent grade and the work shall be done under the direction of the said Joint Committee.

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4th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

And the Council of the City of Fredericksburg hereby declares its purpose so far as the Finance of the City, from year to year will admit to expend the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) each year for the curbing of the Streets of Fredericksburg. One year's appropriation to be devoted to the curbing of the Streets running North and South and the next year's appropriation to be expended for curbing of the streets of the City running East and West.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Bradley (8 votes)
Noes, Garner, Warden, Green (3 votes)

At this juncture Col Cole entered the Chamber and asked that he be heard in behalf of property owners on Washington Avenue, and the general public who use the Avenue, which was granted.

Col Cole wanted the Avenue named among the Streets to receive this improvement. He made an earnest appeal for the Avenue.

A general discussion then took place.

Mr Garner took the Chair

And President Bradley spoke earnestly for the ordinance as it was presented, as did Messrs Embrey, Melville and Goldsmith, while Messrs Garner, Warden, and Masters opposed it in its present form, although they favored the improvement.

Mr Embrey seconded by Mr Goldsmith moved its adoption and it was passed by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Bradley (7 votes) Noes, Garner, Masters, Warden, Green (4 votes)

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest Committee presented a report of shipping statistics of the Rappahannock River from this point, for the past year, which had been prepared by A P Rowe and Mr W D Scott of this City. And on motion the report was ordered to record.

Sheet No 1

Commercial Statistics for the Rappahannock River, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Furnished by A P Rowe, J M Goldsmith & W D Scott.

Address, Fredericksburg Va

Arrivals of Commercial Vessels during the Calendar Year of 1908.

Kind	Draft		Tonnage		No of arrivals	Total gross tonnage
	From	To	From	To		
Steam	8	11			250	125,000
Sail	8	11			1,100	330,000
Barge/scow	8	12			170	170,000
Launch					1,000	5,000
					2,520	630,000

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Principal Articles of Export and Import

Receipts and Shipments for Calendar Year 1908

Articles	Value Per Ton	Receipts		Shipments		Total	
		No	Total	No	Total	No	Value
Bricks	4.00	1,000	4,000	1,000	4,000	2,000	8,000
Canned goods	78.00	1,000	78,000	4,000	312,000	5,000	390,000
Cement	10.00	500	5,000	600	6,000	1,100	11,000
Lime	12.50	1,500	18,750	1,600	20,000	3,100	38,750
Coal, Anth	6.00	1,200	7,200			1,200	7,200
Coal, Bit	3.50	2,400	8,400			2,400	8,400
Farm Produce	40.00	250	10,000	33,250	1,330,000	33,500	1,340,000
Fertilizer	15.00	4,340	36,500	2,600	39,000	26,940	404,100
Flour	40.00	2,835	113,400	3,540	141,600	6,375	225,000
Fish food	30.00	300	9,000	475	14,250	775	23,250
Fish Fertilizer	20.00			525	10,500	525	10,500
Gen Mchdse	60.00	4,600	876,000	13,000	780,000	27,600	1,656,000
Grain	20.00	1,600	32,000	27,500	550,000	29,100	582,000
Hay	15.00	1,000	15,000	350	5,250	1,350	20,250
Ice	2.50	575	1,438	985	2,462	1,560	3,900

Livestock	80.00			400	32,000	400	32,000
Lumber	8.00			94,500	736,000	94,500	756,000
Oysters	17.50	2,025	35,432			2,025	35,487
Pickles	75.00			2,500	187,500	2,500	187,500
R Ties	5.00			131,092	655,460	31,092	655,460
Wood	2.50	950	2,375	21,550	53,875	22,500	56,250
Sumac	16.00			300	4,800	300	4,800
Total		56,075	15,81100	339,767	4,940,697	395,842	6,485,797

Mr Warden of the Committee on Schools presented a communication from the School Board through its clerk, J S Quinn, notifying the Council of the election of Professor Arthur D Wright, as Principal of the High School.

On motion of Mr Warden, his election was confirmed by the Council.

Mr Warden of the School Committee submitted a list of furniture needed in the new Public School Building, prepared by Superintendent A D Wright. On motion it was referred to the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property

Mr Masters of Health & Police called attention to conditions around the old Gas House. Mr Masters being informed by the Chair that he was a member of the Public Property Committee, who had charge, said he would see that conditions were improved.

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The following communication from the Washington Guards was read by the Clerk and on motion of Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Rowe, was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act at once.

To the Pres & Members of the Council July 1909

Gentlemen: Having received imperative orders from the Adjutant General of the State, that all uniforms, stores, and military property shall be kept in the armory, and not in the hands of the men as heretofore. We would respectfully ask your honorable body to set aside the two rooms, under the room now used as a drill hall, in the Court House building, which were until recently used as School Rooms, for the use of the Military Company, and that you have built in these rooms sixty lockers, in which the members of the Company may keep the government property issued to them, as required by the above mentioned order.

In asking this of your body we would say that the Laws governing the Militia are more stringent than ever before, and without your assistance in this matter it will be an almost impossibility to maintain a military company in this City.

The Company has at present a full quota of men and the help we ask herein will greatly aid us in maintaining the efficiency for which this Company has for years been noted in military circles.

Very respectfully, L M Larkin, A G Billingsley, 1st Lieut; B M Leavell 2nd Lieut (Officers
"Washington Guard" Co L, 1st Regt, Va Infty

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 August 19th 1909 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Green and Clerk Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair
Minutes of Last regular meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report as follows:
To the Hon President and Members of the Common Council Fredericksburg Va Aug 19, 1909
Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that the Police Officers of the City have fully and faithfully discharged their duties for the month and are entitled to their pay.
I beg to report fined received from Police Justice Dannehl, amounting to \$129.50 which have been turned over to the Treasurer R T Knox and his receipt taken for the same.
Respectfully, W E Bradley, Acting Mayor

Mr Bradley, Chairman of Public Property Committee reported on Old School House, that his Committee had had the old school building torn down by day labor and the cellar filled up at a cost of (\$283.45)
That 65,000 bricks had been delivered at the Alms House, also all the wooded material not of the old house to be used as fuel which will probably save buying fuel for the Alms House for two years, at a cost of \$96.10.

