

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1912

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held January 18, 1912 at 7:30 PM with the following present: Bradley, Somerville, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard; Att’y Fitzhugh, Health officer Dr Barney and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor’s Report for December as follows:

Dec 21, 1911

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

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$41.50) received from Justice Dannehl and \$39.00 dog tax, all of which has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

I wish each of your gentlemen a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year

Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor’s report was received, ordered filed, and the action of the Finance Committee in ordering the Officer’s salaries for Dec 1911 paid be ratified. Carried.

Jan’y 18, 1912

I beg to report fines amounting to \$41.00 collected and paid me by Justice Dannehl, which has been turned over to City Treasurer.

Also that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties for the past month.

I wish each of your gentlemen a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year

Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor’s report was received and ordered filed, and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid for the month.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following bills which on motion of Mr Rowe were ordered paid.

Clarence R Howard, Del to Water Ways Congress	\$11.25	
Kishpaugh for Stationary supplies for the Electoral board, app W D Scott, Sec		\$.27
Electoral Board		
Sessions of Board	\$18.00	
Sec for Supervising the printing of ballots	\$2.00	\$20.00

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Mr Lane presented communication from W W Butzner, Commonwealth Attorney, setting forth expenses incurred by the City Sergeant of \$4.59 and asked that the same be paid.

J Conway Chichester, Sergeant

To R R fare to Wash DC & return in case of Commonwealth vs Hon Samuel	\$3.30
Dinner & Street Car fare	\$.60
R R Fare to Alexandria Va & return in case of Commonwealth vs Webb	\$2.30
Dinner & Street Car fare	\$.60

Hack and wagon to bring Dr Webb & bottles to Mayor's office	\$2.00
S C Harrison taking 3 affidavits in Webb Case	\$.75
Small by getting bottles out of hole in house	\$.25
Carriage to Mayfield & return in case of Commonwealth vs Evangeline Woodland 2 trips	\$1.75
	\$11.55

On motion ordered paid

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented a communication from A P Rowe, City Tax Collector with reference to renting the City Scales. On motion of Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Rowe, the matter of City Scales was turned over to the Finance Committee with power to act

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on opening Prince Edward Street across the R R tracks by submitting a written statement from P F P R R in which they claim they would be damaged to the amount of \$25,000 and will resist in all possible legal ways the opening of said Street. Also a written statement from the R F & P R R in which they claim they would be damaged to the amount of \$12,000 and will resist in all possible legal ways the opening of said Street.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, referred to the Joint Committee of Streets & Finance and City Attorney for report.

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported on improvements as proposed on upper Main Street and Commerce Street from Bode's corner to the City Limits.

At your request I have estimated the cost of macadamizing Main & Caroline Street from the corner of Commerce Street to the corner of New Street, and Commerce Street from Bode's corner to the powder magazine and I leave to submit the following estimate from Main Street on a forty foot wide bed, 9 inches thick at centre and 7 inches thick on the sides. All cross streets to be macadamized to the edge of the property lines.

On Commerce Street a 21 wide bed with Macadam of the [Page 263] same thickness as above. Since 21' is the width of the present road bed in front of the City Cemetery and since no curbing has been laid along this said street, I think that 21' will give ample width.

Yours very truly, Cecil L Reid

Estimate for macadamizing Main Street from Commerce Street to the northern side of New Street.

2731½ cu yards crushed stone	@ 1.85	\$5,053.25
2000 cu yards excavation	@ .50	\$1,000.00
I C pipe and various for replacing box drains		\$411.25
Rolling		\$200.00
Total		\$6,664.50
Curbing and corners for the two blocks		\$448.20
Grand total for Main Street		\$7,112.70

Estimate for Macadamizing Commerce Street from Bode's corner to the Powder Magazine

1090 cu yard crushed stone	@ 1.85	\$2,016.50
Grading and rolling		\$200.00
Total for Commerce Street		\$2,216.50
Engineering inspection and etc		
Main Street	\$500.00	
Commerce Street	\$135.00	\$635.00
Total of all work		\$9,964.20

Cecil L Reid 12-21-1911

On motion the report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr Embrey presented communication from J McCalla Boulware concerning damage to his property on Cornell Street.

On motion referred to the Street Committee

Mr Embrey reported that his Committee had been compelled to put down a plank walk on Cornell Street from Wash Ave to Normal School grounds, to enable the School to pass over the newly made Street at a cost of \$150.00 and asked that the Street Committee be reimbursed.

On motion the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated to the Street Committee by this vote. Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Young of the Light Committee stated that it was the time to elect Supt of City Gas Plant, and moved to go into the election, which was unanimously carried.

On motion the salary was fixed the same as last year [Page 264] \$1,200.00, house rent, fuel and light. B F Bullock was elected Supt on Gas Works.

Mr Young of the Light Committee presented the resignation of W Key Howard, Supt of Electric Light On motion of Mr Rowe the resignation was unanimously accepted.

Mr Young asked that his committee be instructed to employ Mr Millings, for the unexpired term, said he had been assistant to Mr Howard, and was capable of running the plant and would do so for \$75.00 per month. Lost the vote.

Mr Embrey moved to go into the election of a Superintendent of Electric Light, which was adopted.

Mr Warden moved to go into the election of Supt of Electric Light for the unexpired term of Mr Howard, which was carried.

On motion of Mr Somerville, the former salary of \$1,500.00 was rescinded by unanimous vote. Mr Embrey moved that the salary of Supt Electric Light be \$75.00 per month, carried by unanimous vote. Applications were then read from Austin Snellings, Albert R Bauman and E W Alrich. Ballot was taken and Bauman received, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley (10 votes)

Snelling received Young, Howard (2 votes)

Mr Young of Light presented a proposition from the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co, to light the City Streets with 90 Arc lamps for a term of 5 years for the sum of \$36.00 per lamp, or \$3,262.50 per year.

On motion of Mr Embrey referred to Light Committee for report.

Mr Rowe reported progress on Sewer Extension which had been retarded by cold weather.

Mr Howard presented the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Embrey.

Resolved by the Council that the Hon R C L Moncure and Hon C R Coleman, Senator & Delegate respectively from this District, be and they are hereby requested to [Page 265] introduce and secure the passage of the "dispensary bill," accompanying this resolution and the Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution and said bill to each of the said Representative, as soon as said Bill shall have been examined and legally perfected by the City Attorney.

"A Bill"

A bill to submit to the qualified voters of the City of Fredericksburg Va at a special election to be held hereafter therefor the question of the establishment in the said City of a dispensary for the sale of intoxicating liquors therein, and in event that a majority of those voting a said election vote for said dispensary, then to further provide for the establishment and conduct of same, and to prohibit thereafter within said City the sale, barter, or exchange of intoxicating liquors by all persons, firms, or corporations, except as herein provided and to provide for future elections on the question of abolishing such dispensary and defining of all elections hereunder.

The passage of this resolution was vigorously opposed by Mr Somerville. Mr Warden stated if a petition had been presented by the people to the Council for this legislation, he would have supported that petition, but as no petition had been presented he would vote against it.

It was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Green, Howard, Bradley (9 votes)

Noes, Somerville, Ford, Warden (3 votes)

Mr Rowe of Water Committee asked to go into the election of the Supt of City Water Works for the year from Jan'y 1, 1912. It was so ordered.

On motion the salary was set at \$1,200.00 per annum by unanimous vote.

S B Quinn was then elected Supt of Water by the unanimous vote. (12 votes)

Mr Embrey offered a resolution that a Committee be appointed to go to Washington to confer with our two Senators and Representatives in Congress looking to obtaining appropriation of \$30,000.00 to pave the Boulevard leading to National Cemetery with vitrified brick.

The Committee named are E D Cole, Chairman, A P Rowe, A T Embrey, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, J M Goldsmith and C R Howard, adopted.

Mr Ford presented Health Ordinance and on motion of Mr Howard next Thursday night at 7:30 was fixed to consider it.

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Mr Green of Fire Committee laid before the Council communication looking to supply the Fire Department with hose and wagon to be drawn by horses or motor truck, also necessary supplies for department. On motion referred to Fire and Finance Committee.

Mr Embrey offered this resolution, which was adopted

Resolution 1. That it is the sense of this Council that the City of Fredericksburg have a new Charter, and
2. That, if found conducive to the general welfare, the City should have one or more City Commissioners for the progressive administration of the City's affairs.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the President of the Council do appoint a Committee of which the President shall be chairman, the said Committee besides the Chairman to be composed of four members of this Council and three citizens of the City, not members of the Council, which Committee with the aid of the City Attorney, is hereby authorized and to consider and report to the Council.

1. Whether, in the judgment of said Committee it is desirable that the City procure a new charter from the Legislature of Va; and

2. If said report be in the affirmative that the said Committee is further directed to report to the Council such form of said charter for the City as the said Committee may deem best calculated to promote the best interests of the City.

3. Whether the City should have one or more City Commissioners for the more economical and efficient administration of the City's affairs; and

4. If said report be in the affirmative then the said Committee is further directed to report to the Council a plan for the institution of such form of commissioners, or modified Commissioners government as the said Committee may deem calculated to promote the best interests of the City.

And, in as much as the General Assembly of Va will soon be in session, the said Committee is hereby directed to execute the duties enforced by this resolution with reasonable dispatch.

(side note: "Committee, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, H B Lane, S W Somerville; Citizens, M G Willis, E D Cole, A T Embrey, S G Wallace, H F Crismond, C O'Conor Goolrick, S Geo R Fitzhugh)

Mr Ford offered resolution calling for the appointment of a general manager for the City; which was referred to the Special Committee of Councilmen & Citizens named to consider a new plan for governing the City.

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Mr Embrey offered resolution asking for itemized statement of expenses since July 1st, Mr Lane stated that the balance in Treasury is \$4,186.00 and that the Treasurer be required to furnish to the Clerk of the Council at each meeting.

1. A statement showing balance in Treasury
2. How much money has been appropriated to each Committee, general or special
3. A statement of receipts, and expenditures by each Committee either general or special. It was unanimously adopted.

Communication was read from Postmaster J M Griffin, from the Treasury Department at Washington DC saying that proposals will be submitted in a short time for improvements around the Post Office building.

Mr Embrey offered the following seconded by Mr Rowe and unanimously adopted.

Whereas the County of Spotsylvania has expended a large sum of money in the construction of improved roads, all of which improved roads lead into the City of Fredericksburg; and

Whereas it is desirable that the City of Fredericksburg should pave, or otherwise improve, its streets connecting the improved County Roads with the existing improved streets in the City of Fredericksburg; Therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that our delegates and senators in the General Assembly of Virginia be and they are hereby requested to secure from the General Assembly of Virginia the authority under the conditions named therein to issue of the City of Fredericksburg, for the said purpose as is set out in the draft of an Act this day presented to the Council and which the Council hereby approves, and which draft of the said proposed act follows; (adopted)

An act to authorize the City Council of Fredericksburg to issue its coupon or registered bonds for the purpose of improving its streets in said City.

1st Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that it shall be lawful for the City of Fredericksburg, for the purpose of grading, paving, [Page 268] curbing, macadamizing, or for otherwise improving the streets of said City; to issue coupons, or registered bonds in sums not less than one hundred (\$100.00) to an amount not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to bear interest at the rate not to exceed four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds payable thirty years after the date of the issue, and any or all of the said Bonds shall be redeemable at the option of the City Council at any time after ten years from the date of their issue; the said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and City Treasurer, and attested by the Clerk of the Council, with the great seal of the City affixed thereto, and the coupons shall each bear the name of the City Treasurer signed thereto;

The said bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxation by the City of Fredericksburg, and shall not be sold for less than their par value.

2nd That the City Council shall not issue any bonds provided for in this Act until said Council shall have taken the sense of the qualified voters of said City, as hereinafter provided for;

And said Council shall not order any election under this Act until a majority of the Council have voted in favor of some definite measure or subscription, as the case may be, for the improvement of said City as contemplated by this Act, and has ascertained the approximate cost thereof, and the shall also ascertain and designate the Streets and avenues of said City to which such improvements are to apply and shall publish all such information, at least once a week for two weeks before any election held under this Act, in one or more newspapers of said City for the information of the voters.

3rd; That when the Council has complied with the second section of this Act and made a record of the same upon its minutes, it is authorized to make an order requiring the Sergeant and the Judges of Election, at such time, not less than thirty days from the date of such order, which time shall be designated therein, to open a poll and take the sense of the qualified voters of said City, whether the said Council shall make such improvements as has received the approval of a majority of said Council as aforesaid. The judges of election, after taking oath to faithfully perform the duties assigned them shall open polls at the voting places in said City, and shall conduct said election and close said polls as required by law in other elections. At said election each qualified voter, who shall approve said improvement shall deposit a ballot on which is written or printed "For Improvement" and such votes opposed to said improvement shall deposit a ballot on which is written or printed "Against Improvement" and each [Page 269] ballot shall be endorsed with the name of the voter, or the same shall not be valid. The Judges of Election, at the several voting places, shall immediately after the closing of the polls at each of said places, count the ballots deposited and shall within two days after the said election make return to the Mayor, or other presiding officer of said Council, of the number of votes cast against said improvement and the number of votes cast for said improvement and shall return to and deposit with the Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, in separate sealed, packages, the ballots for and against the improvements; and the Council shall appoint four citizens of said City, two from each ward, who with the Clerk of the Corporation Court shall constitute a Board of Commissioner whose duty it shall be within two days thereafter to meet and after taking an oath to faithfully perform their duty, open said package or ballots, count the same, correct the returns, if necessary, and ascertain and report to the Council how many of said ballots were cast by freeholders, and how many by non freeholders for and against said improvement, which said report, signed by a majority of said Board, shall be entered upon the minute book of the Council.

4th If it appears by the report of the Board of Commissioners that three-fifths of the qualified voters of said City, voting upon the question, are in favor of said improvement, & that said three fifths includes a majority of the votes cast by freeholders at such election, and a majority of the registered voters of said City, the City Council of Fredericksburg is hereby authorized to enact such ordinances as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out and effectuate the provisions and the full intent and meaning of this Act, and to issue and dispose of so many of said bonds as may be authorized by the vote taken and reported as hereinbefore provided.

5th That the City Council be authorized annually to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on all bonds issues under this act and said Council shall provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds when the same shall mature or become payable, and in their discretion may create a sinking fund to be applied to the redemption and payment of said bonds.

6th The funds derived from the sale of any bonds issued under this Act shall be deposited in the City Treasury as a separate and special fund, and no part of the same shall be used, or applied to any other purpose than that for which the same was authorized by the voters of said City, as herein provided. This act shall be in force from its passage.

Adjourned till next Thursday night to consider Health Ordinance.
W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held January 25, 1912 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of further considering Health Ordinance. Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green; Attorney Fitzhugh

In the absence of Clerk Eastburn caused by death in his family W S Embrey was elected clerk Pro Tem

Mr Ford, of Health Ordinance Committee presented the Ordinance and at the request of members read those sections on which information was desired. All of the sections had been considered at previous meetings, but it was the desire to amend some, which was done.

The Ordinance called for a straight salary of \$600.00 for the Health Officer. This was amended so that the Health Officer under its provisions does all the work of City Physician who is now receiving (\$300.00) per year. Much discussion was indulged in before the ordinance was ready.

When Mr Somerville moved a suspension of the rules. Adopted

Then Mr Ford moved the adopting of the ordinance which was carried by this recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley.

It was claimed by Mr Ford & Dr Barney, Health Officer, that the revenues to be derived by the City from the Ordinance will pay expenses of its provisions.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the Health Committee was instructed to have 500 copies of the Ordinance printed.

This ordinance becomes effective April 1, 1912.

Mr Embrey presented bill of Cecil L Reid for \$40.50 for engineering work on Cornell Street. Ordered paid.

Mr Young made a statement in regard to damage claimed by Mr J McCalla Boulware to have been done to his property on Washington Avenue by opening of Cornell Street. Mr Young said he had brought this matter to the attention of the Council at the last meeting and had been told by Mr Goldsmith that it had been settled satisfactorily to Mr Boulware. Since then Mr Boulware had informed him that no satisfactory settlement had been made. President Bradley called attention to a communication in the hands of the Clerk from Mr B. This Communication stated that no settlement had been made, and asked that the Council appoint one man, Mr Boulware appoint one man, to adjudicate the matter, and if the two could not agree they to call in the third and their decision be final and bind both parties.

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Mr Warden moved that this be adopted, and the Committee on Claims be empowered to make settlement. This was lost, receiving only 2 votes, Messrs Ford and Warden.

On motion of Mr Rowe the Claims Committee was instructed to investigate and report to the Council, and call in assistance of the City Attorney. Adopted.

Health Ordinance

Section 1. Board of Health:

There shall be created and established in the City of Fredericksburg Va a Board of Health consisting of five Citizens, two of whom shall be physicians in good standing.

Section 2: How elected:

Members of the Board of Health shall be elected by the Common Council at the time of the election of other City Officers, in September of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Section 3: President of the Board

At its first meeting the said Board of Health shall elect one of its number as President.

Section 4: Duties of President

The President of the Board of Health shall preside at all meetings of the Board and exercise general oversight of the work of the Health Department, reporting regularly, not less than twice a year to the Council, all matters of interest and importance concerning the activities of the Board of Health.

Section 5: Duties of the Board of Health

The Board of Health shall meet [?] statedly, once every three months, September December, March, June or oftener at the call of the President, if the Public Health interest of the community demand it, An accurate minutes shall be kept of all transactions of the Board of Health, to which the President must affix his signature.

Section 6: Compensation of the Board of Health.

The Board of Health of Fredericksburg is hereby allowed a fee of (\$2.00) for each member present, except the secretary, at any session of their body, provided that there be not more than four sessions yearly.

Section 7: Supervisory duties over sanitary laws.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Health and each member thereof, to exercise a general supervision over the persons, matters, and things, mentioned in all ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg relating to the Public Health and the Sanitary laws of the State of Virginia as far as they apply and to see that these Ordinances and Laws are properly obeyed & executed, and to report any violation thereof by private parties [Page 272] or non-feasance or misfeasance on the part of any officer or employee of the City of Fredericksburg in his duties under said Ordinance.

Section 8: Rules of Board of Health

The Board of Health is hereby empowered to adopt and enforce such rules and regulation, and print such literature & notices as may enable it better to carry out the laws with reference to public health.

Section 9: Penalty for not obeying orders of Board of Health

If any person refuse or neglect to obey the orders of the Board of Health or any rule or regulation duly promulgated by it, as provided in these ordinances, he shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and except as otherwise specifically provided, shall be fined not less that (\$5.00) for each offense.

Section 10: Disobedience of sanitary orders of Mayor or Board of Health

If any tenant or owner in charge, after being notified by the Board of Health or by the Mayor, to remove anything belonging to him or found on his premises or any nuisance caused by him or found on his premises, shall fail to do so for 48 hours after such notice, he shall forfeit (\$2.00) for each hour of such failure after the expiration of the said 48 hours, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to have the same done at the expense of the City of Fredericksburg, which expense shall be reimbursed to the City by the person through whose default the same was incurred, together with twenty per centum upon the amount as a fine.

Section 11: Forms of Returns.

The Board of Health shall keep on hand at all times a supply of forms for gratuitous distributing to all persons whose duty it shall be to make returns under the law and is hereby empowered to purchase or have the same printed whenever necessary.

Section 12: Annual Reports

Annually on or before the 30th day of June the Board of Health through its President shall report to the Council the amount of all expenditures, and for what purpose made during the previous fiscal year. Also an estimate of the appropriation necessary for the ensuing year, together with such other matters and suggestions relating to the Health of the Corporation as they may deem necessary and appropriate.

The Board of Health shall recommend from time to time the adoption of such Ordinances as they may think necessary for the better protection of the Public Health.

Section 13: Nomination of Health Officer.

Every year at the last quarterly meeting of the Board of Health, prior to the annual election of City Officers, the Board shall from the names of persons skilled in sanitary science, recommend to the Council some person suitable for election as Health Officer for the term of one year.

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Section 14: Election

A Health Officer shall be elected by the Council of Fredericksburg for the term of one year, except when elected to fill a vacancy, services (\$600.00) per annum payable in equal monthly installments, said salary to be by the City Treasurer paid to said Health Officer upon his receipt therefor.

Section 15: His Duties

The Health Officer shall be Secretary and Executive officer of the Board of Health of Fredericksburg, and in the interim between meetings of the Board shall exercise all powers granted to said Board of Health, and shall hereafter perform the duties of the City Physician. He shall either in person or by deputy enforce all laws, rules, and regulations relating to the Public Health, for which purpose he is hereby invested with Police authority in the performance of his duties. He shall keep a record of all births and deaths, issue burial permits, and shall make a summary of all reports submitted to him by practicing physicians (as required of them by Section 19) and submit same to the Council at each Annual meeting. A copy of this report must likewise be forwarded monthly to the State Health Department.

He shall also report to the Mayor, any physician who shall fail to comply with the Ordinance requiring reports to the Board of Health.

Section 16: Inspection of Watershed

The Health Officer shall thoroughly inspect the reservoir and the watershed, and the streams of the City's water supply, twice yearly or oftener if it shall be deemed necessary by the Board of Health, and make report in writing to the Board of Health.

Section 17: Sanitary Inspector:

In order to more effectively carry out the Ordinances with regard to the Health and cleanliness of the City of Fredericksburg, the Mayor is hereby authorized, at the request of the Board of Health, to designate one or more of the regular policemen or appoint a special policeman who shall be known as sanitary inspector, whose duty it shall be to make a careful inspection of the premises of all public buildings of the City of Fredericksburg and of all other buildings, residences, or places of business, privies, grounds, or other appurtenances as thereto which are required by the Health laws to be kept in a clean condition; and to serve notice upon the occupants thereof to abate or remove any nuisance which he may find existing thereon. He shall be subject to the orders of and under the control of the Board of Health & shall serve for such length of time and perform such duties as said board may deem necessary. Inspection shall be made quarterly or oftener if deemed necessary by the Board of Health.

Section 18: Physicians and all mid-wives practicing their called within the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg, must register their names with the Secretary of the Board of Health (Health Officer).

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No person shall exercise the duties of a mid-wife in the absence of an attending physician, without first obtaining from the Health Officer a permit to do so. This permit shall be exercised subject to such rules and regulations as the Board of Health may adopt and shall be good for one year, unless sooner revoked by the Health Officer

Section 19: Physician's Reports

The Board of Health shall have prepared suitable blank forms to be furnished to the several practicing physicians of the community on which at the close of each month they shall report fully to the Board of Health the number of births, deaths, cases of contagious or infectious diseases, and other matters relevant to the Health of the City.

This report shall not be considered in any wise to release the physician from reporting contagious or infectious diseases immediately upon diagnosis as provided in Section 33, or from furnishing death and

birth certificates as required by Sections 20 and 22. Any physician failing within 5 days to comply with the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 20. Reports of Births.

Every physician or mid-wife practicing in the Corporation under whose charge or superintendence a birth shall hereafter take place, shall make true and exact register of such birth in ink on blanks furnished by the Board of Health, for which purpose a supply of blanks shall be kept on hand by said physician or mid-wife. This form shall set forth, as far as can be ascertained, the full name of the child, if name has been conferred, if not, a supplementary report containing name must be sent later, its sex, color, full name and occupation of its parents, the date and place of birth, and such other data as may be necessary to properly record the facts. This certificate must be duly signed by the doctor or mid-wife and sent to the office of the Board of Health between the 1st and 5th of the month following, in case the birth of a child shall occur without the attendance of a physician or mid-wife, or should no other person be in attendance upon the mother, immediately thereafter, it shall become the duty of the parent or parents of such child to report its birth to the Board of Health in the manner and within the period above required. Reports of births must include all above four months in utero. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section will be punishable by a fine not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00).

Section 21. Register of Births and deaths.

The Board of Health shall provide suitable books and book-keeping devices in which shall be registered the returns made to it of the births and deaths which may occur within the Corporation together with such other information as may be indicated by the standard forms approved by the [Page 275] Bureau of the Census at Washington. The registry of births and deaths shall be kept in separate records with general indexes to same and said registers shall at all times be accessible to the public, under such restrictions as may be imposed by the Board of Health. Said registers shall, when possible be kept in a fire proof safe receptacle and after a reasonable time, be filed with the Clerk of the Court as a part of the Corporation Records.

Section 22. Death Certificates.

