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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Jan 19, 1911 at 7:30 PM o'clock with the following members present; Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Goldsmith (Councilmen) and Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair
Minutes of the last meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's Report, as follows:
Fredericksburg Va Jan 19th 1911

To Hon Wm E Bradley, President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I beg to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report that fines amounting to \$28.00 for past month were paid me by Justice Dannehl which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor.

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill of Mr C R Howard against the City for expenses attending the Waterways Convention in Washington DC Dec 7-8-9 & 10th 1910, as delegate from this Council.

Dec 12, 1910

R R Fare	Fredericksburg to Washington	\$1.30	
R R Fare	Washington to Fredericksburg	\$1.25	
Hotel Room 2 nights		\$4.00	
Meals		\$8.00	\$14.55

Respectfully submitted, C R Howard

On motion of Mr Embrey, Mr Howard expense bill was ordered paid.

Mr Lane read Mr S W Somerville's letter of acceptance of the honor bestowed on him in electing him a member of this Council to fill out unexpired term of John C Melville.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had carefully examined the books of City Collector A P Rowe and find accumulated bills for erroneous and worthless assessments, amounting to \$479.39, uncollectable, thereby burdening the Collector's books.

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The Finance Committee recommend that the list of erroneous and worthless Taxes, a list of which the Collector presented to the said Committee amounting to \$479.39 be stricken from the Collector's books and a receipt taken from the Treasurer for the same.

On motion of Mr Green the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted instructing A P Rowe, City Collector to strike from his book accumulated erroneous assessments amounting to \$479.39 as per list, and to take the Treasurer's receipt for the same.

Recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (8 votes) all that were present.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had in obedience to instructions of this Council on Dec 15, 1910, sold the 3% Va Century Bonds, purchased with the Sewer Sinking Fund and the City Sinking Fund, and had purchased Normal & Industrial School Bonds bearing 4% #5 for \$1,000, #20 for \$500, #31 for \$100, #29 for \$100, #30 for \$100, #32 for \$100, and #4 for

\$1,000—amounting to \$3,900, and presented the said bonds and asked that they be destroyed in the presence of the Council by burning in the fire.

The President appointed Messrs Green and Howard to examine, check and burn the bonds. Committee reported bonds burned (Green & Howard)

Mr Lane Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the bonds of S B Quinn, Supt of Water for \$2,000 and the bond of B F Bullock, Supt of Gas for \$2,000. Said bonds had been examined and approved by the City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh, and so endorsed on each bond.

On motion the bonds were received and approved and the Finance Committee instructed to put the said Bonds away for safe keeping.

Mr Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley, Chairman of the Public Property Committee stated that the contract for leasing the land at Free Bridge Toll House for a period of three years from July 17, 1907 to Pitts & Hohman had expired on July 17, 1910; that as the time had run over, the matter having been overlooked by his Committee, he asked that said Committee be instructed to renew contract only to July 17, 1911. Unanimously adopted.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that the Hay Scales had been rented to C H Montgomery and Cr for \$10.00, and explained that the small price for same was due to the fact that it was not obligatory to have anything [Page 130] weighed on them, the Council having so ordered several years ago, nothing could be done, as to doing away with them this year, but he favored the abolition after this year.

Mr Embrey of Streets presented a petition signed by Miss Mary E Green for Mrs Anna P Green, asking that Trinity Church be reimbursed for putting down 270 feet of granolithic curbing in front of the building to a sum amounting to \$81.00

The petition cites that the City had laid curb in front of the new building of Judge A T Embrey on the opposite corner & for that reason the same should be granted Trinity Church. Mr Bradley suggested that the petition should be referred to the Finance Committee: that to open the question of paying for curbing done by private citizens was far-reaching and would bring petitions to the Council without end.

On motion of Mr Lane it was so ordered.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that the grading and curbing and other work around the new Post Office, according to an estimate would could \$1,000; that it would be necessary to commence work in March. Some discussion followed and on motion of Mr Howard, the Street Committee were instructed to do the work and the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated to the Committee for that purpose, available after the 1st of April 1911.

Recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (Approved Jan 20, 1911, H L Wallace, Mayor)

Mr Rowe of Water presented report of Supt S B Quinn on the new Sewer on Washington Avenue and Amelia Street.

Jan'y 18, 1911

Messrs J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey, Water Committee

Gentlemen: Pursuant to an order of the City Council issued Sept 15th 1910 instructing the Water Committee to have an 8" sewer laid from the intersection of Commerce Street and Washington Avenue up Washington Avenue to a point just above the residence of Col E D Cole, a distance of 1710 feet, and from the Cemetery gate down Amelia Street East to Douglas Street, a distance of 335

feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,442.95, We beg leave to report that these two lines of Sewerage were completed on Jan 5th 1911 at an actual cost of \$1,352.06, \$90.89 less than the estimate. There are 25 houses on these lines, 12 on Washington Avenue and 13 on Amelia Street, each house being charged with a Sewer Tax of \$2.00 per annum.

Respectfully, S B Quinn, Supt

Approved J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey, Water Committee

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On motion the report was received and ordered filed by full vote.

Mr Lane stated that Col Burgwyn of Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company was present and asked that the Council hear him.

Col Burgwyn stated that his Company wanted an Electric Light Franchise: That the Council had already given his Company one that was not satisfactory; that he held a franchise in his hand, each page bearing his signature, so that there could be no mistake. He asked that the Council take it up and pass it; Col Burgwyn was told that this was impossible, that it would have to be referred to the Ordinance Committee and to take its regular course, and when this was done, he would be given ample opportunity to appear and be heard.

On motion of Mr Warden, it was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee reported on an Ordinance concerning the Rail Road crossings, referred to his Committee at the last meeting of the Council as follows:

An Ordinance concerning gates and flagmen at Steam Railroad Crossings in the City of Fredericksburg Virginia.

1st Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg that the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance concerning gates at Steam Railroad Crossings, enacted on the 15th of November 1900, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

2nd It shall be the duty of all Steam Railroad Companies operating trains or Engines in the Corporation of Fredericksburg, where tracks cross Sophia, or Caroline, or Princess Anne Streets in said City, within sixty days after the passage of this Ordinance to provide and erect vertical crossing gates, on each steam railroad crossing one said Streets: or in lieu thereof to station a flagman at each of said crossings, and remove said gates.

Such gates, if used, to be of such pattern and erected in such manner as may be satisfactory to the Committee on Streets of the Council.

3rd It shall be the duty of such Companies to erect such gates and maintain the same and to provide for the closing of said gates at the approach of Engine or Trains, so as to prevent accident, and to have the same immediately opened when the engine or train has passed, so as to interfere as little as possible with public travel over such crossings, or in lieu of such gates to station a flagman at each of said crossings at the approach of such engine or train so as to prevent accident.

4th If said gates are not maintained according to this [Page 132] ordinance; or in lieu thereof such flagman stationed as such crossings, said Railroad Companies shall be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each day of failure to comply with the requirements of this ordinance.

5th This ordinance shall be operative between the hours of seven o'clock AM and nine o'clock PM in each day of the year.

6th Any injury to said gates or interference with the same shall be punished by a fine of five dollars, not less for each offense.

7th This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Clarence R Howard, W S Embrey (Ordinance Committee)

Adopted Jan'y 19, 1911 (Approved Jan'y 21, 1911 H L Wallace, Mayor)

S E Eastburn Teste, Clerk

On motion of Mr Rowe the Rules were suspended by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Howard, Bradley (7 votes)
Noes, Warden, Green (2 votes)

On motion of Mr Howard the Ordinance was adopted by the following vote; Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Howard, Bradley (6 votes)
Noes, Garner, Warden, Green (3 votes)

Mr Garner, of the Alms House Committee in relation to locating the Alms House.

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

The undersigned Committee on Alms House, to whom was referred the matter of the location of a site for the new Alms House for the City, beg leave to report that after a full canvass of the City and its surrounding territory, they have been able to find but one available site & that consists of the lot owned by W H Peden near the Basin which fronts on Pitt Street 269 feet and runs back between Charles and Prince Edward Streets 165 feet, for which Mr Peden asks the sum of (\$1,500) This lot is ample for the site of the Alms House & its location is all that could be desired. Your Committee strong recommends its purchase by the City and the erection of the Alms House thereof.

Mr Peden has only consented to give your Committee an option on said lot until this meeting of the Council

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

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This report led to much discussion. It was vigorously opposed by Messrs Goldsmith, Warden & Howard. Mr Howard moved that the report be rejected; and

Mr Rowe, moved as a substitute that the report be adopted. Mr Bradley asked permission to say from the Chair that he believed it worth \$250 per year to the City to have the Alms House located in the City, and that the site selected was an admirable one.

The report was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Bradley (5 votes)

Noes, Goldsmith, Warden, Green, Howard (4 votes)

Mr Garner offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Rowe and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Bradley (5 votes)

Noes, Goldsmith, Warden, Green, Howard (4 votes)

Resolved by the Council that the Alms House Committee make a contract with W H Peden for the purchase of the lot described in the report of said Committee to the Council at this meeting for the price of (\$1,500), and draw upon the Treasurer of this City, in favor of said W H Peden, for said sum, so soon as said Peden shall make a proper deed to the City for said lot, which said deed and title of said property shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The offer of said Peden to sell said lot to the City as reported by the Committee is hereby accepted by the Council.

Mr Warden of Public Interest Committee to whom was referred with the City Attorney at meeting of the Council Sept 15, 1910, the location of the Western and Southern Corporation lines of the City, reported. To this Committee was referred the question of certain lands, which was said by Mr Warden to have been left out beyond the present boundary lines, and which, if it could be established would bring in property amounting to (\$30,000) to (\$50,000).

On investigation nothing could be established which will warrant the City in taking action and the matter was left in the hands of the Committee.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held January 21st 1911 at 7:30 o'clock PM. Called by S W Somerville & E M Young who were not at the last meeting and concurred on by Warden, Green, Howard & Goldsmith, to re-consider the action of the Council on Thursday night, Jan 19, 1911 at 7:30 PM in regard to site for the Alms House, and the purchase of said lot from W H Peden for \$1,500.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard: Att'y Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Bradley read the call for the meeting also the resolution as passed at the previous meeting, the rules governing the Council under the circumstances and asked the City Att'y if the resolution as passed carried an obligation by the City to Mr Peden, the owner of the property in question.

Mr Fitzhugh said there was certainly a moral obligation if not a legal one.

Mr Young said he had joined in the call, as he was opposed to the Alms House being put in the City and wanted to have the question discussed; that if the City was bound to purchase the lot he was for fulfilling the obligation.

Mr Warden moved that the action of the Council be re-considered, seconded by Mr Goldsmith.

President Bradley ruled that the motion was out of order, as Mr Warden, the mover, and Mr Goldsmith, the second, had both voted in the negative when the question had been acted on at the previous meeting, and that a motion to reconsider could only come from a member who voted in the affirmative. Mr Warden appealed from the decision of the Chair, by the following vote.

To appeal, Ayes, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard

Noes, Lane Rowe, Garner, Embrey

Mr Somerville declined to vote, because he did not clearly understand the situation, since Attorney had made his statement. President Bradley was excused from voting as it was on an appeal from his decision.

The appeal was not sustained, but lost.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held January 30th 1911 at 7:30 o'clock PM, called by the joint Committee on Streets and Finance to consider their report on improvements at the new Post Office corner.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

W E Bradley in the Chair

The Chair read the call for the meeting, setting forth the objects to consider grades as per survey of July 2, 1909, cutting down sidewalks, and taking down trees.

Mr Embrey, chairman of the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance made the following report for his Joint Committee.

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

The undersigned would respectfully beg leave to report that desiring, from public consideration to do the necessary work of grading and curbing on the corner of the new Post Office, at the earliest possible moment, they, since the appropriation authorizing the said work have given their best attention and thought to this matter.

They respectfully call the Council's attention to the fact that by an ordinance or resolution of July 2nd 1909, approved by the Mayor on July 3rd 1909, the grade at these four corners was adopted and fixed at the request of the United States Government, and said grade was given to the Government and its Post Office was built, and the approach thereto constructed accordingly and consequently the undersigned are bound by said grade so adopted at the request of the United States Government and desiring now to carry out the orders of the Council in reference to the work to be done by the City at this corner, the undersigned respectfully be leave to report that in the laying down of the said curb and doing of this necessary work on the grade heretofore approved by the Council at the request of the United States Government, it will be absolutely necessary to remove the following trees, viz; Seven trees on the South Side of Hanover Street, between Main and Princess Anne streets, in front of the Exchange Hotel property.

Two trees on the North side of Hanover Street between the Jail Alley and Main Street and in front of what is known as "Hanover House."

Three trees on East side of Princes Anne Street in front of the Fire Station.

Three trees on West side of Princess Anne Street [Page 136] between the Roman Catholic Church and Hanover Street and in front of the property of the Forbes Estate and the said Catholic Church.

Five trees on the South Side of Hanover Street, between the Methodist Church and Princess Anne Street, all in front of the Forbes Property.

Three trees on the north side of Hanover Street two in front of the property of A B Botts, and one in front of the Rectory of St George's Episcopal Church.

The trees in front of the Fire Station are Aspins and should be removed, as they are unsightly even if no work made their removal necessary. The two trees in front of the "Hanover House" and the seven along the side of the Exchange Hotel are maples and all nine of them are in the Street now, and are not on the Side walk. The five trees on the South side of Hanover Street opposite the Forbes property are mostly all sycamores, and are all in the Street and not on the side walk. The three trees of Princess Anne Street in front of the Forbes property are Sycamore and are in the Street now, and not on the side walk. The three trees on the north side of Hanover Street are on the side-walk, one a gum and two are Maples & the removal of these latter are absolutely necessary on account of lowering the grade of the sidewalk, and the undersigned would recommend that the Committee having charge of this work, be authorized to remove all the aforesaid trees in order that this work may be done nicely and in a permanent way, and that after the work is done, appropriate shade trees be directed to be planted by the Committee in lieu of those removed.

Respectfully submitted, Cecil L Reid, Engineer

Approved, W S Embrey, Chairman, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, H B Lane, S W Somerville (Joint Committee)

Mr Young moved to adopt the report of the Joint Committee seconded by Mr Somerville.

Adopted by the following recorded vote; Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley (10)

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held Feb'y 2, 1911 at 7:30 PM to consider the transfer of the Alms House Property to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women and any other matters necessary to the consummation of the transfer.

Call signed by W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe,

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard (11) members; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President called Council to order and read the call for the meeting.

Whereupon, Mr H B Lane presented the following resolution which was read by the Clerk.

Whereas at a regular meeting of the Council held December 15th 1910, a resolution was passed by a majority of the Council agreeing to sell to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women, the property known as the "Alms House Tract"; and

Whereas the said Normal School has been assured by the Council at different times, that this purchase would be consummated; and

Whereas the delay in securing the site for an Alms House is causing an injurious delay in the execution of the plans of the Board of Visitors of the State Normal School, which plans depend for their due completion upon the prompt delivery to the said Board, the Alms House property sold or to be sold to the said Board.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City attorney be and is hereby instructed to, at once, prepare and have executed and delivered to the State Normal and Industrial School for Women, the necessary deed to said property on the payment by the said Normal School of the sum of (\$4,850.00) and that possession to the said property be given to the said Normal School on or before April 1st 1911.

The said deed shall be executed by the Mayor with the Seal of the City attached and attested by the Clerk of the Council.

On motion of Mr Warden, seconded by Mr Garner adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Embrey, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Lane offered this resolution: Resolved that the Alms House Committee be and is hereby authorized and instructed to secure board for or otherwise make suitable and proper temporary provision in the City or elsewhere for the inmates of the said Alms House: such provision to continue until a more permanent settlement of the Alms House question is decided upon.

On motion of Mr Howard, seconded by Mr Somerville, adopted: Ayes, Lane Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the City Council was held Feb'y 16, 1911 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

Present, Somerville, Bradley, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

President Bradley in the chair.

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

Mr Somerville of the Finance Committee, presented and had read the Mayor's Report as follows; Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 16, 1911

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

Gentlemen: I beg to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Police Officers had discharged their duties for the past month and are entitled to their pay.

I beg to report fines amounting to \$44.50 for past month were paid me by Justice Dannehl, which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer
Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor
On motion [blank] the Mayor's Report was received and ordered to be filed and the salaries of Police ordered paid.

Mr Somerville of Finance Committee reported that his Committee expected to present the Tax Bill at this meeting but Mr Lane the Chairman was sick and they would present it at next meeting.

Mr Young stated that Judge A T Embrey was present and desired to appear before the Council as he had other engagements he desired to be heard now. Mr Embrey was allowed to appear at this time, and stated that this Council, by an ordinance adopted August 8th 1910, the time specified in the franchise of the Rappahannock [sic] Electric company was extended to Jan'y 1st 1912, provided said Company would agree to expend the sum of (\$30,000.00) on said work during the remainder of the calendar year 1910, and whenever called for by the Council the said Company would furnish proof of the expenditure of said sum of money.

Mr Young offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

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Whereas the Fredericksburg Electric Company has petitioned the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for the passage of an ordinance declaring performed the conditions of an Ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg, August 10th 1910 and to have said Ordinance so passed and approved, declared absolute and fully operative, as is set out in a draft of said ordinance this day presented to the Council by said Company.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

That notice of said proposed ordinance be given to the public by advertising said proposed ordinance for ten days in the *Daily Star*, a newspaper published in Fredericksburg, Virginia, appended to which publication shall be a copy of this resolution and all persons interested are hereby given notice that the Council of the City of Fredericksburg will on Thursday March 16,th 1911 at the hour of 8:30 PM hear and pass upon the application of said The Fredericksburg Electric Company as embodied in the draft of said ordinance this day presented to the Council and hereby ordered to be advertised as aforesaid.

Said proposed ordinance as applied for is as follows:

An ordinance to declare performed the conditions contained in "An Ordinance granting under certain conditions to The Fredericksburg Electric Company an extension until January 1st 1912 of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a Franchise hereinafter referred to, for the construction of the generating plant and of the distributing plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said Franchise" which ordinance was passed by the Council August 8th 1910 and approved by the Mayor August 10th 1910, and to declare said ordinance absolutely and fully operative.

Whereas by an ordinance of this Council passed March 26th 1909 and approved by the Mayor March 27th 1909, The Fredericksburg Electric Company was granted a franchise for certain purposes in said franchise set forth and for the construction of a generating plant and of a distributing plant as in said franchise provided for, and, by said franchise a definite time was granted for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said franchise; and Whereas, by an Ordinance of this Council, passed August 8th 1910 and approved by the Mayor on August 10th 1910 the time for the completion of the said Plant, as in said franchise set forth, was extended until January 1st 1912, provided, however, that the aforesaid Ordinance, passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, should be operative only on the condition that the said The

Fredericksburg Electric Company should in good faith expend or cause to be expended on the said work in said Franchise provided for [Page 140] in the City of Fredericksburg during the remainder of the calendar year 1910 a sum not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) and whenever called for by the Council, the said Company should furnish satisfactory proof of the expenditure of said sum of money; and

Whereas said The Fredericksburg Electric Company desiring that there be entered of record the fact that the conditions contained in said ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910 as aforesaid have been performed, and to have said ordinance declared absolute and fully operative, has furnished to the Council satisfactory proof of the expenditure of said sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) as is provided for, and required in and by said Ordinance passed the aforesaid August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910;

And be it further ordained and declared by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the conditions contained in the aforesaid Ordinance passed as aforesaid August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, have been performed and that said Ordinance be, and is hereby declared to be absolute and fully operative.

Mr Young offered the following resolution which was adopted by unanimous vote of those present, 11 votes;

And be it further resolved by the Council of Fredericksburg that the said petition of The Fredericksburg Electric Company is hereby referred to the Committee on Ordinances of this Council which Committee which Committee is hereby instructed to hear evidence, and to receive any proof offered by said The Fredericksburg Electric Company of its compliance with the conditions of said Ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, and to report thereon to this Council at its next meeting (regular) on Thursday, March 16th 1911.

The Public Property Committee by Mr Garner, presented contract made with J D Pitts for Toll House, by order of Council.

This lease made this 17th day of July 1910 by and between the City of Fredericksburg Va party of the first part, [Page 141] and Daniel Pitts party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the party of the first part, doth lease to the party of the second part, for a term of one year from the date hereof the house and lot belonging to the party of the first part situated on Sophia Street in said City at the West end of the free bridge formerly known as Chatham Bridge, at five dollars (\$5.00) per month rent, said rent being payable at the expiration of each month;

And the party of the first part agrees that the party of the second part, may, at his own cost make any additions he may desire to the buildings now on said lot, provided said additions do not injure or impair the value of the present buildings and provided said additions are place on the lot owned by the City & do not extend beyond the same.

And the party of the first part further agrees that in the event that the party of the second part, shall pay this rent promptly and shall faithfully keep and observe all the requirements of this contract, that at the expiration of the term of this lease, the party of the second part may remove the aforesaid additions placed upon said lot by him; provided he leaves the present improvements on said lot is as good condition as they were at the day of this lease, ordinary wear and tear excluded.

But it is distinctly stipulated and agreed that should the party of the second part fail to keep and observe the requirements of this lease or be in arrears in the payment of his monthly installments of such for any three consecutive months then it shall be optional with the party of the first part to declare this lease vacated and annulled and take possession of said premises.

And in that event, the party of the second part shall vacate said property or premises and shall not be entitled to remove any additions or improvements placed by them on said premises bu the same shall become the property of the part of the first part.

The party of the second part hereby agrees to lease the aforesaid property for a term of one year, upon the terms set forth above and to perform all the stipulations and requirements of this lease.

Signed, J D Pitts.

Mr Young of the Light Committee report both plants, Electric and Gas in fine condition. He stated there was complaint in some sections of the gas pressure; and this was due to inadequacy of the supply pipes, and not to any trouble at the Gas House; That the main pipes in some sections were too small; that in order to give the necessary pressure an 8 inch main will have to be laid from Frederick along Princess Anne to Commerce; That his Committee did not propose at this time to ask for an [Page 142] appropriation, but would do so at an early date and the cost of the proposed improvement would be around (\$2,000)

Mr Bradley of Alms House Committee reported that the Fredericksburg State Normal School had paid into the City Treasury the sum of (\$4,850.00) the full amount due for the purchase of the Alms House Property. That the deed had been formally executed and that the property would be turned over to the Normal School on April 1st 1911.