Mr Lane complimented the Committee in its economical work, and moved that the report of the public property Committee be received with thanks and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee reported that his Committee had let the contract for curbing around the Mary Washington Hospital to Cartright & Davis, as the lowest bidders, and that the curb was done but the bill had not been presented, neither paid. The cost would be from \$90.00 to \$100.00.

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Mr Goldsmith of the Street Committee, called the attention of the Council to the pressing need for some suitable dumping place for all such matter and material as was not suitable to fill up on Washington Avenue.

Mr Lane asked that Health Officer Dr J N Barney, who was present be heard, concerning the dumping ground, a place for dead animals and in regard to filling up at Gas House.

Dr Barney carefully went over the whole matter and suggested that these were important matters that needed immediate attention, but he was not just in his position to recommend anything.

Mr Embrey moved, and it was adopted, that this matter be referred to the Health Committee to report at an early date with recommendations.

Mr Embrey of the Ordinance Committee presented an ordinance from his Committee, on cruelty to animals and the penalty and fine therefor. According to the rules said ordinance lays over 30 days.

Mr Goldsmith of the Public Interests Committee presented communication from the President of the League of American Municipalities, inviting the city to send delegates to their annual convention which meeting at Montreal Canada, Aug 25, 26, 27.

On motion the communication was received and ordered filed and the Sec requested to acknowledge the same.

Mr Goldsmith of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property reported on additional furniture for the New School Building.

To the Hon President and members of the Council Fredericksburg, Aug 19, 1909

Gentlemen: Your Joint Committee of Schools & Public Property to whom was referred by your Hon body July 15th 1909 the list of furniture and supplies needed in the New School Building, prepared by Superintendent Wright and submitted to the Council by the School Committee beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee met on July 22nd 1909.

And advertised in the town paper, for bids for the following articles: (1) roll top desk and chair; (1) sectional book case; (1) sectional filing case; (1) table; (15) desks for teachers; (15) book cases; [Page 445] for school rooms; (15) Teachers chairs; (16) 8 day pendulum clocks 12" dial; (2) benches; (1) set relief maps; (1) set wall maps; (1) planetarium; (2) large globes; (1) gong;

Bids were received August 4th 1909 at 5PM in the Council Chamber. The said bids were opened and considered and on motion were referred to a sub-Committee, consisting of Warden and Goldsmith, to compare bids, examine samples, and report back to the Joint Committee with recommendations.

Accompanying this report is the report of the sub-committee which we offer as a part of this report, as follows:

To the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property

Gentlemen: Your sub-committee appointed to examine the bids for Teachers' desks &c and to make recommendations report:

The bid of Messrs Bell and Bro for the following articles is recommended

1 roll top desk, 50"	\$16.95
1 Globe, [?] sectional book case 4 sec	\$11.96
1 Globe, [?] sectional filing case	\$17.25
Office Table 24"x36"	\$2.25
15 teacher desks, with rail @\$9.75	\$146.25
15 Globe Wenide Sec book cases 3 sec \$9.71	\$145.65
15 teacher chairs @3.25 #1702-5	\$48.75
16 clocks @2.95	\$47.20
2 benches, 8' each @75¢ per foot	\$12.00
	\$448.26

The acceptance of the bids of the Bell Book Stationary Co for the following articles is recommended

1 planetarium	\$16.00
1 Gong 10"	\$7.20
2 Globes to be selected by Supt Wright and not cost more than	\$25.00
1 set wall maps to be selected by Supt Wright not cost more than	\$40.00
	\$88.20

The acceptance of the bid of Mr Geo C Wentworth for the following is recommended

1 set of relief map	\$100.00
	\$636.46

Henry Warden, J M Goldsmith

Aug 16, 1909 presented to the Joint Committee and on motion received and adopted and the Joint Committee recommend that the City Council adopt the same.
S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee on Schools & Public Property
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On motion of Mr Garner the report of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property was received and adopted and the Joint Committee instructed to close the contract with the parties as recommended in their report.

By the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Green, Bradley (7 votes)

Mr Goldsmith from Committee on Schools presented communication from A B Chandler Jr, conductor of the Summer Normal School, with his check for \$8.35 being the balance of the \$250.00 appropriated by this Council for the Summer Normal School.

Mr Bradley stated that the check had been turned over to Treasurer Knox and his receipt given to Mr Chandler to enable him to file all his vouchers with the State Board of Education.

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

Public Property Committee reported progress in regard to \$15,000 insurance in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia, on the New School Building.

Public Property Committee through Mr Garner also reported the rooms and new lockers for the Armory nearly completed.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Annual meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber, Sept 1st 1909 at 10 o'clock AM with the following members present: Bradley, Lane, Melville, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden and Clerk S E Eastburn.

W E Bradley President in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had met to elect certain City officers

On motion of Mr Garner the salary of the Clerk was fixed at (\$150.00) per annum by unanimous vote

Mr Melville placed in nomination S E Eastburn and upon vote being taken, S E Eastburn was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council for the ensuing year: qualified before R E Bozel, JP

Application of A P Rowe for collector of City Taxes was read and on motion A P Rowe was unanimously elected collector of City Taxes of the ensuing year (Salary per centum)

Mr Embrey placed in nomination E H Randall for City Surveyor, and E H Randall was elected City Surveyor for the ensuing year by unanimous vote of the Council.

On motion of Mr Lane the Salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at \$75.00 per annum same as last year, by unanimous vote.

Application of Samuel Fitzhugh was read by the Clerk and on motion, Sam'l Fitzhugh was elected Clerk of the Market by the unanimous vote of the Council
Joseph M Goldsmith came in and took his seat in the Council

On motion of Mr Garner the Salary of the Supt of the Alms House was fixed at the same as last year, \$150.00 per annum, by unanimous vote

Application of J W Ball was read and he was unanimously elected superintendent of the Alms House for the ensuing year.