Whenever a person shall died within the limits of the Corporation it shall be the duty of the physician who attended such person during his or her last illness, or the coroner when the case comes within the range of his duties, to furnish within twenty-four hours after the death in question, a certificate written in ink to the Board of Health, setting forth, as far as can be ascertained, the name, name of parents, age, color, residence, place of birth, occupation, condition, date and cause of death of person deceased. Any physician who shall neglect or refuse to make the reports herein required shall be fined not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 23. Death of persons unattended by Physicians

In case any person who shall died within the Corporation without the attendance of a physician, or if the attending physician neglects or refuses to furnish the certificate required, it shall be the duty of any undertaker who may have charge of the burial and the right of an other person, acquainted with the facts in the case, to report the same to the Board of Health, who shall thereupon be authorized to give the required certificate, provided it be not a case requiring the attendance of the coroner.

Section 24. Burial permit.

No internment of the dead body of any human being or disposition thereof in any tomb, vault, or cemetery within the Corporation limits or in any cemetery or by any other means within the limits of the Corporate jurisdiction, shall be made without a permit granted therefore by the Board of Health, nor otherwise than in accordance therewith. And no permit shall be issued by the said Board of Health except on presentation first of a duly executed certificate of death, nor shall any permit be issued for burial in private or in places other than those provided and recognized as cemeteries: and no cemetery keeper, undertaker, or other person in authority shall assist in or assent to, or allow such internment or other disposition for which such permit has not been given authorizing the same, and it shall be the duty of every person having such

permit to preserve and return the same to the Board of Health and any person violating this section shall be fined not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 25. Permit for removal of dead bodies beyond Corporate limits.

No undertaker or other person shall remove from the City the [Page 276] remains of any dead person to any place beyond the Corporate limits without first procuring a permit to do so from the Board of Health, under penalty of a fine not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 26. Duty of keeper or other person in charge of Cemetery.

Every keeper or other person in charge of any cemetery or burial ground within the jurisdiction of the Corporation shall, on the first of each month, make a report to the Board of Health of all burials made by him or his assistants during the preceding month, which report shall contain all its of information relative to the said decedent called for in the forms furnished for the purpose by the Board of Health.

Section 27. Quarantine—when.

Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Mayor that any contagious or infectious disease prevails without the jurisdiction of the Corporation endangering the health of the Community, it shall be his duty with the advice of the Board of Health, to declare a quarantine against the introduction of said disease into the City or town and make such regulations for the preservation of the Health of the Citizens as he may deem necessary.

Section 28. Contagious and Infectious Diseases. Quarantine of

Immediately upon receipt of the information that any case of small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, scarlatina, measles, or other contagious or infectious disease exists in the City of Fredericksburg, or within one mile thereof, it shall be the duty of the Health Officer to visit the case and in his discretion establish a strict quarantine or isolation of any or all persons on the premises, or to remove the case to a detention Hospital or camp, and quarantine persons remaining for such time, as in his discretion may be necessary. He shall report to the Mayor the names of all persons violating quarantine, and the Mayor shall thereupon cause the arrest and removal to a detention camp of any person disobeying quarantine orders.

Section 29. Bringing Contagion into the City

Any person or persons who, without a permit from the Health Office shall knowingly bring into the limits of the City of Fredericksburg, any person known or suspected to have small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or any other severe contagious disease, or who shall without such permit knowingly bring into the City of Fredericksburg the body of any person having died of Small-pox, scarlet fever, Diphtheria, or any other severe contagious disease, shall be fined not less than (\$25.00) nor more than (\$50.00).

Section 30. Scholars in Public Schools to be vaccinated.

When the Board of Health shall so order it shall be the duty of the Principal of each of the several Public and private schools of the City of Fredericksburg to see that each teacher and scholar and those making application to enter such school, shall be [Page 277] vaccinated and shall require from such person a certificate of vaccination by a practicing physician. Certificate of vaccination shall be good for such length of time as may be determined by the Board of Health.

Section 31. Compulsory Vaccination

Whenever it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Board of Health that small pox prevails, or is in imminent danger of prevailing within its jurisdiction the Board of Health may, in its discretion cause all unvaccinated persons within these limits to be vaccinated with genuine vaccine matter at the cost to the City.

Section 32. Contagious and Infectious diseases, duty of Physicians.

Any physician in charge, practicing his profession within the limits of the City, or within one mile thereof, who shall see or have knowledge of an cases of Small-pox, Varioloid, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, membranes, croup, measles, mumps, chicken pox, whooping cough, typhoid fever, pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis, infantile paralysis, cholera, yellow fever, pellagra, or any other disease declared contagious or infectious by the Board of Health within said limits, shall report the same in writing to the Board of Health within twelve hours after the facts shall come to his knowledge. Any physician attending

such cases shall immediately upon recovery or death of such case report such fact at once to the Board of Health. For every failure to comply with this section, the penalty shall be a fine of not less than \$5.00.

Section 33: Contagious and Infectious diseases, duty of occupant of houses and physicians

Tenant or owners in possession of all residences, tenements or rooms within the Corporation or within one mile thereof, where small pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, scarlatina, measles, or other highly contagious or infectious diseases exist shall either directly or through the physician in charge notify the Board of Health of the existence and character of such disease. The Health Officer or his deputy shall thereupon place on the door of the house, porch, or fence a card with the name of the disease printed thereon, the necessary card shall be prepared by the Board of Health, at the expense of the Corporation and shall be furnished to the citizens without cost, and shall be at least six inches square, and the letters in which the name of the disease is printed shall be in large type so as to be easily read at a distance of twenty feet. For Small pox, a yellow card should be provided; for Diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, or other highly contagious or infectious diseases a white card. Any physician having in charge any disease of the character above mentioned shall at once report it to the Board of Health. On receipt of the information of the existence of such disease, the Health Officer shall notify the Superintendent of Public Schools, who shall prevent any teachers, scholars or employees residing in such residence [Page 278] tenement or rooms from attending the public schools of the City of Fredericksburg, without a written certificate from the Health Officer that it is safe for such person to do so. And no person shall knowingly sell, cause to be sold, or otherwise dispose of in such manner as to cause said disease to spread, any clothing, bed clothing, or any article or articles which have been exposed to such disease.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than (\$5.00) nor more than (\$50.00) for each offense.

Any person defacing, covering up or removing any card placed upon any house by the Board of Health without proper authorization shall be fined not less than (\$5.00).

Section 34. Infected Houses

When the Board of Health shall be of the opinion that any house in which an infected person or thing has been, should be cleansed or disinfected, the Health Officer shall disinfect same, and shall require proper cleaning to be done by the tenant or owner in possession of such house.

Section 35. Penalty on infected person going about.

If any person who knows himself to be infected with a contagious or infectious disease, or who has recently had such disease and has not had his person and clothes so cleaned as to be free from the infection or contagion, go into the company of any one who is liable to take the disease, he shall be fined (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 36. Confinement of dogs and cats.

All dogs and cats on any premises where scarlet fever, diphtheria small pox, or an other disease designated by the Board of Health exists, shall be killed or placed in a detention cage until such animal and such houses have been disinfected in a manner satisfactory to the Health Officer. The owner may, himself, make such detention and disinfection of said animals as shall be satisfactory to the Health Officer.

Section 37. Sick Animals.

It shall be unlawful for an person to bring into the City or drive through the streets of the City any animal suffering from an contagious or infectious disease. When any animal shall die of any contagious or infectious disease within the Corporate jurisdiction the owner thereof shall forthwith notify the Mayor, and he shall at once cause said animal to be buried at least four feet deep, and all expense of said burial shall be borne by the owner, and may be collected as fines are collected should he refuse to pay the same.

Section 38. Entering premises under quarantine.

Any person entering the premises of any house under quarantine may be isolated by the Health Officer in his discretion as a suspect for such time as the regulations of the State Board of Health prescribes.

Section 39: Burial of bodies dead of contagious disease.

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There shall not be a public or church funeral of any person who has died of small pox, scarlet fever, yellow fever, typhus fever, Asiatic cholera, diphtheria, cerebrospinal meningitis, or bubonic plague, but the funeral of such person shall be private and no undertaker, nor anyone else shall retain or expose or assist in the retention or exposure of the dead body to any such person except in a coffin or casket properly sealed; nor shall he allow any such body to be placed in any coffin or casket unless the same be immediately and permanently sealed; nor shall he assist in a public or church funeral of any such person. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined not less than (\$20.00) nor more than (\$100.00)

Section 40. Inspection of Streets and Premises.

The Board of Health shall cause to be inspected all streets, alleys, yards, lots, privies, stables, or other places which are alleged to be or likely to become offensive or dangerous to the public health. They shall also cause the inspection of the premises of all citizens to be made, at least every three months, and to require garbage, trash, filth, ashes, tin cans, and all other articles that may endanger the health of the city to be removed. It shall be the duty of all Police Officers to observe at all times the sanitary condition of their districts, and to report promptly to the Health Officer any nuisance or accumulation of filth found to exist, when any such thing shall be found, which in the opinion of the Health Officer is or is likely to become injurious to health, the Health officer shall give notice thereof to the Mayor, who shall require the person causing or permitting said nuisance or the tenant or owner in possession of the premises on which such thing is, to abate the evil forthwith in such a manner as the Health Officer shall deem best. Upon failure to execute the order of the Mayor, the nuisance may be abated at the charge of the Corporation and such cost with 20 per cent additional by way of penalty, shall be collected from such person.

Section 41. Spitting on sidewalks, in street cars or public squares.

No person shall expectorate on any sidewalk or street crossing, on in any church or public building, or on the steps or doorways thereof, or the steps or doorways of any store or office building, or on the floor or pavement of any rail-road station, or in any street car or other public places. For any violation of this section the offender shall be fined not less than (\$1.00) nor more than (\$5.00) for each offense.

Section 42. Discharge of water, slops, etc

No person shall permit the discharge from a water closet, kitchen sink, slops from a kitchen, or anything offensive to be thrown or turned into the street. And one violating this section shall be fined (\$2.00) for each day the same continue after notice from the Mayor or Health Officer to abate the same.

Section 43. Wells

Any person owning property within the Corporate limits upon which there is a well for drinking purposes which is not securely protected against contamination is required within sixty days [Page 280] from the passage of this ordinance to provide the well with a perfectly water-tight cover, install a pumping device which will not admit of surface contamination, tightly secured and sealed to the well floor and provided with a shield of concrete around the well to further protect it against pollution. Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined (\$1.00) for each day the said well shall remain open or unprotected.

Section 44. Spring and open Well Water

On or after 60 days from the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for the owner thereof to use or permit others to use the water from any open well or spring existing within the Corporate limits.

Section 45. Condemnation of Wells, etc

The Board of Health is hereby empowered to condemn and close any cistern, pond, puddle, privy, vault, sink or cesspool, which in their opinion constitutes a menace to the health of the neighborhood, in which it exists.

Section 46. Marshy ground and stagnant water.

If, upon any ground in this city there be found a drain or running water, the owner thereof shall be required to keep the same clean, free and unobstructed from filth, garbage or vegetation. If stagnant water or a marshy place shall be found upon the premises in the City of Fredericksburg, the owner thereof shall be required to drain such stagnant water or fill such marsh within 30 days from notification by the Board of Health, or if impracticable to fill or drain, treatment with petroleum products must be observed as often as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Health.

Upon failure to comply, the Mayor is hereby authorized to have such stagnant water drained or treated, or such marshy place filled at the expense of the City of Fredericksburg, and may collect the expense of so doing from the owner of the property in like manner as taxes due from him to the City of Fredericksburg would be collection, with 20 per centum on such amount as a fine.

Section 47. Cow Stables – Dairy

The maintenance of cow stables or other conveniences for the home supply of milk or for the purpose of carrying on a dairy business within the Corporation shall be exercised only under the supervision of the Board of Health, who may condemn the same as a nuisance if not kept in a cleanly manner, and upon such condemnation, said stable or convenience shall be vacated and shall not again be used for such purpose without permission from the Board of Health.

Section 48. Regulating sale of milk in City.

(1) No person shall bring or send milk or cream into the City of Fredericksburg or have in his possession within said City any milk or cream for the purpose of sale without a permit to so do from the Health officer, which permit shall be issued once each year subject to the following conditions:

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(2) All persons selling or exposing for sale any milk, cream, or dairy products shall be governed by the food standards of the State Dairy and Food Division in the sale of their products

(3) In the sanitation of the Dairy or Dairy farm upon which the milk or cream is produced, or the dairy or creamery at which the milk or cream is collected prior to shipment or sale, or at the time such milk or cream is stored, offered or exposed for sale, the applicant shall agree to be & shall be governed by rules and regulations of the Board of Health of the City of Fredericksburg, copy of sale rules and regulations will be furnished to applicants.

(4) The Board of Health of the City of Fredericksburg shall have authority to make uniform rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this section.

(5) Any person or persons violating any of the said rules and regulations prescribed by the board of health or violating any provisions of this section shall, in the discretion of the justice of the peace or police justice be punished by a fine of not more than (\$5.00), for the first offense and not less than (\$25.00) nor more than (\$100.00) for such subsequent offense.

In addition to the penalties herein provided the license to sell milk and cream in this City may, in the discretion of the Court after the second conviction be revoked.

Section 49. Stock Pens.

Any permit to keep a hog, granted by the Mayor, shall be exercised under such rules and regulations as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Health.

Section 50. Carcasses of dead animals & other offensive things.

If any person shall place or cause to be placed in or on any street, alley, side-walk, lot, or elsewhere within the Corporate limits the carcass of any animal or any other thing or matter offensive to any citizen or to the public or liable to become a nuisance, he shall be fined not less than (\$1.00).

Section 51. Slaughter Houses, regulations of;

No person, firm, or corporation shall sell or offer for sale, within the limits of the Corporation of Fredericksburg, an fresh meat or other fresh slaughter house products or have the same in his possession within the said City, for the purpose of sale, without a permit to do so from the Health Officer, which permit shall be issued once each year, subject to the following conditions, except animals slaughtered by farmers on their own premises and brought in by themselves or their agents.

(1) All fresh meat or other fresh slaughter house products, wherever slaughtered may be sold to any wholesale dealer or other dealer having permit from the Health Officer as above specified, and such products and the places where the same are slaughtered shall be subject to inspection and regulation by the [Page 282] Health officer or his duly authorized assistants.

(2) All slaughter houses must be supplied with an abundance of pure water both hot and cold and shall be provided with water tight floors; and be provided with fly screens, on doors and windows, and other openings, so arranged as to prevent the ingress of flies; shall be provided with such means for the disposal of offal, blood, bones, hides, and other refuse matters so as to prevent any nuisance on the premises, and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Health.

The Board of Health of the City of Fredericksburg shall have authority to make uniform rules and regulation for carrying out the provision of this section.

(3) Any person or persons violating any of the said rules and regulations prescribed by the Board of Health or violating any provisions of this section shall, in the discretion of the Police Justice, be punished by a fine of not more than (\$10.00) for the first offense, and not less than (\$25.00); nor more than (\$100.00) for each subsequent offense.

(4) Any person who shall sell or offer for sale at retail within the Corporate limits of the City of Fredericksburg the meat of any animal which at the time of its slaughter was diseased or unfit for human food, shall upon conviction before the Police Justice be fined for the first offense not less than (\$10.00) or more than (\$50.00) and for each subsequent conviction not less than (\$50.00) or more than (\$100.00).

In addition to the penalties herein provided the license to sell meat or other slaughter house products in this City may, in the discretion of the Health Officer, after the second conviction be revoked.

Section 52. Soil Pollution

No one shall within the limits of the Corporation deposit any human excreta upon the ground or in any place accessible to animals or flies, or where it may be washed into any stream, or spring, or well used for drinking purposes, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than (\$1.00) or more than (\$5.00) for each offense.

Section 53. Privies, open vaults, sinks and cesspools; Control and Consideration

No privy shall hereafter be constructed or built within the Corporate limits of Fredericksburg except in conformity with the specifications set forth in this ordinance; except that water closets lawfully installed and maintained and having proper connections with both the water supply and sewer systems of the City shall not be affected by anything contained or provided in this ordinance with reference to surface privies.

(1) Every privy already built within the Corporate limits of this City (unless the same be a water closet properly connected) shall within 90 days after the passage of this ordinance be altered or rebuilt so as to conform in all respects to the [Page 283] requirements of this ordinance, under the penalties thereafter set forth and provided.

(2) All privies, not waste closets, and connected with the sewer system of this City shall be provided with a suitable seat which seat when in place shall rest squarely upon the top of a half barrel of a uniform type to be furnished by the Board of Health and every seat in every such board shall be provided with a tight fitting lid, so arranged as to close automatically whenever any such seat is not in use, the joint between every seat lid to be sufficiently close to prevent the passage of flies and other insects between the seat board and lid when the lid is closed.

93) The base upon which the half barrels below any such privy shall stand or rest shall be made level, of thick concrete or heavy plank, not less than two inches in thickness, to the end that whence placed after being withdrawn for cleaning from time to time such half barrels may continue to make with the seat board a joint impervious to the passage of flies and other insects. Every half barrel provided for any such privy shall be of the kind and type prescribed by the Board of Health and shall have a capacity of not less than 15 nor more than 20 gallons.

(4) Every such privy shall also be provided with a small shovel and box holding not less than a half bushel for each half barrel under such privy and in each such box shall be kept pulverized earth, ashes, or land plaster. And on every occasion upon which any person shall use any such privy, it shall be the duty of the person using such privy to sprinkle upon the excrement in the half barrel below the seat of the privy a light coating of earth or land plaster from the box above provided for.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person to empty, throw or deposit in any privy, or in any half barrel under the seat of any such privy any dishwater, slop or garbage of any kind except urine or excrement, and any occupant of any lot who shall permit any privy on his lot to emit any objectionable odor shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this ordinance, and may be fined therefore.

(6) The scavenger in each ward of this City shall be furnished a sufficient number of half barrels with appropriate lids to enable such scavenger to immediately replace in every such privy from which he may withdraw any half barrel or half barrels for the purpose of emptying or cleaning the same, other similar half barrel or half barrels of the same type, and it shall be the duty of the Health Committee of the Council upon requisition by the scavenger to provide the scavenger with said number of half barrels of the prescribed type and pattern as will enable the scavenger to economically do the necessary hauling and cleaning. The scavenger may removed the half barrels from any privy for the purpose of emptying or [Page 284] cleaning, the same either in the night time or in the day time; provided the scavenger shall in no case empty the contents of any such half barrel into any other half barrel or other receptacle within the Corporate limits, but the scavenger shall in all cases, as soon as any half barrel is withdrawn from its place under the seat of any privy cover such half barrel securely with out of the lids provided for that purpose, and no such half barrel shall be transported from any such privy until such half barrel shall be first tightly covered and immediately upon withdrawing any half barrel from below any such seat, it shall be the duty of the scavenger to immediately put in place another empty half barrel and replace the seat board thereon. On every such privy shall be cleaned by the scavenger once in each period of two weeks between the first of April and the first of October of each year; and during the remaining portions of each year as often as may be necessary.

(7) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each offense.

(8) If the owner of any lot within the Corporate limits of this City shall after ninety days from and after the adoption of this Ordinance construct or allow to remain on his, or any lot owner by him, any privy which shall not conform to the requirements of this section, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined a provided in the preceding section of this ordinance. And each calendar week during which any property owner shall allow to exist upon any lot of any land within the Corporate limits of this city, and in use, any such privy which does not conform to the requirements of this section shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

(9) At the request of any property owner, the improvements herein contemplated may be made by the City of Fredericksburg, and the charges therefore shall be collectable in three equal annual installments, as taxes and levies are collected and enforced by said City.

Section 54. Privies – How cleaned

(A). The cleaning of closets and privies and the half barrels used therein shall b e done exclusively under the direction of the Board of Health, and it shall be unlawful for any private person to contract to do said work through or by an private citizen.

(B) The said closets and privies shall be properly cleaned and disinfected, and the excrement from said sealed barrels deposited or disposed of at such place and in such manner as shall be ordered by the Board of Health.

(C) A charge of (\$3.00) per annum shall be made upon the owner of each of the premises whereon a closet or privy is maintained and used, which charge shall cover the expense of said department for

cleaning and disinfecting each closet or privy and removing the excreta, the said charges or fee to be [Page 285] paid by the owner to the Collector of Water Rents, semi-annually.

(D) Any person or persons exercising the privilege of maintaining said closets or privies who shall refuse to pay the fee or charge in the manner set out in this Ordinance, or who having paid the fee, fails to report the Mayor any neglect of the scavenger to perform his duty as defined in this or the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not less than (\$2.00) nor more than (\$10.00)

(E) It shall be the duty of the Board of Health of the City of Fredericksburg annually during the month of August to advertise two weeks for sealed bids to perform the work contemplated under this section and the removal of garbage under sections (63) and (64) and to report same to the Council at its annual meeting in September, said bids to be rejected or accepted under such requirements and conditions as the Council shall determine.

Section 55. City Scavenger Carts; Outside Cleaning

The Board of Health , if they deem it proper may with the consent of the owners of the lot, make a contract for the removal of excrement from privies beyond the Corporate limits but contiguous to said limits for the preservation of the health of the Corporation and such contract shall be for such length of time and at such rate as may be agreed upon, but the charge for such work shall be paid by the occupant of the lot on which said service is rendered and be collected by the person contracting for said work.

Section 56. Stables – Care of keeping & disposal of manure.

(A) No tenant or owner in charge occupying and have use of any stable, shed, pen, stall, or other place wherein animals of any kind are kept shall permit such stable, shed, pen, stall or other place to become or remain filthy or unwholesome.

(B) Every tenant or owner in charge, occupying any building or part of a building wherein one or more horses, mules, cows, or similar animals are kept shall maintain in connection therewith a bin or pit for the reception of manure, and pending the removal from the premises of the manure from the animal or animals aforesaid, shall place such manure in said bin or pit. The bin or pit required by this regulation shall be located at a point as remote as practicable from any dwelling, church, school or similar structure, owned or occupied by any person or persons in the neighborhood of said bin or pit, other than the tenant or owner in charge of the building or part of building aforesaid, and as remote as practicable from any public street or avenue, shall be constructed to exclude rain water and shall in all other respected be water tight shall be provided with a suitable cover and constructed so as to prevent the ingress and egress of flies.

(C) No tenant or owner in charge occupying any building or part of building in which any horse, mule, cow, or similar animal is kept, shall keep any manure or permit any manure to be kept in or upon any premises, other than the bin [Page 286] a pit provided for that purpose, nor shall any person aforesaid allow any such bin or pit to be overfilled as to be needlessly uncovered.

(D) the provisions of paragraphs B, and C, shall not apply to the keeping of manure from horses when such manure is kept tightly rammed into well covered barrels for the purpose of removal of such barrels.

(E) No person shall permit any manure to accumulate on premises under his control in such manner or to such extent as to give rise to objectionable odors. Every person having the use of any manure bin, or pit and every person keeping any manure in barrels shall cause all such manure to be removed from the premises at frequent intervals or at such times as the Board of Heath may direct.

(F) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section or failing to carry out the directions of the Board of Health as provided for in paragraph (E) shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than (\$10.00) for each offense.

Section 57. Barber Shops.

The owner or manager of any barber shop in the City of Fredericksburg shall keep said shop in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.

He shall use the utmost diligence to keep razors, scissors, brushes, towels, and all other articles used in connection with his business absolutely clean and in thorough conformity to all rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Health for the proper conduct of barber shops.

Section 58. Stores, stalls, etc to be kept in cleanly condition.

Any person owning, renting, leasing or occupying any stall, room, cart, wagon, or stand, where meats, milks, game, poultry, fish, vegetables, fruits, groceries, or other articles of food are prepared, kept, sold, or offered for sale shall not permit such place or appurtenance thereto to be unnecessarily unclean or unwholesome. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than (\$10.00).

Section 59. Hands and utensils in Stores, Dairies, etc to be clean.

Every manager of a store, Market, dairy, café, lunch room, or any other place where a food or a beverage or confectionary or any similar article manufactured or prepared for sale, stored for sale, or sold, shall equip said store, market, dairy, café, lunch room, or other place with running water, or other proper water supply if running water be not available, and with facilities & material for the proper washing, and shall cause such washing to be done of the hands of all persons employed therein, and for proper cleansing and for proper cleansing and shall cause to be done, of said store market, dairy, café, lunch room, or other place, and of all apparatus, utensils & materials used in connection therewith. Any person violating the provisions of this regulation shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than (\$5.00) for each and every such offense.

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Section 60: Stores, Cafes, etc to be screened.

Every manager of a store, market, dairy, café, lunch room or any other place where food or a beverage or confectionary, or any similar article, is manufactured or prepared for sale, stored for sale, offered for sale, or sold, shall cause it to be screened effectually or effectually protect by power driven fans or fan so as to prevent flies and other insects from obtaining access to such food, beverage, confectionary, or other article free from flies and other insects at all times. Any person violating the provisions of this regulation shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than (\$25.00) for each and every offense.