Mr Bradley also made a statement and submitted a report from the Alms House Committee in connection with the purchase of the Peden Property for (\$1,500.00) on which it is proposed to build a new Alms House. He stated that a Committee of three members of the City Council, Messrs Warden, Garner & Melville [?] and three citizens, Messrs M G Willis, W D Scott & F P Stearns with W E Bradley, Chairman, had been appointed by the Council to select a site for the Alms House. After the Council had practically determined to dispose of the present Alms House Property to the Normal School; the said Committee had appointed a sub-committee composed of Messrs Warden, Garner, & Stearns to select a site:

That said Sub-Committee had unanimously reported and recommended to the Joint Committee five acres of land owned by the Bradley Estate in the City for \$1,500. That on a tie vote he found that he would have to cast the deciding vote, the position being a delicate one for him, he having a third interest in the property, he withdrew his proposition to make the sale; that the Joint Committee then presented to the Council a report signed by every member of the Joint Committee except himself, he voting against the proposition, recommending the location of the new Alms House on the lot on Sophia Street, about 60 yards from the Public School building. The report laid over for one month and when on motion of Mr Rowe it was taken up, Mr Lane moved its refection, which was done by a unanimous vote, and on motion of Mr Lane the Committee was discharged.

Mr Bradley then moved that it was the sentiment of the Council that the City sell the Alms House property to the Normal School for (\$4,850.00) so soon as a suitable site was obtained for a new Alms House.

And the question of the site be referred to the Alms House Committee. This was carried, every member voting for it except Mr Howard.

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The Committee went to work to find a site and reported to the Council on January 19th 1911. The Committee recommended the purchase of the Peden Property for the sum of (\$1,500.00), which was adopted by a vote of 5 to 4. The Council then instructed the Committee to make a contract with Mr Peden for the property, and as soon as the deed was prepared to make a draft on the City Treasurer for the sum of (\$1,500.00).

Your Committee acting no these instructions called on Mr Peden and obtained his written acceptance, also signed the said paper themselves.

The paper is as follows:

The undersigned Committee on Alms House in pursuance of the above resolutions of the Council doth hereby contract for the City with said W H Peden to purchase the said lot in Fredericksburg, fronting on Pitt Street 259 feet and running back between Charles and Prince Edward Streets 165 feet as described in report of Committee on Alms House for the sum of (\$1,500.00).

And the said Peden agrees to sell said lot to the City for said price.

A M Garner, W E Bradley, J P Rowe (Alms House Committee)
Jan'y 23, 1911 accepted W H Peden

Before any further steps could be taken each member of the Committee was served with notice of injunction issued at the instance of Mr Warden, restraining further action. The Committee is awaiting further developments and this is its report.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

A general discussion took place after which Mr Somerville moved that the consideration of the subject be postponed until next meeting.

This was met by a substitute from Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Garner, that the money be paid for the lot to Mr Peden. This was also discussed.

Mr Embrey finally withdrew his substitute and Mr Somerville's motion to postpone was carried. Mr Howard voting no.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the Common Council was held on March 2nd 1911 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber called by the Finance Committee to receive their report on the proposed License Tax Ordinance for 1911 and 1912, which report was not made at the last meeting of the Council owing to the sickness of the Chairman.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President read the call for the meeting.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the License Tax Ordinance, same as last year except Section 57 be changed from \$50.00 to \$20.00; Section II be changed by adding "not pro rated"; Section 1 be changed from \$1.45 on the \$100.00 assessed value of Personal and Real Property to \$1.25 on the \$100.00

Mr Somerville of Finance Committee presented a minority report on Section 1 that the rate of the tax on the \$100.00 worth of Personal and Real Property assessed value shall be \$1.20.

Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

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 March 16th 1911 at 7:30 in the Council Chamber Present President W E Bradley, Vice President A M Garner, H B Lane, S W Somerville, J M Goldsmith, W S Embrey, E M Young, J W Masters, Henry Warden, Clarence R Howard; Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular meeting and called meeting were read and approved

Mr Embrey stated that the Business Men had arranged for a public speaking at the Court House by Mr W T Dabney of Richmond Va Chamber of Commerce and after the speaking would give a

banquet at the Hotel Frederick and that the Council had received an invitation to attend both and he moved that the Council adjourn until tomorrow night at 7:30 PM March 17, 1911. Motion to adjourn was adopted by the unanimous vote of those present.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber March 17th 1911 at 7:30 PM. Present President Bradley, Vice President Garner, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard: Att'y Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee and had read the Mayor's Report as follows

Fredericksburg, Va March 17, 1911

To the City Council, Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: Enclose please find check for one hundred and seven dollars (\$107.00) payable to H Lewis Wallace, Mayor signed by Henry Dannehl Police Justice, being the amount of fines from Feb'y 16th 1911 to March 17th 1911.

So far as I know the Police Officers have performed their duties for the month past and I ask that their salaries be ordered paid.

Respectfully, W E Bradley, Acting Mayor

On motion the Mayor's Report was received and ordered filed, Salaries of Officers ordered paid and check ordered turned over to Finance Committee.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of Kishpaugh for printing Ordinance for \$1.00

Ok by Clerk

On motion the bill was ordered paid.

Mr C O'Conor Goolrick of the Normal and Industrial School stated that it was very important that Streets should be opened from Washington Avenue to the Normal School Property, That the Board could not spend any State money outside of the School Grounds. He submitted an estimate upon the constructing of the proposed streets, also a map of the proposed streets and a profile showing grades on the same, and asked that the matter be referred to the Street Committee.

On motion of Mr Howard the matter was referred to the Street Committee for consideration & report.

On motion of Mr Somerville the rules were suspended by [Page 147] unanimous vote of the Council in order to consider the License Tax Ordinance.

On motion of Mr Young, the License Tax Ordinance as presented by the Finance Committee except the Tax rate on Real and Personal property was adopted by this recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

To majority report of the Finance Committee fixing the Tax Rate on Real and Personal Property at \$1.25 in the \$100 worth of Real and personal property. By Bradley & Lane.

The Minority report of the Finance Committee fixing the Tax Rate on Real & Personal Property at \$1.20 on the \$1.00 worth of Real and personal property by Mr Somerville, was taken up.

Mr Howard moved seconded by Mr Embrey as a substitute that the tax rate be \$1.15 on the \$100.00 worth of Real & Personal property vote:
Ayes, Garner, Masters & Howard
Noes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green & Bradley—and lost

Mr Young offered as a substitute for the whole which was seconded:
Resolved: That a tax of \$1.15 be laid on all real and personal property in this City on the \$100.00 worth of said property, for general purposes, and a special tax of 15¢ on the \$100 worth of Real and personal property be laid for permanent street improvement, said fund to be kept separate from the general revenue of the City and not to be expended until the City has a competent Street Commissioner for the purpose, said fund when the Street Commissioner is secured by the City be expended as follows, one half thereof in the Upper Ward and one half thereof in the Lower Ward

Vote was taken as follows: Ayes, Lane, Embrey, Young, Bradley;
Noes, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner Masters, Warden, Green, Howard

Vote was then taken on the Minority report for \$1.20 rate;
Ayes, Somerville, Goldsmith Garner, Young, Masters, Howard
Noes, Lane, Rowe, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley

Vote was then taken on the Majority report for \$1.25 Rate;
Ayes, Lane Rowe, Embrey, Bradley
Noes, Somerville, Goldsmith, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard.
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On motion of Mr Young, the Tax Rate was referred back to the Finance Committee to report at called meeting.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported on certain Aid Societies that under the new law which became effective June 16, 1910. There are for companies that are exempt from the special tax of \$15.00

American Beneficial	\$13.12½
Richmond Beneficial	\$13.12½
The Fidelity & Casualty Co	\$13.12½
The Travellers' Accident Co	\$13.12½

We would recommend that the proposition of the Tax \$15.00 be refunded from June 16, 1910, the sum of \$13.12½ each to the above four Companies.

On motion the amount of \$13.12½ was ordered refunded to the above name four Companies.
Carried

Mr Garner in the Chair

The Clerk read the following communication

Fredericksburg Va March 3, 1911.

To the Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I hereby tender my resignation as President of your Honorable body, to become effective Friday night March 17th 1911.

I also tender my resignation as a member of the City Council, to become effective Saturday Sep 2, 1911.

I am impelled to this step because my private business demands are such that I cannot give the City affairs the attention they require.

Respectfully, W E Bradley
On motion the above resignation was laid on the table.

Mr Bradley in the Chair
On motion of Mr Rowe, Mr Goldsmith was excused.

Mr Embrey of Street Committee asked for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 to complete the work on the Street at the Post Office corner.

Mr Garner moved that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Street Committee for the work at the Post Office corner.

Ayes, Lanes, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee read a statement from the Water Committee for their information and said his Committee would need about \$1,455.15 before July 1, 1911.

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Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee reported on the Ordinance of the Fredericksburg Electric Company referred to them Feb'y 16, 1911.

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

The undersigned Committee on Ordinances to whom by resolution passed on Thursday February 16th 1911 was referred the application of the Fredericksburg Electric Company, and the proposed Ordinance desired by said Company, a copy of which ordinance was advertised in the *Daily Star*, published in Fredericksburg for ten days beginning February 18th 1911, beg leave to report they have very carefully heard the evidence and received the proof offered by said the Fredericksburg Electric Company, consisting of cancelled checks and receipted vouchers of the said Company, expended on the work in Fredericksburg authorized and required by the franchise granted said Company by an ordinance passed March 26th 1909 and approved March 27, 1909 as extended by an ordinance passed August 8th 1910, and approved August 10th 1910 and that said Company has produced satisfactory evidence before your Committee on Ordinance that said Company has fully complied with the conditions contained in the said Ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910 and your Committee on Ordinances report that said The Fredericksburg Electric Company has expended on said work and works, as aforesaid, a sum in excess of the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) required to be expended in accordance with and by the terms of the aforesaid ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, and your Committee returns herewith a [?] of the evidence before your Committee and also reports and recommends the passage of the accompanying Ordinance.

Respectfully C R Howard, F L W Green, W S Embrey (Ordinance Committee)

On motion of Mr Young adopted

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, and Bradley

Ordinance

An ordinance to declare performed the conditions contained in "An Ordinance granting under certain conditions to The Fredericksburg Electric Company an extension until January 1st 1912 of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a Franchise hereinafter referred to, for the construction of the generating plant and of the distributing plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said Franchise" which ordinance was passed by the Council August 8th 1910 and approved by the Mayor August 10th 1910, and to declare said ordinance absolutely and fully operative.

Whereas by an ordinance of this Council passed March 26th 1909 [Page 150] and approved by the Mayor March 27th 1909, The Fredericksburg Electric Company was granted a franchise for certain purposes in said franchise set forth and for the construction of a generating plant and of a distributing plant as in said franchise provided for, and, by said franchise a definite time was granted for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said franchise; and Whereas, by an Ordinance of this Council, passed August 8th 1910 and approved by the Mayor on August 10th 1910 the time for the completion of the said Plant, as in said franchise set forth, was extended until January 1st 1912, provided, however, that the aforesaid Ordinance, passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, should be operative only on the condition that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company should in good faith expend or cause to be expended on the said work in said Franchise provided for in the City of Fredericksburg during the remainder of the calendar year 1910 a sum not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) and whenever called for by the Council, the said Company should furnish satisfactory proof of the expenditure of said sum of money; and

Whereas said The Fredericksburg Electric Company desiring that there be entered of record the fact that the conditions contained in said ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910 as aforesaid have been performed, and to have said ordinance declared absolute and fully operative, heretofore, to wit: at a regular meeting of this Council duly held on Thursday February 16, 1911, petitioned the Council for the passage of an Ordinance, a draft of which was on that day, to wit; on Thursday February 16, 1911 presented to this Council and which is substantially in like words as this Ordinance; and

Whereas by a resolution of this Council duly passed on Thursday February 16, 1911, the petition of the said, The Fredericksburg Electric Company and the draft of the said proposed Ordinance were referred to the Committee on Ordinances of this Council which Committee which Committee was hereby instructed to hear any evidence, and to receive any proof offered by said The Fredericksburg Electric Company of its compliance with the conditions of said Ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910, and to report thereon to this Council at its next meeting (regular) on Thursday, March 16th 1911, end notice of said propose Ordinance was, by a resolution of this Council passed Thursday, March 16th 1911 ordered to be given the public by advertising said proposed Ordinance for ten days in the *Daily Star*, a newspaper published in Fredericksburg, Virginia and appended to which publication should be a copy of said resolution passes as aforesaid on Thursday, February 16th 1911, and all persons interested were by said [Page 151] publication given notice that this Council would on Thursday March 16, 1911 at the hour of 8:30 o'clock PM hear and pass upon the application of said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, as embodied in a draft of said Ordinance on Thursday February 16, 1911, presented to the Council and ordered to be advertised as aforesaid: and

Whereas said resolution and said proposed Ordinance were duly advertised in the said *Daily Star* newspaper for ten consecutive days, to-wit from February 18, 1911 to March 1st 1911, both inclusive, as appears from a certificate of A P Rowe, Manager of said *Daily Star*, this day presented to the Council; and

Whereas the Committee in Ordinance of this Council has this day reported that said Committee had heard the evidence and received the proof offered by said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, and that said Company had produced satisfactory evidence before said Committee that said Company had fully complied with the conditions contained in said Ordinance passed August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910 and which Committee in Ordinance has reported this Ordinance with the recommendation that the same be adopted, and the hour of 8:30 PM Thursday March 16, 1911 have now arrived.

Now therefore be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg: that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company has furnished to this Council satisfactory proof of the expenditure of said sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) as is provided for, and required in and by the aforesaid Ordinances passed as aforesaid August 8th 1910 and approved on August 10th 1910;

and be it further ordained and declared by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the conditions contained in the aforesaid Ordinance passed, as aforesaid August 8th 1910 and approved August 10th 1910 have been performed and that said Ordinance be and it is hereby declared to be absolute and fully operative”

On motion of Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Young, adopted: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Howard of Ordinance Committee reported as follows:

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg

Your Committee on Ordinances beg leave to report that on Thursday night February 23rd 1911 at Eight o'clock they heard Col Burgwyn in regard to the franchise asked for by the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company, and which was referred to this Committee, the franchise as proposed, contain no provision waiving any Tax or license exemption which is objectionable in that respect. Section 6 binds the Company to “maintain in good order a first class Electric, etc Plant” [Page 152]

It does not require the construction of a first class distributing Plant, nor does it require the bringing of the present plant up to a good condition and your Committee is of the opinion that the adoption of that franchise would be to commit the City to the possibility that the maintenance of the present plant of that company would be a full compliance with the terms of the franchise.

All other franchises granted by the Council have required the successful bidders “to construct, operate and maintain a first class plant,” and are widely different from this franchise taken in connection with its acquisition by the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company.

Section 12 provides that power of the City of Fredericksburg to prescribe rules, regulations, and rates of charge “to be observed by said company in connection with any service performed, so far as such service may be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg” is quite different from the corresponding provision in other franchises & does not meet the situation when it is considered that the power plant of the Rappahannock Electric & Power Company is outside of the City, and that the electricity is generated outside of the City and that the service to be performed by this Company cannot in any sense be said to “be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg” and that this Section 12 therefore would not adequately protect the City and Citizens of Fredericksburg.

Another and very important consideration appeals strongly to your Committee and that is that the Council has granted one franchise for the construction, maintenance and operation of an Electric Generating Plant and also of an Electric Distributing Plant both wholly within the City; that work on this power house has progressed to a point that gives every reasonable assurance of its completion during the present year, and that to make this effective a distributing plant or a set of poles and wires will have to be put up in Fredericksburg during this year of 1911, and that the Council, by an ordinance, has approved the pole plan of the Fredericksburg Electric Company and the building of this distributing plant will inevitably lead to changes of the poles and wires that are now all ready up in order for these two companies to fairly and reasonably accord their lines to each other, and your Committee thinks that since the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company is all ready doing business in the City, and has been for a number of years, and there is no disposition to disturb them, that it would be better business, and better policy for the present, and while we are on the eve of a change, to let the [Page 153] situation develop itself without further complication by the granting of other franchises, and when conditions have become settled, that then some reasonable franchise can be granted the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company as has been granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company, and one which will effectually protect and safeguard the City's interests.

Your Committee therefore returns the said Franchise with this report and recommend that the same be not granted or be not advertised.

Respectfully submitted, Clarence R Howard, F L W Green, W S Embrey (Committee)

Mr Warden moved that the report be laid on the table, to give Col Burgwyn an opportunity to be heard if he so desired.

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley
Noes, Embrey, Howard

Mr Rowe moved to take up the Alms House question which had been laid over from last meeting. Mr Somerville offered a substitute that action be deferred which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Young, President Bradley was requested to appoint a Committee of three members to inquire into the working of the system of City Government lately inaugurated in Staunton, and which is reported a great success, and to report as soon as possible to the Council. This met with unanimous approval and Messrs Young, Somerville, and Lane were named as the Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held March 21, 1911 at 7:30PM to hear the report of the Finance Committee on the Tax Rate on Real and Personal property.

Present, Bradley, Rowe, Garner, Lane, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard: Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee was unanimous in recommending a tax rate on real & personal property of \$1.20 on the \$100.00 worth of property.

Mr Garner moved to suspend the rules, which was adopted by Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, and Bradley

Mr Garner moved, seconded by Mr Rowe that the tax rate on real and personal property be \$1.20 on the \$100 assessed value of Real and Personal Property.

Mr Warden contended for a lower rate, and presented the following as his protest and asked that the same be entered on the record of the Council.

Expenditures and Receipts, 1910-1911.

This statement is based on figures contained in the two statements submitted by the Finance Committee of the Council, one presented to the members of the Council at a meeting of the members on the night of the 13th of March, and other at a similar meeting held on the night of the 20th of March and other figures obtained from a member of the Committee and from others at the second meeting referred to, the latter figures do not appear in either of the two statements.

A third statement used is that the City Treasurer, giving the disbursements and receipts to up to the hour of 5:30 PM on the 17th of March. The disbursements and receipts marked "actual" are from the latter statement and from this statement were taken the figures showing the expenditures of the various Committees. These amounts being deducted from the amounts appropriated for the use of the Committees, in such cases as the chairman of the various Committees stated that no extra appropriations would be needed to carry their Committees through the remainder of the year; where such appropriations were needed the amounts necessary has been added after making the deductions referred to. It will be noted, that in the case of the Water Committee this procedure has not been adhered to, as the Chairman of that Committee named, in two [Page 155] amounts, the sum necessary to operate the Water Works and complete the extension of the Water Mains.

Expenditures, Actual		\$68,125.34
To be made before July 1 st Interest in April		\$1,494.00
To be made before July 1 st Interest in May		\$2,388.00
2 demand notes, Shirt Factory		\$3,334.00
Interest on notes		\$167.00
Water Committee, completing Water Mains	\$1,900.00	
Water Committee, operating Water Mains	\$1,500.00	\$3,400.00
Gas Committee, \$13,000.00-\$10,282.52		\$2,717.48
Electric Light Plant \$4,200.00-\$2,522.56		\$1,677.44
Alms House Committee \$4,150.00-\$2,213.88		\$1,286.12
Street Committee \$7,000.00-\$5,938.89= \$1,061.11		
\$400.00		\$1,461.11
Salaries 1/3 of \$6,475.00		\$2,158.37
Schools, \$6,000.00-\$3,441.63= \$2,558.37 + \$500.00		\$3,058.37
Court Orders, \$2,000.00-\$1,592.14		\$407.86
Mayor's orders, \$400.00-\$183.36		\$216.64
Commissioner of Revenue		\$375.00
City Attorney		\$350.00
Summer Normal Schools		\$350.00
		\$93,105.53
1911-1911		
Receipts, Actual		\$79,663.10
Receipts estimated for Gas \$17,000.00 - \$11,932.46		\$5,067.54
Receipts estimated for Licenses \$13,440.00 - \$\$366.57		\$13,074.43
Receipts estimated for Sewers		\$1,200.00
Receipts estimated for Deficit		\$3,100.46
Total		\$93,105.53
1911-1912		
Estimate expenditures		
Interest at 4% on bonded indebtedness of \$290,200.00		\$11,608.00
Sinking Fund 1% on bonded indebtedness of \$290,200.00		\$2,902.00
Appropriations, general		\$42,125.00
Court Orders		\$2,500.00
Mayor's orders		\$400.00
Commissioner of Revenue		\$375.00
City Attorney		\$350.00
Wallace Library		\$600.00
Summer Normal Schools		\$350.00
		\$61,210.00
Imp needed Gas Main on Pr Anne St with laterals to Main		\$1,800.00
Commerce St, from Washington Street to Boundary		\$3,000.00
Guest St from Commerce St to Stansbury & fr Stansbury St fr Guest to Boundary		\$1,500.00
		\$67,510.00
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Amount brought forward		\$67,510.00
Add 10% for contingencies		\$6,751.00
		\$74,261.00
Add estimated deficit		\$3,100.46
Total		\$77,367.46
Estimated receipts from		

all sources other than from Real Estate & Personal Property	\$43,269.00
from Real Estate & Personal Property	
\$3,196,259.00 @\$1.05 on the \$100	\$33,880.00
Total	\$77,149.00

Vote was then taken as follows:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley (9) Votes
 Nos, Warden (1) vote

On motion of Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Garner, the Tax Ordinance was then adopted as a whole as follows:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Green, Howard, Bradley (9) Votes
 Nos, Warden (1) vote

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 1911, 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 1911, 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 1911 and each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force shall be as follows:

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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 twenty cents (\$1.20) 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 (\$1.20) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof

Personal Property in Choses in action etc.

§4. Upon all personal property in choses in action, on all personal property not tangible personal property, not otherwise taxes herein and taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of (\$1.20) 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 \$1.20 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 [Page 158] 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 1911, and on and after 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. 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 when thus applied shall be acquitted and discharged from all liability to the stockholders for the money thus disbursed; and such bank or banking association, trust or security company, shall pay the taxes assessed against the stockholders to the Collector of City Taxes and Levies on or before the 15th of October 1911.

But should said bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay to the said City Collector, the tax amount against its stockholders on or before the fifteenth day of October 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 Bank 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

[Page 159] 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 fifteenth 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.

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 twenty cents (\$1.20) 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 thereof.

§6. Upon any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be (\$1.20) 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 1911, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is [Page 160] 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 1911 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 1911 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, 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). not pro rated

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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 privileges a specific tax of (\$25.00) 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 [Page 162] “Stock Broker” and “private banker” shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a Stock broker or private banker shall have like privileges, and none other under his City license as under a State license.