Qualified before S E Eastham J P

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Mr Melville place in nomination the name of J B Herndon as scavenger for the Upper Ward
On motion Mr J B Herndon was unanimously elected scavenger for the Upper Ward for the ensuing twelve months – fees

Mr Brown, place in nomination the name of R L Carneal as Scavenger for the Lower Ward.
On motion Mr R L Carneal was unanimously elected Scavenger for the lower ward for the ensuing twelve months. fees

On motion of Mr Melville the salaries of the Police officers were fixed at \$40.00 per month and [?] by the unanimous vote of the council.

Applications of W N Tansill and J A Stone for Police of the Upper Ward were read by the Clerk
On motion W N Tansill and J A Stone were elected Police from the Upper Ward for the ensuing twelve months by unanimous vote.

Applications of J H Robinson and W R Hall for Police of the Lower Ward were read by the Clerk

On motion J H Robinson and W R Hall were elected Police from the Lower Ward for the ensuing twelve months, by unanimous vote.

Mr Melville moved that the salary of the Sup of the Electric Light Plant be the same as last year, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per annum, adopted by unanimous vote.

J P Rowe came in and took his seat.

Application of W Key Howard for Supt of the Electric Light Plant was read by the Clerk

On motion W Key Howard was unanimously elected Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant for the ensuing year.

On motion the Common Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Sep 16, 1909 in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green

W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and annual meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report

Hon W E Bradley, Pres, & members of Common Council Sep 16, 1909

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that the police officers respectively have discharged their duties faithfully and efficiently during the past month.

I beg to report fines received from Police Justice, Dannehl, amounting to (\$74.50) which have been turned over to Treasurer R T Knox, and his receipt taken for the same.

Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Mayor's Report was receive and ordered filed and the salaries of the police officers were ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented a small bill of the clerk for record book \$1.00

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented and had read receipts from A P Rowe, City Collector and R T Knox, City Treasurer for personal property and land book for year 1909 from the Commissioner on the Revenue.

On motion the receipts were received and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr Brown, the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue for 1909, amounting to (\$350.00) was ordered paid by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Bradley

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported on the \$20,000.00 contribution of the City to the State Normal School.

Receipts from each of the three banks for \$6,666.66-2/3. The Finance Committee having reported to the Common Council they have negotiated three separate loans each for the sum of Six thousand, six hundred, and sixty six and two thirds dollars.

[Page 450] with the three banks of the City and have paid the discount on the same for ninety days from September the 14th inst; said notes representing the loan being payable on demand and having been endorsed by various citizens. To wit: St Geo R Fitzhugh, E D Cole, Alvin T Embrey, Lee J Graves, T McCracken, Henry Warden, M S Chancellor, David Hirsh, W S Chesley, W D Scott, R T Knox, M B Rowe, A W Embrey, B J Marshall, K N Goolrick, Clarence R Howard, J P Rowe, S J Quinn, and A P Rowe, and have deposited the said amounts of (\$6,666.66-2/3) with each of the Banks, to the credit of the Treasurer of Fredericksburg; Be it therefore

Resolved, that R T Knox, Treasurer of said City, do pay to R H L Chichester, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Fredericksburg, the said several amounts so deposited aggregating the sum of twenty thousand dollars, in full of the subscription and contribution of said City of Fredericksburg to said School required by the State of Virginia. And take receipt for the same.

And the Common Council hereby requests the Treasurer of said Normal and Industrial School and the Trustees of the same at least to the extent of the contribution made by the City and also if permitted by the Board to the extent of the State contribution to keep the funds of said Normal

School in the Banks of the City of Fredericksburg, dividing the deposit among the banks that have accommodated the City with the Loan of said (\$20,000.00).

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Melville the above resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Bradley. (10 votes)

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had received the Bond of A P Rowe, City Tax Collector for \$10,000.00 but were waiting for the city Attorney to return to examine said Bond.

W S Embrey of the Ordinance Committee had read the ordinance on cruelty to Animals presented at August meeting of the Council

“An Ordinance

To define cruelty to Animals and to prescribe a find and penalty therefor.

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

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First: That any person who overrides, overdrives, overloads, tortures, ill-treats, or cruelly or unnecessarily beats, maims, mutilates, or kills any animal, whether belonging to himself or another, or deprives any animal of necessary sustenance, food, or drink, or causes any of the above things, or being the owner of such animal permits such act to be done by another or who willfully set on foot instigates, engages in or in any way further any act of cruelty to any diseased, disabled, or infirm animal causes it to lie or be in the street, road, or other public place, or who shall carry or cause to be carried in or upon any vehicle or vessel or otherwise any animal in a cruel, brutal, or in-human manner so as to produce torture, or unnecessary suffering shall be fined not less than (\$1.00) nor more than(\$100.00) or confined in jail for the period not exceeding twelve months or both; provided that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as prohibiting the docking of horses' tails or the dehorning of cattle.

Second: This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

W S Embrey, F L W Green (Committee)

On motion of Mr Rowe the ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Warden, Green, Bradley.

Mr Warden, Chairman of Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property reported as follows To Hon Pres and members of Common Council Aug 27, 1909

Gentlemen: Your Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property beg leave to report that on August 27, 1909 your Committee met at the New School Building and examined the new desks and benches furnished by the Virginia School Supply Company and find that said Co has complied with their agreement and that the said desks and benches are up to requirements and set up in the School House.

We recommend that the City Council receive said desks and benches and that the said Virginia School Supply Company be paid one half of the amount of the bill of \$1,962.95) one half being (\$981.47½) as first payment.

Respectfully, S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee

Mr Warden moved that the above report be received and that the City Treasurer R T Knox be authorized to pay the Virginia School Supply Company of Richmond Va (PO Box 179) one half

of the bill for school furniture amounting to \$1,962.95. ½ equal to \$981.47½. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Brown, Warden, Green, Bradley.

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council called by the Ordinance Committee was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Sep 20th 1909 at 7:30 PM.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Howard and Clerk Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Mr Howard of the Ordinance presented a resolution

Resolved that Section 33, page 12 of the Property and License Tax ordinance for 1909-10 of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in reference to Theaters, Shows, Circuses, etc be amended by the insertion of the following proviso after the second paragraph thereof on page 13:

Mr Warden claimed that an ordinance could only be amended by an ordinance regularly offered and passed and that the above was simply a resolution.