Section 61. Food exposed for sale—protection of

(A) No person shall expose for sale, on any public highway or in any open market stand or store in the Corporation, candy or bread, dates or figs, or any other food of a kind not ordinary cooked, peeled, or washed before eaten, unless such candy, cake, figs, dates, or other articles of food is effectually wrapped, or covered or enclosed so as to protect it from dirt and insects.

(B) No such article shall be wrapped or covered with newspapers or with any paper previously used for any other purpose.

(C) No person shall expose any article of food for sale, on a public highway in the Corporation, within 24 inches from the surface of the ground unless such article of food is covered or enclosed to prevent access of dogs.

(D) Fresh fish, oysters, etc, exposed for sale on any street or within any store must be kept on ice and dispensed from closed receptacles or racks with glass tops, so as to be thoroughly protected from dust and dirt.

(E) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than (\$1.00) for each offense.

Section 62. Injurious food, fish, etc

The Board of Health shall have power, whenever they deem it necessary for the preservation of the health of the Citizens to prohibit the sale of food, fish, fruit, or other articles which they may consider injurious.

Section 63. Garbage removal by municipality.

The Board of Health, through its secretary the Health Officer, shall have the power, which is hereby granted, to order and direct the street Commissioner or the foreman of the garbage wagons, as the case

may be, to have removed in the manner prescribed by law, all garbage, trash, refuse matter, or any other like articles that may be placed upon the sidewalk by the Citizens for the removal by the City Wagons.
Section 64. Garbage Disposal-duty of Householder.

It shall be unlawful for any one to throw into the streets or sidewalks or on private premises, any dead carcass, rubbish, newspapers, dirt, filth, shavings, manure, offal, ashes, vegetables, fruit, fruit skins, broken glass, tacks, tin cans, or other substance or refuse matter of any kind whatsoever, or any matter or substance or thing calculated to render the Streets or premises unclean or unsightly, or unsafe to any person or vehicle using the streets or liable to injuriously affect the health of the Community.

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Nor shall any garbage, offal, or filth be removed from private premises and deposited within the Corporate limits at any place except such as may be designated by the Board of Health as a public dumping ground or crematory.

If it be desired by the house holder that the above named substances or matter be removed by the carts provided for the purpose by the Corporation, the same may be deposited in cans, barrels, on such days, and at such hours as may be prescribed in the rules and regulations in regard to cleaning the streets.

All such cans, barrels, boxes, and baskets shall, by the owners thereof be removed from the Streets as soon as emptied.

Any person violating this section shall be fined no less than (\$1.00) nor more than (\$5.00) for each offense.

Section 65. Hauling earth, garbage etc over the streets.

The owner or operator of every cart or other vehicle employed in removing or carrying dirt, sand, coal, garbage, manure, slops, or filth or offensive matter of any kind or description, along or over any of the streets of the Corporation, shall have and keep the same in such tight and secure condition that such matter shall not be scattered or suffered to fall on any of the Streets aforesaid, under penalty of (\$5.00) for each offense.

All ordinances or part of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and all sections of this ordinance shall be in effect from the first day of April 1912, except where otherwise noted.

Approved, Feb'y 12th 1912 H Lewis Wallace, Mayor.

W J Ford, Chairman, Health Committee

A M Garner

E M Young

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

W S Embrey, Clerk Pro Tem

Meeting of City Council was called for Thursday night Feb'y 15, 1912 at 7:30 PM

W J Ford and Clerk Eastburn were present.

At 8 PM the clerk declared the Council adjourned for lack of quorum.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the City Council was held for general business Feb'y 21, 1912 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

Present. Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard (10) members

Joint Committee on New City Government: M G Willis, E D Cole, Judge A T Embrey,

S G Wallace, H F Crismond, C O'Connor Goolrick;

Atty Fitzhugh; Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair

Minutes of last regular, adjourned, and regular meeting read and approved.

By consent the report of the Joint Committee was called for an read by C O'Connor Goolrick, a member of the Joint Committee.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the rules were suspended. Vote; Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley (10) votes

Mr Embrey moved to receive the report of the Committee and pass the Ordinance.

Mr Warden offered as a substitute, which was seconded that action be deferred on the report and that when the Council adjourns, it adjourn to next Thursday night Feb 29, 1912, 7:30 during which time the members of the Council could have time to inform themselves on the requirements of the Ordinance.

Mr Embrey withdrew his motion and Mr Warden's substitute was adopted.

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

Feb'y 15, 1912

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

I beg to report fines received from Justice Dannehl amounting to (\$18.00) which amount I have turned over to the City Treasurer.

In this connection I would respectfully suggest that the Committee on Health and Police be directed to look into the matter of providing an additional Police Officer whose duty it shall be to be stationed at the Mayor's office to respond to any emergency call and keep posted on the movements of the officers out on patrol. This would enable the other officers to more thoroughly patrol their beats, and it would provide a protection to many households of unprotected women. I make this as a suggestion merely, and would be glad to have it considered.

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On motion the Mayor's report was received and ordered filed and the action of the Finance Committee in ordering the salaries of Police paid was ratified.

Mr Lane presented bill of Miss Mary Fulton for (sixty cents) for typewriting for the Clerk the dispensary bill, and bond issue bill.

On motion ordered paid.

License tax bill for 1912 & 1913 presented.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the bond of S B Quinn, Supt of Water for \$2,000.00 in United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, Ok by City Attorney.

Also bond of B F Bullock, Supt of Gas for \$2,000.00 the same company. Ok by City Attorney

On motion the bonds were rec'd and approved and the Finance Committee were instructed to place the said bonds in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented a list of persons assessed for taxes which his Committee has gone over with the tax collector and find them uncollectable, amounting to (\$393.81) which amount they recommend be stricken from the books and the Treasurer's receipt be taken for the same.

On motion it was so ordered.

Mr Green was excused and he retired.

Mr Embrey asked for an appropriation of \$200.00 to the Street Committee and it was so ordered by this vote. Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Howard, Bradley (9) votes.

Mr Rowe of the Joint Committee on Water & Finance reported
Feb'y 12, 1912

Gentlemen: We, the members of the Joint Committee composed of the Committees on Water and Finance, to whom were referred the reports of estimates of the Superintendent of Water relative to certain lines of sewerage, after careful consideration recommend that the following sewers be laid.

1st from the intersection of Prince Edward & George streets along George Street east connecting with an 8in sewer at a point on said street in read of St Georges Episcopal Church. Cost \$533.03
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From the 20" main line opposite the P F & P R R Co's depot on the National Boulevard, out said Boulevard west to a point 250 feet above the intersection of Willis Street with the Boulevard \$2,755.09
3rd From the intersection of Willis Street with the Boulevard up Willis Street northward 515 feet \$322.47
Total cost \$3,610.59

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

On motion action was deferred on the report until Thursday February 29, 1912. Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Garner, Warden, Howard, Bradley
Noes, Rowe, Ford Embrey

On motion the Council instructed the Street Committee to have a careful examination made of the old Southern Foundry Building and report its condition to the Council.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Clerk was instructed to call the Mayor's attention to the dangerous condition of many cellar doors on the improved sidewalks of the City.

Mr Lane of the Light Committee submitted report from the Light Committee on proposition of Rappahannock Electric & Power Co, to light the Streets of the City for a period of 5 years at \$36.00 per light pr year, stating that it was deemed inexpedient to make such contract at the present time.
On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Garner of the Alms House Committee reported that work on new Alms House is progressing rapidly and the building will soon be ready for use.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet on Thursday night February 29th at 7:30 o'clock
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held Feb'y 29, 1912 at 7:30 PM
Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard (12 members)
Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh; and clerk Eastburn
Members of the Joint Committee on new City Government: M G Willis, E D Cole, A T Embrey, H F Crismond.

President Bradley in the Chair

The Council took up the report of the Joint Committee on new City governance which was laid over at the last meeting of the Council.

Mr Howard moved to take up the Ordinance as reported in sections for consideration, which was ordered.

Mr Howard then read the report of the Joint Committee as follows

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

The undersigned Committee, heretofore appointed by your honorable body to confer and devise some plan for a more economical and efficient administration of the City's affairs, would respectfully report that they have given the matter consideration, and, having regard to existing conditions in Fredericksburg, they would recommend the plan proposed in the draft of an ordinance appended hereto:

Respectfully

W E Bradley Chairman	M G Willis	H F Crismond
W S Embrey	E D Cole	S G Wallace
H B Lane	C O'Conor Goolrick	Alvin T Embrey
	S W Somerville	

Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va that there shall be elected by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg at its regular meeting to be held in the month of May 1912 and every two years thereafter an executive and administrative officer of the City of Fredericksburg, to be known as the City Commissioner, and the term of office of said City Commissioner shall begin on the first day of July, succeeding his election, and continue for a period of two years from said July 1st and thereafter until his successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.

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The said City Commissioner before entering upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond with some bonding company as security in the penalty of five thousand dollars, payable to the City of Fredericksburg, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. The said bond and the sufficiency of the surety thereon to be approved by the City Council.

The said Commissioner shall be removable from office by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for malfeasance, misfeasance, or incompetency or for non-performance of his duties, and only after ten days notice of the charges preferred against him, and an opportunity to be heard, and on order of removal by the Council, after notice as aforesaid, shall terminate his said term of office.

The said Commissioner shall be a competent Civil Engineer and shall receive an annual salary of twenty five hundred dollars per annum payable monthly out of the City Treasury, on receipt of the said City Commissioner.

The said City Commissioner shall have the right to employ one clerk at a salary to be recommended by the said Commissioner, and fixed by the Council.

The said City Commissioner shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office: he exclusively shall exercise and perform all the duties of an executive or administrative character now exercised by any and all of the several committees of the Council of Fredericksburg, under the law or ordinance now in force; he shall have exclusive management and control of all streets and alleys, including side-walks and public ways, whatsoever; all public bridges, with their foundations, approaches, and abutments; all public squares and parks; all public buildings; all sewers, drains, and waterways; all waterworks, gas works, electric works or plants now owned by the City, or which may hereafter be acquired or constructed, together with all mains, pipes, wires, poles, conduits, and other works, structures and buildings of any nature, whatsoever connected therewith; all public cemeteries, markets, Alms houses, and all property both real and personal used in connection with the said several works of public improvement or ownership, and generally the control, management and jurisdiction over any and all departments of the City government, other than the Police, School Board, Fire and Health departments, and over all other public utilities, works, and improvements belonging to or controlled by the City not herein specifically

enumerated and such as may hereafter be acquired by the City; and concerning such management and control the said City Commissioner may make and promulgate rules and regulations for the government of all officers and employees in the charge of departments under his control; and enforce a compliance of same by the imposition of penalty.

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Appropriations as far as practicable to the extent of the fairly anticipated revenues for each ensuing year will be made in lump sum to the annual budget ordinance for the maintenance of each department, but the Council may, from time to time, make additional appropriations, upon the recommendation of the City Commissioner, or without such recommendation, after the proposed ordinance or resolution make the appropriation shall have been referred to the City Commissioner for his consideration and report in the premises and after the return of such report, or after he shall have failed to report thereon to the next regular meeting of the Council. But the Council man in any case of emergency, make any appropriation without such reference; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to curtail or impair the powers and authority of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg of a legislative character, under the Constitution, charter of the City of Fredericksburg, or other statutes of the State of Virginia. The said City Commissioner shall annually one or before the 15th day of June, in the Year 1913, and thereafter annually on the 15th day of June of each year, forward to the Mayor a report of the business transacted by him during the preceding calendar year, together with such recommendations as he deems desirable for the better management and improvement of the business methods in any of the several departments of the City Government, and for the better performance of the duties imposed on him as a City Commissioner, and he shall, from time to time, make such reports and recommendations to the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg as he may deem desirable, which report so made, the Mayor shall, together with his recommendations concerning such report send to the next regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg or where he deem it necessary to a called meeting thereof which he is hereby expressly authorized to call.

And the City Commissioner shall from time to time make such reports and furnish such data to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg as may be required of him by said Council.

The said City Commissioner shall have the exclusive control of the letting of contracts, the doing of all of the work of the City and the furnishing of all supplies and materials for the use of any department of the City under his control, in accordance with the ordinances and resolutions of the City, but all purchases for any department shall always be made by the City Commissioner, under the proper requisitions therefore by the head of the department, under rules and regulations established by the said City Commissioner, or by this Council, and only after an Ordinance or resolution making the appropriation therefore, except in cases of emergency where great loss or damage to the City could ensue, and in such [Page 295] cases the head of the department in which such emergency exists shall file with the City Commissioner a certificate showing the nature of such emergency and the necessity for such expenditure. All contracts for work or material shall only be let after due advertisement and bidding where practicable and the said City Commissioner shall have the power to reject any and all bids and order new bidding or in his discretion let the contract without further bidding.

And the said City Commissioner is hereby authorized and required to make and promulgate rules and regulations as to the advertisement, bidding, and letting to contract work to be done or materials to be furnished for the City.

The said City Commissioner shall audit all bills against the City for work done for the City and for all materials furnished under and contract of the City which he is authorized to make, and no bill for such work or supplies shall be paid by the Treasurer, unless the same has been so audited and certified by the City Commissioner as correct and all of the aforesaid bills shall be itemized.

The City Council hereby reserves the right and power to appoint the Superintendent of Gas, Water, Electric Light, and of the Police Officers, Fire Department, City School Board, Board of Health, City Collector and the City Attorney, but the said City Commissioner is hereby empowered to appoint all other

officers and all employees, and the said City Commissioner is hereby given power to prefer charges against any City Officer so appointed by the Council and to forward the same to the Council, or to the Mayor of the City, who will take such action thereon as provided by law.

The City Attorney shall act as Counsel and Attorney for the said City Commissioner.

And be it further ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that on and after the first day of July 1912, the Superintendent of City Water do turn over to the City Commissioner a list of all water bills, whether delinquent or current, and that he make out regularly, at least thirty days before said bills are due, all bills of the City against those owing the same, for water tax and sewer tax, and do deliver said bills in book form alphabetically arranged unto the City Commissioner, taking his receipt for the same, and said Superintendent of water shall keep in his office a full and complete record of all things that pertain to his office, including a record of said bills, so made out as aforesaid and delivered unto the said City Commissioner.

And that the Superintendent of Gas be, and he is hereby required on July 1st 1912 to close his accounts up to that date and to turn over to the City Commissioner all bills whether delinquent or current, due to, or by, the City of [Page 296] Fredericksburg and thereafter regularly each month or otherwise as the City Commissioner may direct and the said superintendent of Gas shall make out and deliver unto the City Commissioner bills for all gas used and all products of the Gas House sold during the preceding month and shall deliver the same in book form, unto the said City Commissioner and the said Superintendent of Gas is hereby required to keep in his office a complete record of all of the operations of his office and department and to keep a record of all bills both delinquent and current as turned over by him to the said City Commissioner and the said City Commissioner shall collect all of the aforesaid Water, Sewer, and Gas Bills and shall turn over said funds, and all other funds received by him on account of the City to the City Treasurer, within thirty days after receipt thereof, taking his receipt for same.

After the sections were all considered, on motion of Mr Somerville the rules were suspended by this vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Somerville, seconded by Mr Rowe the Ordinance was adopted by this vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, March 1st 1912.

The first objection came from Mr Goldsmith, who moved seconded by Mr Garner that the work Engineer be stricken out. The ordinance required that the Commissioner be an Engineer. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

The next objection came from Mr Warden, seconded by Goldsmith bearing on the employees of Gas, Water, and Electric Lights works, who under the ordinance are to be employed by the City Commissioner. The proposed change was for Gas, Water, and Electric Superintendents to employ them, subject to approval by the City Commissioner.

This was lost.

On motion of Mr Howard, the word "Alphabetically," was stricken out in reports submitted by Gas and Water to Commissioner in book form.

On motion of Mr Embrey bills of every kind passing through Commissioner's hands must be itemized.

Mr Howard in the Chair

President Bradley called attention to the two incomplete points [Page 297] in the ordinance, filling in of blanks for salaries of Commissioner and Clerk.

City Attorney thought this should be deferred.

Mr Bradley said the Ordinance would be defective unless some salary was named.

This brought in discussion resulting in a motion for Mr Lane that the Salary of Commissioner be (\$2,000.00), not seconded.

Another motion from Mr Somerville, seconded by Mr Ford (\$2,500.00)

Another motion from Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Goldsmith, (\$3,000.00) Rowe's motion was lost, only securing two votes, Rowe & Goldsmith

Mr Somerville's motion for (\$2,500.00) was carried by this vote: Ayes, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Noes, Lane, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, the Joint Committee on New Form of City Government was instructed to find a suitable man for City Commissioner and report to the Council.

Mr M G Willis, Cole E D Cole, and Judge A T Embrey, of citizens, spoke in advocacy of the Ordinance.

Mr Ford stated he understood that Judge Embrey and Mr Whitner representing the Power Company had some proposition of that Company which they would like to lay before the Council and he moved that Judge Embrey and Mr Whitner be heard. And it was so ordered.

Judge Embrey being recognized stated that while Mr Whitner was not a resident of Fredericksburg, yet he represented one of the largest owners of property and represented one who on his, Mr Whitner's advice and judgment had invested largely in Fredericksburg and in this vicinity.

He said that the advertisement and prosperity of Fredericksburg were inseparable, connected with the advancement & development of the Fredericksburg Power Company and that he believed Mr Whitner was as sincerely anxious and desirous of promoting the interest of Fredericksburg as any gentleman around the Council board. He further stated that Mr Whitner as an engineer had studied the Electric Light and Water situation and that he believed improvements in the City Plant [Page 298] could be made and that the Fredericksburg Power Company with its large and well equipped Power House was in a better position to furnish the City with Electric Light for Street lighting and with electric power at the pumping station for pumping purposes than the city was now provided.

Judge Embrey then introduced to the Council Mr Whitner, the engineer in charge in-chief of the power company, who stated that by the first of May, the power house installations would be completed and it would be better than he even at first hoped for, that all construction so far done by the Power Company was in permanent nature and that the power house would be equipped with the most modern and up to date hydraulic and electric machinery, than which no city in the United States would have a better service. He stated that it was the desire of the Company to build its distributing line with permanent construction and in such a way the line would be ornamental rather than unsightly; that the streets were now burdened with two telegraph lines, a telephone line, and the lines of the City plant and the Rappahannock Electric Power Company's lines; that owing to this condition it would be rather difficult to build a further ideal line through the City.

He stated that he thought his Company could make the city a proposition to take over the city's poles, and wires and do the City's public lighting and also to supply the power to do the pumping for the reservoir and which proposition he thought would be both fair and just to the city and to the Power Company; That the Power Company by virtue of its superior facilities was enabled to supply to the City a better service and a cheaper service than the city itself is supplying or could supply, and that he had coupled

with the proposition to take over the City's wires and poles, a further proposition to supply the City with Electric Light and with power for pumping purposes of the reservoir which proposition and outline he laid before the Council and stated that for reasons apparent to all in reference to the line construction, he would ask for an early consideration of it.

Basis of Contract

Suggested basis of contract to be entered into between the City of Fredericksburg Va and the Power Company of City Lighting and for pumping service at the pumping station.

That the Power Company will take over from the City the City's

1st Pole line and City Lamps.

2nd Its dynamo and the accompanying electric apparatus.

The Power Company will not take of the flume, water wheels or hydraulic apparatus out of the light plant, this being left the property of the City.

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3rd The Power Company will furnish the City 100 arc lights, the same as now operated, or of equal capacity, all night service the City now having 90 lights and these additional 10 lights to be placed as the City may designate.

4th The existing water lease at the present light plant to be cancelled.

5th the City is to have the option of increasing the above number of 100 lights at the same price as hereinafter stated.

6th the price of said service to be abated pro-rata for failure to perform the service either as a unit or in individual lights, except when the inability of the Power to perform arises from the Act of God or the Public enemy.

7th Coupled with the cancellation of the existing lease the city is to have the option of renewal of this present contract upon the expiration of the present franchise granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company.

8th Satisfactory provision to be put into the contract to guarantee the performance of this contract by the Power Company.

9th Payments to be made the Power Company monthly.

10th Cancellation of the Water Power lease at the pumping station.

11th it is recommended that the City keep the steam pump and its steam apparatus at the pumping station and that it buy at a cost of with (\$1,000.00) a motor at the pumping station of the capacity sufficient to take care of the present water supply and to provide for future growth, that all pumping at the pumping station be done by electricity furnished by the Power Company.

That, if desired by the City, the work of adjusting its pumping machinery be done under the engineering superintendency Mr W C Whitner, for which there will be no charge. The Power Company furnishes the Electric Power to drive the pumps, the estimated average daily demand on which is about 600 gallons. There is no present standard of water used at the pumping station, so far as we are advised, but this power consumption could be arrived at by putting in a meter, keeping the amount of power used for the next twelve months and using this as a basis of the contract between the Power Company and the City, and to provide for the further growth of the City, the Power Company agrees to increase this amount of Electric Power at the same rate per Kilowatt as the Power the first year would cost.

12th The city now has 90 arc lights, the average cost of which for the past six years has been

Per year	\$4,593.00
The Power Company will furnish 100 lights at the annual cost of	\$3,200.00
Saving to the City annually	\$1,293.00

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From available data the cost now to the city at the pumping station	\$1,425.00
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The Power Company will supply equivalent service at the annual cost	\$1,200.00
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Savings to the City	\$225.00
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Annual savings to the City	\$1,518.00
Total savings in 27 years the life of the franchise	\$40,986.00

And in addition to this saving the City will get the ten lights extra and we confidently believe the city will get a superior light and a superior pumping service.

The Power Company desires now, that the weather is open to push to the speediest completion, to construction of their pole lines. It is therefore apparent that it is necessary for the Power Company to know the City's pleasure in this matter in order that the Power Company may construct its pole line system without leading to a duplication of lines.

On motion of Mr Embrey, this whole matter was referred to Joint Committee of Finance, Light, Water, Messr Lane, Bradley, Somerville, Rowe Embrey, Young and Citizens. M G Willis, E D Cole, H F Crismond, S G Wallace, C O'Conor Goolrick, and City Attorney Fitzhugh to report to the Council.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the report of Committee on Sewers which was laid over at last meeting, was taken up and after some discussion the sum of \$3,610.59 was appropriated and the work ordered done.

The sewer are to be laid on George Street cost	\$533.03
National Boulevard	\$2,755.09
Willis Street	\$322.47
Total	\$3,610.59

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley
 Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, March 1, 1912

Mr Rowe presented petition from citizens on upper Charles and Princess Anne for relief from lack of drainage. On motion referred to the Street Committee for report.

On motion of Mr Embrey the Finance Committee was instructed to confer with the property owners of lands between Washington Avenue and Normal School, M B Rowe, W J Ford, and J H Bradley Estate looking to relief to said property owners from water etc.

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Mr Somerville of Auditing and claims reported on Boulware claim for damage on Washington Avenue. After some discussion it was referred back to the Committee to consult with engineer Reid and report

A bill of \$300.00 from James R Leitch for damages to his lot on Princess Anne Street caused by the late improvement. On motion referred to auditing and claims Committee for report

On motion of Mr Embrey the Finance Committee was instructed to look after the bill before the Legislature on issue of (\$30,000.00) City 4% bonds for street improvement.

On motion the Council then adjourned
 W E Bradley, President
 S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council was called for Thursday night March 21, 1912 at 7:30 PM
 Present, W E Bradley, F LW Green and Henry Warden, Councilmen and Clerk Eastburn.

At eight o'clock there being no quorum for the transaction of business the Clerk declared 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 25, 1912 at 7:30 PM for general business Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard; and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved

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

March 21, 1912

Gentlemen: I beg to report that to the best of my knowledge the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties for the month and are entitled to their pay.

I beg to report fines received from Police Justice Dannehl amounting to (\$33.00) which have been turned over to the city Treasurer, also \$4.00 Dog Licenses

As to the cellar doors reported by Councilman Embrey as in bad condition, would say that before the matter was taken up by the Council, the persons affected had been repeatedly notified of the bad condition of the same. And in nearly every case it was learned that contracts for new cellar doors had been made and the doors expected to arrive any day, many of these doors have already been received and put in place of those in bad condition.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Mr Young moved to receive and file the Mayor's report and that the action of the Finance Committee in ordering the Police Officers be ratified. Carried.

Mr Lane presented bill of the Joint Committee on New Form of City Government, which on motion was ordered paid.