Pawn Brokers

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

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

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

Building and Loan Association or Companies

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

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

Insurance Brokers

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

Mercantile Agencies

§23. On every mercantile agency (\$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.

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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.

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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. 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 [Page 165] 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)

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.

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Agents for Renting House

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

Labor Agents

§39. On every labor agent (\$50.00). Any person who hires or contracts with laborers, male or female, to be employed by persons other than himself shall be deemed to be a labor agent, 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 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 (\$5.00).

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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.

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 [Page 168] 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 engaged as a baker, (\$25.00). not pro rated

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 chiropodist, cancer, eye, or other itinerant doctor or optician (\$20.00).

Oysters and Fish

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

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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).

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 [Page 170] 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.

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.

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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.

§76. On every person firm or Corporation conducting the manufacturing of Pop Ginger Ale, Sassaparilla, or other aerated water the license 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).

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.

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.

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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 Life Limited Payment and Endowment Insurance Company, other than those exempt from Taxation under Section No 1 of An Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled An Act to define and classify Industrial, Sick Benefit Companies and Associations approved March 16, 1910, and no embraced in Section #54 of this Ordinance, 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 any one of the aforesaid companies doing business this City who pays (\$50.00) License under section #54 shall not be required to pay the special tax aforesaid of (\$50.00)

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 fifteen dollars (\$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.

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, [Page 173] plaster figurines, toys and other small articles, the license Tax shall be two dollars (\$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 two-dollars (\$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 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 [Page 174] 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 [Page 175] graduated as hereinbefore provided, the license and the application therefore, which said license and the application shall not be separated, detached, mutilated or defaced, and any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this section in any way, shall be subject to a fine of not less than (\$10.00) or more than (\$100.00) for each day or part of a day of each violation.

§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 [Page 176] 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, unless otherwise provided; but no license shall be issued for a less sum than five dollars (\$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, professions, 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% 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 21, 1911,

(approved H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, March 26, 1911

[Adjourned]

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the City Council was held April 20th 1911 at 8 o'clock PM
Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green and Howard; Atty St Geo R Fitzhugh; S E Eastburn, Clerk; E H Russell, President of Normal & Industrial School

W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and adjourned & called meeting read and approved

Fredericksburg Va April 20, 11

Gentlemen: So far as I know the Police Officers have discharged their respective duties and are entitled to receive their pay.

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$90.20) received from Justice Dannehl and \$10.50 Dog Tax licenses which I have turned into the City Treasury.

Miss Jeannetta R Fitzhugh, President of the Civic Betterment Club, and other members of the Club, have approached me with the request that Tuesday May 2nd be designated as "General Cleaning Day" and that the Mayor, the Council, the Board of Health and all citizens be requested to join with the Club in its efforts to have every lot and premises in the City put in order and thoroughly cleaned up, and the refuse and trash placed in the street whence it can be removed to the dump. The Club would like to have the supervision of this work, and has requested me to call together the Street Committee, the Public Property Committee, the Health Committee, the Finance Committee, the

Board of Health, which together with a Committee to be appointed by the Club and the Mayor, shall formulate a plan of co-operation that will accomplish the best results.

The Club will make an appeal for private assistance in the way of money contributions, the use of teams and drivers and workmen, and it expects a general response.

But for fear that the cost of the undertaking may exceed the means to be obtained by private assistance, the club would like to know whether or not the Council would assist in case of a deficiency. As May 2nd is but a short time from now and no other meeting of the Council is likely to be had between tonight and then, it is important to hear from the Council to-night so it is respectfully requested that this matter be taken up and passed on immediately.

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For the information of those who may not be posted I can say that the health of the City was better last year than for years, and this fact is largely attributed to the effects of all yards, cellars and premises being so thoroughly cleaned up last year.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill of Kishpaugh

For printing 150 license tax books \$25.00

Approved by the Clerk

On motion the bill of Kishpaugh was ordered paid.

Mr Embrey of the Committee to whom was referred the opening of the Streets from Washington Avenue to the Normal and Industrial School, reported that his Committee had viewed the matter, and would recommend that the City receive and open up Cornell, Guest and Marye Streets.

Mr Howard offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the matter of opening Cornell, Guest, and Marye Streets be referred to Joint Committee of Streets and Finance, to ascertain and report whether any or all of said Streets should be received and opened by the City Council and the cost of the same, and if said Joint Committee shall be of the opinion that said Streets or any of them should be received and opened then the said Joint Committee return with their an Ordinance for receiving and opening of the same.

Mr Embrey moved, seconded by Mr Rowe, that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated to the Street Committee to be used for cleaning paved streets, Main and Commerce, and the amount was appropriated by following vote: Ayes, Somerville, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green Howard, Bradley

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee presented the following statement and asked for an appropriation of \$1,455.15.

Expenditures charged to City Water Works to March 16, 1911, outside of running expenses or special appropriations

Amount due after for 6" & 4" pipes June 25, 1910 (last year) \$802.38

Expended for Street Sprinkling \$351.55

Extra expended for Sewer pipes on various Streets and other work made necessary to conform to the grades \$301.22

\$1,455.15

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On motion of Mr Lane the sum of \$1,455.15 was appropriated to the Water Committee by the following vote: Ayes, Somerville, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green Howard, Bradley

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee stated that \$50.00 had been appropriated to clean out the sand bars in the Canal at Commerce and Hanover Streets. It had cleared itself and the money had not been used, and he asked permission of the Council to use the said \$50.00 lower down the canal near the dump.

By motion the Water Committee was allowed to use the said \$50.00 near the dump, unanimous vote.

April 20, 1911

Messr J P Rowe, H B Lane and W S Embrey, Water Committee:

Gentlemen: under your instructions we have built up the bank of the Canal in the rear of the Confederate Cemetery, thereby stopping the overflow occasioned by the constant cutting down of the original bank by cattle pasturing in this field.

For the past several days this overflow has flooded that part of the meadow between the canal and the ditch on the west side of the Canal, which ditch is used for draining all of the meadow from a point in rear of the northern end of Cemetery wall to a point near the Colored Cemetery.

We find that in order for this ditch to do its most effective work it will have to be cleaned out and graded, together with lateral ditches on the east and west sides of the said ditch. To accomplish this work will mean the expenditure of \$50.00.

The above ditch has no outlet in the main canal but at its end near Commerce Street an 8" sewer pipe carries the water into the city sewer. After the necessary work on the ditch, as above mentioned, is completed, we feel sure the meadow will be relieved of all stagnant water.

Very respectfully, S B Quinn, Supt C W W

On motion of Mr Embrey the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated to the Water Committee, to clean out ditch and drain meadow above the Plank Road.

A communication signed by most all the merchants on Main and Commerce streets asking that the streets be sprinkled regularly, when needed before business house.

Mr Young moved that \$150.00 be appropriated to the Water Committee for sprinkling the streets as they deem necessary in their judgment.

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Mr Young of the Special Committee to investigate the City Government of Staunton recently inaugurated asked if it was the wish of the Council that the Committee should visit Staunton.

Mr Embrey moved that the Committee visit Staunton and get all the information possible.

Mr Somerville brought up the question of cleaning up the City on May 2nd 1911 as asked for by the Ladies Civic Betterment Club.

And moved that the Mayor and the Finance Committee, Street Committee, and the Public Property Committee be requested to co-operated with the Ladies of the Civic Betterment Club in regard to a general cleaning of the City and give the Club such assistance as they may deem necessary.

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 May 18, 1911 at 8 o'clock PM with the following present: Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard; Atty Fitzhugh; S E Eastburn, Clerk
President W E Bradley in the Chair
Minutes of the last meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report as follows:
May 18, 1911

Gentlemen: So far as I know the Police Officers have faithfully performed their duties for the past month, and are entitled to their pay.

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$44.30) received from police Justice Dannehl, which have been turned over to the Treasurer of the City

I heartily join with the Business Men's Association, our local newspaper, and Messrs Harris, Bell and Layton and others in commending the heroic work of our volunteer firemen and citizens in overcoming and extinguishing the fire which considerably damaged the property of the merchants named above and which, but for timely and effective work, might have been a very disastrous conflagration that we are in no position at this time to afford.

To witness the spirit of cheerful and ready willingness to do all within their power to quench the flames manifested by the many citizens who gathered at the fire, furnished an object lesson in unselfish fellow assistance most gratifying to behold.

Everyone present was eager to do something and, as a general thing, succeeded. Likewise was there furnished an object lesson in human inter-dependence which we can do well to recognize, take to heart and profit by. We are all in some way dependent on others.

There was also furnished an object lesson which should deeply impress us all, and that is the fact that we have inadequate fire protection. Had this fire occurred during the late hours of the night, as we are experiencing such a dry spell of weather, there is no telling what would have been the consequence.

The matter of better fire protection should be promptly taken up by your body, and as speedily as practicable there should be provided a more modern and efficient system with which to fight fire. At present we must needs rely on our volunteers to whom we already owe much gratitude. We have no arrangement as to alarms, getting the fire-fights apparatus [Page 182] to the fire, or having firemen at hand to promptly fight the fire. This is a matter with the Council, and I respectfully urge that you give it your immediate attention.

There is another matter I must bring to your attention. It is the matter of trash on our streets, which is often the subject of unflattering remarks by visitors. Trash cans should be provided. They are not very expensive and small will provide them. There is no excuse for this unsightly condition of affairs, especially on our improved streets. No use to rely on the law against throwing such trash in the streets, for you can never find out who is the guilty party. The wind always blows it on the other man.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Rowe, the Mayor's Report was received, ordered filed, and the Police Officer's salaries ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills as follows

J Fred Brown, Registrar Lower Ward

To posting notices twice @ \$1.00	\$2.00
To sitting 1 day at Court House	\$2.00
To registering 12 persons @ 10¢	\$1.20
To Mr Keene deputy	\$1.50
On motion ordered paid	\$6.70

John J Berry, Registrar Upper Ward	
To one days services as registrar	\$2.00
To posting notices twice	\$2.00
To registering & transferring 19 persons @10¢	\$1.90
To W S Smith deputy	\$1.50
On motion ordered paid	\$7.40

The Star-Free Lance Pub Co	
1911 Jan 18 To job 1000 note heads	\$1.75
1911 Jan 18 To job 1000 envelopes	\$2.00
1911 Jan 18 To job 50 bills-rent hay scales	\$1.00
1911 Apr 4 To job 300 License Tax bills	\$2.00
OK A P Rowe, Collector	\$6.75
On motion ordered paid	

The Star-Free Lance Pub Co	
1911 Apr 4 To job 75 License blanks double form	\$2.00
1911 Apr 4 To job 75 retail tobacco blanks double form	\$2.00
1911 Apr 4 To job 250 General License double form	\$3.50
1911 Apr 4 To job 175 Merchant License double form	\$3.00
OK A B Bowering, Com of Revenue	\$10.50
On motion ordered paid	

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented three Certificates of indebtedness issued by the Finance Committee under a resolution of the Council January 20, 1910 to pay for the lot and creation of the Shirt Factory amounting to \$5,000.00. One for \$1,666.67, one for \$1,666.67, and one for \$1,666.66 bearing interest at 5%, and one discounted in each of our three banks. He said the certificates had been paid, and asked the Council what disposition they would make of them.

On motion of Mr Somerville seconded by Mr Rowe, the Certificates were ordered destroyed by burning in the fire, adopted by unanimous vote, and the Chair appointed Messrs Young & Rowe to examine and burn the three Certificates of indebtedness, one \$1,666.67, one \$1,666.67, one \$1,666.66. Mr Young reported the certificates burned.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following communication from Dr P G Dabney, asking to have his license refunded

Fredericksburg Va

Mr H B Lane, Chairman Finance Committee

Dear Sir: I procured my license as a physician May 1st-May 3rd while I was in the act of locating myself in this City. I received an important communication entreating me to settle among the writers of that communication. I decided that I would before I had actually begun my profession in this City.

I therefore would be exceeding grateful if my license were refunded, particularly just now, as I ma just out of Hospital work and am in dire need of funds.

Respectfully yours, P G Dabney

Mr Lane said the Finance Committee would recommend that the License Tax paid in by Dr P G Dabney be refunded. On motion of Mr Young the license tax of P G Dabney was ordered refunded, by unanimous vote

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee read a statement of City's Finances as up to closing hours Thursday showing balance in Treasury of \$2,341.49.

Mr Embrey of the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance reported that the Joint Committee recommends to the Council: That Cornell Street from Washington Avenue to the East Boundary of Capt M B Rowe's property and Mayre Street from West Boundary of Capt M B Rowe's property to the road at the foot of the hill of the Alms House Property, be accepted by the City and that sufficient land to form the connecting link for the two streets be accepted from Capt M B Rowe, as follows, in accord with conditions to which he agreed. That the improvement of the said new street incur no [Page 184] damage to Capt M B Rowe, and further that a fence be built on both sides of the Street from one boundary of Capt M B Rowe's property to the other.

2nd that the said streets be opened and improved by contract, in accord with plans and specifications prepared by Cecil L Reid, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 which is available after July 1, 1911.

Teste: S E Eastburn, Clerk

On motion the report was received by the following vote, money available after July 1, 1911, Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

An ordinance was presented by the Committee as directed by the Council for opening said streets. "An ordinance to receive and open a street known as Cornell Street from Washington Avenue through the land of M B Rowe to Marye Street and to receive and open Marye Street to the foot of the hill of what is known as the Alms House Property.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the Street known as Cornell Street from its intersecting with Washington Avenue through the land of M B Rowe, to Marye Street and said Street known as Marye Street extending to the foot of hill of what is known as the Alms House Property, be and the same are hereby received and accepted as Streets of the City of Fredericksburg Va according to a plot of the same made by Reid and Wilcox and dated July 23, 1910.

Be it further ordained that said Streets shall be now opened; and in consideration of the free right of way granted by M B Rowe through his said land to connect Cornell and Mayre Streets in accordance with the said plat, the City agrees to save said Rowe harmless from all damages to his land that may be incurred in the opening of said Street through the same; and to build a fence on both sides of said Street to be opened through his land from one boundary to the other of said Rowe's land.

This ordinance to be in force from its passage.

On motion of Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Young the rules were suspended by unanimous vote.

Mr Somerville moved seconded by Mr Rowe, that the ordinance be adopted.

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley (10 votes)

Nos Howard (1 vote)

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Mr Young of Light Committee reported the Gas and Electric Light plants running well. He said there were some delinquents which will be reported to next meeting of Council unless paid, and action taken.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee reported new work in laying pipe etc, amounting to \$83.05 which was on motion appropriated to the Water Committee.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee also presented a statement of Street Sprinkling up to date as follows:

Appropriation		\$150.00
Apr 1, 1911	Sprinkling	\$34.50
Apr 15, 1911	repairs to hose	\$4.00
Apr 29, 1911	Sprinkling 17 days	\$51.00
May 17, 1911	Sprinkling 14 days	\$42.00
May 17, 1911	paint, painting wagon	\$11.15
Balance this date	May 17, 1911	\$7.35

Mr Rowe gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the [Council] move to change the ordinance relative to sprinkling hours.

On motion of Mr Somerville the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the Water Committee for Sprinkling purposes.

On motion of Mr Howard a resolution was passed giving permission to the Civic Betterment Club to put cards on the City Electric Light Poles, for a period of 60 days prohibiting spitting on the side walks. This does not apply to Telegraph and Telephone poles, and the Ordinance is still effective in regard to them.

The subject of putting oil on the Streets was brought up by Mr Embrey and he moved to expend \$150.00 for 6,000 gallons of oil. This was seconded by Mr Warden. It was later withdrawn on the suggestion of Mr Young and Mr Lane that before any money was expended, the Street Committee see the Standard Oil people here and get them to make a demonstration and if it was effective then the purchase would be considered.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee asked that the resolution in regard to purchase of Peden lot be taken up for consideration, it having been laid on the table at a previous meeting. This was done by unanimous vote.

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Mr Lane moved a reconsideration of the whole matter relating to the purchase of the Peden Lot, and it was carried.

Mr Lane second by Mr Somerville, offered the following, which was adopted. Messrs Goldsmith, Warden, Green and Howard voting no (4 votes)

Messrs Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Bradley, voting Aye (7 votes)

Resolved by the Council that the Alms House Committee make a contract with W H Peden for the purchase of the lot described in the report of said Committee to the Council January 16th 1911, for the price of \$1,500.00 and draw upon the Treasurer of this City in favor of said Peden, for said sum so soon as said Peden shall make a proper deed to the City for said lot, which said deed and title of said property shall be approved by the City Attorney.

The offer of said Peden to sell said lot to the City as reported by the Committee is hereby accepted by the Council.

Messrs Young and Lane made the following report, which on motion of Mr Rowe was received and ordered filed.

May 18, 1911

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

Gentlemen: We, your Committee appointed to visit Staunton and look into the system that they have adopted for the management of the City affairs, under the directorship of a general manager, would report that we visited Staunton and were most cordially received and entertained by the City Officials, who did everything they could for our pleasure and comfort while there. Col Wayt, the Mayor, Mr Lance, President, board of Alderman, and Mrs Ashburner, the General Manager gave us a good deal of their valuable time and went to a great deal of pains and trouble to furnish us with all the information showing the forms and accounts etc kept by them in connection with the office of General Manager and explain in detail all there forms.

The system used by them seems to work excellently and has undoubtedly saved the City money. From what we could learn by inquiries among the business and professional men they were well pleased with the office, and while Mr Ashburner has sent in his resignation as General Manager it is the opinion that this office will be continued. The General Manager has complete charge of all City affairs and keeps a record and account against each department. While he handles no funds at all, no account is paid by the City Treasurer without [Page 187] his endorsement, as well as two members of the Committee. For this way there is always a double check on the expenditures, and the Manager at a moment's notice can tell the amount of money to the credit of each Committee. While your Committee was favorably impressed with the system now in use in Stanton, yet we do not feel justified in recommending that Fredericksburg adopt this system in its entirety at present, but we would most strongly recommend that the City employ a street Commissioner, same to be a Civil Engineer and assign to him the following duties: First the care, maintenance and improvements of the City Streets, side walks, and alleys & etc, and also be consulting engineer for the Water, Sewer and Light department of the City, with the understanding that no work is to be done by either of these committees without first consulting and having the approval of the Street Commissioner and further, when such work is done by these Committees the Streets must be relayed in accordance with instructions. The Street Commissioner is to have charge of the watering and sweeping of the Streets.

We would also strongly recommend the establishment of a suitable garbage system which would be under the charge of the Street Commissioner, and would fill a long felt want.

We find that in all towns of our size and larger, a well kept and up to date fire department is maintained & would recommend that a conference be had with the City Fire Department to find out what additions would be necessary and what appliances required to improve and modernize the same.

This department should also be under the direct management of the Street Commissioner who would co-operate with the Fire Department in arranging for a better and more complete system.

Your Committee would be very glad to answer any questions and give any other information desired in regard to the Staunton System which is not embodied in this report

Respectfully submitted, Edgar M Young, H B Lane (Committee)

On motion Mr Rowe, the report was received and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr Somerville the following was adopted:

Resolved that the Committee that visited Staunton under the direction of a former resolution of this body having made its report this evening, recommending the appointment of a Street Commissioner for this City and outline generally his duties.

Further Resolved by the Council: The said report be referred [Page 188] to a Committee of six members of this Council composed three members of the Street Committee and three others named by the Chair, to consider suggestion of said report, and to report whether such Street Commissioner can be secured and at what salary and any other matters said Committee deem relevant.

And that within the next six day, 12 copies of the report of the Committee be made and one copy thereof be given each Councilman.

President appointed Messrs Somerville, Young and Lane, on motion of Mr Goldsmith President Bradley was added to the Committee.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee asked permission to place a fire plug in the Market House lot. On motion of Mr Embrey it was granted and \$100.00 or so much as is necessary was appropriated.

Mr M S Chesley, Chairman of Sanitation of the Civic Betterment Club was read to the Council and on motion referred to Committee on Health.

May 18, 1911

Mr W E Bradley, President

Dear Sir: The Civic Betterment Club of this City most respectfully requests your honorable body to thoughtfully consider the following: with a view of creating an ordinance making it unlawful for any merchant or merchants or their employees to sweep or place in the streets any trash, such as sweepings from their places of business, paper, peanut nut shells, filth, peelings, or any refuse, waste or worthless matter of such kind.

We would further ask that you have place in the park receptacles of such character as you deem best for the reception of any refuse that may accumulate in the Park for time to time and remove this refuse matter when it is necessary. The members of the above name organization propose to interest the merchants of our city in having receptacles for the deposit of such refuse as named above, and in the event that plan is adopted by the merchants, will your honorable body have this refuse matter removed twice a week or as often as necessary.

There is another plan which the Civic Betterment Club is considering; namely to induce the house keepers of our city to provide garbage cans for the reception of all kinds of trash, waste and worthless matter, and as in the case above in the event that these plans meet with approval, we do most respectfully ask that the Council make the necessary arrangements to have this garbage removed [Page 189] twice a week or as often as it deemed necessary.

The petition for the passage of an ordinance with the conditions as set forth in this paper, and the requests for the removal of refuse matter, provided that the Civic Betterment Club can carry into effect its plans, are along the lines of work now being done by this club and are earnestly made in behalf of our City, looking forward to the time when old Historic Fredericksburg will be a clean sanitary and healthy city.

Respectfully submitted, Mary S Chesley, Chairman, Committee on Sanitation

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the City Council was held June 6th 1911 at 8 o'clock PM with the following present; Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; Attorney Fitzhugh; Engineer Wilcox and Reid & Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair who called the Council to order and stated that it had been called for general purposes

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported that his Committee in obedience to instructions from this Council at the last meeting had closed the deal with W H Peden for the Alms House lot, had secured the deed for said lot which had been approved by the City Attorney, had paid said W H Peden, the sum of \$1,500.00 amount agreed upon for said lot, and now wished to present said deed to the City Council.

On motion it was ordered that the deed be recorded and placed in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee offered the following which on motion of Mr Lane was referred to the Alms House Committee by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Resolved by the Council that the Alms House Committee ascertain and report to the Council what would be a suitable building for the white paupers and also one for the Colored paupers of the City, and the probable cost of said buildings and said Committee will obtain and submit plans and specifications at the earliest date possible for the two buildings referred to above.