The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Mr Howard had the effect of an ordinance and therefore was in proper shape.

Mr Warden appealed from the decision of the Chair

Vote was taken and the Chair was not sustained. Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Howard—3 votes
Noes, Melville, Embrey, Masters, Warden—4 votes

Mr Warden offered the following amended amendment

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va which was accepted by Mr Howard.

And Mr Howard then offered the following ordinance

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

That Section 33, page 12 of the Property and License Tax ordinance for 1909-10 of the Corporation of Fredericksburg in reference to Theaters, Shows, Circuses, etc be amended by the insertion of the following proviso after the second paragraph thereof on page 13:

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Provided, that during the week the Agricultural Fair is held in or near the City of Fredericksburg, no Circus, exhibition, or show, or exhibition of trained animals or acrobatic performance provided for in paragraph 2 and 3 of said Section shall show, exhibit, or parade between the hours of sunrise and sunset at any place within the City or within the Police Jurisdiction thereof and provided further that such circus, exhibition or show, or exhibition of trained animals or acrobatic performance shall give bond with security in the penalty of five thousand dollars, not to exhibit or show at any point within a radius of five miles of the Corporate limits of said City, during the week such Agricultural Fair is held except the same be shown or exhibited on the grounds of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural & Mechanical Society by the consent of the Board of Directors thereof.

Clarence R Howard (Ordinance Committee)

On motion of Mr Howard the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley—8 votes
Mr Rowe came in and took his seat.

On motion of Mr Howard the Ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (8 votes)
Nos, Embrey (1 vote)

Mr Masters moved and it was so ordered that the Clerk of the Council be instructed to notify the circus or show people who have advertised to show in this City during our Fair of the passage of this ordinance, amending our License and Tax Ordinance for the years 1909 and 10

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 Oct 21st 1909 at 7:30 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, Arthur Brown, F L W Green, C R Howard, and Clerk Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report

To the Hon Pres & members of Common Council Fredericksburg Va Oct 21st 1909

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers respectively have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report \$48.00 received from Justice Dannehl for fines for the past month and \$3.00 collected by myself which amounts have been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Would also report \$358.50 collected for License Tax on 264 male and 63 female dogs which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Rowe the Mayor's Report was received and ordered files and the salaries of Police Officers were ordered paid for the Month.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of Registrar J J Berry of the Upper Ward

1909 6 Oct	To one day's service as registrar	\$2.00
	To registering and transferring 30 names @10¢	\$3.00
	To posting notices twice	\$2.00
	To constable fee, John J White	\$1.50
On motion ordered paid		\$8.50

Registrar J Fred Brown of the Lower Ward

	To registering and transferring 35 names @10¢	\$3.50
	To posting notices twice	\$2.00
	To constable at Court House	\$1.50
	To one day's service at Court House	\$2.00
On motion ordered paid		\$9.00

Bill of Free Lance Star Publishing Co

1909 Jul 16	To ordinance for curbing streets	<i>Daily Star</i>	by Finance Com	\$2.00
1909 Sep 7	To local City Taxes	<i>Daily Star</i>	A P Rowe	\$.50
1909 Sep 15	To pay your taxes	<i>Daily Star</i>	A P Rowe	\$1.00
1909 Sep 15	4 in ad pay your taxes	<i>Daily Star</i>	A P Rowe	\$6.00
				\$9.50

Bill of Free Lance Star Publishing Co

1909 Aug 20	To tax books for City Collector			\$10.00
1909 Aug 20	To 100 bills			\$.75
1909 Sep 8	To 1000 Big bills for Taxes			\$3.00
1909 Sep 14	To 500 Big bills for Taxes Extra			\$2.00
1909 Sep 16	To local pay your taxes			\$.50
1909 Sep 16	To 4 in ad pay your taxes			\$3.00
1909 Oct 11	To job 1000 notes			\$1.75
1909 Oct 11	To 1000 envelopes			\$2.00
	On motion ordered paid			\$23.00

Mr Garner of the Public Property Committee reported that his Committee had collected the insurance on the house occupied by the colored people at the Alms House, recently destroyed by fire amounting to (\$800.00) and turned the same over to Treasurer Knox, and that his Committee had on the site \$5,000 old bricks and blue print plans for a new house for the colored inmates at the Alms House and offered the following resolution which was adopted by unanimous vote. Resolved: That the Public Property Committee are hereby instructed to advertise for bids for constructing a six room brick house for the Colored Inmates at the Alms House, and report to this Council

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee presented blue prints of proposed grade for curbing on Main Street below the railroad.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, referred the blue print to the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance to report back to this Council with the opinion of an expert engineer.

Mr Embrey Chairman of the Street Committee reported that his Committee were out of money and asked that \$700.00 be appropriated to the Committee.

A M Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Bradley took the floor and discussed the finances of the City and offered the following resolution [Page 456] seconded by Mr Melville. Resolved by the Council:

That the sum of (\$1,000) be placed to the credit of the Street Committee and when said amount has been expended the Street Committee before making any further outlay for any purpose shall report to the Council in detail any other outlay in the judgment of the Street Committee deemed necessary to be made, with the definite description of the character, cost, and location of such proposed outlays, and the authority of the Council to make such expenditures, shall first be obtained before any liability therefor is incurred.

Which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Brown, Green, Howard, Bradley, Garner (10 votes)

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Melville, chairman of the Light Committee reported old iron at the Electric Light Plant sold for (\$50.00) and amount paid over to the City Treasurer, and plant running all right.

Mr Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property reported as follows:
Fredericksburg Oct 21, 1909

At a called meeting of the Joint Committee of Schools and Public Property held in the Council Chamber, this date at 4 o'clock PM, present, Bradley, Goldsmith, Rowe, Masters; Atty Fitzhugh and Sec Eastburn

W. E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Masters moved, seconded by Mr Rowe, that this Joint Committee recommend that the City Council pay to E G Heflin, contractor, the balance on his claim for erecting the new School Building. That balance being (\$783.70) in full of all claims against the new School Building. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Goldsmith moved and it was so ordered that the Joint Committee recommend that the Council pay Inspector F P Stearns, the sum of (\$350.00) balance in full for his services as inspector on New School Building.