To W E Bradley, Chairman, Joint Committee

March 18	To expense of Goolrick and Bradley to Richmond	\$12.75
	To stamps and stenography	\$.38
	To phone message E J Willis	\$.50
	To phone message R C L Moncure	\$.50
	Total	\$14.13

On motion ordered paid

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee called up the License Tax Ordinance which was presented February 21st 1912 and laid over 30 days.

And presented the same as last year with the following additions:

Section 41.½

Every person, partnerships or corporation who shall keep for compensation any building or garage for the housing of automobile or vehicle propelled by any other than horse power, shall pay a license tax of (\$20.00) per annum, not pro-rated

Section 42 Continued

And on all Automobiles for hire or use in the transportation of persons for which a charge is made of \$20.00, when only one such vehicle is employed and \$10.00 a piece for each additional vehicle said license not to be prorated.

On motion duly seconded the License tax ordinance was adopted by this recorded vote; Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley. 10 votes Goldsmith and Embrey had not get come in.

Approved by the Mayor, H Lewis Wallace, March 28, 1912

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented statement of the City Finances.

City of Fredericksburg in acc't with R T Knox Treasurer

Expenditures to March 21, 1912		Receipts from all sources July 1911	
Orders Water Comm	\$6,783.77	Jul Balance in hand	\$1,750.08
Orders Gas Comm	\$13,055.43	Water	\$9,160.67
Orders Street Comm	\$6,031.61	Gas	\$13,803.30
Orders Public Property Com	\$1,311.80	Licenses	\$248.62
Orders Alms House Com	\$2,451.77	Delinquent Real Estate	\$225.96
Orders Electric Light Com	\$2,561.74	Dog Licenses	\$312.00
Orders of Court	\$1,081.03	Brick & Timber	\$34.60
Orders Public Interest Com	\$10.28	Histories	\$9.75
Orders Joint Street & Finance	\$3,445.63	Cap delinq acct	\$18.00
Orders of Mayor	\$248.35	Rents	\$85.00
Orders of Health & Police	\$176.20	Fines	\$455.00
Orders Fire Department	\$386.60	Sod	\$5.50
Orders Board of Health	\$6.35	General & Council	\$12,092.02
Orders Council & general			\$38,200.50
Orders, Judges salary, Com		Taxes 1911	\$35,996.34
Attorney, Clerk of Market			\$73,796.84
Policeman &c &c	\$26,187.15		
	\$63,737.71		
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Brought over	\$63,737.71		\$73,796.84
March 21, 1912			
Sewer acct	\$1,918.98		
Rects to Mar 21	\$98.34		\$1,820.64

Public Schools

Total so far paid out	\$8,698.18		
Rec'ts fr State	\$3,613.43	\$5,084.25	
Coupons to date not counted yet by Comm			
Water Coupons Jan 2	\$440.00		
Gas coupons Jan 2	\$480.00		
Budget & bonds Jan 2	\$500.00		
Electric bonds Jan 1	\$232.00		
Sewer bonds due Oct 1	\$100.00		
Pub School due Jul	\$300.00		
City Bonds Nov 1	\$94.00	\$2,146.00	
		\$72,789.10	
Bal on hand		\$1,207.74	

total	\$73,996.84	\$73,796.84
By Bal on hand		\$1,207.74
Amt paid out since the above March 5, 1912		\$704.83
On hand		\$502.89

Mr Garner of Public Presented report on Opera House and Skating Rink

Pursuant to the law bearing on the same, I H. Lewis Wallace, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, State of Virginia, do hereby appoint Judge Alvin T Embrey, Messrs Samuel G Wallace and C W Jones a Committee to view the Opera House, the building of J B Colbert's in which is conducted a moving picture show, and the skating rink all in this City, to ascertain whether they have been made to conform to the requirements of the law governing their construction and regulation and are safe and suitable buildings for the purposes for which they are used, and to make report of such investigation as the Law directs, as soon as practicable, making any suggestions in said report which to said Committee may seem pertinent and warranted; and said Committee is hereby vested and clothed with all necessary authority and power for the proper execution of its duties and this shall be their warrant.

Given under my hand and official Seal as Mayor of the said City on this twenty fifth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and ten. H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

The undersigned Committee appointed by your warrant of January 25, 1910 which warrant is attached to and returned with this report as a part hereof, respectfully reports that in the afternoon of January 25, 1910, they proceeded to perform the duties enjoined upon them by said warrant, and now respectfully report as follows:

They viewed the Opera House and were courteously shown over the same by John L Rodgers, Esq, who is interested therein.

Your Committee deem it but fair to state that they found no trash or rubbish under the stage, but this, which usually recognized in most Opera Houses as a danger spot, was clean and in good order. Your Committee did find, however, some planking and other inflammable material suspended above and quite near the boiler which supplies heat to the building, and this accumulation of material your Committee would recommend should be removed. Your Committee would make the following recommendations in reference to the Opera House.

1: That a fire escape of iron, or some other suitable metal, should be provided leading from the gallery through the Commerce Street wall of the building and eastward down this wall with a landing at [Page 486] the present first window nearest Main Street, but on Commerce Street side of the building leading from the Main Hall of the Opera House.

This fire escape would serve a double purpose. That is, it would permit the escape of people from the gallery down it to Commerce Street, and would admit people from the Main Hall through this window to a landing and down the escape to Commerce Street.

This fire escape should be protected by a substantial deck rail, or hand rail, about three feet high on the entire south face of the fire escape from the top to the bottom.

2: The present fire escape landing from the Main Hall down to Commerce Street should, on its south face, likewise be provided with a deck rail or hand rail about three feet high leading from the landing of the said fire escape down to the Street. Your Committee noticed that the present end of this present fire escape, while suspended with a rope was also caught over a sign tacked against the wall of the building which would render almost impossible the practical lowering of this escape during a fire. This sign should be either removed or the free end of this escape suspended at a point lower than this sign.

3: What is apparently not generally known is the existence of a broad safe stairway against the northern wall of the building descending eastward and leading to the alley to the rear of the building. This stairway,

however, is reached from the Main Floor by two short flights of steps, one from the Main Landing and one from a small hallway leading from the stage toilet.

The spaces reached by the drop of these two small flights of stairs in the judgment of your Committee, constitute a kind of a pit or trap, and your Committee would recommend that these two short stair [Page 306] ways be taken out and that the floor at the landing at the top of this back stairway be raised to a level with the main floor of the main hall and main auditorium.

This rear stairway has a guard or hand rail on the right going down and this hand rail should be extended to correspond with the recommended increased height of stairs, and similar guard or hand rail should be put on the left side of this stairway going down. This stairway your Committee found in no wise provided with light, and they therefore recommend that lights be put at the bottom and at the top of the stairway, and that the top light be a red light, illuminating the word or words, "Out, or Outlet."

4: Your Committee had most trouble with the Main entrance doors to the Opera House and the Main stairway, and their following recommendations, they do not regard as ideal, but as the best that occurs to them without putting an enormous expense upon the management of the Opera House, and in fact without causing considerable change in the interior of the Opera House itself. Your Committee dislikes the present necessity of those in the gallery coming down the gallery stairs, going eastward and there having to turn at the top of either the Main Stairs joining with those going out from the main hall and moving westward, but your Committee does not think this objectionable feature can be obviated without either removing the gallery or seriously narrowing or otherwise, seriously interfering with the main outlet of the building. Your Committee found that the front doors are so hung that they can be opened outward, but this can be done only with some difficulty. These doors, it seems to your Committee are not well hung for exterior doors of an Opera House, and they have antiquated fasteners or bolts, to them which are liable at any time to drop onto the lugs provided for them in the door sill, and thus effectively prevent the opening outwardly, or inwardly of these doors without considerable trouble.

Your Committee would recommend that these doors be provided with better hangings and fastenings so as to render their opening perfectly easy, and in fact absolutely certain and safe with pressure against them from the inside.

Your Committee would further state that they found the Main Stairway leading up to the Auditorium of a comfortable width for three persons ascending or descending abreast, but not quite wide enough for four persons to ascend or descend abreast.

The hand rails are at present provided, one on either side of the stairway, thus affording enough to get against or in reach of these hand rails, but affording no protection or steadying influence whatsoever to those in the middle seeking to get out.

Your Committee would therefore, recommend that another substantial hand rail be provided for this main stairway being placed so that two thirds of the entire space would be to [Page 307] the South and one third of the entire space would be to the North of this middle hand rail. This would afford protection to those in the middle of the stair coming down and would also add to the comfort and safety of the people going up the stairway.

At the top of this main stairway, Your Committee notices a frame work, having in it a small door, which frame work and door seems to be supported by two bolts acting as ratchets and it is not impossible for these ratchets to fail of action or this framework of its own weight to drop in the retaining grooves at the head of the Stairway thus absolutely preventing any exit by this stairwell from the main hall whatsoever. Your Committee thinks that this suspended framework is insecure and is absolutely unnecessary and is a menace to the safety of those frequenting this building and your Committee recommends that this suspended frame work be either tightly and securely nailed and permanently fixed up, or that it be removed altogether.

Your Committee generally recommend that all exits to this building as above printed out, be indicated by red lights illuminating signs marked "out" or "outlet"

Park Skating Rink

The Park Skating Rink is a large building and has one entrance or inlet and this opens in, the floor of this building also is elevated above ground and is reached by an insufficient and altogether too steep and narrow flight of steps.

Your Committee would recommend that these steps be removed and that they be replaced by steps with rises not over five inches and treads at least twelve inches wide and that these risers and treads should be the "return" pattern.

Your Committee would further recommend that two exit doors opening outward be provided for this building its front and rear. There seems to be plenty of room on the East side of this building for a door of full and ample width, but not sufficient room on the west side of this building for a single door of full and ample width, and the door recommended for the West side of this building should be a double door, so that each [Page 489] side of it could swing clear around against the building and not strike the fence dividing the skating rink from the lot belonging to Wyatt Johnson's Estate.

Your Committee are informed by Mr Rodgers and believe that a normal attendance in the Opera House could vacate the Main hall of the building in a few minutes, but that danger is constantly present whenever the aisles of this building are permitted to be occupied, either by those standing in them or by chairs or benches and this statement applied with equal force to the moving picture show in the Colbert Building.

In the interest of those attending upon any event or events in either of those two buildings, your Committee strongly recommends that under no circumstances chairs or benches be put in the usual aisles of these two buildings, or either of them, and that no standing be permitted therein.

In other words, the seating capacity of a building is ordinarily taken to be the limit of safety for said building and whenever this limit is transcended danger is present against which your Committee does not believe any reasonable safe guards can be either devised or suggested.

Respectfully submitted, Alvin T Embrey, C W Jones, S G Wallace (Committee)

On motion of Mr Rowe, the above report was referred to the Public Property Committee by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the report was received and that a Committee of three be appointed to investigate and report what is necessary to be done. By unanimous vote.

The President then appointed Garner, Warden and Ford as the Committee.

Mr Somerville of Auditing & Claims reported and asked for further time to consider claim of Mr Boulware on Washington Avenue and Mrs Leitch on Lower Princess Anne Street. Granted.

Mr Ford of the Health Committee reported all Health Ordinances printed and stated his Committee recommend the election of a Health Board for the City, composed of 5 members; said Board to elect Health Officer of the City. His Committee recommended Drs J N Barney, Dr C Mason Smith, and Messrs W D Scott, J Fred Brown and George Freeman, who were unanimously elected.

Mr Warden of Schools asked for an appropriation of \$300 for Summer Normal School which meets here in July as usual, or so much thereof as may be necessary. The money was appropriated to the School Committee.

Mr Green of the Fire Department made this report.

Our Fire Department in need of water proof suits, rubber boots and fire hose.

The 20 suits, 20 pair of boots and about 500 feet of rubber lined hose (cotton) will cost about \$800.00. We recommend that bids be advertised for.

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Respectfully submitted, F L W Green, Henry Warden, W J Ford (Committee)

It appeared that the Committee had \$614 to its credit and they were instructed to advertise for bids and make contracts.

Mr Embrey of the Street, which was instructed by the Council to have the old Southern Foundry Building examined, said his Committee had secured the services of H P Beck, inspector for the City of Richmond to examine carefully the said building and presented the inspector's report as their report as follows:

March 18th 1912

W S Embrey, Chairman, Street Committee, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: At your request I have this day examined the three story "L" shaped brick structure with frame [?] known as the Southern Foundry and machine works, located at 7th and "C" streets, Fredericksburg Va and find the walls along side of "C" and 7th streets in a very unsafe condition, being bulged outwardly almost their entire length and being cracked and split in numerous places.

The "C" Street wall has been anchored at the different floors by anchor rods passing entirely through the building, and secured to the opposite wall, but even if there was an virtue in anchors, there is none in the anchors as they are now installed in this building because the wooden stays on the "C" Street wall, through which these anchors run are badly decayed in some places, and all of them are loose, showing that the present rods are not taut and therefore not acting.

Attempts have been made to anchor the walls of this building on each floor, but these anchor rods are exceedingly flimsy affairs and in my opinion are doing little or no good.

The brick work throughout the entire building has been built upon the door and window frame, and only in one or two cases have cast iron lintels been provided.

Your attention is particularly called to the rotten and decayed condition near the ground line, which has been brought by a down spout dripping water on this part of the building for some time past.

The head of the brick stack is badly split and broken up and some of the bricks have fallen from the same, the unsafe portions of this stack should be taken down at once.

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The floors throughout the entire building are badly supported by a system of wooden girders and wooden and cast iron posts, and the upper floor, particularly the third floor on the 7th Street side, is badly out of level. On the "C" Street side of this building the second floor has been propped up where it is supporting a line of shaftings.

There are two lines of terra cotta smoke pipes passing through the floors and roof of this building, which should be replaced by brick flues, built up from the ground and extending at least three (3) feet above the roof, and lined with terra cotta flue lining.

In conclusion, I wish to say that I regard this building the walls of which are only 13" above the street level" curbing as being in an unsafe condition and unfit for use and occupancy, and I regard the walls on the "C" Street side and 7th Street side as particularly unsafe on account of their present condition, which is fully set forth above. And if they are allowed to remain it will be at the risk of the lives of people who must pass along the public thoroughfares adjoining this building. I advise that the 7th Street and "C" street walls of this building be immediately taken down and proper shoring provided for the floors if these walls are to be rebuilt; In rebuilding, the walls in the first story must be 18" in thickness, and in the second and third stories 13" with three (3) brick pilasters not over (15') feet apart and with pilasters under the girder ends. The window and door opening must be provided with brick arches steel or reinforced concrete beams, or stone lintels.

Positive action, to require the owners of this building to take down the unsafe portions of this building and rebuild the same in a careful and workmanlike manner, as above described, should be taken by your body at once, and if the owners of this building after the lapse of a reasonable time, fail or refuse to do the necessary work to make this building safe and secure, then I advise that your City Council proceed by

legal steps to have this building entirely removed from the lot, as its continuance is a menace to the lives of your citizens, especially during high winds, which may cause the collapse of this building at any time. Very respectfully, H P Beck, Building Inspector.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Street Committee through the Clerk of the Council were instructed to notify the owner of the Southern Foundry and send them a copy of the Building Inspector's report, that they may have an opportunity to have the building attended to at once. The report recommends that the building be taken down.

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Mr Embrey of the Street Committee asked that he be paid the sum of \$10.00 for Mr Beck's services in examining the South Foundry building.

And on motion the City Treasurer was instructed to pay W S Embrey, Chairman of Streets the sum of \$10.00 for Mr Beck's services. Carried.

Mr Warden presented a proposition from the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co as follows:

March 21, 1912

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company respectfully submit the following offer to furnish Street Lights and electrical energy at the pumping station for the City of Fredericksburg under contract for three or five years.

Street Lighting

The Rappahannock Company will furnish 100 continuous current series 6.6 ampere Arcs (the same as now used) for the flat rate of \$36.00 per light per year, the ten additional lamps to be located as desired by the Committee on Light.

2nd The Rappahannock Company to take over for the term of the contract the present Electric Lighting system of the City excepting the water power wheel, water ways and accessories at the Electric Lighting Plant but including the station, dynamo, switchboard, lines, lamps and poles.

The Rappahannock Company to install and operate at its own cost and expense any approved and efficient method of operating this system from the lines of the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company, and to maintain and operate the said system and plant and to maintain and operate the said system and plant at its own cost and expense during the term of the Contract.

3rd At the expiration of the term of the contract the Rappahannock Company will return to the City in good operative condition all the property of the City taken over under section 2 above as per inventory taken and filed at the beginning of the contract, and all additional property, if any, supplied by the City for extensions of service.

4th For all lights out during the lighting period a deduction will be made at the rate of \$.007 per hour from time of report of same.

5th The Rappahannock Company will use all diligence and make every effort to keep the service up to standard, but will not be liable for failures or non supply of current caused by fire, storms, lightning, floods, or other causes, independent of any beyond its control.

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Pumping Plant

At present it is necessary to pump 600,000 gallons per day to supply the needs of the City. Of this about 437,000 gallons per day is pumped by hydraulic power at a cost of \$200 per year and about 163,000 gallons per day by steam power at a cost of about \$1,438 per year.

The Rappahannock Company offers to furnish the electrical energy at the pumping station sufficient to pump 163,000 gallons per day for the flat rate of \$500 per year, or for any excess quantity necessary to be pumped by electricity the Company will furnish energy at the rate of \$.015 per K.W. hour.

This will necessitate the purchase and installation by the City of an electrical motor at the pumping station, which motor can be purchased and installed at a cost not to exceed \$600.

The Street Lighting proposition may be treated as a separate offer, but if the City desires only to let the contract for pumping we would desire to submit an independent offer for that service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co, Inc

E C L Ficklin, Sect'y & Treasurer

On motion of Mr Warden the proposition was referred to Joint Committee on considering that of the Fredericksburg Power Co.

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 April 18, 1912 at 8 PM o'clock

Present, Bradly, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard; St Fitzhugh, Atty; Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented this statement

City of Fredericksburg in acc't with R T Knox Treasurer

Expenditures of various Committees

City of Fredericksburg to Apr 18, 1912

Water Committee	\$7,284.09	
Gas Committee	\$14,055.35	
Street Committee	\$6,388.09	
Public Property Committee	\$1,860.35	
Alms House Committee	\$3,827.42	
Electric Light Committee	\$2,920.61	
Orders of Court	\$1,230.81	
Public Interest Committee	\$10.28	
Joint Street & Finance Committee	\$3,445.63	
Mayor's Orders	\$251.91	
Health & Police Committee	\$176.20	
Fire Department Committee	\$499.57	
Board of Health	\$6.35	
Sewer acct	\$1,918.98	
Rects to Mar 21	\$98.34	\$1,820.64

Public Schools

To Apr 18, 1912	\$9,923.06	
Rec'ts fr State	\$4,063.43	\$5,859.63
		\$76,434.63

Coupons paid so far no receipts from same

Receipts from all sources for city by R T
by R T Knox, Treasurer

Jul 1 bal on hand	\$1,750.08
Rec'ts from Water	\$9,256.27
Rec'ts from Gas	\$14,871.20
Rec'ts from Taxes	\$35,806.61
Rec'ts from Licenses	\$753.64
Rec'ts from Delinq Real Estate	\$225.96
Rec'ts from Dog Licenses	\$316.00
Rec'ts from Brick & Timber	\$37.23
Rec'ts from Histories	\$9.75
Rec'ts fr State Cap delinq acct	\$18.00
Rec'ts fr Rents	\$152.50
Rec'ts fr Fines	\$488.00
Sod	\$5.50
General & Council	\$12,092.02
	\$75,782.76
By balance	\$3,689.87

Water	\$440.00		
Gas	\$490.00		
Bridge	\$500.00		
Electric	\$232.00		
Sewer last fall	\$100.00		
Sewer to-day	\$260.00		
St Improvement	\$152.00		
School Coupons	\$300.00		
Water & Gas	\$170.00		
Normal School	\$300.00		
City Bonds	\$94.00	\$3,038.00	
		\$79,472.63	\$79,472.63

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The President stated that Mr Burwin and Mr Minor were here from Richmond, Va and desired to appear before the Council and apply for a franchise for the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co Mr Lane presented the Franchise and the gentlemen were accorded the floor.

Mr Rowe moved, seconded by Mr Lane to refer the same to the Ordinance Committee of the Council and it was so ordered.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following resolution, which on motion of Mr Goldsmith was adopted by the unanimous recorded vote of the ten members present.

The Finance Committee having reported to the Council that the City is overdrawn in one of the banks of the City, \$3,885.87.

Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee be authorized to borrow the sum of \$5,000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary on a 15 day note, at a rate of interest not to exceed 5% per annum to enable the Finance Committee to make good its deficiency in bank.

On motion of Mr Young, the Finance Committee were instructed to order the Treasurer to pay the Police Officers, subject to the approval of the Mayor. Adopted.

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported that the Light Plants were running all right, but he wished to call attention to the fact that some improvements will have to be made in the near future. He was asked to have a typewritten copy of said proposed improvements and place one in the hands of each member of the Council.

Mr Young from Committee on Auditing and Claims reported for the Committee as the Chairman was out of Town as follows:

To W E Bradley, President, and members of the City Council April 18, 1912

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Auditing claims, who were instructed to investigate the claims for damages made by Mr Jas R Leitch and Mr J McCalla Boulware, would respectfully report that they have investigated the claims in question and would recommend that the sidewalk in front of the property of Mr Jas R Leitch be graded from the curb back to his line, and at this point the back of his property be graded back to prevent the same from washing away and that he be allowed the sum of \$125.00.

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And that Mr Boulware be allowed the sum of \$150.00 to cover any damage that may have been done him in building the street to the Normal School.

This report is concurred in by S W Somerville, Edgar M Young, F L W Green (Auditing and Claims Committee)

Mr Rowe moved, seconded by Mr Lane that the report of the Committee on Auditing and Claims be received and adopted and the sum of \$125.00 be appropriated to Mr J R Leitch, and the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to Mr J McCalla Boulware for damages in full. Adopted

Mr Embrey of Streets, reported that his Committee with the owners of the Southern Founday, Thomas C Marshall "c/o Citie," Baltimore Md, sending a copy of the Inspector's report, and stated that with the concurrence of the Council he would take no action in having said building torn down until after Sept 1, 1912, at which time it will be razed unless improved.

Mr Warden, a communication from Mr Geo L Hicks asking relief from overflow of water from race-way. On motion referred to the Water Committee.

Mr Warden also brought a verbal message from Mr E G Heflin as to the improvements at Post Office corner.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee stated that the present grade of the Street around the Post Office corner was correct; that a mistake was made in the grade of the Post Office Building by U S Engineer and that the government through its engineer, in view of this mistake, had agreed without cost to the City to make improvements necessary in order to make the grade conform to the grade of the Post Office Building, and the City would let the present grade remain unless the Government carried out its contract. And Mr Warden was requested to so notify Mr Heflin.

Dr Barney of the Health Board, asked relief from water on flats between Washington Ave and Normal School, which he stated he had learned from Mr Kalmbach could be done for \$100.00

On motion referred to board of Health & Health Committee and \$100 was appropriated to Health & Police Committee.

Mr Goldsmith read a paper as to whether the Health Officer of the City should be a member of the Board of Health, referred to Ordinance.

Adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held May 16, 1912 at 8 PM in the Council Chamber.

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

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report

May 16, 192

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that each of the Police Officers has to the best of my knowledge and belief faithfully discharged his duties for the last month.

I also report fines to the amount of \$42.50 received from Justice Dannehl, which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion [blank] the Mayor's report was received, ordered filed, and the salaries of Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of the City, ordered by Commissioner of Revenue

Star & Free Lance	\$3.00	
Star & Free Lance	\$10.50	
Star & Free Lance	\$2.00	\$15.50

On motion they were ordered paid.

Mr Embrey of Streets presented bill of Cecil L Reid, Engineer, Drawing specifications & superintending the macadamizing on West side of Mary Washington Ave & Corner \$30.00

Furnishing estimate of cost of macadamizing upper Main St and Commerce St from Bode's Cor to City Limits	\$15.00
Staking out curb on Princess Anne Street and Lewis St opp property of S G Wallace	\$3.50
W S Embrey, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith (Committee)	\$48.50

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee made a report on Raceway next lot of Geo T Hicks referred to his Committee.

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

Gentlemen: In reference to the enclosed communication from Geo T Hicks, which was referred to the Committee on Water. At your request I made an examination of the conditions of that part of the race-way which runs through his property on Dixon Street [Page 317] and find sides of said race-way in a very dilapidated condition and almost beyond repair.

I furnish the following approximate estimate of the cost of renewing these two sides.