The President stated that it had been the custom of the Council to make an appropriation of \$250.00 to the School Committee to be used in financing the Summer Normal School to be held in the City this Summer. On motion of Mr Embrey, the sum of (\$250.00) was appropriated to the School Committee to be turned over to the conductor of the Summer Normal School, he to make an itemized report to the School Committee to report the same to this Council. Recorded vote as follows [Page 191]

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Streets and Finance presented the following report from the Engineers

To the City Council

June 6, 1911

After due consideration of the appearance of the Post Office Building, we would respectfully recommend that the curb at the corner be lowered 1-6/10 feet below the present established grade.

Respectfully submitted, Reid & Wilcox Civil Engineers

After an exhaustive discussion of the whole matter, Mr Somerville offered the following, seconded by Mr Lane which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley

Noes, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey Howard

The Engineer on the work at the intersection of Princess Anne & Hanover Streets having made report to the Council, that the curb at the Post Office corner be lowered 1-6/10 feet below the present established grade.

Resolved that the recommendation of the Engineers adopted, provided the expense of said change be defrayed by the Government.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee submitted estimate of a 4" cast iron pipe from corner of Boulevard & Willis Street south, distance 227 feet

Corporation part

4" value	\$8.50	
1 fire plug	\$24.50	
3" x 3 x 4" Tee	\$4.34	
250 lbs Lead @ 5½¢	\$11.55	
Yarn	\$.50	
Digging	\$50.40	
227 feet or 20 lengths, 20 x 260 lbs to length 2.6 tons @ \$29.00	\$75.40	
Drayage, wood, coke & etc	\$7.50	\$182.69
Cost of 4" iron pipe to be laid in W S Embrey's Lumber yard from a point 227 ft from the Boulevard to or near the office located on the lumber yard, distance 327 feet		
W S Embrey part, labor	\$61.32	
4" x 4" x 4" Tee	\$4.27	
327 ft or 26 lengths 26x260 = 6,760 lbs or 3½ tons @ \$29.00	\$101.50	
Yarn for joints	.60	

240# lead @5½¢

\$13.20

\$180.89

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And asked for an appropriation of \$182.69 to pay for the City's part of the work.

On motion of Mr Garner, the sum of \$182.69 was appropriated to the Water Committee to have the above work done, by a unanimous vote.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee then presented estimates on a 6" sewer main from the intersection of Prince Edward and Amelia up Amelia Street west to the residence of Dr U F Bass, distance 220 feet and requested that the Council instruct the Water Committee to make this sewer extension.

On motion the Water Committee were instructed to make the extension to Dr Bass' residence

220 ft, 6" pipe @.09	\$19.80	
2-6" x 6" Y @.60	\$1.80	
2-45 degree 6" bends @.45	\$.90	
Cement for joints	\$1.00	
Labor, Digging, Laying Pipe, filling	\$57.15	\$80.65

Mr Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted that the Water Committee and the Light Committee be instructed to report at next meeting of the Council the names of all delinquents and the amount owed by each delinquent both water and gas, said list to be read to the Council and steps taken to collect same before July 1, that being end of fiscal year.

Mr J W Masters arose and stated that in the next few days he would move to his new residence in the upper ward, and consequently would not be eligible as Councilman from the Lower Ward. He spoke of the pleasant relations with members of the Council and regretted to sever them, and asked that his resignation be accepted.

Mr Rowe moved that the resignation of J W Masters be accepted at the same time expressed regret at having to do so.

This was concurred in by remarks from President Bradley, and Mr Somerville, Lane, and Garner, and the resignation was accepted.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held June 15, 1911 at 8 PM o'clock.

Present Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green 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 as follows; June 15,1911

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

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the police officers have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month and are entitled to their pay.

I be to report fined amounting to \$38.00 and \$6.00 for dog licenses, all of which I have handed to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane of Finance presented bill of Clerk for postage and stationary for the year from July 1, 1910 to June 15, 1911 \$1.60
 On motion ordered paid.

Mr Young of the Light Committee presented list of Gas delinquents amounting to \$210.05
 Mr Rowe moved and it was so ordered that the list of names of delinquents be not read for the present
 June 15, 1911

Mr Young of Light Committee also presented an estimate for laying 8" Gas Mains on Princess Anne Street from Frederick Street to Commerce Street, recommended by the Superintendent 2000 feet 8" C I pipe as a feeder

1000 feet 4" C I pipe to connect Main Street	\$1,530.00
4 8x4 crosses	
2 8x6 crosses	
8 4x3 reducers	
1 8" drip pot	\$70.00
Yarn for joints	\$6.00
Cement	\$12.00
Lead	\$25.00
Tools, incidents	\$50.00
Digging and refilling ditch	\$360.00
B F Bullock, Total	\$2,053.00

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Mr Embrey moved, seconded by Mr Rowe, to receive the report of the Gas Committee and order the work done and that the sum of \$2,053.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary be appropriated to the Light Committee to do the proposed work, available after July 1, 1911.
 Recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee presented list of Water delinquents to \$381.94 also sewer delinquents amounting to \$165.87.

Mr Somerville moved that the report be received and that the reading of the names of delinquents be delayed indefinitely. Carried.

Mr Warden of the School Committee presented the following from the School Board
 To the Council June 15, 1911

Gentlemen: We most respectfully call your attention to the financial needs of the schools of the City of Fredericksburg for the term just closing, as well as for the one just ahead of us.

A year ago we represented to your honorable body, that it would require and appropriation of (\$7,000.00) to sustain the schools for the session of 1910-1911, but you had so many calls upon you for money that you appropriated only (\$6,000.00), although several members of your body including the presiding officer of the same gave us assurances that if we found out later that we needed the extra demand the same would be forthcoming.

The fiscal year for the schools does not close until the end of the current month, but we are far enough advanced towards this date to be able to draw off the following balance sheet, which is at least approximately correct. For comparison we give the figures for the last two sessions, which are

as follows—Receipt	1909-10	1910-11	Difference
Bal brought forward	\$332.90	\$559.20	
From the State	\$4,149.34	\$3,579.42	\$569.92
From the City	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	

From Tuition fees	\$759.00	\$653.25	\$105.92
From Miscellaneous	\$3.75	\$14.50	
	\$11,244.99	\$10,806.37	
Net decrease in Revenue		\$438.62	
Expenditures	\$10,685.79	\$11,373.35	
Net increase in expenses		\$687.56	

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It is apparent from the above statement that the \$7,000 we asked for a year ago was what we needed and that the \$6,000.00 granted did not suffice for a year when our revenue from sources outside the city fell off, while our expenses were increasing.

Although we have been as economical as possible with the ordinary expenses of the schools, it is not surprising that we are confronted at the present moment with the following urgent needs, to-wit:

Current bills presented	\$55.61
Other bills (estimated)	\$132.39
Current salaries unpaid	\$149.00
Overdraft on Treasurer's books	\$663.00
	\$1,000.00

The overdraft on the Treasurer came about in the paying off of the teachers at the close of the session in pursuance of contracts entered into by us when we had not reason to believe that our revenues from sources without the purse of the City would be less than formerly; and it also should be remarked upon at this junction, that our fuel bills for the past winter were abnormal for reasons familiar to all of you who are maintaining your own establishments.

The excess fuel cost plus the diminution of revenues together amount to approximately the same sum as the overdraft on the Treasurer's books:

In the increase in expenditures is due solely to the increase in salaries paid the teachers which were, after being raised considerably less than is paid in other cities the size of Fredericksburg, indeed much less than is paid in many small villages of the State. Low salaries, long continued, can have but one effect on the quality of the teaching done in our schools.

Although we are as citizens fully aware of the many demands upon the City's resources we feel sure that the last item of the City's needs you will be in attention to, is that which springs from our desire to properly care for the children.

We would therefore ask that you make immediately available the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to liquidate our indebtedness incurred during the year just closed, and to appropriate the sum of (\$7,000.00) for schools for next year, that being the sum needed for the same, on the basis of this year's experience.

Respectfully, The School Board of the City of Fredericksburg,
Isaac Hirsh, President

On motion of Mr Lane referred to the Finance Committee

Mr Warden also presented a communication from the City School Board, stating that the terms of A B Bowering and W L Brannan, as trustees, one from each ward will expire on July 1, 1911.

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Mr Rowe moved to go into an election. Carried

Mr Goldsmith moved that both trustees be elected at once. Carried

Mr Embrey nominated W L Brannan from the Upper Ward and A B Bowering from the Lower Ward.

Mr Warden nominated Decatur Edwards from Lower Ward.

Vote resulted Brannan 8 votes, Bowering of 6 votes and Edwards 2 votes. Somerville & Warden voting for Edwards.

Mr Bradley was excused from voting for either of the three. Brannan and Bowering to hold officer for three years from July 1, 1911. A B Bowering qualified by the Clerk of the Council
W L Brannan qualified before the Clerk of the Council.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the election of a Councilman from the Lower Ward to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J W Masters was gone into.

Mr W S Embrey nomination W J Ford and he was unanimously elected.

President Bradley named Messrs Embrey and Goldsmith a committee to inform Mr Ford of his election. Mr W J Ford appeared before the Clerk and duly qualified as Councilman from the Lower Ward.

President Bradley requested the Chairmen of the respective Committees to have their reports ready for the fiscal year on Monday night, June 26th and the Council stood adjourned to that time.

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 16th 1911 at 8 o'clock PM

Present: Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden,

Green: Att'y Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn

The President stated that W J Ford, who was elected a member of the Council at the last meeting had qualified before Clerk Eastburn, and was present, that he would appoint him Chairman of the Health and Police, 2nd on Schools, and third on Fire Department.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented check from Auditor of Public Accounts, amounting to (\$1,800) 1/3 of the delinquent capitation tax, paid in during year ending Sep 30, 1910, being the amount required by law to be refunded.

On motion the clerk was instructed to turn the check for \$1,800 over to the City Treasurer.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill of City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh, for fees including the Allison case in Court of Appeals. \$500.00

On motion of [blank] the bill was ordered paid by following vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Bradley.

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee handed in his report which was read by the Clerk.

Fredericksburg Va June 26, 1911

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Public Property beg leave to report an expenditure for all purposes during the current years from July 1, 1910 to June 26, 1911 amounting to (\$2,576.44) our appropriation for said year was (\$3,5000.00) leaving an unexpended balance of (\$823.56).

In this amount is one item of (\$954.40) which was paid for granolithic side-walks, curbs etc around the Public School building. Another item was (\$356.00 for bridge timber for the free bridge. These two items as will be seen are nearly one half of the amount expended by your Committee during said year.

The balance embraces insurance for all of the City's Property, fuel, repairs, and sundry work, all of which is attested by vouchers duly signed in the hands of the City Treasurer, R T Knox.

Your Committee is confronted the coming year with the almost necessity of painting and otherwise improving the condition of the Free Bridge. This property owned by the City is one of the Main Avenues of trade, and should be kept up to the highest point of efficiency for travel. The improvement proposed by your Committee will cost in and around (\$1,000.00). All of the City's

property except this and [Page 198] slight improvements needed on the Court House building is in good condition.

Respectfully submitted, W E Bradley, Jos M Goldsmith, A M Garner, Public Property Committee. On motion of Mr Rowe, the above report was received and ordered files.

June 26, 1911

Mr Embrey of Streets reported as follows:

The undersigned Committee on Streets beg to report the following brief statement of their work for the fiscal year ending 30th 1911. The appropriation for the Streets for the past year, other than for work at the Post Officer corner, have aggregated five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) all of which has been spent and out of this (\$5,000.00) your Committee has paid for permanent work that will never have to be done again, some of which may be enumerated as follows:

A complete reinforced concrete bridge with side walls below the bed of the Canal and with hand and guard rails has been constructed over the canal across Hanover Street.

A Bridge over the Canal at Commerce Street and bridge over the Canal at Wolf Street. Another bridge over the Canal on Prince Edward Street, at Dannehl's Shop, with their foundations and side walls have been constructed of concrete and steel.

These bridges are complete as far as they have gone, and serve every purpose for traffic and travel over the same, but the slabs have not been put on over the sidewalks and the guard rails have not been put up because the side lines of these streets have not been permanently fixed and give to your committee.

Other money of this (\$5,000.00.) has been spent in regarding the streets and ditches where permanent sidewalks and curbs have been laid, and still other money of this (\$5,000.00) has been spent taking up, or the wooden bridges in need of repairs and substituting in place thereof, terra cotta pipe or other permanent constructions.

(\$2,000.00) has been appropriated for work made necessary and work done at the Post Office corner, and of this (\$2,000.00) your committee has paid out the sum of (\$1,688.15) and there is still unpaid and outstanding bills and the work is now going on. The total cost of this work at this corner your Committee is at present unable to give and will not be in a position to state it until the work shall have been completed, which your Committee looks for about the middle of July.

Your Committee has sought as far as possible to expend the City's money for permanent improvements rather than temporary makeshifts that would be washed away by the first rain.

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, Jos M Goldsmith, J P Rowe (Street Committee)

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On motion [blank] the Street Committee's report was received and ordered filed.

June 15, 1911

Mr Young of Light Committee read the following report of Supt W Key Howard at the report of his Committee.

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as Superintendent of the City Electric Light Plant and I have divided the expenditures under three heads, expense, repair, and improvement.

Under the head of expense included salaries, water power, carbons, globes, coal, insurance, and incidentals.

Under Repair are all poles, lamps, dynamo machinery, and repairs to buildings.

Under Improvements are any new permanent additions to the lines & Plant.

I also beg to state that in my judgment the plant and all machinery, wires, poles, etc are in better condition than they have been for some years.

What little repair has been necessary to the machinery has been done without expense to the City and the spare armature and commutator are in good condition and ready for immediate use.

It has been my endeavor to run the plant on an economical basis in conformity with good service, and I take pride in submitting my report a saving from the appropriation of (\$1,081.62) during the past year, and I also beg to state that the few times that the lights have been out, have been cause either by ice or water turned from the Canal.

Trusting that my effort and management of the Plant will meet with your approval and that of the other members of the City Council, I beg to remain, very respectfully, W Key Howard, Supt City E L Plant

Expense Account

1910	Expense	Repairs	Improvements	Total
July	\$140.00			\$140.00
August	\$397.75			\$397.75
September	\$143.15	\$27.50	\$32.90	\$203.55
Oct	\$411.45	\$23.25		\$434.70
Nov	\$165.08	\$148.20	\$14.50	\$327.78
Dec	\$167.80	\$23.20		\$191.00
Jan	\$413.29	\$20.65		\$433.94
Feb	\$179.85	\$27.77		\$207.62
Mar	\$174.16		\$18.28	\$192.44
Apr	\$438.90			\$438.90
May	\$142.35			\$142.35
Jun	\$140.50			\$140.50
Postage	\$.48			\$.48
	\$2,914.76	\$270.57	\$65.68	\$3,251.01
Av pr month	\$242.90	\$22.55	\$5.47	\$270.92
Amount appropriation		\$4,200.13		
Stock poles, wire, carbon etc		\$112.13		
Paid Treasurer for work		\$20.50		
		\$4,332.63		
Total Expenses		\$3,251.01	amount saved \$1,081.62	

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Respectfully submitted W K Howard, Supt Electric Light Plant

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Young of Light Committee presented report of B F Bullock Supt of Gas as his Committee's report

June 22, 1911

Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitted the following as my fifth annual report, fiscal year ending June 1, 1911

Total amount of gas made		18,155.600 cu ft
Gas sold	15,660,400 cu ft	
Use works, etc	400,000 cu ft	
Street lamps	230,000 cu ft	
	16,290.400 cu ft	16,290.400 cu ft
Loss and condensation 10.3% or		1,865,200 cu ft
Increase in sendout over last fiscal year 7-3/4%		
Increase in sendout since building new plant 125.7%		

Coal on hand June 1st 1910 733,000 lbs

Coal purchased 4, 013,300
4, 746,800 lbs

Used during year Coal purchased 3, 896,800 lbs

Coal on hand June 1st 1911 850,000 lbs

Gas made per pound of coal carbonized 4.66 cu ft

Meters in use June 1st 1911 701

Set during year 155

Removed during year 129

26

Meters set June 1, 1910 675

Gain for year 26

Manufacturing Expenses

Coal \$5,484.32

Labor \$2,656.50

Works supplies, etc \$479.28

Bench repairs \$565.00 \$9,185.10

Distribution labor \$1,971.42

Material \$562.80

Printing and Advertising \$179.95

Repairs to meters \$57.00

Labor, Welsbachs \$78.00 \$2,849.17

Cost of operation \$12,034.27

New work and expense not operating new service \$290.00

New Meters \$217.62

New Boiler Home \$166.16

Bristol gauge \$40.00 \$713.78

Cost of operation \$12,748.05

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Amount brought over \$12,748.05

Work on mains due to changing grades Main Street \$108.00

Princess Anne Street \$136.00

\$12,992.05

Left with Treasurer \$7.95

\$13,000.00

Receipts

Cash received for gas \$15,649.04

Bills on hand \$241.32 \$15,890.36

Amt rec'd from Coke & Tar \$2,247.47

Bills on hand \$47.35

Coke and Tar on hand \$85.00 \$2,379.82

Welsbach Light on hand \$702.86

Cash turned in Welsbachs \$67.39 \$770.25

Total \$19,040.43

Total 1911 \$19,040.43

Operating Expenses \$12,034.27

Gross profits \$7,006.16

Cash turned in \$17,963.90

Drawn \$12,992.05

Deposited in excess of \$4,971.85 amount withdrawn

The City also has the use of five street lamps for which we get no credit, and while we do not pay water rent the above item would more than pay for it.

Welsbach report

Stock on hand June 1, 1910 \$1,057.53

Purchased \$1,417.63

Total \$2,465.16

Stock on hand June 1, 1911 \$1,124.14

Received sale of stock \$1,473.02 \$2,697.16

Labor setting lamps and mantles \$45.00 \$132.00

Attending arc lamps	\$78.00	\$123.00
Profit		\$9.00
Total cash received	\$1,473.02	
Spent	\$1,417.63	
	\$55.39	
Over last year	\$12.00	
Turned in to Treasury	\$67.39	

I wish to again call your attention to the report and recommendation I made to the Light Committee on Dec 14, 1909, in which I endeavored to show the urgent need of enlarging the manufacturing end of this plant.

As stated in the first part of this report, our sendout of gas has increased 125% or in other words, [Page 202] the last fiscal year the old plant was operated they made 8,041,800 cu feet of gas, while the year just closed we have made 18,660,400 cu feet.

As long as things work all right, we can make enough gas to supply all our consumers, but should any serious trouble occur during the winter months we would be unable to do so, greatly to the inconvenience of our citizens.

This is the second warning I have given you gentlemen and I most earnestly request you take this matter up with the City Council and try to have something done before trouble comes.

Respectfully submitted, B F Bullock, Supt

Approved Light Committee, E M Young, H B Lane

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported on the extra \$1,000.00 asked for by the Schools and referred to the Finance Committee, at last meeting, his Committee would recommend that \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Schools and it was so ordered on motion of Mr Young by following vote; Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley. (Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, July 1, 1911)

Mr Embrey of Streets presented diagram drawing of the proposed grade on Factory Street along the line of the Flume

On motion of Mr Young the Water Power Company was instructed to make the grade on Factory Street to conform with the Diagram here presented and it was so ordered

June 26, 1911

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Alms House beg leave to report an expenditure for all purposes during the current year from July 1st 1910 to June 26, 1911 amounting to \$1,345.79. Our appropriation for said year was \$1,150.00 showing that we had expended \$195.79 more than our appropriation and will respectfully ask that said sum be place to the credit of your committee.

All the vouchers for said expenditure are in the hands of City Treasurer R T Knox properly signed by the said Committee.

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

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, the sum of \$195.74 was appropriated to Alms House Committee by this vote; Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley.

(Approved H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, July 1st 1911)

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Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee presented plans and specifications for a new Alms House building at per instructions given by the Council.

On motion the plans & specifications were turned over the clerk and the members of the Council requested to examine same, and advise one the matter was deferred until Thursday night June 29, 1911.

On motion of Mr Somerville the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company franchise was referred back to the Ordinance Committee and allow Col Burgywn an opportunity to be heard on the same.

Mr Lane moved and it was adopted that the Ordinance Committee be instructed to have an ordinance and present the same on Thursday night June 29, 1911, allowing county teams to haul passengers to and from the Corner Stone laying at the Normal for the 4th of July 1911, without the payment of any license.

June 26, 1911

Gentlemen: We wish to extend through you a cordial invitation to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg to participate in the exercises incident to the laying of the cornerstone for the administration building of the State Normal School on the 4th of July 1911.

We trust that it may be convenient and meet the pleasure of the entire body to favor the occasion with their presence.

Very cordially yours, E H Russell, President

The Clerk was instructed to notify President Russell of the acceptance by the Council of the invitation and that the Council will attend in a body.

Mr Embrey of Streets presented a map for a grade on the West side of Washington Avenue drawn by engineer Reid. He said the property owners on that side of the Avenue had expressed a willingness to put down sidewalks if the city would give them a grade and put down curb and gutter.

That the grade proposed as per map required but little cutting and would not effect a single tree on the Avenue. As it required an ordinance to establish this grade, Mr Young moved that the matter be referred to the Street Committee, with instructions to have an ordinance prepared regarding the grade on that side of the Avenue, and also to ascertain if the citizens were willing to lay pavement along the entire avenue if the City would put down curb and gutter. Adopted.

Mr Embrey presented bill of Wilcox & Reid for \$37.50 for the survey of Marye and Guest Streets leading to the Normal School though Bradley property. This bill was withdrawn until July meeting. [Page 204]

Fredericksburg Va June 26, 1911

To the President and members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: We the undersigned Committee on Water, submit the report of S B Quinn, Supt of City Water Works, made to us as our annual report to this body

Messrs J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey, Committee on Water of the Common Council

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure of submitting to you the 29th Annual report of the operation of the City Water Works, which report includes the sewerage system of the Town.

This report covers the period from June 27, 1910 to June 26th 1911, and while this fiscal year has been an unusually busy one in this Department, we have been able to accomplish the work required, and report the City Water Works in excellent condition.

The machinery, etc, at the pumping station is in good running order and we have furnished the town with clear water every day during the past year.

Since the last annual report 26 new service pipes have been put in, making a total of 1505 present, and there are on our books 1571 assessments of semi-annual water rents, which includes 13 manufacturing establishments on meters, the water rents of which are paid monthly.

The collections at the close of this year amounting to \$9,980.90 are in excess of any previous year, and speaks well for the promptness of our people in paying water rent without the application of any compulsory law. However, there is a delinquency amounting to \$686.07, but \$349.33 of this amount is due from the last six months the payment of which fell due in January 1911 and will likely be settled during July collection.