Mr Rowe moved and it was so ordered that the Council pay Messrs W A Bell & Bro the sum of (\$452.26) in full for furniture and Clocks for new School Building.

Mr Rowe moved and it was so ordered that the City Council pay to the Atlas School Supply Co the sum of (\$100.00) in full for set of relief maps.

Respectfully submitted, S E Eastburn, Sec, Joint Committee
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Statement in full of cost of School House and Furniture

Contract price to E G Heflin		\$35,545.00
Balance to Heflin on plans		\$50.00
Extra set blue prints & spec		\$22.50
Expense incurred in laying corner stone		\$21.00
Total		\$35,638.50
Cash paid on contract to Heflin	\$2,000.00	
Old Bricks	\$673.35	
Cash paid on contract to Heflin	\$10,000.00	
Old Bricks	\$223.61	
Allowance on wood partitions	\$55.00	
Cash paid on contract to Heflin	\$6,000.00	
Cash paid on contract to Heflin	\$1,840.50	
Cash paid on contract to Heflin	\$13,786.52	
Cash paid on hardware	\$200.00	
Of on cart of bricks	\$16.02	
Allowance on Plastering	\$58.80	
Cash balance on contract to Heflin	\$783.70	\$35,638.50
To cost cleaning bricks	\$140.00	

Advertising		\$18.50	
Record Book		\$.90	
Musselman Inspector		\$240.00	
Corner Stone		\$24.00	
Phone message to Eggleston		\$.75	
Stearns Inspector		\$700.00	
Journal Ad		\$4.00	
Bill of Joint Comm to Washington		\$7.80	
Secretary's salary		\$35.00	
Advertising		\$9.50	
Hardware		\$127.97	\$1,308.42
Total cost of House			\$36,946.92
Va School Supply Co	Desks & Chairs	\$1,962.50	
The Atlas School Supply Co	Map	\$100.00	
W A Bell & Bro	Teacher's furniture	\$452.26	
Bell Book Stationary Co	printing	\$88.20	\$2,603.41
Total cost of House furnished			\$39,549.33

S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee

The bill of \$88.20 of Bell Book Co has not been presented and is still unpaid.

On motion of Mr Bradley, the report of the Joint Committee was received and ordered filed and ordered that the Joint Committee on Schools and Public Property make an order on Treasurer Knox for the bills of Heflin, \$783.70; Stearn, \$350.00; Bell & Bro \$452.26 and Atlas School Supply Co for \$100.00. Recorded vote; Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Goldsmith, Bradley, Embrey, Green, Howard [Page 458] and take receipts for the same adopted.

Mr Green offered the following:

Whereas the volunteer Company of Firemen of the City of Fredericksburg have recently organized among themselves a Fireman's Relief Association for the purpose of bringing together in a compact organization all members of the City Fire Department and for the further purpose of enjoying the benefits to be derived by the Volunteer fireman from the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 11th 1908, Acts of 1908, chapter 181. And for the further purpose of becoming members of the State Fireman's Association.

And whereas it is necessary before these things can be done, that the said Firemen's Relief Association of Fredericksburg be regularly incorporated and a Charter secured from the State Corporation Commission. Therefore

Be it resolved by this Council that the sum of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) or as much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated to enable said Relief Association to secure the necessary charter to join the State Association and the said seventy five dollars so appropriated is ordered place to the credit of the Fire Committee of the Council to be expended by said Committee for the purpose above stated.

Mr O'Conor Goolrick was present and at the request of Mr Green was heard.

Mr Goolrick explained very carefully and fully the objects of the above Fireman's Relief Association.

On motion of Mr Lane the paper was received and ordered files and the sum of \$75.00 appropriated to the Fire Committee to be expended for the above purpose.

The Council then adjourned
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Called meeting of the Common Council held Oct 22nd 1909 at 7:30 PM. Called at the request of the Joint Committee on Streets and Finance Committee
Present Barley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters.
W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance made the following report
To the Hon President and members of the City Council Oct 22, 1909

Gentlemen: Your Joint Committee of Streets and Finances to whom was referred last night, the Blue Prints of proposed grades for curb on Lower Main Street, to report back to this Council, with the opinion of an expert Engineer.

Beg leave to report that the Joint Committee with Mr Randall, City Surveyor, met this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on lower Main Street and went over the entire line from the Railroad to Revere's Corner and carefully examined the entire line having Surveyor Randall to explain all measurements. It is his opinion that no property will be damaged, and your Joint Committee unanimously recommend the adoption of the said blue prints, referred back to use last night by your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted, S E Eastburn, Sec Joint Committee Streets and Finance

On motion the report of the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Melville offered the following ordinance:

"An Ordinance to establish a permanent grade for curb along both sides of lower Main Street from the Railroad crossing to Revere's Corner in Fredericksburg, Va.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that the profile or blue print of Lower Main Street as set forth on diagram of the same recommended by the City Surveyor Randall and the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance and made a part of this ordinance be and are hereby established as the true grade for curb, on both sides of the said Main Street from the Rail Road Crossing to Revere's Corner.

The said diagram to be recorded in the minutes of the Council as a part of this ordinance."

On motion of Mr Embrey the rules were suspended

On motion the above ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Bradley (8 votes)

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Mr Lane moved to suspend the rules for general business. Rules suspended by unanimous vote

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee stated that there was some work on lower Main Street necessitated by grading the side walk, unless a retaining cement curb was put in, and the yard bank terraced and sodded before the winter freezing. The cost would be much greater in the Spring. That he had the lumber and forms used on Lee Avenue and the work could be done cheaper now than at any other time, and asked that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to the Street Committee for this purpose.

On motion of Mr Garner, the sum of (\$150.00) was appropriated to the Street Committee for the purpose of putting in retaining cement curb, steps and terracing and sodding along said retaining curb and to be done by day labor, and said Street Committee to make detailed report of cost of said work back to Council.

Recorded vote, Lane Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Bradley.