Distance 112 feet, White oak lumber to be used.

56 boards 2"x12"x 16'	1792'	
25 pieces 4'x4'x16'	553'	2325'
2325' at \$30.00 per M	\$69.75	
Labor, excavating, building, etc	\$30.25	\$100.00
If pine boards are used the cost will be appx		\$82.00

Respectfully, S B Quinn, Supt

On motion [blank] the report was adopted and the sum of \$100.00 was appropriated and the work ordered done.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented this statement May 16, 1912, receipts from all sources

Orders Water Committee	\$7,859.09	June 1 bal on hand	\$1,750.08
Orders Gas Committee	\$14,684.49	Rec'ts from Water	\$9,379.98
Orders Street Committee	\$6,433.48	Rec'ts from Gas	\$15,163.60
Orders Public Property Committee	\$2,244.14	Rec'ts from Gas	\$1,114.85
Orders Alms House Committee	\$5,234.92	Rec'ts from Taxes	\$35,606.61
Orders Electric Light Committee	\$3,103.34	Rec'ts from Licenses	\$10,753.64
Orders of Court	\$1,317.89	Rec'ts from Delinq Real Estate	\$225.96
Orders Public Interest Committee	\$10.28	Rec'ts from Dog Licenses	\$368.00
Joint Street & Finance Committee	\$3,445.63	Rec'ts from Brick & Timber	\$44.18
Mayor's Orders	\$540.85	Rec'ts from Histories	\$9.75
Health & Police Committee	\$247.57	Rec'ts fr Capitation	\$18.00
Fire Department Committee	\$463.57	Rec'ts fr Rents	\$152.50

Board of Health		\$6.35	Rec'ts fr Fines	\$609.50
General expenses		\$32,762.30	Sod	\$5.50
		\$78,286.22	Rec'ts fr Loan & etc	\$17,092.02
Sewer acct	\$1,937.33		Mayor's Fines	\$42.50
Rects fr Sewer	\$798.34	\$1,138.99		\$75,782.76
				\$92,566.67
Schools to date	\$11,107.12			
From State	\$4,579.93	\$6,527.19		
City Bonds		\$2,052.00		
Water & Gas		\$326.00		
Normal School		\$290.00		
School Bonds		\$300.00		
St Improvement		\$366.00		
Sewer		\$360.00		
Electric		\$234.00		
Bridge		\$500.00		
Gas		\$490.00		
Water		\$440.00	\$5,358.00	
			\$91,310.40	
Balance			\$1,256.27	
			\$92,566.67	\$92,566.67
			May 16, 1912 By bal	\$1,256.27

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Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee reported as follows

To the President and members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Ordinance to whom the question of whether or not the Health Officer should be a member of the Board of Health beg to recommend that no change be made, and that the Health Officer remain a member of the Board of Health.

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

Mr Young moved that the report be received and filed. Carried

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented the following:

To the President and members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Ordinance beg to recommend the adoption of the following ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg Va

That: No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall drive any automobile or other self-propelled vehicle on the Streets, alleys, or public highways of the City of Fredericksburg.

Any person who shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty five dollars for each offense, recoverable before the Police Justice of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

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

On motion [blank] the rules were suspended by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

On motion Mr Ford, the Ordinance was then passed by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

(Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, May 20, 1912)

Mr Garner of Alms House Committee reported that the Alms House was completed, accepted by the Committee and contractor Portch paid \$3,675.00

Mr Ford of Health & Police reported that his Committee had been at work relieving the swamp west of the City. They had spent as yet only about \$20.00 of the appropriation as there was more work to be done, they would simply report progress.

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Mr Warden of Schools presented communication from the School Board

April 16th 1912

To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: We beg leave to inform you that according to the law governing the length of terms of members of the City School Board limiting the same to three years, you are under the necessity of choosing two members to succeed Messrs George Freeman from the Lower Ward and James R Rawlings from the Upper Ward, whose terms of office expire by limitation July 1st 1912.

Your respectfully, The School Board of the City of Fredericksburg

A B Bowering, Clerk

On motion of Mr Lane, the election of School Trustees was postponed until June meeting

Mr Bradley of the Joint Committee asked permission to report from the Chair, progress by the Committee on proposals of Fredericksburg Power Company to make contract for lighting the City and pumping water into the Reservoir, also for Committee on new form of City governments and that a full report will probably be made early in June.

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 20, 1912 at 8 PM with the following members present, President Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard; and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report

June 20, 1912

Gentlemen: I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties and are entitled to their pay.

I also report fines to the amount of \$76.50 received from Police Justice Dannehl, which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer also dog licenses of \$12.50

H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of judges and clerk of election

Upper Ward

W A Bell	Judge	\$5.00	
W S Chesley	Judge	\$5.00	
S H Beale	Judge	\$5.00	
R S Harris	Clerk	\$5.00	
[blank]	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Lower Ward

[blank]	Judge	\$5.00	
[blank]	Judge	\$5.00	
[blank]	Judge	\$5.00	
[blank]	Clerk	\$5.00	
[blank]	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Total \$50.00

On motion Election officers were ordered paid

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of the Clerk

For postage and stationary to Jun 20, 1912 \$1.91

On motion ordered paid

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of Free Lance and Star Pub Co

June 4 to 2000 election tickets \$4.00

On motion ordered paid

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Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of O Raymond Brown, 514 Mutual Building, Richmond Va
1912 Apr 22 To stenographic services, reporting proceedings of Joint Committee of City Council and
Citizens of Fredericksburg,

at meeting held to consider proposition of Fredericksburg Power Company	\$5.00
Transcribing original copy 53 pages, or 119 folios @.15	\$17.85
11 extra copies or 583 pages @.05	\$29.15
Total	\$52.00

Expenses

To Railroad fare R to F & return	\$3.10
Hotel Frederick	\$1.25
Ok Fitzhugh Total bill	\$56.35

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee

Expenditures

Orders Water Committee	\$8,442.79
Orders Gas Committee	\$15,209.69
Orders Street Committee	\$6,635.20
Orders Public Property Committee	\$2,542.49
Orders Alms House Committee	\$5,463.65
Orders Electric Light Committee	\$3,254.04
Orders of Court	\$1,502.23
Orders Public Interest Committee	\$28.73
Joint Street & Finance Committee	\$3,470.63
Mayor's Orders	\$570.10

Received

June 30, 1911 bal on hand	\$1,750.08
Rec'ts from Water	\$9,567.97
Rec'ts from Gas	\$18,207.20
Rec'ts from Taxes	\$37,419.12
Rec'ts from Licenses	\$12,896.44
Rec'ts from Delinq Real Estate	\$285.28
Rec'ts from Dog Licenses	\$380.00
Rec'ts from Brick & Timber	\$44.18
Rec'ts from Histories	\$9.75
Rec'ts fr Del Capitation	\$18.00

Health & Police Committee	\$380.19	Rec'ts fr Rents	\$202.50
Fire Department Committee	\$493.82	Rec'ts fr Fines	\$728.50
Board of Health	\$6.35	Sod	\$5.50
Council General, orders officer	\$38,570.68	Money borrowed	\$17,152.02
	\$85,570.59		\$98,666.54
Amt Exp'd Sewer acct	\$2,416.68	Mayor's Fines	\$42.50
Rec'ts fr Sewer	\$1,358.89		\$75,782.76
	\$1,057.79		\$92,566.67
City promised Schools	\$7,000.00		
Paid so far	\$6,854.01		
Due by City	\$145.99		
Whole amount paid out	\$11,879.94		
Rec't fr State	\$5,025.93	\$6,854.01	
Balance on hand	\$4,184.15		
	\$98,666.54		

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Mr Embrey of Street Committee presented report for his Committee as follows:

The undersigned Committee on Streets of the Council respectfully beg leave to report that in the preceding fiscal year most of the work done by the Street Committee has been done in permanent improvement and along graded lines adopted by the Council. The said improvements being part of a cohesive & uniform plan for permanent improvement of the entire City.

Among this work special attention might be called to the granolithic curbs and gutters & crossings on Hanover Street; to the guttering and curbs & crossings on Princess Anne Street between Hanover and the Depot; to work of like character on Mary Washington Avenue & to the new street graded, opened and provided with a walk leading from Mary Washington Avenue to the Normal School.

These items of outlay so far as paid are fully covered by vouchers with the City Treasurer which have been or will be audited by the Auditing Committee.

During the proceeding year your Committee as shown by the Treasurer's books has spent \$6,635.20 and these is still due to Mr E G Heflin on acct of this concrete work, the sum of \$1,622.25; which will make a total outlay by your Committee of \$8,257.45.

The work done on Lower Princess Anne Street between Hanover and the depot is apparently incomplete, but has been done with an idea of permanently paving the roadway of this street and hence was left in its present condition which is as good condition as it could be left in from an economical standpoint, having that idea in view.

The Boulevard has been re-graveled; Street bridges have been maintained; Streets have been cleaned and freed from grass and weeds and the general running expenses of this department of the City have been met as far as the appropriations to the Committee would admit of and while your Committee is sensible of the fact that there are streets of the City in need of repair and holes in need of filling, yet, in view of the fact that the Council had heretofore determined to elect a City Commissioner to take charge of this work on the first of July 1912, your Committee has deemed it best for the interests of the City to keep things going as they are rather than attempt to do other work & new work which could not be completed before the City [Page 323] Commissioner took charge.

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, Jos M Goldsmith, J P Rowe (Committee)
And asked for \$1,622.25.

On motion the report was received and the \$1,622.25 was appropriated by recorded vote; Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Embrey of Streets presented this letter.

May 20, 1912

M W E Bradley, President of City Council

Sir: In pursuance of instructions from the Supervising Architect, I beg to submit for the consideration of the City Council the enclosed communication bearing upon the grades to approaches to this building.

Very respectfully, John M Griffith, custodian

Treasury Dept, Washington DC

May 18, 1912

Custodian, Post Office

Fredericksburg, Va

Sir: Referring to the changes in approaches to the building in your custody at Fredericksburg Va, a proposal for which submitted by E G Heflin was accepted by the department January 16th last, you are advised that from an attested copy of a portion of the minutes of a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held the 18th Ultimo (left at this office by Mr Heflin) it is noted that "Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee stated that the present grade of the Street around the Post Office Corner was correct," and that "The City would let the present grade remain unless the government carried out it contract" Mr Heflin stated verbally that the contract referred to was to bear expense of re-grading the street to conform to the new grades established by the Council June 6, 1911.

As this department has never entered into any contract or agreement of any kind with the City of Fredericksburg for regarding any part of the Streets outside of the curb line and has never given any intimation by its representatives or otherwise that it would bear the cost of such re-grading, it does not appear that the government is under any obligations in this matter, beyond that of installing the side-walk [Page 324] and curb in conformity with the established grades.

You are requested to bring to the attention of the proper City Authorities the fact that the statement made at the meeting in the City Council above referred to to the effect that a mistake had been made in the grade of the Post Office building is incorrect.

At the time the Contract for the building was let this office had no information as to when, if ever, the proposed changes in the grades of the streets were to be made. The building was located with the view to the possibility of having to adjust the approaches to the proposed street grades, without entailing an impracticable amount of grading at the rear of the lot, and temporary approaches were provided to meet existing conditions.

It was fully realized that if the intention to raise the grade at the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover sts four feet above the then existing grade was carried out the result would be detrimental to the appearance of the Government Property, but it was believed that when the conditions were fully understood, no such radical change in the grade would be made.

The Department is, however, prepared to install the sidewalk and curbs adjoining the Post Office site at whatever grades are finally established. If these grades are not those adopted by the City Council June 6, 1911, and noted on drawing No. 52, you are requested to ascertain what the proper Street curb elevation at the points in question are.

You are further requested to advise this office of the present status of work on the side-walk. When the matter of elevating the curb is definitely settled, a proposal will be obtained for installing them, as these were omitted from the contract for the changes in approaches.

Respectfully, J K Taylor, Supervising architect

Mr Howard moved that the Street Committee take this matter up with the proper parties and report back to the Council.

Mr Rowe of Water handed in this petition:

We the undersigned citizens of "C" Street between 5th and 6th Streets do petition your honorable body for sewers in this block. Signed

Arthur Brown Sr, Arthur Brown Jr, Esses Howard, S Brown, Nannie Jones, Pauline Brown.

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On motion referred to the Water Committee

Mr Howard presented petition from three youths Mess J Edward Tompkins, Emmett Colbert and Forest Graves, asking immunity from the Ordinance recently passes prohibiting persons under 18 years of age driving automobiles on the Streets of the City. None of the applicants are 16 years of age, a remarkable statement was made in the applications for this progressive age. That neither of these applicants smoked or drank.

On motion of Mr Rowe the matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee for report.

Mr Embrey offered the following ordinance

An Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that on and after June 20, 1912 it shall be unlawful for any person to park his automobile or stand his horse on the Free Bridge.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be fined \$5.00 for each offense."

On motion the rules were suspended by unanimous vote, and the ordinance passed by the same vote.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interest Committee reported

June 20, 1912

Gentlemen: We the undersigned Committee beg to state that the expense outlayed by the Public Interest Committee is (\$28.73) which vouchers are in the hands of City Treasurer.

J M Goldsmith, Henry Warden, C R Howard (Committee)

On motion the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Warden of School Committee presented a statement from Clerk A B Bowering of the School Board, addressed to W J Ford, showing the receipts and expenditures of the School Board for the year as follows;

Total receipts	\$12,025.93	
Expenditures	\$11,919.53	\$106.40

The statement shows that \$345.55 will be necessary to pay all the teachers to July 1st 1912.

On motion of Mr Lane, this matter was laid over until Tuesday night & School Board to make application

Adjourned until Tuesday night June 25

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held on Tuesday June 25, 1912 at 8 o'clock with the following members present, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard; & Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported for his Committee

June 25, 1912

Gentlemen: The Public Property Committee of your Council reports on expenditures of \$2,543.12, for which amount vouchers are properly authenticated in the hands of Treasurer R T Knox

The amount of appropriation was \$2,500, leaving an excess of \$43.12 which we respectfully ask be placed to the credit of said Committee.

Respectfully submitted, W E Bradley, Chairman

On motion the report was received and the sum of \$43.12 appropriated to Public Property Committee. Unanimously.

Supt A R Bauman reported for Electric Light Plant

June 25, 1912

Gentlemen:

Amt appropriated July 1, 1911			\$3,000.00
Jul 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$408.24	
Aug 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$240.61	
Sep 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$194.75	
Oct 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$403.70	
Nov 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$305.85	
Dec 1, 1911	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$187.25	
Jan 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$448.30	
	Postage paid by Treasurer	\$.24	
	Amt expended by W K H	\$2,188.94	
Feb 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$197.88	
Mar 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$174.86	
Apr 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$381.27	
May 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$190.24	
Jun 1, 1912	Amt Expd voucher with Treasurer	\$122.11	
	Postage paid by Treasurer	\$.14	\$3,255.44

A R Bauman, Supt

On motion [blank] the report received and the sum of \$255.14 was appropriated to Electric Light Committee

June 25, 1912

Sirs: The Alms House Committee of your Council begs to report an expenditure of \$5,525.72, vouchers for which are in the hands of Treasurer R T Knox, properly authenticated. The Committee reports a new Alms House at a cost of \$3,675.00 which is completed and now occupied by the [Page 327] poor of the City of Fredericksburg with a superintendent appointed by said Committee temporarily until Sept 1st when there will an election made by this body.

The Alms House Committee had to its credit the sum of \$4,800.00 which was derived from the sale of the old Alms House Property. Together with the amount of money appropriated by this body of \$1,200 shows the amount to its credit of \$6,000.00. This leaves an unexpended balance to the credit of the Committee \$474.28.

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

On motion report received and ordered filed.

June 25, 1912

Gentlemen: Mr Warden presented the following from the City School Board.

Sirs: I am directed by the City School Board, in response to the request of your honorable body to give you the following statement of the finances of the City School Board at this date for the session of 1911-1912.

Receipts

From State	\$3,554.36	
From City	\$7,000.00	
From Tuition	\$612.50	
From other sources	\$800.00	
From balance	\$59.07	\$12,025.93

Expenditures

Amt pd for Sundries repairs previous to opening the session	\$959.49	
Pd teachers to date	\$8,428.28	
Pd all other purposes	\$2,531.76	\$11,919.53
June 25 Balance in hand		\$106.40
Unpaid at this date		
Teachers	\$345.55	
Other Accts	\$150.00	
Total	\$495.00	

Yours, A B Bowering, Clerk

Isaac Hirsh, W S Brannan, J R Rawlings, Geo Freeman (School Board)

On motion the sum of \$400.00 was appropriated to the City School Board by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, George Freeman was elected school trustee from Lower Ward for three years from July 1, 1912. J R Rawlings for the Upper Ward elected for three years from July 1, 1912.

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Mr Howard moved that the Auditing Committee be empowered to employ such expert help as they may need to enable them to audit all the books and that when this Council adjourns it adjourn to meet Monday night July 1, @ 8 PM. Carried.

June 25, 1912

Mr Green of the Fire Department reported that the Fire Department makes its report for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1912, as follows:

Amt appropriated	\$1,000.00
Amt expended	\$715.32
Leaving a balance of	\$284.68

Vouchers for the same are in the hands of Treasurer R T Knox, properly authenticated.

We have only one bill due for 500 feet of hose at \$1.10 per foot less 2% discount which is not due

Respectfully submitted, F L W Green, Henry Warden, W J Ford (Fire Committee)

On motion the report was received & ordered filed.

June 25, 1912

Messr E M Young, S W Somerville, H B Lane (Gas Committee)

Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitting the following as my sixth annual report, fiscal year ending June 1st 1912.

Total amount of Gas made		18,517,100 cu ft
Gas sold	15,967,200 cu ft	
Used works etc	560,000 cu ft	
	16,527,200 cu ft	16,527,200 cu ft
Loss and condensation 10.5%		1,989,900 cu ft
Gas sold more than last year	306,800 cu ft	

Coal on hand June 1, 1911	850,000 lbs
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Coal purchased	3,869,000
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	4,719,000 lbs
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Used during the year	4,252,800
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On hand June 1912	365,200 lbs
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Gas made per lb of coal carbonized 4.26 cu ft

Meters in use June 1, 1912	703
Set during the year	170
Removed	168
	2
Meters set June 1, 1911	701
Gain for the year	2

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Expense			
Manufacture	Coal	\$5,968.89	
Manufacture	Labor	\$2,950.00	
Manufacture	work, supplies etc	\$506.52	\$9,425.41
Distribution			
	Labor	\$2,051.16	
	Material	\$568.25	
	Office supplies etc	\$208.74	
	Repair to meters	\$69.82	
	Connections to meters	\$95.69	\$3,065.66
Cost of operation			\$12,491.07

New work and expense not chargeable to operation

Overdrawn Princess Anne St wages	\$32.67	
Main, Charles Street	\$57.89	
Main at Silk Mill	\$31.00	
New Exhauster	\$250.00	
Pipe covering	\$62.06	
Leak indicator	\$21.00	
New Meters	\$36.12	
New Services	\$180.00	\$670.74
		\$13,161.81

Appropriation	\$13,000.00
Over drawn	\$161.81

Receipt: Cash for Gas	\$16,026.58	
Bills on hand	\$380.29	\$16,406.87
Cash from Coke & Tar	\$2,142.20	
Bills on hand	\$84.75	
Tar on hand	\$75.00	\$2,301.95
Cash Welsbach lights	\$72.94	
Welsbach lights bills on hand	\$12.45	
Lamps & supplies on hand		
less that reported last year	\$421.28	\$506.67
Bill on hand sale old pipe		\$57.73
Total Business 1912		\$19,275.22
Total Business 1912	\$19,275.22	
Cost of operation	\$12,491.07	
Gross profit	\$6,784.15	
Cash turned into City Treasury		\$18,241.72
Cash drawn during the year		\$13,161.81

Cash deposited in excess of amt drawn \$5,079.91

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Welsbach Report

Stock on hand June 1, 1911	\$1,124.14	
Purchased during 1912	\$720.98	\$1,845.12
Stock on hand June 1, 1912	\$1,168.00	
Received sale of stock	\$910.37	\$2,078.37
Credit less labor		\$233.25
Labor setting lamps etc & attending arcs		\$116.45
Credit		\$116.80
Increase of stock on hand		\$43.86
Cash credit		\$72.94
Total cash received	\$910.37	
Total cash spent	\$837.43	
Turned in to Treasurer	\$72.94	

Your attention is respectfully called to end of report for year 1911, also report rendered you March 19, 1912

Respectfully submitted, B F Bullock Supt

Approved, H B Lane (Committee)

8 in Main laid on Princess Anne St from Frederick to Commerce St

Special Appropriation		\$2,050.00
Pipe & freight	\$1,304.36	
Drayage on pipe & tools	\$37.05	
Tools	\$27.45	
Repairs to picks etc	\$16.95	
W iron pipe under R R tracks	\$42.87	
Yarn	\$9.12	
Gas Bags & Stoppers	\$10.69	
Oil for lanterns	\$2.63	
Cement for joints	\$34.70	
Repairs to sewer broken by men	\$2.50	
Labor	\$594.35	\$2,082.67
Overdrawn account		\$32.67

The laying of this trunk line main has fully relieved the lack of pressure in the upper end of town during the hours of heavy consumption, maintaining a good pressure on the appliances at all hours of day or night

On motion of Mr Lane, the report was received and ordered filed, and the sum of \$161.81 was appropriated to the Gas Committee.

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June 25, 1912

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

J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey (Committee on Water of the City Council)

Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: With the close of this year, the 28th year of the operations of the City Water Works we are pleased to report the entire system in good condition.

This Annual report covers the period from June 27, 1911, through June 25, 1912, and includes a brief report of the sewers of the Town.

White the summer of 1911 was one of unprecedented drought, the water in the streams and rivers being so low, that several cities were compelled to have water hauled by trains, to supply drinking water to their citizens, and while our own people were warned of the impending danger, and urged to inaugurate economy in the use of water, yet the City during the whole year has been furnished with an adequate supply of pure water for all purposes: in this respect surpassing most, if not all, the Cities of the South. This was made possible only by the new and higher concrete dam of the Fredericksburg Power Co finished about a year before.

Operating Pumping station

The machinery, etc, at the pumping station is in good working order, but few repairs being necessary during the year.

Since the facilities for pumping water have been increased, requiring the operation of the steam pump approximately one-half the time.

In the following comparison of the cost of operating the pumping station last year with that of this, the increased quality of water being used is conclusively shown; However, this unusual expense for the year is not altogether due to this cause, since the turbine wheel has been shut off about 60 days and nights due to the lack of water power during the drought, freezing weather, removing obstructions from the race-way and other conditions, more especially the fact that the pump ran by water should make 40 revolutions per minute, but owing to the wheel being drowned on account of backwater 20% of its capacity is lost.

Total cost at pumping station last year	\$1,952.52
At the expiration of this year the Expense	\$2,578.43
An increased cost of \$625.90 over last year	

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As has been stated in former reports, we have no means of determining the quantity of water pumped, as there are no meters on the discharge pipes.

It would be much more satisfactory to have the amount of water consumed accurately measured, and we hope that in the near future this matter may receive attention.

In addition to furnishing water for domestic purposes, fire protection, sprinkling lawns and gardens, the different manufacturing establishments and other buildings requiring large quantities of water, we are also supplying the public buildings, some semi-public buildings or institutions and water for street sprinkling without any financial credit to the work.

We mention this because in order to show the entire income of the Water Works, in our opinions, this department should receive credit for all water thus used.

Sixteen new service pipes have been put in during the year, a total of 1,521, and there are 1555 assessments of semi-annual water rents besides 12 manufacturing plants on meters, the Water tax of which is paid monthly.

As a matter of information, about 1500 buildings are furnished with water, inclusive of supply for sprinkling.

In addition to this, according to our books 431 bath tubs and 669 closets are separately charged and with 34 tubs and 85 closets in public buildings and buildings charged flat rates, make a total of 465 tubs and 748 closets.

New Work

With the exception of the fiscal year ending 1911, this department has accomplished more work outside the regular expenses than in any other year since the construction of the Water Works.

Aug 1911, completed laying cast iron pipes along Lee Avenue, Willis St, portions of Weedon, Hanover and Spotswood sts. This work cost \$729.17

Which amount was placed to the credit of the Water Works, July 1, 1911

A full and detailed report of the extension of Water Mains was read before the Council Nov 16, 1911. The above item being a part of and embraced in said report.