Since our facilities for pumping water to the distributing reservoir were materially improved by the installation of a large pump operated by steam power, the draught on the reservoir has increased year by year, which increase necessitated the operation of the large pump about one half of the time during the severe winter and summer months with a further perceptible increase for the months of May and June.

As there are no meters on the discharge pipes from the pumps, it is impossible to determine how many gallons of water the City uses from year to year. This increase of the quantity of water used, is conclusively shown in the following comparison of the cost of operating the pumping station last year with that of this year.

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During the fiscal year ending June 27th 1910

309 tons of coal were purchased Cost	\$909.06
Cost of pumping station	\$481.36
Total cost	\$1,390.42

At the expiration of this year

367 tone coal were purchased, cost	\$1,190.01
Cost of operation	\$562.52
Total cost to June 26, 1911	\$1,752.53

This increase of coal and labor shows the increase of the service of the pumps, engines, and boiler, and the above comparison showing the cost of supplying the town with water this year is in excess of that of last year by (\$431.16)

It is quite probable that this large increase in water is much due to waste and not altogether to a legitimate use of it, since the waste can be carried off by sewers without inconvenience to any one. As a matter of information, there are 1571 buildings supplied with water, many of them manufacturing establishments and other places that required large quantities of water, besides street sprinkling lawns & gardens.

In addition to this there are in operation (according to our books) 438 bathtubs and 729 closets, making a total of 1,167 openings through which large amounts of water almost hourly flow. There seems to be little conformity to the Ordinance which specifies the hours for sprinkling; namely 5 to 7 morning and afternoon, and we are convinced that there are many who use water for sprinkling streets, their lawns and gardens at any time & for as many houses during the day and night as they see fit.

This department has accomplished more work this year outside of the regular expenses of the water works than in any one year since the installation of the water system.

New Work

We commenced the work of pipe extension at the lower end of Main pipe about the middle of April 1910, and at the close of the fiscal year in June 1910, 6" water pipe had been laid to a point on the South side of the Boulevard and 300 ft above the Narrow Gauge Depot, a distance of 3,463 feet. Since that time, this line of 6" pipe was continued up the Boulevard to Weedon Street, making in all a total of 4,701 feet of 6" pipe (iron). July 13, 1910 a 4" line of pipe was laid down from the intersection of Wolfe Street with Princess Anne Street out Wolfe Street west connecting at Spottswood Street, with the 3" pipe.

Another line of 4" pipe was laid from the 6" pipe at the Boulevard and Prince Edward Street up Prince Edward Street to Charlotte street connecting with a 4" pipe Wolfe Street, and 3" and 2" pipes at Charlotte and Prince Edward streets. There three lines measure as follows:

6" from lower Main Street to Mercer Street & Boulevard	4,701 ft
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2 4" lines, one on Wolfe St, the other on Prince Edward	2,783 ft
Total	7,484 ft

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This work was estimated to cost \$5,796.20 and this amount was appropriated. The actual cost amounted to \$5,370.05. \$226.15 less than the estimate.

In consequence of the change of grades on Lower Main Street, Hanover and Princess Anne streets, it was necessary to lower the water mains and supply pipes, etc along these Streets, the cost of which amounts to \$384.27 and for which we have received credit.

In May we received orders to remove the water gate at Dannehl's shop and remove all trash and like matter impeding the flow of the water in the Canal causing it to overflow its banks at certain places. (\$50.00) was appropriated for this purpose and after expending this amount to the best advantages, the situation was materially relieved.

In this same connection we built a substantial bank along the meadow, the ditch west of the Canal for draining said meadow lying between the Canal and ditch was also cleaned out and deepened up to a point about in line with the property of Prof Somerville on Washington Avenue. This work cost (\$50.00) which amount the Council appropriated prior to the commencement of the work.

Extension of Water Mains

When the necessity of the extension of water mains through the western portion of the town was advocated the whole matter was referred to a Joint Committee composed of the Water and Finance Committees which committee through the Supt of Water Works, submitted a detailed report of the plans and cost of the proposed lines of water pipes.

In preparing the annual report of the operation of the City Water Works, we found it necessary to furnish a partial statement of the amount of pipe already laid, together with the cost.

When the whole system as recommended by the Joint Committee and appropriation for the work made by the Council is completed a formal report will be furnished by the Joint Committee giving the cost of the work and other matters relative thereto. August 8, 1910 a special appropriation of \$8,313.94 was made for laying an 8" water main from the intersection of Weedon Street with the Boulevard, up Weedon to Charlotte down Charlotte to Lee Avenue.

A 10" Main from the corner of Weedon and Charlotte streets, to and inside the distributing reservoir, also 4" lines of water pipe along Willis and Weedon streets, a part of Spottswood and the whole of the length of Lee Avenue.

The 8" and 10" pipe extension was begun on March 23, 1911, and we are pleased to report this work completed and the water turned into these lines. This work has been very much retarded on account of the long line of pipe laid through marshy ground which necessitated the digging of deep trenches to obtain a solid foundation on which to lay the pipe. The original depth adopted for calculating the cost of digging was 4ft 9in, [Page 207] but much of the pipe is laid in trenches ranging from 5ft to 7ft 6in according to the lay of the ground and the condition of the earth.

At the intersection of Lee Avenue with Charlotte streets we place an 8" x 8" tee, which can be used if at any time in the future an 8" main should be laid up Charlotte Street east to Main Street at Maj Ruggles' corner. At present this street has no line of pipe except a 2" circulating pipe from Pr Edward to Princess Anne, place there by the contractor in 1884. On Hanover Street, at McDonnell's corner, there is a 6" Tee, which can be utilized in the event that a 6" pipe is laid along Hanover Street to Main Street, at present being supplied from a 2" pipe connected in three places to a 3" pipe. There are yet 4 lines of 4" pipe to be laid, which pipes will be connected to the 10" pipe and after this work is completed the 10" supply main which is already in use will reach every part of that section of town west of the canal with its present meager supply of water, and no fire protection, providing it with an adequate supply both for family use and fire purposes, thereby giving a good protection as its elevation will permit.

Besides this, the new line of pipe with its laterals will keep the present pipes full of water, so that the present draught, which has increased materially in the last three years, will not so weaken its volume as to diminish the pressure. The length of these two lines of 8" and 10" pipe is as follows

From Weeden St and Boulevard to Charlotte St down Charlotte to Lee Avenue 8" pipe	951ft
From corner of Weedon & Charlotte Sts to reservoir	3,881ft
Total length of	4,832 feet

The items of cost of this work are as follows

10" 8" & 4" cast iron pipe, valves, hydrants, fittings	\$6,375.38
Labor	\$1,189.39
Total cost to date	\$7,584.77

Which cost when deducted from \$8,313.94 the original appropriation leaves a balance of \$729.17 with which to complete the 4" pipes on Willis, Weedon, Spottswood and Lee Avenue.

We respectfully call your attention to the necessity of having a new fence built around the distributing reservoir located west of the City. The present fence has been repaired several times, and is in a very bad condition. We have inquired into the cost of a substantial wire fence and find that one made of woven wire 49 inches high with one strand of barb wire at the top will approximate (\$150.00).

The following is a statistical report of all work done during the year and expenditures therefore:

Special work

Amount expended to complete 6" main on Boulevard and 4" lines on Prince Edward and Wolf streets	\$802.38
Amt expended for cleaning out canal & ditches in rear of Cemetery	\$100.00
Amt expended for lowering water mains, supply pipes, and moving fire Hydrants on various streets, necessary to conform to grades	\$384.27
	\$1,286.65

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Amount Brought up	\$1,286.65
Amt expended to date laying 8" and 10" mains	\$7,584.77
Street Sprinkling	
Amt expended from June 27, 1910 to June 16, 1911	\$542.20
Running expenses	
Cost of coal and labor for operating pumping Station	\$1,752.53
Other expenditures, material, labor, repairs, Supt Salary	\$2,636.67
Expenditures for all purposes	\$13,802.82

Amt appropriated for laying water mains, 10", 8" & 4" lines	\$8,313.94
Amt expended to June 26, 1911	\$7,584.77
Balance due to complete the work	\$729.17

Amt appropriated for running expenses & Supt Salary	\$4,400.00
Amt expended to June 26, 1911	\$4,389.20
Balance to credit of running expenses	\$10.80

Recapitulation

Total receipts from June 27, 1910 to June 26, 1911	\$9,980.90
Expense of operating including Supt Salary	\$4,389.20
1% on \$22,000 bonds for sinking fund	\$220.00
Interest on \$22,000 bonds @ 4%	\$880.00
Net profit to works	\$4,491.70

The collections of the year exceed those of any previous year by (\$739.27), while the profit of the works is (\$214.16) in excess. As heretofore, the interest on \$22,000 on bonds, amounting to (\$1,100.00) which included 1% sinking fund, has been deducted from the water receipts, thereby reducing the net profit of the works by that amount

Sewers

We are pleased to report the sewers in good condition so far as we are able to tell. By means of systematic flushing both from automatic flush tanks and water pressure derived from the fire hydrants, the main lines of Sewerage have been kept open and running freely. Besides looking after this particular part of the work and adding such laterals as have been applied for, we report the following new lines completed during the past fiscal year:

Fr Main & Pitt Sts out Pitt west to within 25 feet of Princess Anne St 6" sewer	259ft
Fr Commerce St & Wash Ave, up said Ave north to residence of Col E D Cole. 8" sewer	1,710ft
Fr Wash Ave and Amelia Sts up Amelia St east to Douglass St 8" sewer	330ft
Fr end of 8" Sewer on Wolfe St out Wolfe St west, 8" sewer	122ft
A total of	2,421ft

The cost of the Sewer on Washington Avenue was ordered to be paid out of the general funds, the same to be returned to the Treasury [Page 209] when the Sewer Tax was collected in May 1911, to the amount of (\$1,442.95). The actual cost amounted to (\$1,352.06)--\$90.89 less than the estimate and appropriation The expenses for laying the other lines of sewerage were paid out of the general fund.

On this 2,421 ft of Sewerage there are 42 laterals and with the 11 applied for gives a total of 53 laterals laid during this fiscal year. There are 734 houses changed with the annual sewer connection tax of \$2.00 per year and while the collections have been very good, yet there is a delinquency amounting to \$299.48, \$137.82 of which has accrued up to May 1, 1911. The remaining \$161.66 is for the year ending May 1, 1912.

There has been collected and turned over to the City Treasurer during the year \$1,578.17, and the expenditures for new work and the necessary expenses of flushing, etc, amount to (\$2,090.33), leaving a deficit of \$512.16.

Your attention is called to the need of man holes along those lines of sewerage which were owned by individuals up to 1908, when these lines were taken up by the City and became a part of the sewerage system of the Town.

While some improvements have been made and several man holes built, yet there should be others, as they are a great importance for flushing and locating any stoppage that may take place. We respectfully recommend the following points as the most advantageous locations:

- Corner of Princess Anne and Wolfe streets
- Corner of Princess Anne and George streets
- Corner of Princess Anne and Amelia streets
- Corner of Princess Anne and Fauquier streets
- Corner of Charles and Hanover streets
- Corner of Charles and George streets
- Corner of Charles and Lewis streets
- Corner of Prince Edward and Lewis streets
- Corner of Prince Edward and Fauquier streets
- Corner of Winchester and Lewis streets
- Corner of Winchester and Fauquier streets
- Corner of Winchester and Hawke streets, a total of 12

All bills that have been paid both for water and sewer during the year can be found as vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer, stating specifically to whom the money was paid and for what purpose. Also for all labor, who performed the labor, where it was performed and for what purpose.

Respectfully submitted, S B Quinn, Sup City W Works

All of which is respectfully submitted, J P Rowe, H B Lang, W S Embrey (Committee on Water)

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

Adjourned to meeting June 29th 1911 at 8 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council held June 29, 1911 at 8 o'clock PM
Present, Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green: Atty
Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

Finance Committee Report

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for year ending June 30th 1911
To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia
Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance submit the following report for the year ending June 30th
1911, embracing the settlements of accounts of City Collector, A P Rowe; of the City Treasurer, R
T Knox, whose reported are appended hereto and are adopted as a part of this report:

Fredericksburg Va June 21, 1911

Messrs H B Lane, S W Somerville, W E Bradley, Finance Committee of City Council
Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of Collections of Taxes and
Licenses for the City of Fredericksburg, for the fiscal year ending June 21st 1911.

I am gratified to report that not withstanding some falling off in the amount of licenses assessed, the
collections in the aggregate are larger than ever before.

The amounts derived from the different sources are all given separately and all licenses assessed
have been paid.

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

Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, Collector City Taxes.

City Taxes collection for the year ending June 21, 1911.

On assessment 1910 Real Estate	\$23,415.83	
On assessment 1910 Personalty	\$10,541.08	\$33,956.91
On assessment 1910 after October 15th		
On assessment 1910 Real Estate	\$1,899.59	
On assessment 1910 Personalty	\$421.20	
	\$2,311.79	
Add penalty and Interest	\$169.29	\$2,481.08
General Licenses fr Jun 21, 1910 to Apr 30, 1911	\$644.55	
Dray licenses fr Jun 21, 1910 to Apr 30, 1911	\$36.00	
Licenses for Opera House exhibitions	\$90.00	
Special shows, Jun 21, 1910 to Apr 30, 1911	\$169.67	
On general licenses 1911/1912	\$12,316.19	
On dray licenses 1911/1912	\$112.00	
Special shows 1911/1912	\$106.00	\$13,474.41
Rent of City Hay Scales from 1911		\$11.18
Total for 1910/1911		\$49,923.58

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On assessment 1909	\$39.42	\$49,923.58
Add penalty and interest	\$1.85	\$41.27
On assessment 1908	\$9.86	
Add penalty and interest	\$1.54	\$11.40
On assessment 1907	\$32.45	
Add penalty and interest	\$.94	\$33.39
On assessment 1906	\$6.16	
Add penalty and interest	\$1.37	\$7.53
On assessment 1905	\$4.84	
Add penalty and interest	\$2.30	\$7.14

On assessment 1904	\$10.58	
Add penalty and interest	\$1.40	\$11.98
On assessment 1903	\$.49	
Add penalty and interest	\$.52	\$1.01
On assessment 1902	\$2.60	
Add penalty and interest	\$1.23	\$3.83
On assessment 1901	\$4.63	
Add penalty and interest	\$3.26	\$7.89
On assessment 1900	\$4.48	
Add penalty and interest	\$2.18	\$6.66
On assessment 1899	\$4.20	
Add penalty and interest	\$2.54	\$6.74
On assessment 1898	\$2.02	
Add penalty and interest	\$1.52	\$3.54
On assessment 1897	\$	
Add penalty and interest	\$.74	\$.74
On assessment 1896	\$.92	
Add penalty and interest	\$.79	\$1.71
On assessment 1895	\$.84	
Add penalty and interest	\$.68	\$1.52
On assessments of 1893 and 1892		\$.52
Total collections from all sources		\$50,070.45
The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg by delinquents for the years 1883 to 1910 inclusive		
Amounts on books of 1910		\$37,189.34
By collections to Oct 15, 1910	\$33,956.91	
Collections after Oct 15, 1910	\$2,481.08	
Deduct penalty & Interest	\$169.29	\$2,311.79
Delinquent Real Estate bills turned Over to the Treasurer June 21, 1911	\$268.78	
Bills exempt by Court	\$381.08	\$36,918.56
Amount delinquent		\$270.78
Amt delinquent for years 1883 to 1909 inclusive		\$293.14
		\$563.92

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

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On motion the report of the City Tax Collector, A P Rowe was received and ordered filed

Report of R T Knox, Treasurer

Report of R T Knox, Treasurer showing balance on hand July 1, 1910, and receipts from all other sources and how disbursed all supported by proper vouchers and orders of Council and showing balance on hand July 1, 1911. Receipts from all sources.

July 1 st 1910 balance on hand	\$8,343.25
By receipts from Water	\$9,980.88
By receipts from Gas	\$17,963.90
By receipts from Taxes	\$35,491.60
By receipts from Licenses	\$13,137.74
By receipts from Delinquent Real Estate	\$392.37
By receipts from Dog Licenses	\$396.50
By receipts from old lumber ec	\$8.50
By receipts from Histories	\$91.18
By receipts from Capitation returned by State	\$594.45

By receipts from Cow Pasture		\$35.00
By receipts from Rents		\$120.00
By receipts from Fines		\$789.70
By receipts from Gen Alms House, etc		\$4,965.61
		\$92,310.68
June 26, balance on hand		\$1,830.42
		\$1,830.42
June 27 less		\$94.92
June 27, balance on hand		\$1,735.50

Expenditures		
Water Committee	\$13,799.07	
Gas Committee	\$12,897.33	
Street Committee	\$6,688.15	
Public Property Committee	\$2,676.44	
Alms House Committee	\$1,345.79	
Electric Lights Committee	\$3,251.01	
Public Interests Committee	\$43.59	
Of Court	\$2,175.68	
Joint Street & Finance Committee	\$2,358.44	
Mayor's Orders	\$419.10	
Health & Police Committee	\$325.84	
Fire Department Committee	\$381.35	
Public Schools	\$7,000.00	
St Geo R Fitzhugh	\$500.00	\$53,861.79
In orders Council, Salaries, interest, Notes paid, Mayor, Judge, Doctor, Police, Police Justice, etc, all included coupons also		
The following are some of the items		
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Amount Brought Up		\$53,861.79
Judge Goolrick	\$1,249.96	
Dr J N Barney	\$300.00	
Mayor H Lewis Wallace	\$400.00	
Commonwealth Atty W W Butzner	\$400.00	
Shirt Factory note & Int paid	\$1,628.00	
May 3 & 4	\$1,666.66	
Note	\$1,680.55	
Bonds Nov 1, Gas & Water	\$5,000.00	
S E Eastburn, Clerk	\$150.00	
6 mo Salary Treasurer	\$375.00	
May 29 Alms House Lot	\$1,500.00	
General Sinking Fund	\$2,758.00	
Va School Supply Co	\$981.45	
3 Assessors for the City	\$720.00	
Columbia Supply Co	\$360.00	
4 policemen	\$2,380.00	
6 mo Salary Treasurer	\$375.00	
Coupons 4 different times	\$10,906.00	
Other items order of the Council	\$2,571.51	\$35,472.16
		\$89,333.95
Expended on new Sewer Acct	\$2,543.84	

Less receipts	\$1,497.53	
Expended by the City over and above receipts		\$1,146.31
		\$90,480.26
By Balance		\$1,830.42
		\$92,310.68
To C C Cox, Agent		\$94.92
Balance		\$1,735.50
		\$1,830.42

General sinking fund at Farmers & Merchants State Bank, savings department, in account with R T Knox, Treasurer

1910 Jun 23	To balance on hand	\$33.24	
Jul 1	To int due per pass book	\$20.00	
Oct 20	To check deposited see voucher 896		
	In three checks for Gen Sinking fund	\$2,758.00	
1911 Jan 3	J G Dow check on \$3,200	\$48.00	
	Sale of \$3,200 Va Bonds	\$2,826.13	\$5,685.37
Jan 8	To balance due		\$10.16
1910 Dec 2	By purchase of 5 Va State bonds No 7085, 7086, 7087 of \$1,000, each Nos 8601, 8602 \$100 each (sold \$3,200 @ .85-3/4	\$2,775.21	
1911 Jan 3	By bonds purchased from Fredericksburg Norm School fund		
	Being 2 for \$1,000	\$2,000.00	
	1 for \$500	\$500.00	
	4 for \$100	\$400.00	\$5,685.37
By balance		\$10.16	

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This statement shows a balance due by the sinking fund of \$10.16. This made necessary in the purchase of the bonds retired.

Sewer Sinking Fund Account

1910 Jul 1	By balance on deposit per bank book	\$420.92
1910 Jul 1	By check J G Dow 2 nd Auditor interest on \$300 Va Bonds 6mos	\$4.50
1910 Oct 21	By check voucher #61, for credit sewer sinking fund acct	\$173.00
1911 Jan 3	J G Dow 2 nd Auditor Int on \$900 Va State Bonds @5%	\$13.50
		\$611.92
Dec 2	By check for bonds 1 for \$500, No 2471, 1 for \$100 No 8603	\$520.35
	By balance & whatever interest is due	\$91.57

I have on hand \$900 Va State Bonds bearing 3% interest

Wallace Library, in account with Robert T Knox, Treasurer

1910	By balance to credit this 23 rd June	\$4,545.97
1910 Jul 1	By J G Dow for Int 6 mo on \$5,400 Va S B	\$81.00
1911 Jan 3	By J G Dow for Int to date on \$5,400 Va Bonds	\$81.00
Jun 3	Check Miss Gravatt for fines due library to date	\$11.95
		\$4,719.92

1910			
Jul 21	To Mrs Mary Quinn Hicks	No 1	\$16.85
Aug 16	To J W Adams	No 2	\$2,200.00
Sep 21	To E D Cole	No 3	\$229.82
Sep 24	To J W Adams	No 4	\$185.43
Sep 30	To E W Jones	No 5	\$1.50
Dec 5	To Free Lance & Star Pub	No 6	\$10.00
Dec 5	To J W Adams	No 7	\$218.61
Dec 5	To Miss Sallie N Gravatt	No 8	\$1.25

Dec 5	To Miss E D McBryde	No 9	\$75.00	
1911				
Jan 31	To W A Bell & Bro	No 10	\$1.95	
Feb 7	To E C Ninde	No 11	\$32.50	
Mar 11	To Free Lance & Star	No 12	\$3.00	
			\$2,975.93	
	By Balance in hand R T Knox		\$1,743.99	\$4,719.92
	State Bonds, 3%			\$5,400.00
Outstanding bonded indebtedness of City				
	Water Bonds, 4% Int Due 1919			\$22,000.00
	Gas bonds 4% Int, due 1920			\$25,000.00
	Bridge Bonds, 4% Int, due 1920			\$25,000.00
	Electric L bonds 4% Int due 1913			\$12,000.00
	Sewer Bonds \$18,000 – sinking fund \$700 4% due 1931			\$17,300.00
	Street Imp Bonds 4% due 1931			\$20,000.00
	Water & Gas Bonds, 4% due 1935			\$20,000.00
	School Bonds 4% due 1938			\$15,000.00
	Normal School Bonds 4% due Apr 1940			\$14,500.00
	City Bonds, 4% Due May 1, 1936			\$119,400.00
				\$290,200.00

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On motion the Treasurer's report was received and ordered filed.