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 Nov 18, 1909 in the Council Chamber at 7:30 PM with the following members present: Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner,

Embrey, Brown, Masters, Green, Howard and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved

Hon President and members of the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va Nov 18, 1909

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have discharged their duties faithfully for the past month.

There have been many unflattering comments on the quality of unsightly waste paper and other such trash which so often accumulates on Main and Commerce Streets. Of course, it is against the law for anyone to throw such trash on these streets, but owing to the wind, which soon blows paper and the like from in front of one door to another, and to the fact that most of the same is thrown on the Streets by driving of vehicles, most of whom are residents of the surrounding counties, it is next to impossible to detect the violation of this law. So I am still in hopes of seeing the Street Committee provided trash receptacles along these streets.

I hope that your body will see fit to have a representative at the meeting to be held in Richmond to consider matters of Municipal reforms. This meeting will not only discuss the question of whether or not the commission form of Municipal Government is desirable, but other reforms and improvements will be under discussion and in such event we may find out something of advantage that we could adopt to our betterment. Our City government is one so free from ills of which some communities complain that it would be of advantage to our City to have the other Municipalities and people of our State and Country know how well and successfully we manage our public affairs. In fact with other cities participating in this meeting our absence therefrom would be noticed.

I beg to report fines amounting to \$35.00 collected by Justice Dannehl, and paid me with amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Mr Rowe moved to receive the Mayor's report and order that the salary of Police be paid, and it was so ordered.

Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance Committee presented elections bills as follows which on several motions were ordered paid.

Adams, paper 15¢, mucilage 5¢, pencils 30¢ \$.50

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Election officers, Lower Ward (\$5.00 each)

J Witmore Cox	R E Dignum	Geo Freeman Jr (Judges)	
J J Brown	R E Smith	(Clerks)	\$25.00

Election officers, Upper Ward (\$5.00 each)

S H Beale	Wm S Chesley	W A Bell (Judges)	
Preston Harris	R H Carmichael	(Clerks)	\$25.00

Free Lance-Star Pub Co per Electoral Board To 200 Election Tickets	\$8.00
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Mr Lane presented bill for printing ordinance which was ordered paid

R A Kishpaugh			
June 30	50 Ordinances (Crime Judgment)	\$.75	
Sep 22	50 Ordinances (Cruelty to Animals)	\$.75	\$1.50

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented circular from State Auditor with receipt from Treasurer R T Knox for \$398. Check for Capitation Tax assessed in City of Fredericksburg in 1908 and the amount of said taxes returned delinquent as follows:

Assessed	\$2,062.50
Delinquent	\$868.50
Amount Collected	\$1,194.00
Of this amount collected 1/3 is to be returned	\$398.00

For which check has been turned over to Treasurer Knox.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported that his Committee had advertised for bids for erecting 6 room brick house for Colored Inmates at Alms House as per plans and blueprint presented at last meeting of the Council.

Two bids had been received:

E G Heflin bid	\$1,164.00
Lewis & Bro bid	\$1,475.00

And that the Committee would recommend in view of approaching winter that no contract be let for the building at present.

And on motion the report was received.

Mr Melville by request presented an Ordinance for an Electric Franchise which was read in detail by the Clerk and on motion of Mr Melville referred to the Ordinance Committee.

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Mr Rowe of the Water Committee asked that the Council request the City Attorney try to secure from the United States Government a permit for the Water Committee to enter the Boulevard and make taps to the Water Main.

Mr Lane moved and it was so ordered that this Council instruct the City Attorney to try to secure from the U S Government the privilege for the City Water Committee to enter the Boulevard and make taps to the Water Main.

Prussia Streets. The R Road would like the privilege to open up the sidewalk on Main and Prussia Streets and Princess Anne and Prussia Sts so as to make driveways to the depot proper. And the privilege of taking up granite spawls across Princess Anne St and Main Street to the width of 12 feet and allow the R F & P R R to put down vitrified brick instead.

The following ordinance dictated by the City Attorney was then read by the Clerk
“The R F & P R R having represented to the City Council: that it proposed to erect a passenger station on the lot owned by the said Company in this City, bounded on the East by Main Street, no the West by Princess Anne St, on the North By Prussia St and on the South by the tracks of said Company.

It being further represented by the said Company that it is proposed to erect said station at the center of said lot, twenty feet from their property line on Prussia Street and it proposes to lay a vitrified brick pavement over the space of 20 feet between Main and Princess Anne Streets on said lot from said South an Granolithic walk way on Prussia Street back to the line of said Station, so that both pedestrians and vehicles can have easy access to said station from all three sides.

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And said Company having made application to the Council to be allowed to remove entirely the granolithic pavement for 20 feet on Prussia St and 20 feet on Main Street at the intersection of those two streets and 20 feet from the Granolithic pavement on Prussia Street and 20 feet from the pavement on Princess Anne Street at the intersection of those two streets and to substitute therefor vitrified brick pavement.

And have also made application to remove the granite spawls from the roadway on Main Street & on Princess Anne Street adjacent to its tracks for a width of 12 feet and to substitute vitrified brick therefor. All of the said work to be done at the expense of the said R R Co.

Now, be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va, that the foregoing application of the said R F & P R R be and the same is hereby granted, the said work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee, subject to the approval of the City Council.

The Said R Road Co is also granted the right to place on the property line fronting on Prussia Street a retaining wall and railing.

Said ordinance to take effect from its approval by the Mayor.”

On motion of Mr Melville, the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote. Yea, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green and Bradley.

On motion of Mr Melville the above ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green and Bradley.

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 held Nov 24, 1909 at 7:30 PM at the Council Chamber with the following members present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The Council was called to order at 8 PM and the President read a telegram from President Russell of the Normal School, stating the train from Richmond on which he was to come was an hour late. The Council waited until his arrival at 9 o'clock.

President Russell stated that he was present representing the Fredericksburg Normal School Board: that his Board wanted to secure a portion of the Alms-House property, say 9½ acres owned by the City that for this property his board wished to exchange 9½ acres of the property now owned by them lying at the north of the said property. That the Board did not want the City to suffer any loss by the exchange and wanted a committee from the Council to confer with said Board and see if an exchange could be effected.