By order of Council, a 4" Water pipe was laid from the National Boulevard down Willis St, extended, for fire protection for the lumber yard of W S Embrey, Inc at an expenditure of \$182.69
 Concrete flume constructed for a part of the race-way on the property of G H[?] cost \$185.00
 4" cast iron main laid along upper Charles St, connecting dead end of 3" main corner Pitt & Charles sts with 4" pipe at the intersection of Charles & Canal sts appropriation \$150.00

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Ne sides built for that portion of Race-way in rear of George Hicks property, lower Dixon st, \$100 was appropriation for its completion actual cost \$78.28
 Appropriations have been made \$1,325.44
 Expenditures for extra work not in line with the regular running expenses, for which no appropriation was made
 Aug & Sep 1911 Renewing supply pipes and connecting same to lines of cast iron Mains; Willis, Mercer, Weedon & Spottswood Street, and Lee Avenue labor and materials \$383.00
 Sep 1911 Constructing reinforced concrete wall in read of coal bins at pumping station to protect reservoir bank \$202.18
 Sept 1911 Building bridge across raceway (this bridge is used on the delivery of coal to the pumping station) expenditure \$54.78
 Oct 1911 Changing, renewing and lowering water pipes on Pr Anne St from Post Officer to Prussia St to conform to new grades \$188.40
 Oct 1911 New Pump & repairs to platform at Hunters foundry corner \$32.80
 Oct 1911 Floor for 1/2 coal bin at pumping station \$21.86
 Oct 1911 Building roof for coal bin & skylight over boiler room \$80.09
 Nov 1911 Iron handle & castings for Hunter's Pump \$5.85
 Nov 1911 Mc Donnell, concrete work at mint spring paid by order of Council \$53.65
 Dec 1911 Extending fence from West end of reservoir to Guests line \$76.46
 Jan 1912 E W Jones clearing ice from Race-way, during freeze \$23.50
 Jan 1912 R L Stone, thawing & repairing water pipes on Lewis St \$26.10
 Mar 1912 G W Heflin thawing & repairing service pipes \$83.25
 Labor & material on street work, renewing thawing and repairing Mains and Supply pipes Dec 16, 1911, March 23, 1912 \$576.29
 Extra running of steam pump due to turbine wheel being shut off during drought, & long continued cold weather and in account of cleaning out canal \$560.00
 Total \$2,318.21

Street Sprinkling
 Appropriation \$150.00
 Expenditures \$213.95
 Overdraft \$63.95

Expenditures
 Total expenditures for all purposes \$8,5000.85
 Deduct special work, for which app was made \$1,325.44
 Extra work for which no appropriation made \$2,318.21
 Overdraft of sprinkling acct \$64.95 \$3,707.60
 Running expenses \$4,793.25
 Appropriation for running expenses \$4,400.00
 Expenditures \$4,793.25
 Overdraft \$393.25

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Recapitulation

Total receipts June 27, 1911 to June 25, 1912		\$9,648.29
Expenditures	\$4,793.25	
1% sinking fund	\$220.00	
Int on \$22,000 bonds @ 4%	\$880.00	\$5,893.25
Net profit of the works		\$3,755.04

The collections for the year are \$332.61 less than last, however, with the exception of last year, the receipts exceed those of any previous year in the history of eth Water Works by \$406.66

Sewer

So far as we are able to tell the sewers are in very good condition. Eleven laterals have been added during the year, a total of 475 buildings assessed with the annual sewer connection tax of \$2.00

Receipts and expenditures are as follows:

Collections during the year		\$1,360.99
Overdraft July 1, 1911 as last reported	\$1,146.31	
Sinking fund 1%	\$173.00	
Interest	\$590.00	
Labor & material	\$255.82	
Amt expended to date on George St	\$251.55	\$2,416.68
Overdraft June 25, 1912		\$1,055.69

At present we are engaged in laying a line of sewerage on George Street from Wallace Library to Prince Edward Street, for which a special appropriation has been made.

Respectfully submitted, S B Quinn, Supt C W W

J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey (Water Committee of City Council)

On motion the Water Committee report was received and the sum of \$393.25 was appropriated to Water Committee by unanimous recorded vote.

On motion the Council adjourned until Monday night July 1, 1912 at 8 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Council was held July 2nd 1912 at 8 PM in the Council Chamber Present, Bradley, Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green Howard; and Clerk Eastburn

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Mr Somerville of the Finance Committee presented its report, also report of City Tax Collector and City Treasurer also report of Auditing Committee

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for year ending June 30, 1912.

Gentlemen: Your Committee of Finance submits the following report for the year ending June 30th 1912, embracing settlements of accounts of City Collector, A P Rowe, and of City Treasurer, R T Knox, whose reports are appended hereto and adopted as a part of this report.

Fredericksburg Va, June 20, 1912

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

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the Collections of Taxes and
Licenses for the City of Fredericksburg for the fiscal year ending June 20, 1912.

I am gratified to report that notwithstanding some falling off in the amount of licenses assessed the
collection in the aggregate are larger than ever before.

The amounts derived from different have been paid.

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

Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

City Taxes collected for the year ending June 20, 1912

On assessment of 1911	Real Estate		\$26,636.32
	On Personalty		\$9,268.35
			\$35,904.67
On assessment of 1911 after Oct 15 th	Real Estate	\$2,030.43	
	Personalty	\$319.23	
		\$2,349.66	
	Add penalty & Interest	\$178.56	\$2,528.22
Taken over			\$38,432.89
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Amount brought forward			\$38,432.89
General Licenses fr Jun 21, 1911 to Apr 30 1912		\$401.97	
Dray Licenses fr Jun 21, 1911 to Apr 30 1912		\$29.00	
Licenses for Opera House Exhibitions		\$90.00	
Licenses for special shows fr 6/21/1911 to 4/30/1911		\$255.00	
On General Licenses 1912-13		\$12,104.15	
Dray Licenses 1912-13		\$168.00	
Special Show licenses 1912-13		\$179.00	\$13,227.12
Rent for City Hay Scales 1912			\$10.00
Total from 1911 and 1912			\$57,670.01
On assessment of 1910	\$35.88		
Add penalty & interest	\$3.60		\$39.48
On assessment of 1909	\$8.52		
Add penalty & interest	\$.84		\$9.36
On assessment of 1908	\$.79		
Add penalty & interest	\$.05		\$.84
On assessment of 1907	\$3.50		
Add penalty & interest	\$.94		\$4.44
On assessment of 1906	\$2.22		
Add penalty & interest	\$1.00		\$3.22
On assessment of 1902	\$.62		
Add penalty & interest	\$.33		\$.95
On assessment of 1898	\$.85		
Add penalty & interest	\$.15		\$1.00
Total from all sources			\$51,729.30
The follow'g amts are due the City of Fredericksburg Va by delinquents for the year 1883 to 1911 incl			
To amount on book of 1911			\$38,796.46
By collection to Oct 15, 1911		\$35,904.67	
By collection after Oct 15, 1911	\$2,528.22		

Deduct penalty & Int	\$175.56	\$2,349.66	
By delinquent Real Estate bills turned over to Treas Jun 20, 1912		\$216.45	
By bills exempt by Court		\$101.23	
By bills exempt by Council		\$111.89	\$38,683.90
Amount delinquent			\$112.56
By amounts delinquent from these 1883 to 1910			\$229.62
			\$342.18

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes
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Report of Robert T Knox, Treasurer

Report of Robert T Knox, Treasurer showing balance on hand June 30th 1911, and receipts from all other sources & how disbursed. All supported by proper vouchers and orders of Council and showing balance on hand June 26, 1912

Receipts from all sources

June 30, 1911, receipts

By balance on hand		\$1,750.08	
By water		\$9,648.29	
By Gas		\$18,242.37	
By taxes		\$37,419.12	
By licenses		\$12,896.44	
Delinquent Real Estate		\$285.28	
Dog licenses		\$380.00	
Brick & Lumber (old)		\$44.18	
Histories sold		\$13.25	
Delinquent Capitation		\$18.00	
Rents		\$202.50	
Fines		\$728.50	
Sod		\$5.50	
General & Council loans etc		\$17,152.02	
Total receipts		\$98,785.53	
June 26, 1912, expenditures by Council and Committees			
Order Water Committee		\$8,500.85	
Order Gas Committee		\$15,209.69	
Order Street Committee		\$8,283.63	
Order Public Property Committee		\$2,543.12	
Order Alms House Committee		\$5,525.65	
Order Electric Light Committee		\$3,255.44	
Order of Courts Order		\$1,502.23	
Order Public Interest Committee		\$28.73	
Order Joint Street & Finance Committee		\$3,470.63	
Mayor's Orders		\$571.35	
Order Health & Police Committee		\$380.19	
Order Fire Department		\$715.32	
Order Board of Health		\$6.35	
Orders Council and salaries Judge, Mayor, Clerk of Court, Treasurer, Commonwealth Attorney, City Physician, Police and etc.		\$39,195.46	
Public Schools personnel all paid		\$7,000.00	excpt 106.39
		\$96,188.64	

Amt expended on Sewer total	\$2,476.38	
Less amt fr Sewer Tax	\$1,360.94	\$1,115.44 over &above
		\$97,304.08
Balance		\$1,481.45
Total		\$98,785.53

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June 26, 1912 By bal on hand		\$1,481.45
Auditing Committee found there were two vouchers not entered		
No. 2259	\$1.25	
No. 2436	\$2.25	
	\$3.50	
And one voucher extended for too much		
No. 2374 paid	\$4.40	
Should have paid	\$3.75 Ext by	\$2.85
	\$0.65	
	\$2.85	

By line balance in hand		\$1,478.60
General Sinking fund deposited at Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Fredericksburg Va in accounts with R T Knox, Treasurer		
1911		

Jun 27 To bal	\$10.16	
Int pr Bank Book	\$0.80	
Jul 1 Int	\$0.15	
Oct 31 To bonds purchased by order Council		
Bond No 2 Sewer & Improvement		\$1,000.00
Bond No 3 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
Bond No 25 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
Bond No 26 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
Bond No 65 City of Fredericksburg		\$100.00
Bond No 66 City of Fredericksburg		\$100.00
		\$2,740.11

Nov 4 Bonds given by Treas Knox to Finance Com to be destroyed in Council, by Council		
Bond No 2 Sewer & Improvement		\$1,000.00
Bond No 65 City of Fredericksburg		\$100.00
Bond No 66 City of Fredericksburg		\$100.00
Bond No 3 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
Bond No 25 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
Bond No 26 Sewer & Improvement		\$500.00
By bal with interest		\$40.11
		\$2,740.11

1912 Jan 4% to bal with int if any \$40.11
Sinking Fund Sewer Acct with Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Fredericksburg Va in acct with R T Knox, Treasurer

1911 Jul 26 To bal brot forward	\$109.61
Aug 1 To amt rec'd fr Century Bond sold by Committee	
No 6952	\$100.00
No 6953	\$100.00
No 6954	\$100.00
No 8603	\$100.00

No 2471	\$500.00	
	\$900.00	
Same bonds being property of Sewer Sinking fund sold at 88-3/4 les ex		\$798.50
To 1% on bonded indebtedness \$17,300		\$173.00
		\$1,081.11
Aug 1, 1911 by check on Farmers & Merchants	\$214.83	
By check on C G & G Nat bank	\$798.50	
Bought \$1,000 Fbg Sewer Bond No 1 for \$1,000 & Int, 13.33 due the bal		\$1,031.33
Bal due by F & M St Bank		\$67.78
		\$1,081.11
To bal due City	\$67.78	

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The Wallace Library in acct with R T Knox, Treasurer		Cr
1911 Jun 27 By balance in bank		\$1,743.99
Jul 1 J J due 2 nd Auditor check for six month int on \$5,400 bonds, State funds		\$81.00
1912 Jan J J due 2 nd Auditor check for six month int on \$5,400 bonds, State funds		\$81.00
Jun 5 Miss Sallie Gravatt's check for fines Wallace Library		\$15.53
		\$1,921.52
By bal on hand \$5,400 state bonds 3%		\$1,564.92
		Dr
1911 Sep 7 To Free Lance & Star Pub Co	\$7.00	
Oct 2 To J W Adams	\$8.36	
Oct 2 To J W Adams	\$142.59	
1912 Jan 4 To Harper Bro, \$10.80, postage .02	\$10.82	
Jan 12 F P Stearns	\$75.00	
Jan 18 To J W Adams	\$6.85	
Feb 1 Stan Dictionary of tracts paid Miss Fanny Mildenhall	\$5.50	
Mar 9 Collier & Sons, Wash DC, Pr H H edition	\$62.00	
Apr 5 J W Adams	\$18.48	
May 6 F P Stearns	\$20.00	
Jun 22 Balance on hand	\$1,564.92	\$1,921.52

Bonded indebtedness of City

22 Water Bonds extended 20 years \$1,000 each @4% fr Jan 9, 1909	\$22,000.00
4% Gas Bonds payable Jan 2, 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Bridge Bonds payable Jul 2, 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Electric L Bonds payable Jul 1, 1931	\$12,000.00
4% Street & Sewer Imp Bonds payable Apr 1, 1931	\$16,500.00
4% Street & Sewer Imp Bonds payable Apr 1, 1931	\$17,300.00
4% Water & Gas Bonds payable Apr 1, 1933	\$20,000.00
4% City Bonds Bonds payable May 1, 1936	\$119,200.00
4% School Bonds payable Jul 1, 1938	\$15,000.00
4% Normal Ind School Bonds payable Apr 1, 1940	\$14,500.00
	\$286,500.00

The bonded indebtedness of the City this year is \$3,700.00 less that for the preceding year. This \$3,700.00 of Bonds having been purchased on account of the sinking fund as shown in said accounts and burned by order of the Council

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1913

For Int on \$22,000 Water Bonds 4%	\$880.00
For Int on \$25,000 Bridge Bonds 4%	\$1,000.00
For Int on \$25,000 Gas Bonds 4%	\$1,000.00
For Int on \$12,000 Electric Bonds 4%	\$480.00
For Int on \$17,300 Sewer Bonds 4%	\$692.00
For Int on \$16,500 St Imp Bonds 4%	\$660.00
For Int on \$20,000 Water & Gas Bonds 4%	\$800.00
For Int on \$15,000 School Bonds 4%	\$600.00
For Int on \$14,500 Normal School Bonds 4%	\$580.00
For Int on \$119,200 City of Fredericksburg Bonds 4%	\$1,192.00

For Salaries and other expenses	
Judge of Corporation Court	\$1,300.00
Clerk of Court	\$400.00
Sergeant	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$750.00
Commonwealth Attorney	\$400.00
Mayor	\$400.00
Four Police officers \$600 each	\$2,400.00
Clerk of Council	\$150.00
Clerk of Market	\$75.00
Health Officer	\$600.00
Schools	\$7,000.00
Expenses, water dept	\$4,000
Add salary of Supt	\$1,200
	\$33,400.00

Gas Department	\$11,800	
Salary of Supt	\$1,200	\$13,000.00
Electric Light	\$2,800	
Salary of Supt	\$900	\$3,700.00
Alms House		\$1,300.00
Public Property		\$3,000.00

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Streets		\$1,000.00
Fire Dept		\$1,000.00
Health & Police		\$200.00
Public Interest		\$100.00
General Manager	\$2,500	
Clerk to Manager	\$600	\$3,100.00
		\$59,800.00

2nd Resolved further that it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriation 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 therefor.

H B Lane, S W Somerville, W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

July 1, 1912

Hon W E Bradley, President of City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Mr Dear Sir: In accord with the resolutions by our Committee last year, that the Council appoint an expert accountant to audit the books of the Corporation, Mr Saml Woodbridge and Mr Richard Carmichael were appointed to perform this work. After a careful examination of the books of the following: B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works; W Key Howard and A R Bauman, Supts of City Electric Plant; S B Quinn, Supt City Water Works; A P Rowe, City Tax Collector; and Robt T Knox, City Treasurer, their report is as follows: S W Somerville, F L W Green, Edgar M Young (Audit Committee)

Fredericksburg, Va July 1, 1912

The Auditing Committee of the Council

Gentlemen: The auditors appointed by you wish to make their report as follows:

We have examined the books of City Collector A P Rowe and Supt of Water S B Quinn and find same correct.

We have examined the books of City Treasurer R T Knox and noted a few discrepancies, these have been satisfactorily adjusted.

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We have examined the books of Supt B F Bullock, we found a number of discrepancies in these books, but these have been adjusted to our satisfaction. We attribute the errors to the system of keeping books which is used and we would suggest that a better system be decided upon.

We would respectfully suggest that in the [future] all vouchers should be of uniform size and not written on scraps of paper. This would help the auditing Committee as well as the Treasurer.

We would also suggest that in the future permanent Auditors be selected to aid the regular Committee in the Council in checking up the different City accounts.

We would respectfully offer our services in case the Honorable gentlemen should see fit to appoint such auditors.

Respectfully submitted, R H Carmichael, Sam Woodbridge, Auditors

(Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, July 3, 1912)

City of Fredericksburg Va

To Messrs R H Carmichael & Sam Woodbridge for Auditing City's Books \$50.00

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the Finance Committee's report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Goldsmith moved that before the adoption of the Report as to the several appropriations of the several Committees that the sum of \$1,000 instead of \$5,000 be appropriated to the Street Committee for emergency work, until the City Commissioner takes charge and it was adopted.

Mr Warden then moved the following amendment to the Finance Committee's report which was seconded by Mr Ford.

1st That the various amounts appropriated for the several Committees shall not be, as heretofore subject to the orders of said Committees, but only such portion of said appropriation as shall be each month placed to the credit of said Committee, by resolution duly passed by the Council.

2nd That at each regular monthly meeting it shall be the duty of each and every Committee to submit to the Council an estimation in detail of the amount of money needed [Page 343] by said Committee during the ensuing month.

3rd That at each regular meeting it shall be the duty of each and every Committee to make to the Council report showing the expenditures made during the month just passed.

4th It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to submit to the Council at each and every regular meeting a report of the Finances of the City: Said report shall show (a) The estimated income of the City from each and every source; (B) the amounts collected to date of report from each and every source; (C) The amount appropriated for the use of each Committee; (D) The total of the amounts appropriated or placed to the credit of each Committee at the regular meetings; (E) The amounts expended by such Committee; (F) The balance of each appropriation unexpended; (G) The difference between either the estimated income or the actual income, using the greater of the two amounts, and the total of all appropriations;

5th That a copy of said report of the Finance Committee shall be furnished to each Councilman and to each newspaper in the City;

6th That during the fiscal year beginning [blank] 1910 and ending [blank] 1911 it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to act as secretary of each and every Committee of the Council;

7th That the salary paid to said clerk as full compensation for the services rendered by him as Clerk of the Council and as secretary of the Committees shall be at the rate of [blank] dollars per annum.

8th Upon the election of a City Commissioner the duties and restrictions herein imposed on the various Committees, other than the duties imposed upon the Finance Committee shall apply to said City Commissioner.

Ayes: Somerville, Ford, Warden, Green

Noes; Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Howard, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the Finance Committee report as amended on Street Appropriation was adopted; Ayes; Somerville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

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Mr Somerville of Finance Committee presented bills of R H Carmichael for	\$25.00
Sam Woodbridge for	\$25.00

For services rendered the Auditing Committee in auditing the City's books

On motion the same were ordered paid.

Mr Somerville of the Finance Committee offered the following resolution which after the unanimous suspension of the rules was passed, Messrs Green and Goldsmith voting not.

July 1, 1912

Resolved: that the Finance Committee of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg is empowered to borrow (\$10,000.00) at the rate of interest not to exceed five per cent, on notes to run until October 15, 1912, if it is deemed necessary the said Loan of (\$10,000.00) or so much as is necessary shall be distributed among the four banks of the City of Fredericksburg.

Adopted

Approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, July 3, 1912

Mr Embrey moved that the Ordinance governing the City Commissioner be amended so as to read: July 15 wherever July 1st occurs.

On motion of Mr Somerville the rules were suspended by recorded.

The Ordinance was then changed from July 1st to July 15th

On motion Mr Goldsmith, the Finance Committee were instructed to have the Finance Committee report published.

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 July 10, 1912 at 8 o'clock PM

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

Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair who stated that the Council had been called to receive reports from the Joint Committee and other issues.

Mr Bradley as chairman of the Joint Committee on City Commissioner handed his report to the Clerk who read the same to the Council.

The Honorable Mayor and Council of the City of Fredericksburg:

The undersigned special committee to whom was referred the matter of the selection and recommendation of a Commissioner for the City, beg leave to report.

Your Committee received very many applications for this position each applicant furnishing recommendations and all these applications and the accompanying recommendations were sorted and classified and investigated as far as resources and opportunity of your Committee would reasonably permit.

The number was gradually thinned out to four and of these four three of the applicants appeared before your Committee and were interrogated by the various members of the Committee.

Your Committee held its final session in the Council Chamber on Wednesday July 3rd. At this meeting Messrs M G Willis and E D Cole stated that they were not satisfied that any of the applicants whom they had seen possessed the necessary business ability as distinguished from engineering skill, to fill the position of City Commissioner, and that therefore these two gentlemen would not vote either of the applicants.

Your Committee, however, to the best of their ability, proceeded to perform the duty devolved upon them by the resolution instructing them to ascertain and recommend to the Council a man to fill the position of City Commissioner, and selected, and do hereby recommend to the Council for Election as City Commissioner, Mr R Stuart [Page 346] Royer of Roanoke Va. Mr Royer is a young man, is married and has a family and had recommendations which satisfied the members of the Committee voting for him that he was and is the man for the place of City Commissioner.

Those voting for Mr Royer were Messrs S G Wallace, C O'Connor Goolrick, H F Crismond, W S Embrey, S W Somerville, E M Young, Jr, W E Bradley, and Judge A T Embrey.

For reasons stated above Messrs M G Willis and E D Cole voted no.

Mr Young moved to adopt the report and it was adopted

Mr Ford asked to be excused from voting.

Mr Garner moved to go into the election of a City Commissioner. Carried.

Vote was taken; Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Goldsmith and Mr Ford asked to be excused from voting.

On motion the Clerk of the Council was instructed to notify Mr Royer of his election and ask him to let us know when he would take charge.

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 July 11, 1912 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber. Present; Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard (11 members); Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn; Judge Embrey of the Power, Mr Minor of the Rap E L & P Co, and Hon C O'Conor Goolrick member of the Joint Committee from the Citizens

President W E Bradley in the Chair, who stated that the Council had been called to receive reports from Joint Committee on the applications of the Power Company and the Rapk Electric L & Power Co. Mr Fitzhugh, Attorney, presented and read report on the Power Co's application which recommends its acceptance, also a minority report on Power Company signed by Hon C O'Conor Goolrick.

And report on Rappk Electric L & Power Co's application recommending its rejection unanimously.

Mr John B Minor, of Richmond Va, Council for the Rapk E L & Power Co, was heard and he spoke in advocacy of its proposition.

Mr Warden moved the adoption of the proposition of the Rappahannock Co, which was seconded by Mr Ford. After the vote had been ordered, Mr Warden attempted to have entered a petition, but failed to state from what source it was, and on being asked, said that it did not bear directly on the proposition to be voted upon, and the President ruled it out of order. Mr Warden appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the Council sustained the ruling of the President.

The Council by vote adopted the report of the of the Joint Committee recommending the rejection of the application of the Rappk E L & Power Co. Mr Warden voting no.

Mr Warden moved that the consideration of the whole matter be postponed for two weeks, to give the Council more time to consider the matter. This was lost.

Messrs Warden, Green, Ford, Goldsmith for it

Mr Warden then moved the adoption of the minority report, seconded by Mr Ford.

Mr Embrey moved as a substitute the adoption of the report on the Fredericksburg Power Company's proposition (Majority report) seconded by Mr Lane.

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The President then stated that the matter was a subject for discussion.

Messrs Warden, Ford and Goldsmith, in lengthy speeches argued against the adoption of the majority report furnishing figures to sustain their argument.

After this, Mr Green, moved as a substitute for the whole, seconded by Mr Warden, that the matter be postponed for one week in order to hold a conference as to better terms between the Joint Committee and the Power Company.

This was carried by this vote: Noes Embrey, Young, Bradley

Ayes; Howard, Rowe, Lane, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Warden, Green.

On the announcement of this vote, Judge Alvin T Embrey, representative of the Power Company arose and respectfully asked permission to withdraw the proposition of the Power Co.

On motion the Joint Committee on both Light proposition and on recommending a City Commissioner was discharged.

Adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Council was held July 18, 1912 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber with the following members present. Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard; A T Embrey of the Power Company; Secty Eastburn

W E Bradley in the chair

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

The Clerk reported that he had in obedience to instructions of the Council notified Mr R Stewart Royer of Roanoke Va that he had been elected City Commissioner by the Council and read a letter from Mr Royer of July 12, 1912, stating that it would be convenient for him to assume the duties on August 15, 1912. If this should not meet the pleasure of the Council, he would try and arrange for August 1st.