Report of the Auditing Committee

We respectfully report to you that we have examined the books of the following

B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works

W Key Howard, Supt Electric Light Plant

S B Quinn, Supt Water Works

A P Rowe, City Tax Collector

And have found the accounts correct and supported by the proper receipts

We have also examined the books of the City Treasurer, R T Knox, and have found his accounts correct with the exception of a few small errors amount to \$15.00 which errors have been noted and corrected. We found the accounts supported by proper vouchers.

We made a careful examination of all the books and accounts of the City, and which we were greatly pleased and gratified at the manner in which they were kept. We realize that this duty is a very important one indeed, and one that calls for more time than can be given it by the members of any auditing Committee from the City Council if it is done in the manner it should be done.

Therefore, we recommend that hereafter an expert accountant be employed to do this work, under the direction of the Auditing Committee, at the close of each fiscal year. We also recommend that the Public Property Committee purchase for the City Treasurer a cabinet file for the letters and receipts of the City in his office.

Respectfully submitted S W Somerville, E M Young, F L W Green (Auditing Committee)

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

Your Committee having regard to the financial needs of the several departments of the City government for the ensuing twelve months beginning July1, 1911, recommended the appropriations set out in the attached ordinance, the passage of which they recommend

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1912.

For interest on \$22,000 Water Bonds 4%	\$880.00
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For interest on \$25,000 Bridge Bonds 4%	\$1,000.00
For interest on \$25,000 Gas Bonds 4%	\$1,000.00
For interest on \$12,000 Electric Light Bonds 4%	\$480.00
For interest on \$17,300 Sewer Bonds 4%	\$692.00
For interest on \$20,000 St Imp Bonds 4%	\$800.00
For interest on \$20,000 Water & Gas Bonds 4%	\$800.00
For interest on \$15,000 School Bonds 4%	\$600.00
For interest on \$14,500 Normal School Bonds 4%	\$580.00
For interest on \$119,400 City Bonds 4%	\$4,776.00
	\$11,708.00

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For Sinking Fund

One percent on \$22,000 Water Bonds	\$220.00
One percent on \$25,000 Bridge Bonds	\$250.00
One percent on \$25,000 Gas Bonds	\$250.00
One percent on \$12,000 Electric Light Bonds	\$120.00
One percent on \$17,300 Sewer Bonds	\$173.00
One percent on \$20,000 St Imp Bonds	\$200.00
One percent on \$20,000 Water & Gas Bonds	\$200.00
One percent on \$15,000 School Bonds	\$150.00
One percent on \$14,500 Normal School Bonds	\$145.00
One percent on \$119,400 City Bonds	\$1,194.00
	\$2,902.00

Salaries & other expenses

Judge of Corporation Court	\$1,300.00
Clerk of Court	\$400.00
Sergeant	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$750.00
City Attorney	\$400.00
Mayor	\$400.00
4 Police @ \$600 each	\$2,400.00
Clerk of Council	\$150.00
Clerk of Market	\$75.00
Health Officer	\$300.00
Schools	\$7,000.00
Ex of Water Committee	\$3,500
Add salary of Supt	\$900
Amt to complete extension	\$729.17
App fr City part of laying 4"	
Ln fr Boulevard to Embrey's yd	\$182.69
Gas Committee	\$11,800.00
Salary of Supt	\$1,200.00
Electric Light	\$2,800.00
Electric Supt	\$1,200.00
Alms House	\$1,250.00
Public Property	\$2,500.00
Streets	\$5,000.00
Fire Department	\$1,000.00
Health Department	\$200.00
Public Interest	\$100.00
	\$60,446.86

2nd Resolved further that it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Council at its next regular meeting thereafter if any of these appropriations are exhausted, and he shall not pay any orders on him other than orders of the City Council until further appropriations are made therefore.

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In addition to the regular appropriations made July 1st 1910, the City's Treasury has born extraordinary expenses for permanent improvements and betterments that will not have to be repeated again, but which expenditures have added to the value of the City's several properties, thus permanently increasing the assets of the City.

For extensions of the Water Mains affording fire protection to the West End, the largest expenditures were made, and in addition to this the Water Committee made extraordinary expenditures in lowering water mains and local service pipes to accord with new and permanent grades of streets established in the City, and made small expenditures for cleaning out canal. There total expenditures for the Water Committee aggregate \$8,871.42

For Sewer Extensions during the year there was paid \$2,090.33 of which amount a portion was bourne and paid by the receipts from the Sewer fund. The remainder of which amount was charged to extra appropriations and paid out of the general Treasury

permanent improvements of Streets expended	\$1,146.31
At the post office corner	\$1,688.15
For schools	\$1,000.00
Joint Committee on Streets and Finance, curbing	\$2,358.44
For furniture school house	\$981.45
Shirt factory lot & building belonging to the City & Interest	\$5,045.21
Total	\$21,090.98

\$3,200 par value of Va Century Bonds, belonging to the General sinking fund and bringing 3% interest were sold and with the proceeds were bought and retired \$2,900 of Fredericksburg Normal School bonds which were burning by order of the Council.

This \$2,900 of Fredericksburg burned School Bonds, with the short time \$5,000 Gas & Water Bonds paid Nov 1, 1910 aggregate to \$7,900 of the City's bonds retired during the past year.

The City has no floating indebtedness.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary expenditures aggregating \$31,090.98 the Treasurer's report shows a general balance to the credit of the City with which to begin the new year of \$1,735.50.

Respectfully submitted, H B Lane, W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

The Finance Committee allotted \$4,000 to Streets. To this Mr Embrey objected and asked that his Committee be allotted \$5,000.00. This was seconded by Mr Rowe, and after some discussion which was finally settled by an agreement that if the West Side of Mary Washington Avenue is improved as contemplated, the cost of the improvements will come out of the general appropriation to the Street Committee, instead of a special appropriation. Then the \$5,000.00 was set apart for Streets.

Mr Warden offered the following seconded by Mr Ford. The various amounts appropriated for the several committees shall not be subject to the orders of said Committees, only such [Page 218] amounts as may be set aside at each regular monthly meeting of the Council. Such amounts to be based upon detailed estimates from said Committees and said Committees shall at each regular meeting submit reports in detail of the expenditures made during the month.

This was lost received only the votes of Mr Warden and Mr Ford.

Mr Rowe moved to suspend the rules. The rules were suspended Full vote.

Mr Embrey moved to accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt the ordinance.

Ayes, Lane , Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley.
(approved by Mayor H Lewis Wallace, Mayor July 1st 1911)

Mr Goldsmith moved that the Finance Committee have their report published. Carried.

Mr Lane offered the following seconded by Mr Young

The Finance Committee having asked the Council to authorize it to negotiate loans form time to time with the banks of this City, not to exceed the sum of \$10,000 to meet extraordinary demands until the revenue of the City becomes available in October.

“Resolved by the Council: That the said Finance Committee is hereby authorized to obtain such loans as may be from time to time found necessary, by said Finance Committee not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$10,000.00 and to give the notes of the City, executed by the Finance Committee for such sums as said Committee may find it necessary to borrow. The interest thereon not to exceed 5% and all such notes being payable on or before the 15th October 1911 when they will be paid out of the current revenues of the City.”

Ayes: Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Bradley

Noes, Goldsmith, Ford, Green

Mr Embrey presented an ordinance for a grade on West side of Mary Washington Avenue prepared by Cecil L Reid.

An ordinance to establish a permanent grade for the West side of Mary Washington Avenue from the Cemetery Wall at Lewis Street northward to Hitchcock Street.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the permanent grade for the West side of Mary Washington Avenue from the Cemetery wall at Lewis Street northward to Hitchcock Street be and the same is hereby established and declared as the same appearing on a plot thereof made by Reid & Wilcox, Civil Engineers and [Page 219] bearing date June 14th 1911, that day returned to the Council of Fredericksburg and which is hereby ordered to be recorded on the minutes of this Council along with this ordinance.

And be it further ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, that when the work of grading, curbing, and paving the West side of Mary Washington Avenue aforesaid between the Cemetery wall on Lewis Street and Hitchcock Street as at present contemplated by the owners of the property fronting thereon, and by this Council is done, the secondary curb grade marked “B” as shown on the plot from Pierson Street to Hitchcock Street be and the same shall be observed and is hereby adopted as a secondary grade, and that the pavement and curb between said north line of Pierson Street and to said South line of Hitchcock Street, be for the present established and laid on the said secondary grade, marked “B” as aforesaid.

This ordinance shall take effect from its passage and approval.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the rules were suspended to pass the above ordinance.

Mr Ford moved to adopt the Ordinance, carried by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley.

(approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor July 1, 1911)

Mr Embrey offered the following:

Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

That the sum of (\$500) or so much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the Street Committee for the purpose of laying down a standard concrete curb and gutter on the west side of Mary Washington Avenue from the Cemetery wall at Lewis Street to the south line of Hitchcock Street. This appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Committee on Streets.

And be it further resolves that the appropriation shall become available and said work herein authorized be done, only when all of the property owners fronting on the West side of the said Mary

Washington Avenue between the Cemetery Wall and the South side of Hitchcock Street shall by written agreement undertake and bind themselves concurrently with the doing of the work by this ordinance authorized, to have laid on the west side of the said street as aforesaid, a standard concrete pavement as may be approved by the said Committee on Streets.

Adopted W S Embrey, Jos M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, Street Committee

(Approved H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, July 1, 1911)

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Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee made a report as instructed by the Council at a previous meeting directing plans and specifications to be obtained for building a new Alms House. He submitted maps etc, drawn by contractor F P Stearns, who was present, and explained same.

Mr Ford presented this letter from Commonwealth Attorney G B Wallace of Stafford. It was read and on motion ordered filed.

June 29, 1911

Gentlemen: Recently I have heard some talk of Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg jointly providing a place of reception for the poor and in fact I have talked with some of the Supervisors of Stafford in regard to the matter.

Stafford County has a very good farm of one hundred acres, with Superintendent's house and house for each the White and Colored paupers, together with barn outbuildings, orchard and other improvements, located with three miles of Falmouth and they seldom have over two or three paupers there. From a pecuniary point of view it would be to the interest of both the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Stafford to maintain an Alms House jointly as each of them is fortunate in not having a large number of inmates for an Alms House.

At this time by combining with Stafford County, I am quite sure that the paupers of your town could be comfortably provided for at the Alms House of Stafford County at a much less cost per capita than you have been able to maintain them at your own Alms House heretofore: and the Board of Supervisors will consider a reasonable proposition for your for combining in this respect.

Yours truly, G B Wallace

Mr Garner offered the following:

Resolved: that the Alms House Committee is hereby instructed to advertise for bids for the erection of two buildings according to the plans and specifications submitted to this Council this night, and said Committee report said bids to this Council at the earliest date possible. This was lost:

Ayes: Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Bradley (5 votes)

Noes: Goldsmith, Ford, Young, Warden, Green (5 votes)

Mr Warden offered this resolution, which was adopted.

Ayes: Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley

Noes: Lane, Garner, Embrey

Whereas the question of building an Alms House is now before the Council and

Whereas the State Board of Charities and Corrections has recommended the establishment of District Alms Houses:

Therefore be it [Page 221] Resolved:

(1) That this Council does invite the Supervisors of the Counties of Stafford, King George, Caroline, and Spotsylvania to attend a conference to be held in this City for the purpose of investigating the advisability of the establishment, maintenance, and operation of an Alms House for the joint use and benefit of the Counties herein named and of the City of Fredericksburg.

(2) That at such conference the City shall be represented by Messrs A W Wallace, P V D Conway and M G Willis.

Mr Green, Chairman of the Fire Department did not have his report ready, and Mr Lane read out the amount expended from a report of the Finance Committee amounting to \$381.35.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest also failed to make his report. His account consisted of one item, \$43.57 out of \$200.00, which was also reported by Mr Lane. Balance returned \$156.41

Jos M Goldsmith, Henry Warden (Public Interest Committee)

Report received and ordered filed.

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held July 20, 1911, in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Young, Warden, and Howard; Clerk Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report as follows and on motion of Mr Rowe the report was received, ordered filed and salaries of the Police ordered paid.

July 20, 1911

Gentlemen: So far as I know the Policemen discharged their respective duties and are entitled to their pay.

I beg to report fines from Police Justice Dannehl amounting to (\$83.50) which has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

W E Bradley, Acting Mayor

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported on the application of Trinity Church to be reimbursed for the amount paid by said Church for laying down granolithic street curbing around Trinity Church (amount \$81.00) and his Committee recommended that said Trinity Church be reimbursed.

On motion of Mr Young, seconded by Mr Rowe, the sum of \$81.00 was appropriated to reimburse Trinity Church for \$81.00 expended in laying down Street curbing around the said Trinity Church, and it was adopted unanimously.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee presented the following

Fredericksburg Va July 20, 1911

To the President and Members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned Committee on Water respectfully recommend that the State Normal School be allowed to tap the 10" pipe leading from the reservoir at a point safely beyond the wall of the reservoir. The said tap to be for a 4" pipe to supply water to the tanks of the State Normal School. All cost of tapping, laying pipes, &c to be borne by the State Normal School.

We further recommend that the City of Fredericksburg enter into a contract with the State Normal School for [Page 223] a period of three years, to furnish the said School with whatever water they require at a price of \$100.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted, J P Rowe, H B Lane (Committee on Water)

On motion of Mr Young the above recommendations of the Water Committee were accepted and adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Ford the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated to the Water Committee for sprinkling purposes by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Howard moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take into consideration the advisability of providing horse, carts and other equipment for Fire Department, Streets and other uses of the City.

The Chair appointed Howard, Young and Somerville.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented an ordinance regulating traffic of all kinds on the Streets which lays over for 30 days.

Mr Somerville moved that the recommendations of the Auditing with reference to securing suitable files, an expert accountant and other equipments for the City Treasurer's office be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report. Carried.

Mr Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley having voted in the affirmative, moved to reconsider the Warden resolution of June 29, 1911 in regard to the paupers in our Alms House.

Ayes: Lane, Somerville, Garner, Young, Howard, Bradley
Noes, Rowe, Ford, Warden.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr Howard presented the following seconded by Mr Warden

Whereas the Board of Visitors of the Fredericksburg State Normal School desires to secure early possession of the Alms House property sold to them; and

Whereas, the investigation of the question of the establishment of a joint alms house for the counties of Stafford, King George, Caroline, and Spotsylvania and the City of Fredericksburg is likely to extend beyond the date by [Page 224] which possession of said property is desired; and

Whereas the Commonwealth's Attorney of Stafford has written a communication to the Common Council of Fredericksburg suggesting an arrangement for the joint care of the poor by the City of Fredericksburg and the County of Stafford on the tract of land with a poor house thereon in Stafford County about three miles from Fredericksburg, therefore be it:

Resolved and ordered that the Alms House Committee at once communicate with the Board of Supervisors of Stafford County, through said Commonwealth's Attorney in response to the suggestions made by said Commonwealth's Attorney for the care of the Joint poor as above mentioned, and report such formulated contract or agreement, if not formulated to the Common Council of Fredericksburg at its next meeting for consideration.

And further resolved that the Committee enter into similar negotiations with the Supervisors of Spotsylvania County.

Vote: Ayes, Somerville, Ford, Young, Warden, Howard
Noes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Bradley. Carried.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee announced the presence of Mr Donahoe of the R F & P R R who wanted to present to the Council a request for a temporary supply of water at their tanks at the depot. Mr Donahoe stated that the drought had caused the Company great inconvenience and delayed trains. The water supply from Hazel Run was giving out, that freight trains which had watered here, were compelled to water elsewhere, that passenger engines required 96,000 gallons of water here each day and the supply is only 50,000. He wants the difference from the [?] and will pay for all expense of connection and for the water.

Supt Quinn said the City could furnish this and its domestic supply be not interfered with , but in case of fire the valve leading to the tank will have to be closed up at once.

On motion of Mr Somerville, the matter was referred to the Water Committee, the Supt and the City Attorney with power to act.

Mr Ford, of Health, presented a proposed Ordinance from Health Officer J N Barney, which was referred to the Health and Ordinance [Committees]

A petition was presented from Fire Department asking for \$200.00 to go to the Firemen's Conventions. On motion of Mr Somerville, it was ordered appropriated out of the regular appropriation of \$1,000.00 to the Fire Committee, with the promise of the Finance Committee in case the Fire Committee needed it later in the year, the Finance Committee would recommend that [Page 225] that the Fire Committee be reimburse the \$200.00.

Vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Young, Warden, Bradley

Noes: Ford, Garner, Howard

Mr Ford presented the following which on motion was referred to the Water Committee.

Whereas a number of inquires have been made by citizens regarding the sewerage system of the City, its extent, cost and probable duration of the present sewer tax, and in order to intelligent make accurate answer to said inquiries:

Be it resolved by the Council of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, that the Superintendent of Water and Sewer be, and is hereby directed to furnish the Council at its next regular meeting an accurate map of the Sewerage system of the City, marking thereon the sizes of all trunk or main sewers, laterals, and man holes, and indicating all connections to said sewers or laterals by property owners together with the following information:

A- Date, interest rate and total amount of Sewer Bonds issued

B- Total cost of sewerage system July 1, 1911

C- Average cost per running yard of sewerage system

D- Amount of Sewer Tax collected to July 1, 1911

E- Amount of Sewer Bonds paid to July 1, 1911

F- Amount of Sewer Bonds outstanding July 1, 1911

G- Number of properties connected with sewerage system on July 1, 1911

H- Approximate number of gallons of water used per annum to flush the public manholes and cost thereof.

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 August 8th 1911 in Council Chamber at 8 o'clock PM. Called to consider the Alms Hose question and other important business.

Present: Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard. Attorney Fitzhugh and clerk Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Vice President A M Garner called to the Chair

Mr Bradley from the Alms House Committee reported on the Warden resolution of the last meeting of the Council, instructing the Alms House Committee to confer with the Supervisors of Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties as to arrangements for jointly taking care of the Poor.

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Stafford County held at Stafford Court House Va on Monday July 24, 1911.

The request of the Alms House Committee of the Council of Fredericksburg to know at what rate Stafford County will board and care for certain Fredericksburg paupers being communicated to the Board. Resolved by this Board that Stafford County will support at its Alms House in Stafford for the City of Fredericksburg not exceeding (10) paupers for the sum of (\$20.00) twenty dollars each per month, for to be paid for when there are not that many there. Fredericksburg to clothe them, furnish medical attention and medicine; Stafford County to furnish board, lodging and nursing. Fredericksburg to send no paupers to the Alms House of Stafford who are suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, or who are chronic invalids needing constant nursing; Fredericksburg to deliver her paupers at the Alms House of Stafford.

A copy teste C A Bryan Clerk
Spotsylvania Va July 28, 1911

In regards to the proposition of the City of Fredericksburg to the County of Spotsylvania to Board the paupers of said City at the County Alms House. It is the opinion of the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County Va that they do not desire to make any proposition concerning such matter or call to take paupers of such City to board.

A copy teste. T A Harris, Clerk

Mr A M Garner: Dear Sir

I hereby agree to sell to the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va for the sum of (\$800.00) my tract of [Page 227] land situated in the County of Spotsylvania and containing 2½ acres more or less lying where the Spottsylvania County road crosses the P F & P R R about ½ mile from the Corporation line, reserving the right to gather my growing crops thereon when they are matured, also my frame tool house.

July 27, 1911 Solomon Willis

Mr Bradley offered the following seconded by Mr Embrey and adopted: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley.

The Alms House Committee having reported to the Council that Henry G Chesley offer to purchase the lot recently purchased from W H Peden by the City and pay (\$1,500.00) cash for the same.

Resolved by the Council:

That said offer be and the same is hereby accepted and that the City Attorney is hereby directed to draw a proper deed for said lot to be executed by the Mayor of the City with the Corporation Seal attached and attested by the Clerk of the Council conveying said lot to said H G Chesley or whoever he may designate and said Mayor shall deliver said deed to the purchaser upon the payment of said (\$1,500.00) to the City Treasurer as part of the Alms House Fund. (Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, Aug 9, 1911)

Mr Bradley offered the following seconded by Mr Lane: Adopted, Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley.

That the Alms House Committee having reported to the Council that Solomon Willis has offered to sell to the City a parcel of land containing about 2½ acres on the west side of Hazel Run on the road to Spotsylvania C H and outside of the Corporate limits of the City for the sum of \$800 cash and that the land is well adapted for an Alms House Site.

Resolved that the Council accept said offer and agree to purchase said parcel of land and so soon as the title to said real estate, and the deed from Willis to the City are approved by the City Attorney and the said deed delivered to the Alms House Committee the said Committee shall draw in favor of said Willis on the City Treasurer for \$800 to be paid out of the Alms House Fund and said Committee shall have said deed recorded. (Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor Aug 9, 1911)

Mr Embrey, 2nd by Mr Ford, that Alms House Committee bring in plans and specifications for new building.

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W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Embrey presented the following ordinance

An ordinance to grant a permit to B J Marshall or his assigns to construct and maintain across Princess Anne Street, between the Richmond, Fredericksburg, & Potomac Railroad and Frederick Street a single track standard gauge R R Spur.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of Fredericksburg, that a permit is hereby granted to B J Marshall or his assigns to construct and maintain a standard gauge spur track across Princess Anne Street between R F & P R R and Frederick Street at a point shown on a map thereof made by Cecil L Reid dated August 8, 1911 and which map is to be recorded along with and as part of this ordinance, provided, however, that the said proposed spur track shall be so constructed and maintained that the top of the rails thereof shall be flush with the top of the pavement and that the pavement on either side of the said street between the rails of the said track and for eighteen inches on each outer side of the said rails shall be suitably paved or otherwise maintained at the expense of the said B J Marshall, or his assigns, as may be required by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, or the Committee on Streets of the said Council.

And provided further, that the said track crossing said street shall be so constructed & maintained as not to impede or interfere with the public travel over the same, or impede or interfere with the flow of water along the gutters on said street, the said construction and maintenance and operation at all times to be subject to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg or to the Committee on Streets of the said Council.