Mr Howard offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Garner, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (9 votes) Noes, Embrey (1 vote)

Resolved that the President of this Council appoint 3 members of this Council who shall select 3 citizens to compose a Joint Committee to confer with the Normal School Board, or its representative or representatives in order to ascertain and report 1st whether the parcel of land which the Board proposes to exchange with the City for 9 acres more or less of the present Poor House property is equally advantageous for the Poor House as is the present site.
2nd What sum of money will compensate the City for the surrender of its present location
3rd Whether the City can secure access to the site offered by the Normal School Board, if so how?

President Bradley appointed, Melville of Finance, Garner of Alms House, Warden of Schools.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, Mr Bradley, President of the City Council was added to the Committee. The vote was taken by Mr Lane and was heartily unanimous.

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President Russell said his Board desired certain streets to be opened which are on the plot through the Bradley property, and asked that the matter of Streets be referred to some Committee of the Council to confer with the Board of the Normal School or its representative or representatives.

On motion of Mr Lane, referred to the Joint Committee above to confer with the Normal School Board School or its representative or representatives and report back to this Council.

President Russell said his Board desired to know what arrangements could be made with the City for Gas for the Normal School and asked that the matter of Gas be referred to the proper Committee to confer with the Normal School Board School or its representative or representatives and report back to this Council.

On motion of Mr Howard the question of Gas for the Normal School was referred to the Light Committee to confer with the Normal School Board or its representative or representatives and report back to this Council.

President Russell said his Board desired to know what arrangements could be made with the City about Water and Sewerage for the Normal School and asked that the matter of Water and Sewerage be referred to the proper Committee to confer with whom his Board could confer.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the question of Water and Sewerage for the Normal School was referred to the Water Committee to confer with the Normal School Board and report back to this Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the City Council at 10:15 to attend exercises connected with breaking of dirt for the Normal and Industrial School. Those present and attending the services at the site were Pres W E Bradley, H B Lane, J C Melville, J M Goldsmith, W S Embrey, Arthur Brown, and Clerk Eastburn. After the breaking of dirt the Council returned to the Court House as a body and attended the concluding exercises.

S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber December 16th 1909 at 7:30 PM

Members present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Masters Warden, Green and Clerk Eastburn

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented to the Council five (\$1,000.00) Gas & Water Bonds, Nos 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, with a coupon signed by Treasurer R T Knox due March 1st 1910 attached to each bond. The said bonds had been paid by City Treasurer R T Knox and sent to the City Council to be disposed of:

Mr Lane also presented one (\$1,000.00) Water 5% bond due January 1, 1909 called in by the City and ordered paid (Bond #22) being the last bond of the (\$8,000.00). This bond was not found when the other (\$7,000.00) was paid and asked that said bond be destroyed by the Council.

On motion of Mr Melville the Chair appointed J M Goldsmith and J P Rowe a committee to examine, check up and burn the (five \$1,000.00) Gas & Water Bonds Nos 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, with coupon attached to each bond signed by R T Knox due March 1, 1910 attached to each bond.

Also one bond Water 5% bond #22 \$1,000.00 balance of the \$8,000.00 Water 5% bonds.

Committee reported that the above bonds had been carefully examined, checked up and destroyed by burning.

J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe (Committee)

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bond of Treasurer R T Knox for \$10,000.00 with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md approved by the City Attorney.

On motion of Mr Melville, the Treasurer's bond was received and the Finance Committee instructed to place the said bond in the National Bank for safe keeping.

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report
To Hon W E Bradley, Pres and members of the Common Council Dec 16, 1909

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully and efficiently discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines paid me by Justice Dannehl amounting to the sum of \$70.50 which I have turned over to the City Treasurer.

It is indeed most gratifying to look back over the many accomplishments of the past year and note the progress and prosperity of our City along religious, educational and material lines. Little or nothing has occurred which we need "view with alarm" while much has happened to which we can "point with pride." "Forward, onward, upward" seem the watch words which have animated us publicly and privately.

Public and private improvements observable in many places, tell the tale of our onward march and are harbinger of greater prosperity and progress.

Our churches are provided with able and active pastors, whose earnest and devout Christian work has been splendidly aided by the assistance rendered by old and newly formed laymen auxiliary Societies: Our poor are being earnestly cared for. The health of the City could hardly be better. Our record of crimes and punishment will compare favorably with that of any City or Community.

Educationally we are rapidly advancing and with the addition of the new buildings to be erected in connection with the Normal School, having already our imposing and commodious new Public School Building the Fredericksburg College and other private schools, it will be but a short while before we will indeed become an educational center.

We have the brightest prospects for material prosperity and progress. True, we have been visited by two very disastrous fires, which have swept from us the Kenmore Shoe Factory and the Fredericksburg Shirt Factory, two concerns which gave employment to so many families, who could ill afford to be thrown out of work right upon the threshold of winter.

But perforce to say that rumor has it that the latter of these factories will be promptly rebuilt on a broader scale and that our Business Men's Association is bending its efforts toward inducing other factories to establish here.

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We will shortly have electric cars running through here to and from Richmond to Washington DC.

Indeed considering its health, situation, its financial solidity, its increasing transportation facilities, its great water power, the organized activity of its businessmen and the attention being paid to its educational needs, Fredericksburg should soon enter on an Era of unprecedented progress and prosperity.

The only complaint is heard from some that a portion of the business which should come here is going to Richmond, Alexandria, and Baltimore. But the reason for this will soon be ascertained and the enterprise and activity of our merchants can be relied on to draw this trade to the City.

I congratulate you gentlemen on the successful effort you have individually and collectively made for the benefit of our City and I wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and New Year of increasing prosperity and happiness.

I attach hereto a letter which is self-explaining.

Very cordially, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Mr Lane moved to receive the Mayor's report and that the salaries of the Police Officers be paid. It was so ordered.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee, presented bill of the Electoral Board which on motion was ordered paid.