On motion, Mr Royer was allowed till August 15th 1912 to take charge of his duties as City Commissioner.

July 18, 1912

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

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

I beg to state that fines amounting to \$28.00 were received from Justice Dannehl, and turned over to City Treasurer. Respectfully H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane presented City bonds purchased with the sinking fund to be destroyed amounting to \$3,000.00

Bond No 8 for \$1,000.00 Water Bond, Int due Jul & Jan

Bond No 10 for \$500.00 Elec light Bond, Int due Jul & Jan

Bond No 11 for \$500.00 Elec light Bond, Int due Jul & Jan

Bond No 35 for \$500.00 Gas Bond, Int due Jul & Jan

Bond No 21 for \$500.00 Normal School Bond, Int due Apr & Oct

On motion the Bonds were ordered destroyed, the President appointed Messrs Warden, Young & Ford to burn the bonds which was done in the presence of the Council and the Committee reported.

Mr Lane reported for the Finance Committee that under a resolution duly adopted July 1, 1912 his committee has borrowed for the City the sum of \$5,000.00

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Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee reported

Your Committee on Ordinances to whom was referred the petition of J Edward Tompkins, Ernest Colbert and Forest Garner, beg to recommend that a permit be granted to the above named boys under eighteen years of age, to operate an automobile within the City of Fredericksburg Va provided that they shall agree and abide by such restrictions as may be place upon them by your Ordinance Committee, and the Committee on Ordinances is hereby empowered to cancel any or all such permits if they deem it advisable and for the City's welfare.

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

On motion the matter was referred back to the Ordinance Committee to recommend certain restrictions.

Mr Green of Committee on Fire Department presented the following from the City Fire Department To Hon President & Members of the City Council for the City of Fredericksburg, Va
The undersigned pursuant to a resolution passed as a regular meeting of the Fredericksburg Fire Department at the Fire House thereof on July 1, 1912, do most respectfully petition your honorable body to contribute and appropriate the sum of (\$300.00) to enable the members composing the Fredericksburg Fire Department to attend a meeting of the Virginia State Fireman's Association to be held in the City of Roanoke, Virginia on Aug 28, 29, and 30, 1912. The undersigned being satisfied that the instruction to be received at the meeting to be held in the City of Roanoke would be most helpful and beneficial to the members of the Fredericksburg Fire Department in discharging their duties as members thereof.
Respectfully submitted A R Minor Sect.

F L W Green, W J Ford, Henry Warden (Committee on Fire Department)

On motion of [blank] the sum of \$300.00 was appropriated to the Fire Department by this vote: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr E M Young moved that as Judge A T Embrey was present, he be heard by the Council at this time.
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Mr Alvin T Embrey was recognized on behalf of the Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc. The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc., and stated that in order to meeting the views of some of the gentlemen of the Council, he had modified the offer of his said three companies to do the Street Lighting for the City of Fredericksburg, and to do its pumping and to furnish its water as set out in said offer presented to and read before the Council, and which offer was in the form of a contract proposed to be entered into between the said three Companies on the one part and the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia on the other part.

Thereupon Mr E M Young introduced the following ordinance and moved the passage of the same. The said motion of Mr E M Young being duly seconded by Mr F L W Green.

“An ordinance to provide for entering into a contract between the City of Fredericksburg, on the one part; and the Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc. have offered to do the City's Street Lighting and its pumping, and to furnish the City the water for its reservoir as set out in a form of contract which accompanies said offer, and which form of contract accompanies this ordinance as a part of the same.

Now be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

- 1st That the offer of said Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc, be and the same is hereby accepted;
- 2nd That the City of Fredericksburg enter into the said proposed contract with the said three companies, in the form in which the same has been presented to this Council;
- 3rd That the Mayor of the City be and he is hereby authorized and requested, on behalf of the City, and in its name to conclude with said three companies the said contract in manner and form as herein set forth, and that the Clerk of this Council affix the seal of the City to said Contract, and that the same be by the Clerk of this Council duly attested, and the said contract on behalf of the City be by the said Mayor and Clerk duly acknowledged for recordation.
- 4th That the said contract so proposed and accepted be spread upon the minutes of this meeting as a part of this ordinance.
- 5th That said contract, when duly executed by all parties hereto, be duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Courts of Spotsylvania and Stafford counties Virginia.

Mr Henry Warden moved as a substitute that the consideration of the matter be postponed one week, in order to give members of the Council time to study the same.

Mr Warden's motion being seconded by Mr W J Ford, and a recorded vote being ordered, the motion was lost by the following recorded vote:

Those voting in the affirmative: Henry Warden

Those voting in the negative: H B Lane, W S Embrey, W J Ford, E M Young, F L W Green, W E Bradley, C R Howard, A M Garner, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith.

President W E Bradley stated that under the rules of the Council the said Ordinance would have to lie over until the next regular meeting of the Council, unless the rules were suspended. Mr J M Goldsmith moved that the rules be suspended so as to put said Ordinance on its passage, which motion was duly seconded by Mr J P Rowe, and carried by the following recorded vote:

Those voting in the affirmative: H B Lane, W S Embrey, W J Ford, E M Young, F L W Green, W E Bradley, C R Howard, A M Garner, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith

Those voting in the negative: Henry Warden

The rules being suspended, Mr E M Young moved that the said Ordinance be passed, the said motion being duly seconded by Mr F L W Green.

Mr Warden offered as a substitute therefor the following resolution the same being seconded by Mr W J Ford.

Resolved that an election be ordered and held to take the sense of the qualified voters of Fredericksburg, upon the question of making a contract with the Fredericksburg Water Power Company, or with any of its affiliated, or subsidiary Companies, for the lighting of the Streets of this City, and for pumping water for the use of the municipality, before any such contract be entered into on behalf of the City.

A recorded vote being taken, the motion of Mr Henry Warden was lost by the following recorded vote:

Those voting in the affirmative: Henry Warden, W J Ford

Those voting in the negative: H B Lane, W S Embrey, E M Young, F L W Green, W E Bradley, C R Howard, A M Garner, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith

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The vote being then taken on the passage of the Ordinance as offered with the proposed contract as a part thereof, the same was duly passed by the following vote:

Those voting in the affirmative: H B Lane, W S Embrey, W J Ford, E M Young, F L W Green, W E Bradley, C R Howard, A M Garner, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith

Those voting in the negative: Henry Warden

The said ordinance and the said proposed contract forming a part of the said Ordinance are as follows:

"An ordinance to provide for entering into a contract between the City of Fredericksburg, on the one part; and the Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc. on the other part;

Whereas the Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc. have offered to do the City's Street Lighting and its pumping, and to furnish the City the water for its reservoir as set out in a form of contract which accompanies said offer, and which form of contract accompanies this ordinance as a part of the same.

Now be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

1st That the offer of said Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc., The Fredericksburg Electric Company, Inc., and the Electric Generating Company, Inc., be and the same is hereby accepted;

2nd That the City of Fredericksburg enter into the said proposed contract with the said three companies, in the form in which the same has been presented to this Council;

3rd That the Mayor of the City be and he is hereby authorized and requested, on behalf of the City, and in its name to conclude with said three companies the said contract in manner and form as herein set forth,

and that the Clerk of this Council affix the seal of the City to said Contract, and that the same be by the Clerk of this Council duly attested, and the said contract on behalf of the City be by the said Mayor and Clerk duly acknowledged for recordation.

4th That the said contract so proposed and accepted be spread upon the minutes of this meeting as a part of this ordinance.

5th That said contract, when duly executed by all parties hereto, be duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Courts of Spotsylvania and Stafford counties Virginia.

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“Contract”

This deed made in triplicate and entered into this day of August 6th 1912 by and between the Fredericksburg Power Company, hereinafter referred to as the Power Company, The Electric Generating Company, hereinafter referred to as the Generating Company, and the Fredericksburg Electric Company, hereinafter referred to as the Electric Company; all these Corporations duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia, parties of the first part; and the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg, Virginia hereinafter referred to as the City, party of the second part.

Whereas by deed dated October 26, 1900 and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia in Deed Book II, page 291, which deed is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as if the same were here set out at length, Martha E Clark, did agree and bind herself, her assigns and successors to deliver as in said deed provided certain Water Power unto the said City, party of the second part, hereto at the said City's Light plant and pumping station, and did otherwise agree to an with said City as in said deed set forth; and

Whereas the said Martha E Clark did depart this life, and by deed of June 1st 1904, which deed is duly recorded in the Clerk's office aforesaid in Deed Book J J, page 580, the children and devisees of the said Martha E Clark did convey unto the said Power Company, one of the parties of the first part hereto all the rights and benefits formerly reserved by and belonging unto the said Martha E Clark, under said deed October 26, 1900, between the said Martha E Clark and the said City and the said Power Company of the parties of the first part hereto, as the successors in title to the said Martha E Clark, became bound by all of the “covenants, stipulations and agreements” in said deed of October 26, 1900, agreed to be performed by the said Martha E Clark; and

Whereas the said Generating Company has constructed on the land of the Power Company in Fredericksburg, Virginia known as the Christy Spring” lot a power house for the generation of Electric Energy, or current, and for the sale of the same on its own switch board; and

Whereas the said Electric Company proposes to distribute the said current or energy for purposes of Electric Light, Heat and Power and to that end the said Electric Company was, by the said party of

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The second part hereto, by an ordinance duly passed on the 26th day of March 1909 and duly approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg on the 27th day of March 1909, granted a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia its poles, wires, and other appliances for the purpose of furnishing Electric Light, Heat and Power in said City for the term of thirty years from the final approval of said Franchise; and

Whereas the said first parties hereto have proposed to said City to do its pumping at its water Plant and its Street lighting, which proposition has been accepted, subject to the provisions, limitations, and conditions herein set forth:

Now therefore, in consideration of the premises, and the mutual covenants to be kept and performed by the parties hereto as hereinafter set forth, it is mutually covenanted and agreed as follows;

1st The City hereby turns over until the said Electric Company, (The City reserving title to same), the City's present Electric Light Poles, and Wire, Guy Poles & Guy Wires, and Arc Lamps and all accompanying paraphernalia and supplies used in connection therewith, and also the said City's dynamo

and accompanying accessory Electric apparatus in said City's Electric Light Plant, and supplies used in connection therewith, none of which, however, is to include the City brick powerhouse, its flume, water wheels, or other hydraulic apparatus, which power house, flume, water wheels and hydraulic apparatus are to remain the property of said city as they are now owned and held by said City.

The property hereby turned over to said Electric Company is to be forthwith inventoried by the Committee on Electric Light of the City Council, and by some representative, thereto duly authorized, of the said Electric Company, said inventory is to be in duplicate, and duly signed by said Committee and said representative and said property is to be used by said Electric Company in carrying out the provisions of this contract, and upon the expiration of this contract is to be returned to said City, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

The said Electric Company is not to be responsible for depreciation of said property, caused by natural decay, or wear and tear thereof, and during the life of this contract has the right at any time or times to install any different and more efficient apparatus, as in this contract provided for, in which event said Electric Company [Page 356] shall return to the City, or shall account to it for its then value such of said property as may be so discarded.

2nd The City now operates direct current enclosed Arc-Lamps, supplied with 6-6/10 ampere and 495 watts of electric energy, measured at the terminal of each of said lamps, and the said Electric Company covenants to furnish to said City for its streets or other lighting one hundred Arc Lights, the same that the City now operates, or equal thereto and the service to be all and every night service, the lights to be turned on thirty minutes after sunset on each night and to be kept burning thirty minutes before sunrise the following day, the time of lighting and extinguishing the same to be reasoned according to the Hammick Richardson Almanac for Virginia & North Carolina.

The said one hundred lights to be placed at such points as the said City may designate, and the location of them to be changed from time to time, reasonably, as the City may direct, having regard to the development of the City, or the shifting of the population, and the said City has the option of increasing the number of lights, over and above one hundred, from time to time during the life of this contract, as its Council may deem necessary or desirable paying therefor as hereinafter set forth.

3rd The said City agrees to purchase, at a cost within one thousand dollars, a motor for use at the pumping station near the "old paper mill" site, of a sufficient capacity to take care of the present water supply and to meet the needs of the City in the future, and at its cost to adjust its present pumping outfit so that the pumping will be done by electric power, retaining its auxiliary steam plant, however, for emergencies; and the work of so adjusting this machinery at the pumping station will be done, if so desired, under the engineering superintendence of Mr Wm C Whitner, Engineer of the Electric Company, for which superintendence there will be no charge.

4th The Electric Company agrees at all times during the life of this contract to furnish electric current for pumping and lighting at the City pumping station, and a supply of water from the Power Company's main canal to the City's settling basin, or directly to the City's pumps from the main Canal, as the City may desire. The said supply of water to be ample for the City's present needs and for its future growth.
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And the said Electric Company agrees to supply said Electric current for pumping and lighting as aforesaid at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per year, based on the consumption of Electric Power at said pumping station during the first year of the life of the contract, and the said Electric Company agrees at its own cost to install and maintain at the pumping station of the City a first class standard meter for measuring all current consumed during the life of this contract, and should the city at any time become dissatisfied with the registering or operating of the meter installed, the Electric Company will have the said meter calibrated at its own expense, or will provide and install a new meter.

5th For the one hundred arc lights as supplied the City by the Electric Company, and for such additional arc lights over one hundred which the city may require, to be furnished it, as in this deed hereinabove

provided for, the City agrees to pay the said Electric Company at the rate of thirty two dollars per light per year.

6th For the Electric current as furnished the City at its pumping station and settling basin as aforesaid, during the first year of this contract, the said City agrees to pay the said Electric Company the sum of twelve hundred dollars the year, payable in equal monthly installments and during the first year of the life of this contract an accurate record of the electric current so consumed by the City at its said pumping station shall be kept both the said Electric Company and the City from the meter hereinbefore provided for. And the rate at which the City will pay the Electric Company for current consumed at the City's pumping station aforesaid, after the first year of this agreement shall be arrived at by dividing twelve hundred dollars by the total amount of current consumed during the first year of this contract, and the result so obtained shall be the basis upon which all future monthly charges shall be made for power consumed.

7th All amounts due under this agreement by the City to the Electric Company shall be paid monthly by the tenth of the month succeeding that in which the said lights, or the said pumping service shall have been supplied or rendered.

8th The price of the said service so agreed to be rendered [Page 358] the City hereunder by the said Electric Company shall be abated pro rata for failure to perform the said service, either as a unit or on individual lights, or at the pumping station except when the inability of the said Electric Company to perform the said service arises either from the act of God or the public enemy; And the parties of the first part agree to the best of their ability to perform the services herein agreed upon to be performed excepting such intervals and interruptions in the supply of water to the Power Company's main canal in order to repair the same, or to repair other works of either of the parties of the first part hereto, which repair shall be done with all reasonable dispatch; and whenever it becomes necessary to make repairs to the said works of either the parties of the first part hereto, the service herein agreed to be performed may be suspended for such length of time as will suffice by the use of all reasonable diligence to make repairs, and there shall be on abatement of the amounts herein agreed to be paid by reason of such suspension of service: but in case of the destruction of, or material injury to, the dam or other works of the parties of the first part hereto, resulting in a suspension of the service herein agreed to be performed, there shall be an abatement of the monthly sum herein agreed to be paid. The amount of such abatement shall bear to the said monthly payment the proportion which the time of suspension of said service shall bear to the calendar month.

9th The said City agrees on its part that so long as said first parties hereto fully keep and perform the obligations of this deed, the said City will not exercise its rights as lessee of water power under the aforesaid deed of lease of date October 26, 1900 between said City and Martha E Clark and will not use any of the water power therein contracted for, and will make no payments under said lease, but said lease as to said rights of water power shall be suspended during the said period; but upon the expiration of this deed, or upon the expiration of any renewal thereof, or at the City's option upon the failure of said first parties hereto fully keep and perform the obligations of this deed, then the said City shall be freed from the obligation of this deed, and shall be remitted to all its rights under the aforesaid deed of October 26, 1900, between City and said Martha E Clark and upon the expiration of this deed, the City shall have the option and [Page 359] privilege of renewing the same, upon like terms, and conditions as are herein set forth, provided the said City grant unto the said first parties, or either of them, like renewal or renewals of said franchises as they or either of them now have and enjoy from the said City, and provided further that the said City, twelve months before the expiration of this deed, signify its intention to exercise said option and privilege, but notice duly served on said parties of the first part, or one of their officers, or directors, or managers, in charge of either said works, or by mailing said notice in the main Post Office at Fredericksburg, Virginia, properly stamped and addressed to such of said first parties.

10th Should there at any time arise a disagreement between the parties of the first part, or either of them, and the party of the second part, as to the full compliance of the said first parties, or either of them, with

the obligations of this deed, then the said disagreeing parties shall mutually agree upon a competent Electrical or hydraulic engineer to decide the matter or matters in dispute and his report shall be binding on all said disagreeing parties, and the expense of his report shall be borne equally by the parties on each side of said disagreement.

11th The said Power Company is the owner in fee simple of the Knox meadow lot, Christy Spring Lot, and that water power and other property conveyed unto it by James G Clark and others by deed dated June 1, 1904, and which deed is duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg Virginia in deed book J J Page 580, and is the owner of the new concrete dam recently built by the said Power Company across the Rappahannock River about two miles above Fredericksburg, and abutting on the Fall Hill estate on the Spotsylvania side or said River, and the Forge tract on the Stafford side; and is the owner of the water power generating by said dam; and, under a deed from the Fredericksburg Milling Company, of date May 18th 1909, and duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia, is the owner of the water right heretofore appurtenant to what is known as the old excelsior Mills, in the lower part of town, adjoining the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Bridge, and fronting on Water street and the Rappahannock River. The said generating company is the owner of the new Power House, with the accompanying electrical machinery therein, which has just been constructed on the aforesaid "Christy spring lot" belonging to the Power Company in Fredericksburg [Page 360] Virginia between Main Street and the Rappahannock River; and is also the owner of the new concrete flume, extending the entire length of Factory Street in said City of Fredericksburg Va, and leading to its said new Power Station.

The said Electric Company is now engaged in the construction of their new distributing system throughout the City, consisting of poles and wire, transformers, lights and electrical apparatus which it proposes to operate under the franchise heretofore granted it by the City of Fredericksburg as hereinabove set forth.

The said Power Company, the said Electrical Company and the said Generating Companies, parties of the first part fast thereto, agree that each and all of their aforesaid lands, buildings, properties, rights, privileges and franchises as herein above set forth and referred to, and all fixtures improvements, machinery and apparatus now on said lands, or in said buildings, together with all the buildings, tenements, improvements, fixtures, machinery and apparatus which may be erected, placed and used in and upon said lands, or buildings, and also the aforesaid distributing system of said Electric Company, erected and to be erected in the City of Fredericksburg, shall be, and they are hereby charged with a first lien in favor of the City as security for the faithful performance by said first parties, or either of them, of their of their obligation and under taking hereunder; but this lien shall not be construed to prevent the said first parties or either of them from disposing of any of the their said fixtures, appliances, or apparatus at any time for the purpose and with the objective of replacing the same with better, newer and more modern or serviceable fixtures, appliances, and apparatus, which when purchased and installed shall become a part of the plant or plants of the parties of the first part hereunder, and be subject to the lien herein provided for.

12th If at the expiration of ten years from date hereof or at any time, or times thereafter during the life of this contract, it should be found that inventions and improvements in the lamps or other apparatus on the Street used for converting the electricity into light have been made, by which electric lights for street lighting can be more economically distributed in the Streets of the city, the City shall be entitled to such air and reasonable reduction in the costs of said lights as may be made possible by reason of such inventions and improvements, having regard to the [Page 361] cost of the new apparatus and equipment, and the cost of the installation thereof, to make the necessary changes in the distribution of said Street Lights throughout the City; or, at its own option the Electric Company may continue to furnish the light as herein contracted for with the equipment and apparatus then in use, provided the City be given the benefit of the reduction in cost so made possible by the improvement aforesaid.

Subject to the approval of the City, the Electric Company may be given the right to substitute for the above named equipment and apparatus any form of Electric Lighting satisfactory to the City, but in this event an equitable readjustment of the price of \$32.00 per lamp per year is to be made either by agreement between the City and the Electric Company, or by arbitration and in computing the price to be paid for any new form of lighting the relative cost of maintaining the lamps now or then in use and the lamps proposed to be substituted shall be the basis of readjustment.

The City hereby reserves the right to require the Electric Company at any time, upon reasonable notice, to substitute any other form of Electric Lighting for that now in use, in any section or sections of the City as may be prescribed by the Council, and to require a readjustment of the price to be paid for such new form of lighting as set forth in the paragraph, but in this event the City hereby agrees to pay to the Electric Company the fair cost of the necessary changes in equipment, taking into consideration the value of the discarded apparatus.

The agreement and understanding shall begin so soon as by the exercise of reasonable diligence the changes necessary to carry out the same can be made, and unless terminated as herein before provided for, as to all of the parties hereto shall be effective and binding for the period of fifteen years next after September 1, 1912 and shall be effective and binding thereafter from year to year, during the life of the franchise hereinabove referred to, granted unto the said Electric company, provided that this agreement may be terminated by either the first parties hereto or the said City on August 31, 1927, or on the 31st day of August of any year thereafter by giving a twelve months notice in writing of said election to terminate the same.

All the covenants, agreements, understandings, and stipulations, on the part of the said first parties hereto on either of them, shall apply to and bind their or either of their successors, or assigns.

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Witness the following signatures and seals the day and year above first written.

The Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg, Virginia

By H Lewis Wallace, Mayor (Seal)

Attest S E Eastburn, Clerk of Council Fredericksburg, Virginia

Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc

By Wm C Whitner, Vice President (seal)

Attest H G Northrup, Secretary

Fredericksburg Electric Company Inc.

By Wm C Whitner, Vice President (seal)

Attest H G Northrup, Secretary

Electric Generating Company Inc.

By Wm C Whitner, Vice President (seal)

Attest H G Northrup, Secretary

State of Virginia

Corporation of Fredericksburg S S

I, J S Hawkins, a notary public in and for the Corporation aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and S E Eastburn, Clerk of the Council thereof; Wm C Whitner, Vice President of the Fredericksburg Power Company Inc, and H G Northrup, Secretary thereof: Wm C Whitner, Vice President of the Electric Generating Company Inc, and H G Northrup, Secretary thereof: and Wm C Whitner, Vice President of the Fredericksburg Electric Company Inc, and H G Northrup, Secretary thereof: whose names are signed to the writing hereto attached, bearing date the 6th day of August 1912 have acknowledged the same before me in my Corporation aforesaid.

Given under my hand and seal this 6 Day of August 1912

J L Hawkins, Notary Public

My commission expires June 7, 1916.

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I have read the within contract and fully approve the same, and am glad to be recorded as approving the same, and I state that the City's interests are thoroughly safe guarded and protected

And that in my judgment the entering into this contract is the best days work the City has ever done.

I also approve the ordinance which accompanies this contract

St Geo R Fitzhugh, City Attorney

July 18, 1912.

July 18, 1912

F L W Green, Esq. City

Dear Sir: In reference to the Franchise heretofore granted the Electric Company, I am satisfied that the Franchise requires all calls for light, heat, and power in Fredericksburg, to be satisfied. In other: that Fredericksburg under all circumstances has the first call on the Company for its light, heat & power services and I believe that this provision as heretofore embodied in the Company's franchise by the Council is much better for the City, than to provide that certain block of Power should be reserved for the City.

Yours very truly, Alvin T Embrey

On motion Judge Alvin T Embrey's letter to Mr Green was ordered spread on the minutes of this council.

Mr Lane presented statement of Finances to July 18, 1912

Expended

Order Water Com	\$489.07	Jul 1 By balance	\$1,478.60
Order Gas Com	\$966.28	from Water	\$3,313.50
Order Street Com	\$544.74	from Gas	\$1,175.12
Order Public Property Com	\$91.56	from Rents	\$30.00
Order Alms House Com	\$471.83	from fines	\$28.00
Order Electric Light Com	\$389.26	Borrowed due Oct 15	\$5,000.00
Orders Court	\$144.89		\$11,025.22

Mayor's Order \$7.08

Order Health & Police Com \$13.00

Order Fire Dept Com \$17.50

Order of Council \$3,822.22

\$6,957.43

Sewer Acct \$163.57

Coupon

Water \$480.00

Gas \$368.00

Bridge \$498.00

Electric \$23600

School \$240.00

City \$276.00 \$1,998.00

\$9,119.00

Balance \$1,906.22

\$11,025.22

By balance \$1,906.22

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A regular meeting of the Council was held Aug 15, 1912 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber.
 Present, Bradley, Lang, Somerville, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard
 Absent, Green, Goldsmith, Rowe (3) members;
 Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the chair
 Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
 Aug 15, 1912

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va
 Gentlemen: I beg to certify that to the best of my knowledge the Police Officers have each faithfully discharged his duty during the past month and are entitled to his pay.