And provided further that this ordinance and permit is subject to be repealed by the City Council of Fredericksburg at any time with or without notice to the said B J Marshall or his assigns;

And provided further and it is hereby made and express condition of this ordinance that by accepting the same the said B J Marshall and his assigns agree and bind himself and themselves to indemnify and save harmless the City of Fredericksburg against any and all liability it may incur by reason of the construction, maintenance, or operation of the said proposed spur as aforesaid.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

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On motion of Mr Ford, seconded by Mr Rowe the rules were suspended to pass the ordinance by unanimous vote:

Mr Ford moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Young, adopted. Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley. (approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor Aug 9, 1911)

Mr Embrey presented this Ordinance:

An Ordinance to declare and establish a permanent grade line for curbs and sidewalks on both the East and West sides of Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg Virginia, between Charlotte Street on the North and Prussia Street or the National Boulevard on the South.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the permanent grade lines for sidewalks and curbs on both the East and West sides of Princess Anne Street between Charlotte Street on the North and Prussia Street or the National Boulevard on the South, be and they are hereby declared and established as set out and shown on a plot thereof made by Cecil L Reid, bearing date August 8, 1911, and attached to this ordinance and to be recorded along herewith as a part thereof.

On motion of Mr Young seconded by Mr [blank] the rules were suspended to pass the ordinance by unanimous vote.

Mr Ford moved to adopt the Ordinance Sec by Sec Adopted: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley. (approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor Aug 9, 1911)

On motion of Mr Ford the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular Meeting of the Common Council was held Aug 17, 1911 at 8 PM

Present, Bradley, Lane, Rowe Goldsmith, Warden; Clerk Eastburn

After waiting until 8:30 the clerk declared the meeting adjourned according to the rules for lack of a Quorum to attend to business.

And the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Annual Meeting of the Common Council was held Sept 1st 1911 at 10 o'clock AM

Present, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard

W E Bradley in the Chair

On motion of Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Garner, the salary of the Clerk of Council was fixed at the same as last year, \$150.00 per annum. Unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, seconded by Mr Ford Mr S E Eastburn was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council for one year at the Salary of \$150.00 per year.

Mr Young nominated A P Rowe City Tax Collector, seconded by Mr Embrey, and Mr Rowe was unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes for one year.

Mr [blank] nominated Cecil L Reid for City Surveyor, seconded by [blank] and Cecil L Reid was unanimously elected City Surveyor for one year by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Young the salary of the Clerk of the Market was fixed at \$75.00 per annum.

Mr Ford nominated Samuel Fitzhugh for Clerk of Market seconded by [blank] and Sam'l Fitzhugh was unanimously elected Clerk of the Market for one year at salary of \$75.00 per annum.

On motion of Mr Garner the election of Supt of the Alms House was passed by for the present.

Application of John B Herndon for position of Scavenger for the Upper Ward and Hugh Herndon for position of Scavenger for the Lower Ward were read by the Clerk and these two applicants were unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Young seconded by [blank] the salaries of the four policemen was fixed at \$50.00 per month by unanimous recorded vote:

Applications of J H Robinson and W R Hall from the Lower Ward, and W N Tansill and James A Stone from the Upper Ward were read by the Clerk and they were unanimously elected policemen for the City

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The following communication was read from Mr W K Howard

Aug 26, 1911

Mr Edgar M Young, Chairman, City Light Committee City

Dear Sir: In view of the fact that for the past three years the City Electric Light Plant has been run efficiently at a saving to the City of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per year by economical management, by making all necessary repairs myself and owing to the greatly increased cost of living I respectfully ask that the Hon City Council may see fit to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant to \$1,500.00 per year.

It does not seem improper for me to advise your Hon Body that I refused an offer of a higher salary at Griffin Ga during the past year, as it is my preference to remain in this City if it is possible for me to do so and I am confident that I can save the City more than the increase asked for and give the City cheaper and better light than any City in Virginia.

Very respectfully, W Key Howard.

Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Embrey moved to fix the salary of Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant at \$1,500.00 per annum.

Mr Garner in the Chair

President Bradley took the floor and most vigorously opposed the increase.

Mr Bradley in the Chair

Mr C R Howard advocated the motion of Mr Rowe.

Vote was then taken on \$1,500.00 for the salary of Supt of Electric Light Plant

Ayes, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard (7 votes)

Nos, Lane, Goldsmith, Bradley (3 votes)

Mr Ford nominated W Key Howard for Superintendent of Electric Light Plant seconded by [blank] And Mr W Key Howard was unanimously elected.

W R Hall, J H Robinson, J A Stone, and W N Tansill, Samuel Fitzhugh, Cecil L Reid, S E Eastburn qualified, Qualified before S E Eastburn, J P

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council held Sep 21st 1911 at 8 PM in the Council Chamber.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green; Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair

Minutes of last regular, called, annual meetings were read, and on motion of Mr Somerville the minutes of July 20, 1911 on pay of Journal 222, were amended by striking out the words "In view of the fact that it was a church." By unanimous vote. Then the minutes were approved as amended.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report for August as follows:

The police officers have discharged their respective duties and are entitled to their pay for the month.

I have received fines from Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$65.50, which have been turned over to the City Treasurer.

I cordially commend the action of the Committee on Health and Police in addressing itself to the matter of door and service privies not connected with the sewer. Many of these cannot be connected with any sewer and in cases where the delinquent has no money, the scavengers are unable to collect for cleaning the privies on the premises occupied by such.

The only recourse allowed the scavenger by law is judgment against such delinquent and of course in such cases judgment is not worth a cent, so the privies are not kept as clean as they should be.

A better plan to me would be to levy a tax on every such privy to yield an amount that would be a fair salary for one or two scavengers and make it a charge against the premises. In such case the landlord would add the tax on to the rent and the City would be insured its collection.

This would not only serve to keep such privies in a more sanitary condition but it would cause many to connect with the sewer, who have not yet connected with it.

However, I simply offer this as a suggestion feeling sure that the Committee on Health and Police will in its wisdom solve a satisfactory plan.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's report was received and ordered filed and the action of the Finance Committee in ordering the payment of the Police officers for August be ratified by the Council.
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Mr Lane presented a communication from the Mayor
August 17, 1911

Gentlemen: Supplementing my report I have to announce a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Wallace Library to which my attention has been called by the Board, which has unanimously recommended Prof Hugh S Bird to fill the same, and it gives me pleasure to nominate him for said vacancy and hope the Council may see fit to elect him.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the communication was received and Prof Hugh S Bird was unanimously elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Wallace Library

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report for September
Sep 21, 1911

Gentlemen: It give me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines amounting to \$50.00 handed me by Justice Dannehl and that I have turned same over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Young the report was received & ordered filed and the police salaries ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented bill of Lina C Harrison

To making 12 typewritten copies of an ordinance for the Ordinance Committee \$3.50

Approved by C R Howard, Chairman

On motion the bill was ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented receipt of City Treasurer for Commissioner of Revenue's books.

On motion the salary of \$350.00 was ordered paid by the unanimous recorded vote of these present

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the following from Commissioner of the Revenue
Mr H B Lane, Chairman Finance Committee

Dear Sir: I enclose receipt for City books for the year 1911-1912, also a comparative statement of taxes for the year 1910-1911, 1911 & 1912, which may be of some interest to you owing to the re-assessment of Real Estate and a decrease in rate for City purposes, to-wit;

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Reassessment value			\$2,408,372
The following had to be taken off			
Assembly Home & School	exempt	\$12,000	
Woolen Mill	Fire	\$28,000	
Herndon House	Fire	\$400	
Jones vh Bode	duplicate	\$175	
Jones vh Embrey	duplicate	\$475	
Allen Estate	no such property	\$100	
Embrey House	torn down	\$350	\$41,475
Net amount			\$2,366,897
Buildings added			\$18,185
			\$2,385,082
Taxes on the above at \$1.20 on the \$100			
Personal Property		\$28,620.98	
Value \$943,228.66	Tax \$1.20	\$9,762.66	
Total for year 1911-1912			
Real Estate		\$28,620.98	
Personal Property		\$9,762.66	
Total		\$38,383.64	
The above gives, notwithstanding a decrease in rate			
An increase of			\$2,152.20
The reduction of 25¢ per \$100 yielded to the tax payers the sum of			
On Real Estate		\$5,962.70	
On Personal Property		\$2,033.98	
Total		\$7,996.68	
Which if added to 1911 to-wit:		\$2,102.20	
Would have yielded an increase of		\$10,098.88	
Yours truly A B Bowering, Com of Revenue			
PS The net total for 1910-1911 was		\$36,279.44	
On motion ordered received and filed			

Mr Lane presented letter from Prof J P Neff

The Hon City Council, Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I hereby respectfully make application for an additional appropriation of fifty dollars to meet the expenses of the Summer Normal School. In checking up the numerous bills in this connection I find that I shall be a little over \$50.00.

Over Six hundred dollars has been paid direct by myself here in Fredericksburg, besides bills paid by the local manager and dormitory.

Your Citizens have therefore largely received the benefit of the school and I do not feel that I can personally sustain the loss.

I would remind you that I have brought the best attractions to your City that have ever been given by a Summer School. Mr J Thos Hiflin and the Column Player, I depended upon your co-operation, knowing that I could bring them only at a low loss. Local expenses, which amount to about the sum

I am now asking for. Your citizens were highly pleased with the entertainment. I carried the teachers to Wide Water, paying a part of their fare and without asking any assistance from the City in the way of excursions otherwise.

Very respectfully submitted, J P Neff, Conductor

The Finance Committee recommend that \$50.00 be approved. On motion of Mr Rowe, the sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to J P Neff, conductor of the Summer Normal School to help make up his deficiency. It was carried.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented Sewer and Street improvement bond #1, bought with Sewer Sinking Fund and asked that the bond be destroyed by the Council. \$1,000.00

The President appointed Messrs Young & Ford to destroy the bond, which they did in the presence of the Council and so reported.

Mr Lane stated that the Sewer fund was short \$173.00 and asked that the amount be appropriated to the Sewer Fund.

On motion of Mr Young \$173.00 was appropriated to the Sewer Fund. So ordered by unanimous recorded vote.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the bond of A P Rowe, City Tax Collector for \$10,000, approved by the City Attorney.

On motion the bond was received & approved and ordered placed in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Young of the Light Committee asked that Mr Howard, Supt of Electric Light be heard.

Mr Howard stated that there was a desire on the part of the Telephone and Electric Light people to use some poles jointly, and thus doing away with some of the very numerous poles now on our Streets.

On motion of Mr Somerville, referred to the Light Committee and the City Attorney to report back with recommendations.

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Mr Garner of Alms Committee presented the resignation of J W Ball, Supt of Alms House, to take effect Sep 15, 1911, and on motion the resignation was accepted.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported

Sep 21, 1911

To the President and City Council

Gentlemen: Your Alms House Committee by order of the City Council have sold the Peden Lot for \$1,500. cash and have bought a lot from Solomon Willis for \$800, which has been paid for deed secured and approved by the City Attorney and recorded at Spotsylvania Court House.

We have provided for the inmates at the old Alms House and now have plans and specifications ready to build the new Alms House, for which we ask the City Council to instruct the Alms House Committee to advertise for bids and report the same back to this Council.

A M Garner, W E Bradley, J P Rowe (Alms House Committee)

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, the Alms House Committee were instructed to have the plans & specifications for the new Alms House modified and present them to the Council.

On motion of Mr Embrey the sum of \$85.00 was appropriated to the Water Committee to enable them to repair Canal at the Hassen property, money available after Nov 1, 1911. Adopted by unanimous recorded vote

On motion of Mr Embrey, the City Attorney was requested to ascertain who was the owner of the Canal from Kenmore Factory to the River, and who should be responsible for making certain repairs now necessary.

Mr Embrey called up the Health Ordinance and Mr Lane moved that the Ordinance Committee have 12 copies of the Ordinance printed and placed in the hands of the Council. Carried.

Mr C O'Connor Goolrick appeared on behalf of certain citizens below the Rail Road who desire that Prince Edward Street be opened across the Rail Roads. Mr Lane moved to refer to the Street Committee.

Mr Lane presented communication from the Civic Betterment Club, asking that they be allowed to take change of the Hurkamp Park. Referred to the Public Property Committee with power to act. [Page 238]

A communication was presented by Mr Embrey from a Joint Committee of the Fair Association and Maury Camp C V asking for an appropriation towards there re-union. On motion of Mr Embrey an appropriation of \$150.00 was made.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

A M Garner, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council was held Oct 19, 1911 at 7:30 PM with the following members present. A M Garner, H B Lane, S W Somerville, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W J Ford, W S Embrey, E M Young, H Warden, F L W Green, C R Howard; Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn.

A M Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report
Oct 19, 1911

Gentlemen: It give me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police have duly discharged their duties for the past month.

I beg to report fines amounting to \$90.50 paid me by Justice Dannehl, and \$218.00 received for dog tax licenses, all of which has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

I wish to suggest to the Committees of this Council that hereafter in asking for appropriations for money to be used for defraying the cost of work under the care of any Councilmanic Committee, that an estimate covering cost outlining the work and specifying the manner of doing the same accompany the request for the appropriation so that I can have sufficient data before me to determine whether or not I approve or disapprove such appropriation.

I do not do this for the purpose of questioning the judgment or ability of the members of any Committee to wisely and economically expend such appropriation.

But it being my duty to approve or disapprove such appropriations, I wish to have information upon which to base my determination in the premises.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

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

J Fred Brown, Registrar, Lower Ward

To setting one day as registrar at Court House	\$2.00
To constable one day	\$1.50
To posting notices twice	\$2.00
To transferring & registering 25 names @ 10¢	\$2.50
	\$8.00

John J Berry, Registrar, Upper Ward

To setting one day as registrar at Mayor's Office	\$2.00
To transferring & registering 26 names @ 10¢	\$2.60
To posting notices twice	\$2.00
To constable one day	\$1.50
	\$8.10

Free Lance & Star Pub Co

To job City Tax Book	\$10.00
To job 1500 City Tax Bills	\$3.75
To job 4in ad in <i>Free Lance</i> & local	\$2.50
To job 4in ad in <i>Daily Star</i> & local 9 times	\$7.50
	\$23.75

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee asked that the Finance Committee be instructed to invest the sinking fund in City 4% Bonds at par.

On motion of Mr Young the Finance Committee were so instructed.

Mr Young asked that Judge A T Embrey be heard and with the approval of the Council the Chair accorded Mr Embrey the floor. Judge Embrey stated that the Power Company desired an extension of time in which to complete the power house and the electric system, that work had been progressing and his company had done everything they could to complete the work, but had been unable to procure material. That the Company had the money here on deposit to pay for the work.

Mr Young presented the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Garner.
(approved Oct 21, 1911 by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

At a meeting of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia held in the Council Chamber Thursday October 19, 1911.

Whereas the Fredericksburg Electric Company has petitioned the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for the passage of an Ordinance extending until January 1st 1913, the time for the completion of the works provided for in a franchise granted the said Company by this Council on March 26th 1909, and approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909, extended by an ordinance of this Council duly passed August 8th 1910 which was [Page 240] approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg, August 10th 1910, which extension so petitioned for is set out in the draft of said Ordinance granting said extension of time, this day presented to the Council by said Company.

Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that said application is hereby referred to the Committee on Ordinance and that notice of said ordinance be given to the public by advertising said proposed ordinance for ten days in the *Daily Star* and the *Evening*

Journal newspapers published in Fredericksburg, Virginia, appended to which publication shall be a copy of this Ordinance and all persons interested are hereby given notice that the Council of the City of Fredericksburg will hear and pass upon the application of said The Fredericksburg Electric Company as embodied in the draft of said Ordinance this day presented to the Council and hereby ordered to be advertised as aforesaid.

Said proposed Ordinance is as follows:

An ordinance granting, under certain conditions to The Fredericksburg Electric Company, an extension until January 1st 1913, of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a Franchise hereinafter referred to, for the construction of the generating plant & of the distributing Plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance of said Company with the conditions of the said franchise.

Whereas by an ordinance adopted by the Council of Fredericksburg, March 25th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909 there was granted to The Fredericksburg Electric Company:

“A franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, Heat & 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;” and Whereas by the terms of said franchise which franchise was duly accepted by the company it is provided as follows:

“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, & Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same throughout the term of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light Heat & Power service at reasonable rates, during the same period of thirty years, and that the work of construction of the said generating plant and of the construction of the said [Page 241] 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 the City of Fredericksburg, from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extensions of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council of the City of Fredericksburg;” and

Whereas the aforesaid work provided for in the above franchise was actually begun in good faith within six months from the date of the renewal of said ordinance, but has not been completed; and Whereas by an ordinance, duly passed by the Council of Fredericksburg August 8th 1910 and duly approved by the Mayor of said City on August 10th 1910, the time for the completion of the said work was extended until January 1st 1912; and

Whereas the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company has petitioned the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for a further extension of the time for the completion of the said work as in said franchise provided for, and required & authorized: and

Whereas in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, the failure to complete said work has resulted from unforeseen and extraordinary causes, and that said The Fredericksburg Electric Company is entitled to a further fair and reasonable extension of the time for the completion of the said work in said franchise provided for; and

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the time for the completion of the said work, as in said Ordinance and franchise above set forth shall be extended until January 1st 1913.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Mr W S Embrey of the Street Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee on Streets, to whom, by resolution of September 21, 1911 was referred the application of various property owners, to have Prince Edward Street opened across the right of way of the Potomac, Fredericksburg & Piedmont Railroad and across the right of way of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad, would respectfully report that they have considered said petition and all matter occurring to them in reference thereto, and have also considered the past history of this proposed Street, as embodied in the minutes of the Council of May 22, 1904[?] and in the opinion of the City [Page 242] Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh, embodied in the minutes of the Council of date February 18, 1904 and beg leave respectfully to report as follows;

It appears from the opinion of the City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh, referred to that the land necessary for the proposed extension of this street is the private property of two railroads in question, and your committee has proceeded on that assumption.

Your Committee reports that there is considerable and growing business being transacted to the South side of the right of way of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad; that the plants of the Standard Oil Company, The W H Peden Excelsior Company, Alert & McGuire's Pickle Works, and others are to the South of the said tracks; that the Richmond, Fredericksburg, & Potomac Railroad has recently fenced its property down to a point East of Charles Street prolonged, thus rendering impossible any attempt even of pedestrians to cross the right of way of this railroad from the West end of the City Limits down to Princess Anne Street & that Princess Anne Street, Main Street and Water Street, in the Eastern portion of the Town, are the only avenues of communication between the lower end of the town and the upper end of the Town. That these three streets owing to the great number of passengers, or freight trains are frequently blocked and sometimes all three of them are blocked at the same time by the same train.

Your Committee not being instructed, made no effort whatsoever to ascertain the cost of opening Prince Edward Street, but had the projected opening surveyed by Mr Reid and return his survey herewith as a part of this report and your Committee having regard to the conditions above set forth and to the needs of the lower end of the Town, and to the probable, and hoped for, growth of this lower end of the town in the future, would respectfully recommend that Prince Edward Street be opened across the rights of way of these two Railroads, thus connecting Prince Edward Street at the Boulevard with Prince Edward Street on the south side of the track of the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Respectfully, W S Embrey, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe (Street Committee)

Mr Embrey offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Young and adopted. Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Garner.
(approved Oct 21, 1911 H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

Pursuant to a resolution of the 21st day of September 1911, the Street Committee this day returned its report on the application of numerous citizens to have Prince Edward Street opened across the rights of way of the Potomac, Fredericksburg & Piedmont R R [Page 243] and Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, the said Committee recommending the opening of the said Street.

And be it further resolved and ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the said Street Committee be and it is hereby ordered and directed to take up with the proper authorities of the said two railroads, the question of opening Prince Edward Street as proposed, and to ascertain and report back to the Council whether or not the necessary land and rights for the opening of the said Street can be procured from the said Potomac, Fredericksburg, and Piedmont Railroad and from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, and what would be the cost and price thereof to the City of Fredericksburg, and whether or not private terms can be arranged between the City and said Railroads for the land and rights aforesaid.

Mr Rowe of Water, presented a petition numerously signed by residents along the Boulevard asking for sewer service.

Mr Rowe also presented application of Dr W J Chewning for sewer connection at his property at the corner of George and Prince Edward Street, the Chancellor house.

On motion of Mr Somerville both were referred to the Water Committee to ascertain the cost of the work and the number of houses on the line.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported:

That the Alms House Committee was instructed to have plans now drawn, modified and presented to the Council for consideration, we recommend the plans as submitted with the following change viz; leave off the cellar, gas piping, and all plumbing. The City to furnish all brick which are on the old Alms House site, and the contractor to do the hauling and not to use any but good hard bricks. There will have to be sink in the kitchen and to run out at least 50 feet from the house, also two outside privies and wood house. Probable cost \$3,700.00 Garner. (A M Garner, J P Rowe, Committee)

Mr Embrey moved to accept the plans as modified and that the Alms House Committee be instructed to advertise for bids. Carried.

On motion of Mr Young the new proposed Health Ordinance was referred back to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Embrey said he desired to have embodied in the Ordinance a clause on reference to selling diseased meats.

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A bill from W D Carter presented by Mr Embrey

To 96 ft curbing @30¢ per foot	\$28.80
To 1/3 granolithic pavement 96 ft x 5 ft @ \$1.30 pr sq yard	\$23.11
	\$51.91

On his property on Princess Anne Street

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance for report.

Mr Fitzhugh was asked his opinion in regard to the flume running to the old Pettit Mill and also as to who was responsible for the condition of the street caused by the sinking of the flume. He gave it as his opinion that the Water Power Company which now owns the mill is responsible.

A motion was offered by Mr Young and adopted calling on the Street Committee to notify the Power Company of the conditions.

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 Nov 7th 1911 at 7:30 PM called by the Ordinance and Health Committee for general business. Present, Bradley, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard: Att'y Fitzhugh; Health officer Barney; and Clerk S E Eastburn
President Bradley in the Chair

The clerk read the following from Mr Chas J Green

Oct 23rd 1911

To the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: In conjunction with a proposition made to the Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg Va of even date:

I propose to form a Corporation with (\$50,000.00) Fifty Thousand dollars paid up Capital, to operate for the manufacture of shoes in Fredericksburg, Va

Provided: The city will build and equip to heat only: a building say (100 x 40 feet) one hundred by forty feet, three (3) stories (which means ground floor and two floors above it). Said building to be occupied by said Company free of rent for a period of (5) five years from date of completion; and after said five years, for a period of (5) five years, at a yearly rental equal to six per cent per annum upon the net cost of said building & heating equipment. After the (10) ten years aforesaid shall have expired, the said Company to buy said building & heating equipment from the City at the net cost of same, at the time of completion. Design and construction of said building and heating arrangements to be under my supervision and direction. In this connection it is intended to make building of the plainest construction possible to answer requirements. And further provided;

The City will furnish said Company city gas at a price to exceed (60) cents per thousand cubic feet for a period of (10) years from date of starting machinery of factory in operation.