City of Fredericksburg Va	Dec 2, 1909		
To the City Electoral Board, (St Geo R Fitzhugh, E J Smith, W D Scott)			
1909 Oct 22	Session of Board. 3 members	\$2.00 each	\$6.00
1909 Oct 28	Session of Board. 3 members	\$2.00 each	\$6.00
1909 Oct 26	W D Scott sent Sec Superintending printing tickets		\$2.00
			\$14.00

Mr Lane of Finance Committee, presented bill of expenses of President W E Bradley and councilman Clarence Howard who were elected delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington DC by this body.

Amounting to \$30.50

On motion the bill was ordered paid. Mr Rowe being the mover.

Mr Melville of the Light Committee reported that the demand for gas was constantly increasing and that the time was not far distant when his Committee would be compelled to come before the Council and ask for [Page 471] increased facilities to supply this increasing demand for gas.

Mr Melville then presented this Statement for information

Since Jun 1st 1906 our receipts and expenditures have been as follows

Total operating expense	\$36,488.16	
Improvements, new mains, meters etc	\$7,666.07	
Total paid out, Treasurer's vouchers for all purposes	\$44,154.23	
To receipts for money turned over to Treasurer		\$48,574.82
To be turned over this month over		\$1,500.00
Total receipts to date		\$50,074.82

Total receipts	\$50,074.82
Operating expense	\$36,488.16
Gross profit	\$13,586.66
Improvements	\$7,666.07
	\$5,920.59 surplus

Mr Rowe moved that the Council go into the election of Superintendent of the City Gas works and it was adopted.

Mr Goldsmith moved, seconded by Mr Embrey that the salary be same as last year, \$1,000.00 rent of house on Gas Plant and fuel and light.

Mr Melville stated that the Superintendent asked for an increase of \$200.00 in money and thereupon offered the following substitute to Mr Goldsmith's motion.

That the salary of the Superintendent of Gas Plant be (\$1,200.00) rent of house on Gas Plant, Light and fuel for the next year.

Vote was taken on the substitute and adopted for the substitute. Lane, Melville, Rowe, Masters, Warden (five votes)

Against substitute, Goldsmith, Embrey, Green, Bradley, (4 votes)

Application of B F Bullock was read by the Clerk and he was unanimously elected Supt of the City Gas Plant for the next year at a salary of \$1,200.00 rent of house on gas plant, light and fuel.

On motion of Mr Rowe, duly seconded the salary of the Superintendent of City Water Works was fixed at Nine hundred dollars for next year by unanimous vote.

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Application of S J Quinn for Superintendent of City Water Works was read by the Clerk, and S J Quinn was unanimously elected superintendent of the City Water Works for the next year at a salary of nine hundred dollars per annum (\$900.00)

Mr Embrey of the Ordinance Committee brought up the application for an Electric Franchise offered at last meeting. He offered this resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Ordinance now before the Ordinance Committee for the granting of a franchise for Electric Light, Heat, and Power be referred to a Joint Committee composed of the Ordinance and Finance Committees of said body for action with the request that they make a report at the next meeting of the Council.

W S Embrey, F L W Green (Ordinance Committee)

Mr Embrey of the Ordinance Committee called up the Ordinance on spitting one sidewalks, which was laid over from last meeting, Messrs Lane and Goldsmith opposed it as presented.

Mr Goldsmith moved that the Ordinance be passed by

Mr Lane in the Chair

Mr Bradley took the floor and made an earnest appeal for its passage.

Mr Rowe suggested that the Ordinance be amended so as to become effective January 1, 1910,

Mr Embrey accepted the amendment.

Mr Lane then said he would not vote for it unless it be made February 1, 1910. Mr Embrey accepted this amendment and the "Ordinance as amended"

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg, Va that it shall be unlawful for any person to spit or expectorate on the sidewalks of this City.

And anyone violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, for each offense.

This Ordinance shall take effect on February 1, 1910"

The ordinance as amended was passed by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (8 votes)

Noes, Goldsmith (1 vote)

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On motion of Mr Melville the Ordinance Committee was instructed to have posters put up to notify the people when the law became effective.

Mr Green of the Fire Department submitted an inventory of what the Fire Department had on hand and what it wanted.

Inventory of Fire Department Nov 19, 1909

On Hand	1100 good hose
On Hand	600 indifferent
On Hand	8 sections no good
On Hand	2 reels
On Hand	1 hook & ladder truck
On Hand	120 feet of ladders
On Hand	1 chain & hook
On Hand	1 pike pole
On Hand	8 rubber buckets
On Hand	3 axes
On Hand	3 nozzles (need repair)
On Hand	3 nozzles (no good)
On Hand	24 helmets
On Hand	1 bag washers
On Hand	10 spanners
On Hand	2 fire plug keys
On Hand	24 chairs
On Hand	2 tables

To F L W Green, Arthur Brown, W S Embrey (Committee on Fire Department) Nov 1909
Gentlemen: I hereby beg leave to report this Department needs one thousand feet of new hose, 2 shut off nozzles, 4 pike poles, 4 hand lanterns, and one hose wagon.
Respectfully, J H Robinson, Chief Fire Department.

On motion of Mr Lane seconded by Mr Goldsmith the Fire Committee was instructed to get prices for 1,000 feet of hose, 2 shut off nozzles, 4 pike poles, 4 hand lanterns, and one hose wagon and report same at earliest possible time.

Mr Bradley called up communication of Mayor Wallace in reference to sending a delegate to Richmond to attend the Conference for changes of form of municipal government in Virginia to be held January 6 and 7, 1910. On motion Mayor H Lewis Wallace and President W E Bradley were unanimously elected delegates from the City and Council.

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Mr Lane in the Chair

Mr Bradley, Delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington DC, December 8, 9, 10, 1909, made a report for himself and delegate C R Howard.

That they both attended and that the Congress was a great body of men, composed of the President of the US who addressed the Congress and many leading men of the country. That he expected good results from the meeting that the United States Government would probable expend something like (\$50,000,000.00) dollars on the Rivers & Harbors of the Country, and that the Rappahannock River will come in for her share.

R L Carneal, Scavenger for the Lower Ward, offered his resignation which was read by the Clerk.

And on motion the resignation was accepted to take effect as soon as his successor was elected.

On motion it was decided to go into the election of a Scavenger for the Lower Ward, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of R L Carneal. Bert Kline was elected.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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