Site

Desired and preferred is that known as the Kenmore Factory site, situated on the National Boulevard.

Your very truly, C J Green, Per J S W Green

On motion of Mr Rowe, seconded by Somerville, referred to a Joint Committee consisting of the Finance Committee of this Council Messrs Lane, Somerville & Bradley and three Citizens to be appointed by the President of this Council [Page 246] The President appointed M G Willis, S G Wallace and E D Cole, who will confer with Mr Green & report back to Council.

Mr Garner of Alms House Committee reported for his Committee as follows:

Nov 7, 1911

At the last meeting of the City Council, held Oct 19, 1911, the plans and specifications made by Mr F P Stearns, architect for the two Alms Houses was adopted and the Alms House Committee was instructed to advertise for bids for the two houses which they did and received the following bids, viz:

Mr Trigger \$4,850.00

Mr F P Stearns \$3,902.00

Mr E F Portch \$3,675.00

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

On motion of Mr Young, the report was accepted and the contract for building the Alms House was awarded to Mr E F Portch at his bid of \$3,675.00, it being the lowest bid. The Committee were instructed to make contract with Mr E F Portch and as soon as possible to arrange to proceed with the work of erecting the new Alms Houses.

Vote. Ayes, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (11 votes)

Mr Somerville of Finance Committee presented receipt of Treasurer Knox for \$100, returned from Chairman E D Cole from the Old Veterans banquet part of the \$150.00 appropriated to the Committee for this purpose.

Mr Somerville of Finance Committee presented receipt of Treasurer Knox for \$405.50 received from State Auditor being 1/3 of the amount of Capitation Taxes collected and sent in from the City of Fredericksburg, Va.

Mr Howard, Chairman of the Ordinance & Health Committee to whom was referred back the Health Ordinance reported that the Health Ordinance was ready to be acted on.

Mr Somerville moved to take up the Health Ordinance by sections which was adopted.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, it was unanimously decided to pass on Sections 1 to 50 inclusive.

Mr Howard read by sections up to and including 50, which were agreed to with a few alterations.

The Council then adjourned to meet Tuesday Nov 14, 1911 @ 7:30

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was called for Nov 14, 1911 at 7:30 PM

Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Embrey, Young (five members) and S E Eastburn, Clerk

After waiting until eight o'clock PM the Clerk adjourned the Council until Thursday night Nov 16th 1911 at 7:30.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held Nov 16, 1911 at 7:30 PM with the following members present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Howard and Clerk Eastburn.

President Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and after some discussion they were approved. Mr Warden voting no, as he claimed the minutes of the called meeting were not full enough.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report as follows

Nov 16, 1911

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in certifying that the Officers have faithfully discharged their duties during the month and are entitled to their pay.

Fines amounting to \$65.00 and Dog Licenses to \$55.00 have been turned over by me to the City Treasurer

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace

On motion of Mr Embrey the Mayor's Report was received, ordered filed and the Police Officers paid

Mr Lane presented the bill for Judges and Clerks of Election

Lower Ward	George Freeman	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	J Wilmore Cox	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	E F Portch	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	R E Smith	Clerk	\$5.00
Lower Ward	J F Brown	Clerk	\$5.00
Upper Ward	S H Beale	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	W A Bell	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	W S Chesley	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	P S Harris	Clerk	\$5.00
Upper Ward	R H Carmichael	Clerk	\$5.00

On motion paid

\$50.00

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Finance and three citizens, to whom by resolution of the Council was referred the application of C J Green for the erection of a New Kenmore Shoe Factory reported that his Committee had a full meeting on Nov 10, 1911 at 4 PM. They read and considered the proposition of C J Green & they were of the unanimous opinion that the proposition was not sufficiently full and clear for the Committee to act intelligently upon. We await his arrival at which time our Committee will meet for a conference. H B Lane, S W Somerville, W E Bradley, M G Willis, S G Wallace, E D Cole (Joint Committee)
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Nov 10, 1911

Mr C J Green, Williamsport PA

My Dear Charles;

We had a meeting of our Committee appointed by the Council at 4 PM today all present to consider your proposition to build a shoe factory in Fredericksburg. And I herewith attach a copy of the resolution passed by them which explains itself.

Yours truly, H B Lane, Chairman

While in session the Committee received this telegram sent to H F Crismond of the Business Men's Association.

Impossible to come immediately, sickness in family, writing you today. Chas J Green
Williamsport Pa, Nov 13, 1911

Mr H B Lane, Fredericksburg Va

Dear Harry: I beg to thank you for your of the 9 instant and to say that I have heard from Mr Henry Warden of B M Association Committee and have notified him that I withdraw my proposition, and I beg to notify your to the same effect;

Thanking you & your Committee for the consideration.

Yours very truly, Chas J Green

Mr Embrey moved that the Joint Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Council and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr Somerville moved that the Ordinance Committee now be heard from and it was so ordered

Mr Howard, Chairman of Ordinance Committee then reported on Electric Franchise Extension as follows:

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Virginia held Nov 16th 1911 Alvin T Embrey recognized on behalf of The Fredericksburg Electric Company presented certificates from the Free Lance-Star Publishing Company and from the Journal Publishing Company duly certifying that the minutes of the City Council of Fredericksburg, held October 19, 1911 in reference to extending the time for the completion of the Electric Light, Heat & Power Plant as in said resolution set forth, had been duly published for ten successive days in each the *Daily Star* and the *Evening Journal* both published in Fredericksburg Virginia and the Committee on Ordinance through Clarence R Howard, its chairman, submitted the following report.

To the Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

The Committee on Ordinance of your body to [Page 150] whom by resolution of Oct 19, 1911 was referred the application of the Fredericksburg Electric Company for the passage of an Ordinance extending until January 1, 1913 the time for the completion of the work of the said Company as in said proposed ordinance set forth, would respectfully report that the said extension as asked for be

granted, and your Committee recommends the passage of the Ordinance appended to this report. Respectfully submitted, Clarence R Howard, Chairman, W S Embrey

On motion of Mr Embrey the report of the Ordinance Committee was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Howard, Bradley (8 votes)

Mr Howard then presented the Ordinance as follows, referred to in the above report of the Ordinance Committee which was read by the Clerk:

An ordinance granting, under certain conditions to The Fredericksburg Electric Company, an extension until January 1st 1913, of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a Franchise hereinafter referred to, for the construction of the generating plant & of the distributing Plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance of said Company with the conditions of the said franchise.

Whereas by an ordinance adopted by the Council of Fredericksburg, March 25th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909 there was granted to The Fredericksburg Electric Company:

“A franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light, Heat & 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;” and Whereas by the terms of said franchise which franchise was duly accepted by the company it is provided as follows:

“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, & Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same throughout the term of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light Heat & Power service at reasonable [Page 251] rates, during the same period of thirty years, and that the work of construction of the said generating plant and of 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, 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 the City of Fredericksburg, from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extensions of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council of the City of Fredericksburg;” and

Whereas the aforesaid work provided for in the above franchise was actually begun in good faith within six months from the date of the renewal of said ordinance, but has not been completed; and Whereas by an ordinance, duly passed by the Council of Fredericksburg August 8th 1910 and duly approved by the Mayor of said City on August 10th 1910, the time for the completion of the said work was extended until January 1st 1912; and

Whereas the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company did at a regular meeting of the Council of Fredericksburg held October 19th 1911, petition the Council of the said City for the passage of an Ordinance extending until January 1st 1913, the time for the completion of the work in said franchise set forth and required: and

Whereas pursuant to resolution of this Council duly passed on October 19, 1911, notice of the said proposed ordinance having been given to the public by advertisement of the said proposed ordinance for ten days in the *Daily Star* and *Evening Journal* newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia as appears from the Certificate of the publishers of the said newspapers; and

Whereas appended to the draft of the said proposed ordinance so advertised as aforesaid and advertised along therewith for the ten days aforesaid was a notice that the City Council of Fredericksburg would at the hour of Nine o'clock PM on the 16th day of November 1911 seal and pass upon the application of the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company as embodied in the draft of the said ordinance so presented to the Council on November 19, 1911, as aforesaid, and so advertised; and

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Whereas the Committee on Ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg, to whom said resolution of October 19, 1911 was referred, has reported recommending the passage of the said Ordinance: and Whereas the hour of nine o'clock PM November 16, 1911 having now arrived and there being no objection stated or known to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg to the said proposed ordinance; and

Whereas in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, the failure to complete said work, as above set forth has resulted from unforeseen and extraordinary causes and that said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, is entitled to a further fair and reasonable extension of the time for the completion of the work in the said franchise provided for and required;

Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the time for the completion of the said work, as in said Ordinance and franchise above set forth shall be extended until January 1st 1913.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

Mr Embrey moved to adopt the Ordinance and it was passed by this recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Warden, Howard, Bradley.
(Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, Nov 18, 1911)

Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance asked for an appropriation of \$2,958.71

Cecil L Reid	\$7.50
Covey & Son	\$30.00
E G Heflin	\$1,421.21
Street Committee	\$1,500.00
Total	\$2,958.71

On motion of Mr Rowe, the sum of \$2,958.71 was appropriated to the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance, vote. Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Howard, Bradley
(Approved H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, Nov 18, 1911.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the clerk be instructed to write to Washington through Post Master, John M Griffin, about the Street improvements at the Post Office corner.

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that the Street Committee be instructed to procure plans and specifications for curbing the balance of Upper Main Street [Page 253] and for macadamizing from the Opera House corner and the probable cost and report back to Council.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had purchased City Bonds with the Sinking as follows and presented them to the Council and asked that they be destroyed by the Council.

Sewer & Street Imp bond #2, (\$1,000.), Sewer & Street Imp bond #26, (\$500.00), Sewer & Street Imp bond #3, (\$500.00), Sewer & Street Imp bond #25, (\$500.00), City of Fredericksburg bond #65, (\$100.00), City of Fredericksburg bond #66, (\$100.00).

Mr Goldsmith moved to burn the bonds, Carried. The Chair appointed Mr Goldsmith and Mr Howard to burn the bonds which they proceeded to do and reported the above bonds destroyed by burning.

Mr Rowe moved and it was adopted that the Street Committee be instructed to secure cost of curbing and macadamizing Commerce Street from Bode's corner to the Powder House, the Corporation Line.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported through Supt S B Quinn
Nov 13, 1911

To H B Lane, Chairman of Water, City

Dear Sir: At your request I herewith submit an estimate of the cost of connecting the end of the 3" water main at Charles and Pitt Streets with the 4" Water main at the intersection of Charles with Canal Street; a distance of 425 feet

Estimate

450# lead	@ 5½¢	\$24.75
1-4" valve		\$7.50
1-3" to 4" increase	100 lbs	
2-4" & 4"x4" Tees	250	
1-4" to 2" reducer	80 430#@6¢	\$25.80
Packing for Joints		\$1.25
Coke, Wood, incidentals		\$2.50
Cost of digging, laying pipe & filling trenches		\$88.50
50# 19.63		\$150.90

As we have on hand sufficient 4" pipe to lay this line, the cost of cast iron pipe is not included in the above.

With these pipes connected in the manner stated above the increase in the water supply on Charles Street north of Commerce Street will be doubly increased besides making the service of the fire hydrants on Charles Street more efficient. The dead end of the 3" pipe at Pitt Street would be done way with, and a 4" pipe would be [Page 254] supplying the 3' pipe on said Street at one end and an 8" at the other.

Very respectfully, S B Quinn, Supt CWW

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the work was ordered done.

Recorded vote, all present voting aye.

Nov 16, 1911

To the Joint Committee of Water and Finance

Gentlemen: When the necessity of the extension of Water mains through the north portion of the town was advocated by the late Supt of Water Works, the whole matter was referred to a Joint Committee composed of the Water and Finance Committees; which Committee through the Supt of Water Works submitted a detailed report of the plans and cost of the proposed lines of water pipes.

February 17, 1910, on the recommendation of the Joint Committee the Council appropriated \$5,796.20 for the purpose of laying a 6" water main from the lower end of Main Street to the intersection of Weedon Street with the Boulevard; two 4" lines one on Wolfe Street, the other on Prince Edward Street, in all 4,701 feet of 6" pipe and 2,783 feet of 4" pipe.

This work was begun in April 1910 and completed in August 1910, at a cost of \$5,570.05 --\$276.15 less that the Appropriation.

A detailed report of this pipe extension was submitted to the Council on Sept 14, 1910.

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held Aug 8, 1910 on a detailed report and estimate from the Water Committee through the Superintendent, together with a recommendation from the

Joint Committee of Water and Finance, an appropriation of \$8,313.94 was made to complete the extension of Water mains through that portion of the City southwest of the Canal.

This extension was begun March 23, 1911 and completed in Sept 1911, at a total cost of \$8,236.80--\$77.14 less than the estimate.

The lines of Water mains were laid as follows:

8" from the intersection of Weedon Street with the Boulevard, up Weedon Street north to Charlotte, down Charlotte east to Spotswood, 1,397 feet.

10" from corner of Weedon and Charlotte to and inside of the distributing reservoir located west of the City—3,381 feet

4" from Mercer Street down Willis Street south to Boulevard 974 ft

From Hanover down Weedon south to Mercer Street 469 ft

From Hanover down Lee Avenue south to Charlotte Street 867 ft

From Charlotte Street down Spottswood the end of 8" pipe 95 ft

Length of pipes

10" 3881ft 8" 1,397ft 6" 4,701 4" 5,188ft total 15,167ft or approximately 3 miles

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In connection with this report I beg leave to say that the supply pipes for the numerous houses along the line of these new water mains have already been connected thereto. This is extra work and not accounted for in the estimate, but is charge against the running expenses of the water works. The cost of this extra work, including pipe, fittings, labor, etc, amounts to \$330.00

Respectfully submitted S B Quinn, Supt CWW

Nov 16, 1911

Water Committee

Gentlemen: Pursuant to an order of the City Council Oct 19, 1911 in which estimates on certain lines of sewerage were ordered to be submitted to the Council at its next monthly meeting, Nov 16, and at your request I have the pleasure of furnishing you're the following:

1st A line of Sewerage from the residence of Dr W J Chewning situated on the southeast corner of Prince Edward and George Streets, along George Street east connecting with an 8" sewer at a point on said Street in rear of St George's Episcopal Church. Distance 825 feet.

Estimate

825 feet 8" Sewer Pipe	@ 14¢	\$115.50
10 feet 8"x 6" Ys	@ 65¢	\$6.50
10 feet 6" stoppers	@ 5¢	\$.50
Bricks for 3 man holes		\$36.00
3 cast iron man hole tops & rims		\$34.65
Cement, sand & incidentals		\$23.50
Cost of excavating, laying pipe, building manholes & refilling trenches		\$316.38
Total		\$533.03

There are 11 houses on this line, 10 of them connected with the "Hanover Sewer" and are paying the annual Sewer connection tax of \$2.00.

In the event that the small sewers emptying into the 10" pipe on Hanover Street should become filled with roots, or choked from any cause, this proposed sewer along George Street would be accessible to all the houses now using the Hanover Sewer as an outlet, however, this does not include the property on Hanover Street.

2nd A line from the intersection of Prince Edward with George Street adjacent to the residence of Dr W J Chewning, out George Street west to Hanover Street, thence out Hanover Street to a certain manhole on the main sewer (16") about 20 feet west of the canal.

Distance 1820 feet, 1245 ft of Main line, and 575 of laterals.

Estimate

290 ft 12" Sewer Pipe	@ 30¢	\$87.00
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955ft 10" Sewer Pipe	@22¢	\$210.10
575ft 6" Sewer Pipe	@09¢	\$51.75
Over		\$348.85
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Amount brought over		\$348.85
23ft 6" Stoppers	@5¢	\$1.15
4 12" x 6" Ys	@1.20	\$4.80
19 10" x 6" Ys	@80¢	\$15.20
23 6" 45 degree bends	@30¢	\$6.90
4 manhole tops & rims		\$46.20
24 ft 12" cast iron pipe to be used under the Canal		\$55.00
Bricks for building manhole		\$42.00
Cement, sand & incidentals		\$47.00
Cost of excavating, building manholes, laying pipe, refilling trenches		\$755.50
40-27-50	Total	\$1,322.60

There are 23 houses on this line from which an annual revenue of \$46.00 could be derived
The depth of these two proposed sewers range from 5ft to 10ft 8in, the greater portion will average from 8ft to 9 feet.

It will be noted that the latter estimate based on 12 and 10 inch pipes 290ft of 12" and 955 feet of 10" pipe.

Eventually, the sewerage from the houses on Liberty and Barton Streets a part of Prince Edward and Hanover Streets will empty into this sewer, hence the necessity of a large pipe.

3rd A sewer from the 20" main line opposite the P F & P R R Co's depot on the National Boulevard, out the said Boulevard West to a point 250 feet above the intersection of Willis Street with the Boulevard. Distance 3621ft -2871ft main line, 750ft laterals.

Estimate

1900ft 10" sewer pipe	@22¢	\$418.00
971ft 8" sewer pipe	@14¢	\$135.94
750ft 6" sewer pipe	@09¢	\$67.50
25 10" x 6" Ys	@80¢	\$20.00
17 8" x 6" Ys	@65¢	\$11.05
37 6" 45 degree bends	@30¢	\$11.10
37 6" stoppers	@05¢	\$1.85
11 manhole tops & rims	@\$11.50	\$144.00
Cement, sand, incidentals		\$96.50
Excavating, laying pipes, building manholes, refilling, lumber for bracing cost of bracing		\$1,683.55
Total		\$2,755.09

There are 37 houses on the Boulevard, which would yield a revenue of \$74.00 per annum

This sewer would be accessible to every house on either side of the National Boulevard and if it [Page 257] were extended along those streets which intersect the said Boulevard would provide the property on Shepherd and Willis Street with sewerage, and any other building which may be erected in the future on the said streets and others.

These estimates may appear to be excessive, but on account of the roadways on George Street, and the National Boulevard being composed entirely of sand, it would be necessary to brace the trenches from one end to the other, the additional cost of which is included in the estimates.

Respectfully submitted S B Quinn, Supt CWW

Nov 16, 1911
Water Committee

Gentlemen: Another plan has been suggested, relative to a sewer connection for the property of Dr W J Chewning situated on the southeast corner of Prince Edward and George streets, namely a 6" pipe from the rear end of his residence crossing said property at an angle of 45 degrees to a public alley then down said alley to a 6" lateral which is connected with the 6" sewer on Charles Street, the 6" lateral referred to is the outlet for the sewerage from the residence of PVD Conway, a house owned by Mr Conway and lately occupied by Mr J Fred Brown and the Presbyterian Manse. Considering the proposition doubtful, I secured the services of Mr Cecil L Reid to ascertain whether or not the plan was possible and after surveying the ground carefully, it was found that the sewerage from Dr Chewnings residence could be carried off by way of a line of pipe laid as indicated above. The depth of this proposed sewer will be 6 feet at the starting point and 1ft 7in at Dr Chewning's residence.

The average depth is 5ft 7in laid on a 1/2 to 1% grade or 6" in the 100 feet.

It is 137 1/2 feet from the sewer lateral just in the rear of Mr J Fred Brown's later residence to the division fence between Dr Chewning's property and that of the Presbyterian Manse, and from this point across Dr Chewning's lot to his residence is 87 feet, a total of 225 feet.

I furnish you the following as an estimate of the cost of completing this sewer:

225 feet 6" pipe	@9¢	\$20.25
1 6" x 6" Y		\$.65
Cement & sand		\$2.50
Cost of digging, laying pipe, bracing & refilling		\$87.50
155 50 x 10.50		\$110.90

The lateral to which this proposed sewer for Dr Chewning is to connect has on many occasions given trouble by its becoming choked with roots & from other causes, and it may be found necessary to connect Dr. Chewning's sewer directly with the 6" main line on Charles Street and in the event this is done it will add materially to the cost. This main line on Charles Street became clogged in 1909 and 1910, and a portion of it had to be dug up so that the obstructions could be removed.

Very truly yours, S B Quinn, Supt CWW

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On motion of Mr Embrey the whole matter of the Sewer were referred back to the Committee of Water and Finance for inspection and report.

Mr Bradley from the Alms House Committee in the absence of the Chairman, reported contract made with Mr E F Portch for building the new Alms House at (\$3,675.00) with a bond of \$1,000 and the work to be superintended by Mr Frank P Stearns, for the sum of \$100 which includes the plans drawn by him.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest Committee, Mr Clarence Howard was appointed a delegate to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which meets in Washington on Dec 7, 1911.

On motion a Committee of three members, Goldsmith, Embrey, and Warden were appointed to attend the Good roads Congress in Richmond next week.

On motion the Council then adjourned to next Thursday night, Nov 23, 1911 at 8 PM when the Health Ordinance will be considered.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Nov 23, 1911 at 8 PM to consider the sewer ordinance & Health Ordinance. Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard; Health Officer D J N Barney; and Clerk S E Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

On motion of Mr Embrey, Dr Barney was heard in regard to certain sections of the proposed Ordinance.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that in view of the importance of the questions that before the Ordinance is considered Dr Barney be requested to write Commissioner Saunders of the State Dairy Department and Inspector Garrett of the Pure Food Department and get data on certain important features, when the Council will be called to consider the ordinance.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the City Council was held Dec 14, 1911 at 8 PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Embrey, Warden, Green; Dr J N Barney, Health Officer, S E Eastburn, clerk; Dr Enniss G Williams, State Health Commissioner, Mr W D Saunders, State Dairy & Food Commissioner,

President W E Bradley in the Chair who stated that the Council had been called to further consider the Health Ordinance.

Dr Barney, Health Officer stated that in obedience to instructions of the Council Nov 23, 1911 he had secured Dr Enniss G Williams, State Health Commissioner, Mr W D Saunders, State Dairy & Food Commissioner both of whom were present. He presented Mr W D Saunders who briefly addressed the Council on slaughtered horses and handling fresh meats for market.

Dr E G Williams then addressed the Council on sanitary privies. On motion of Mr Goldsmith the Council then proceeded to consider the remaining sections of the Health ordinance from No 52.

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was called for Thursday Dec 21, 1911 at 7:30 PM.

Present President W E Bradley and Clerk S E Eastburn.

After waiting until 8 PM there being no quorum present for the transaction of business the Clerk declared the Council adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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