I beg to report fines amounting to \$63.50 received from Justice Dannehl also \$2.00 for dog licenses, all of which has been turned over to the City Treasurer

As this will be the last regular meeting of your Honored Body to be held during the remainder of my term as Mayor,

I take this occasion to express my grateful appreciation of the kindly co-operation your have favored me with, and I assure you that it is with unfeigned regret that I sever the official associations which have been so pleasant and harmonious. Individually and collectively you have my very best wishes.

Respectfully submitted H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion [blank] the Mayor's report was received ordered filed and the salaries of the Police Officers were ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and read bill of Circuit Court Clerk A B Yates of \$7.00	
To recording deed from Fredericksburg Power Co, and als to City of Fredericksburg	\$6.50
State tax on same	\$.50
	\$7.00

On motion the bill was ordered paid.
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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented a statement of the City's Finances
 City of Fredericksburg, In account with R T Knox, Treasurer

Receipts from all sources		Ex since July 1 st 1912	
By balance on Hand	\$1,478.60	Order Water Com	\$872.88
By money borrowed	\$10,000.00	Order Gas Com	\$2,306.24
Amt from Water	\$4,828.70	Order Public Property Com	\$212.01
Amt from Gas	\$2,455.70	Order Alms House Com	\$622.45
Amt from Bricks & Timber	\$14.25	Order Electric Light Com	\$559.13
Amt from Rents	\$30.00	Order of Court	\$256.87
Amt from Fines	\$91.50	Order of Mayor	\$24.29
Amt from Dog Tax	\$2.00	Order of Health & Police	\$13.00
Amt from Tax	\$00.00	Order of Fire Department	\$846.07
Amt from Licenses	\$00.00	Order of Judge Salary	
Amt from Histories	\$00.00	Com Attorney, Mayor, Clerk of Court	
	\$18,900.00	Police, Council	\$4,383.53
		Street Com	\$741.64
			\$10,838.11
Sewer Acct	\$1,949.49		

Deduct fees to July 1	\$1,115.44	
	\$834.05	
Rec't from Sener	\$135.33	
Spent since Jul 1		\$698.72
Public School		
Paid since Jul 1	\$17.41	
Paid since Jul	\$218.00	\$235.41
Coupons paid		
Water	\$400.00	
Gas	\$468.00	
Bridge	\$498.00	
Electric Light	\$236.00	
School Bonds	\$300.00	
City Bonds	\$616.00	\$2,558.00
		\$14,330.24
Bal on Hand		\$4,569.20
		\$18,900.20
To balance	\$4,569.20	

Robert T Knox, Treasurer
August 15, 1912

Mr E M Young of Light Committee presented the following which on motion was received and ordered filed

Aug 7, 1912

Mr E M Young Jr, City

Dear Sir: [Page 368]

The Power and Electric Companies which I represent will on the first day of September proceed under the contract entered into with the City. This contract as you know calls for 100 Arc Lights and at present the City has only 86, and in order to enable us to start off promptly on September 1st, I would be obliged if you would as early as possible designate the location of the additional lights, and furnish me with your written directions concerning the same. Your prompt attention will greatly oblige

Very truly yours, Alvin T Embrey

Judge A T Embrey, Atty, Power and Electric Co, Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sir, At present the City has 86 Arc Lights, and eight series, the latter representing one Arc making 87 in all, which leave us thirteen lights to be installed to make the number called for, by the City's contract with your Company.

Please place the thirteen Arc Lights as follows:

One on Cornell St, at the intersection of Cornell & Stansbury Sts.

One on Cornell St, South end leading to Normal School.

One corner of Amelia & Charles sts (Marstella's corner)

One corner of Sophia & Charlotte (K N Goolrick's home)

One on Princess Anne St center of block bet'n Princess Elizabeth & Dixon, near A M Garner's residence

One on corner of Amelia st & Washington Ave at cemetery gate

One on corner of Main St (Silk Mill Corner)

One on Free Bridge (midway)

One on Shepherd st about 100 yards fr National Boulevard

One on Prince Edward & Princess Elizabeth (Peden's Excelsior corner)

One on River Road leading to Hazel Run (in the Bottom)

One on Extreme south end of Main st (near Capt Revere's)

One on Corner of Weedon & Hanover sts (opposite J P Rowe's)

There is now at this corner a series, which can be removed, our Supt recently placed a series at mint Spring which will take the place of the this one.

If these instructions are not perfectly clear the Comm would be pleased to meet your Supt and go over the line with him.

Very truly yours, Light Com (Edgar M Young, H B Lane)

On motion the report from the Light Committee was received and ordered filed
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Mr Lane of the Water Committee presented the following which was by unanimous vote adopted
The Water Committee asks that they be instructed to have motor installed at Pump House so that the contract can be commenced on Sept 1st or so soon thereafter as it can be done. It is thought that it can be put in within the estimate of (\$1,000.00).

(approved by H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, Aug 17, 1912)

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee reported an ordinance to grant under certain conditions a permit to children under eighteen years of age to run, drive or operate an automobile on the Streets of the City of Fredericksburg.

1st All persons under eighteen years of age who desire to run, drive, or operate any automobile on the public streets of the City of Fredericksburg, shall first obtain therefor a permit, which permit, at his discretion, shall be issued by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg, which applicant, shall comply with all said regulations of the City of Fredericksburg and all laws of the State of Virginia in reference to running, driving, or operating a said automobile, and in addition thereto the said holder of said permit issued under this ordinance shall be limited to a speed of eight miles an hour, and around corner or bends or corners to a speed of five miles per hour, and for any violation of this ordinance or of any ordinance of the City of Fredericksburg, or laws of the State of Virginia in reference to automobiles, upon conviction thereof the holder of said permit shall be fined not less than one nor more than ten dollars, and upon said conviction the permit so issued shall be null & void.

2nd This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On motion the rules were suspended and on further motion the Ordinance was passed by this recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Ford, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley.

(Approved by Mayor H Lewis Wallace, 8/17/1912)

Aug 15, 1912

The Clerk read the following

Gentlemen: As I am to assume the position of Mayor of the City of Sept 1st and to-night is the last meeting of the City Council before that date, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of your honorable body to take effect at once.

Very respectfully, J P Rowe.

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On motion of Mr Howard was unanimously accepted.

And there being a vacancy in the Council, on motion of Mr Howard, Maurice Hirsh was unanimously elected to fill out the unexpired term of J P Rowe as a member of the City Council from the Upper Ward.

Mr Somerville asked on behalf of the Committee on the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans at the Agricultural Fair for an appropriation of (\$150.00) or so much thereof as may be needed. On motion the sum of \$150.00 or so much thereof as may be needed was appropriated to the Committee of which Col Cole is chairman, by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Embrey presented the following resolution which on motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Council.

Be it resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Police Court room be moved from the room in the City-Hall, heretofore known as the Mayor's Office, to the lower part of the City Hall, fronting on the Market, and that in future the Police Court of the City be held in said lower room, and that all prisoners be carried from the jail of the City to said room and returned from said room to said jail through the Market Alley and Jail Alley and that as far as possible, they be kept off the streets of the City; and

Be it further resolved, that the room now known as the Mayor's office be, and the same is hereby turned over to the City Commissioner, and shall be known as the City Commissioner's Room; and

Be it further resolved that the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby requested to have a proper and suitable room fixed up in the lower part of the City Hall, for the said Police Court, and to have removed to said room the property, lockers, and records of said Police Court.

The Clerk read a communication from the Sec of the League of Virginia Municipalities will meet in Alexandria Va on Sep 17, 18, 1912. Every City and town in the State of Virginia is respectfully invited and urged to send delegates to this convention.

An interesting and instructive program will be prepared. Will you not arrange for the election of delegates at the next meeting of your Council, [Page 371] and notify us in the enclosed postal of your action.

Your co-operation to make the meeting a truly representative one is most cordially urged.

Yours very truly, S C Brinson, Sec & Treas, League of Va Municipalities.

On motion laid on the table.

The following petition was read by the Clerk and on motion referred to the Water Committee with power to act.

To the Honorable City Council of Fredericksburg Va

The People's Mission of this City is in receipt of a communication from Mr S B Quinn, Supt of Water Works, from which it appears that the Mission is a delinquent to the amount of \$39.00, together with penalty and interest \$13.92, making a total of \$52.92.

As you are aware the Mission was conducted by Mr Geo A Mills, up to the time of his death and we understand that statements were rendered him regularly but for some reason unknown he failed to report the matter to the Trustees and this bill comes to us as a complete surprise.

No water has been used at the Mission since the construction of the building and in view of the fact that the payment of amount charged would be a great hardship, and of the further fact mentioned above that we were entirely ignorant of the existence of the obligation, we would most earnestly petition you to relieve us of this burden.

Signed, J W Adams, Jas T Layton, J W Thomas, B J Marshall (Trustees)

Fredericksburg Va, Aug 15, 1912.

Mr Young of the Light Committee gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would present a resolution requiring that each year from the amount saved by the City from the contract with The Power Company, a sinking fund of \$2,000.00 be made to retire Electric Light Bonds, and after this is accomplished the same amount be continued for retiring the Water Bonds.

He said this would demonstrate what is being done under the Contract and the people can see and appreciate it.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Annual meeting of the Common Council was held Sept 2nd 1912 at 8:30 o'clock PM

The Clerk called the Council to order at 8:30 and read the call for the meeting, to organize the new Council, to elect officers, and such other business as the Council determine.

The Clerk read the certificate from A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court, stating that at the election June 11, 1912, the following gentlemen were elected members of the City Council:

Upper Ward, S W Somerville, J Garnett King, J W Masters

Lower Ward, E M Young, Geo W Heflin, R L Biscoe

And Maurice Hirsh elected by the City Council in the place of J P Rowe, resigned.

The Clerk reported that all the newly elected members had qualified before him, and that he had the oaths, signed now in his hands.

The Clerk call[ed] the roll and the following members responded to their names, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, Ford, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, King, Biscoe

The Clerk announced that the first business was the election of President for two years,

Mr Lane nominated W E Bradley for President

Mr Somerville nominated J Garnett King for President

Vote was taken and resulted as follows:

For Bradley, Lane, King, Hirsh, Embrey, Young, Heflin (6)

For King, Somerville, Ford, Masters, Warden, Biscoe (5)

Mr Bradley appeared before the Clerk and qualified by taking and subscribing the usual oaths of office.

Mr Lane nominated Mr Embrey for Vice President,

Mr Biscoe nominated Mr Ford for Vice President

Vote was taken as follows:

Embrey, Lane, King, Hirsh, Ford, Young, Heflin, Masters, Bradley

Ford, Somerville, Embrey, Warden, Biscoe

On motion of Mr Somerville the Salary of the Clerk was fixed the same as last year, \$150.00

On motion S E Eastburn was unanimously elected Clerk of the Council for 12 months by the unanimous vote of the Council.

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Mr Lane nominated A P Rowe for City Tax Collector and he was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr Somerville, the salaries of the police officers were fixed at the same as last year, \$50.00 each per month by unanimous recorded vote of the Council.

Vote was taken on applications of Hall & Robinson from the Lower Ward, and they receiving every vote were declared elected.

Vote was then taken on applications of Tansill, Stone & McGhee for the upper ward.

Tansill and Stone each received all the vote, and were declared elected.

Dr J N Barney was unanimously elected Health Officer of the City by unanimous vote of the Council.

The President announced the Standing Committees

Finance	H B Lane	W E Bradley	W S Embrey
Public Property	Bradley	Masters	E M Young
Streets	W S Embrey	J G King	Maurice Hirsh
Water	Heflin	Lane	Bradley
Light	Young	Heflin	Lane
Ordinance	King	Embrey	Masters
Schools	Hirsh	Warden	Somerville
Health & Police	Ford	Young	King
Auditing & Claims	Warden	Biscoe	Ford
Alms House	Masters	Ford	Biscoe
Public Interest	Somerville	Hirsh	Heflin
Fire	Biscoe	Somerville	Warden

The Committees as announced were approved by the Council

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Mr Lane moved, and it was adopted by unanimous vote that the City Commissioner be instructed to employ a clerk at a salary not to exceed \$90.00 per month.

Mr Lane presented communication from Mayor J P Rowe

Fredericksburg Va Sep 2, 1912

To the President and members of the City Council.

Gentlemen: In entering upon the duties of the Office of Mayor of our City, I fully realize the responsibilities and possibilities of the position, and it is with some trepidation that I address to your this my first official communication, when it is considered that the Mayor is expected to make various and sundry recommendations to the City Council from time to time.

The act of making suggestions and recommendations is easily performed but the execution is quite another proposition.

In this age when there is so much agitation, many people seem to have formed the idea that the one who suggests a great many things especially if they are different from what exists, is doing a great work; but my observation leads me to believe that the men who executes, accomplishes more.

I congratulate the City Council on some of the recent legislation it has enacted, and particularly do I commend its work in getting a City Commissioner to look after certain affairs of the City, and in entering into the contracts with the Fredericksburg Power Company.

I am proud of the fact that I was a member of the Council at the time these questions were considered and that I took part in putting them into effect.

In saying this I realize that our people were divided on both propositions, and will continue to be divided, more or less. This is to be expected on almost any proposition that may come before the public.

It is impossible to please everyone; and recognizing our duty as public servants, we can only do the best our opportunities afford, and in this we can have the satisfaction desired from having performed our parts with honest purpose and highest aims.

In saying that it is impossible to place all, the expression is not inspired from a captive spirit.

Indeed, honest criticism is always to be respected and wished, and frequently it leads to good results.

Reverting again to recommendations, the question of cost is one of first importance to be considered, as our resources are limited and the appropriations already [Page 375] scheduled have nearly consumed the revenues for the fiscal year.

I would, however, like to see Hurkamp Park, set apart for the exclusive use of white people, and a part of it arranged as a playground for white children. I also think that it would be advisable to have Potter's field cleaned up and kept clear of undergrowth and a portion of it turned into a park for the use of the Colored People.

Our streets have always been a subject of importance and of more or less contention. It will always be difficult to keep them in such order as would be entirely satisfactory to the public generally unless ample appropriations could be had.

The Streets are now in charge of the City Commissioner, and while he will, no doubt, recognize the needs, and understand how to make the improvements, yet I admonish our body and the public generally not to set your expectations too high, as the Commissioner will be handicapped to a considerable extent by a lack of funds to carry out for the present an extended plan of improvements. It is hoped, however, and expected that gradual improvements will result.

Our present school facilities must be gratifying to all thoughtful citizens. The rising generations have opportunities of securing high education in our City, as was never dreamed of several years ago. There is no excuse for any child to grow up in Fredericksburg without obtaining an education as our public schools are free to the children of all citizens and they are equipped with a splendid corps of Teachers.

In addition, we have a number of private schools and institutions of learning including that splendid institution, The Fredericksburg Normal. With our present equipment, we are approaching the position to consider the question of compulsory education.

Fredericksburg has been blessed in the matter of health. The Health question is one of permanent importance. We have had no epidemic and sanitary conditions are being constantly improved. This department is in charge of our Health Board: but it is a subject in which every citizen should feel an interest.

One of the prime needs of our City is Manufacturing Plants. Indeed, it is the great need of all cities, those who have many, want more; and those who have few want as many as they can get. But the continued repetition of the statement that we need these enterprises does not secure them, nor does it induce people with capital to locate in our towns. In connection with this great problem, I wish to announce publicly that as Mayor and as Individual, I stand ready to aid the [Page 376] City Council, Business Men's Association and individuals in any effort to advance the business life and general interest of our City.

I shall for time to time send you communications as circumstances or conditions may require; and in the meantime I shall be glad to confer with the members of your body, individually or collectively, or with any citizen on any subject at which may concern the welfare of Fredericksburg

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's report was received and ordered recorded.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the bond of R Stewart Royer, city Commissioner for \$5,000 with the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company. Approved by the City Attorney.

And on motion it was received and ordered placed in the National Bank.

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

G W Herring, Clerk of Stafford	to Recording deed	\$6.75
A H Crismond, Clerk of Spotsylvania	to Recording deed	\$6.75
E W Trafford, Engineer	Professional services	\$60.00
Election officers	to services at Primary	\$18.00
Election expenses	to labor, material & supplies	\$4.08

Report and receipt books from A B Yates, Clerk of the Corporation Court, as called for by the State Auditor.

Statement of all receipts for fines given by the Clerk of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg Va from his receipt books for fines, No. 28, Act of General Assembly of March 12th 1904, placed before the Common Council of said City this 2nd day of September 1912, with said [Page 377] receipt book No 28, and the receipt Book No 30, which has never been used. Receipt book No 29, the only other receipt book that ever come into this Clerk's hands is in the hands of Henry Dannehl City-Police Justice.

This statement embraces all fines from January 1st 1909 to August 30th 1912.

March 18, 1909, Series E, No 545	Ramsey Hughlett for assault and battery	Ten dollars	\$10
May 20, 1909, Series H No 274	John L Calhoun violation Byrd law	Fifty dollars	\$50
June 17, 1909, Series E No 560	John Marshall, stab Jacob Rudisill	Ten dollars	\$10
	John Marshall	Five dollars	\$5
July 20, 1909, Series H No 275	Benjamin Scott, violation Byrd law	Fifty dollars	\$50
Dec 15, 1910, Series H No 276	C E Thompson violation game laws	Fifty dollars	\$50
Jan 20, 1911, Series D No 1357	Washington Woolen Mills, violation 10 hr labor law for women		\$5
Jan 31, 1911, Series E No 546	O O'Conor Goolrick, contempt of court		\$10
Feb 27, 1912, Series H No 277	Cumberland G Mills, violating Byrd Law		\$50
May 10, 1912, Series H 278	James H Johnson, violating Byrd Law		\$50
May 10, 1912, Series H 279	Carson Hall, violating Byrd Law		\$50
June 18, 1912, Series D Nos 1358 to 1371 both inclusive	14 fines at \$5 each making \$70 riotous conduct on P F & P R R Train, violation of Sec 3779 Code of Virginia		
	No 1358	Wm Baylor	
	No 1363	Wm Johnson	
	No 1368	Abr Mercer	
	No 1359	Peter Smith	
	No 1364	King Scott	
	No 1369	Edgar Washington	
	No 1360	Elijah Brown	
	No 1365	Anthony Garnett	
	No 1370	Ernest Childs	
	No 1361	Arthur Washington	
	No 1366	Anthony Turner	
	No 1371	John H Baylor	
	No 1362	Charles Coleman	
	No 1367	Eugene Scott	\$70
July 1 1912, Series H, No 280	Dr Cassidy violation of Byrd Law		\$50

To the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

Respectfully submitted, A B Yates, Clerk

Sworn to and subscribed John Scott Berrey Deputy before me John Scott Berry Deputy Clerk, 2nd Sep 1912

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On motion the receipt book with statement was received, ordered recorded and transmitted to auditor.

Mr Lane presented statements of value of City Property

City Water Works	\$300,000
City Gas Works	\$100,000
School Property	\$50,000
Court House	\$25,000
City Jail	\$3,000

Alms House	\$6,000
Free Bridge	\$25,000
City Park	\$10,000
City Hall	\$15,000
Fire Depot	\$2,500
Wallace Library	\$8,000
Shirt Factory	\$5,000
Fair Grounds Stock	\$1,000
Total	\$550,500
Colored School building	\$10,000
	\$560,500
Sewer System	\$60,000
Total	\$620,500

On motion ordered spread on the minutes
(21 Nov 1912, ordered cancelled S E Eastburn Clerk)

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the City Council was held Sep 19th 1912 at 8 o'clock PM
Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, Ford, Embrey, Young, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe;
City Commissioner Royer; Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings approved

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of Registrars

E C Bell	Upper Ward	\$9.90
L Perry	Lower Ward	\$9.40

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

On motion of [blank] the Mayor's report was received, the salaries of the police ordered paid and the recommendation in regard to garbage was referred to the Health Committee

Sep 19, 1912

To the President & Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to report to your honorable body that the Police Officers, to the best of my knowledge have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

The fines turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl for the period form Aug 16th to Sep 19 amount to \$78.55 and the same has been paid to the City Treasurer.

I would respectfully call the attention of the City Council to the need of providing some effective plan of disposing of the garbage of the City.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor.

Sep 11, 1912

To the Honorable City Council, Fredericksburg Virginia

Gentlemen: I wish to thank your and the Citizens of Fredericksburg for your hearty co-operation with me in entering upon my duties as City Commissioner.

As you will readily understand, my position is a hard one at present, and will continue so until everything is on a proper working basis, however capable I may prove myself to be, I realize that I cannot obtain the results I hope to without the constant help and co-operation of your body and the citizens of Fredericksburg.

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The changes we are to undergo should be brought about gradually but steadily, until we have everything adjusted & in proper shape.

The several Committees of the Council I am expecting to be of great to me in carrying on the work of the departments under my jurisdiction, and their encouragement and advice have already been a great incentive to me in my work.

The prime object shall always be to serve the citizens of Fredericksburg, and I desire that they come to me freely at all times with complaints or suggestions, as in this way I will know how to be of greater service to them.

Yours very truly, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion it was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented statement of the City Finance City of Fredericksburg in acct with R T Knox Treas.

Rec'ts from all sources of City		Expenditures	
By order Commissioner		Under orders from Com Royer	
Water	\$75.00	Water	\$106.16
Gas	\$1,425.00	Gas	\$682.18
Taxes 1912	\$400.00	P Property	\$33.38
License	\$106.27	Order of Court	\$41.33
Bricks & timber old	\$2.50	Fire Dept	\$5.50
Mayor's Fines	\$78.55	Ex Commissioner	\$116.95
		General Council	\$295.16
		Electric Lights	\$50.52
			\$1,331.18
New Sewer Bal due to City	\$1,841.06		
Sewer paid since Sep 1	\$11.50		
			\$1,331.18
Public Schools pd up to 1 Sep 1912		since Aug 1, 1912	\$381.80
prior to coming of Commissioner			\$1,342.62
By balance in Bank	\$744.64	by balance on hand	\$744.64
By R S Royer, Taxes 1912	\$600.00		\$2,087.32
	\$1,344.64		

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Mr Embrey of the Street committee asked for an appropriation of \$5,000 to his committee for Street work. On motion \$5,000.00 was appropriated to the Street Committee by unanimous vote.

Mr Embrey offered the following, seconded by Mr Young

Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 11, 1912 (Acts 1912, page 235) the General Assembly of Virginia did authorize the City Council of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia under certain conditions to issue its coupon or registered bonds for improving the streets of the City. Now be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia that the matter of improving the Streets of said City as set out in said Act of the General Assembly be and it is hereby referred to a joint Committee, to be composed of the Committee on Streets and the Committee on Finance

of this Council, which Committee is directed to recommend some definite measure for the improvement of said Streets as provided for by said Act, and to make full report to the Council.
On motion the rules were suspended and on further motion of Lane the above ordinance was passed by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Dr J Garnett King from the Ordinance Committee offered the following
An Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Rappahannock Valley A & M Society, that all vehicles and automobiles at and beyond the bridge over the canal going to the Fair Grounds be required to go to the right of the road, and all vehicles and automobiles coming from the Fair Grounds be required to go to the right of the road:

That any infringement of this Ordinance be subject to a penalty of not less than (\$2.00) or more than (\$5.00) and that the Mayor be requested to station one or more policemen on said road to have said ordinance enforced.

And this ordinance shall be in effect from date of its passage.

Approved and recommended for adoption. J G King, W S Embrey, J W Masters (Committee)

(Approved Sep 21, 1912, J P Rowe, Mayor)

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On motion the rules were suspended by unanimous vote and on further motion the Ordinance was passed by the vote of the Council, Messrs Warden & Biscoe voting no.

Communication from the Police Justice was read by the Clerk

Aug 12, 1912

To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen: I hereby make application of your honorable body for an order on the Treasurer of the City for (\$150.00) due me on salary for services rendered as Police Justice from Jan 1, 1909 to Dec 31, 1909. I deem it necessary to state that I qualified as police Justice and assumed the duties of the office, Jan'y 1st 1909, on the certificate of election given me at the election held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November 1908. The Act of Assembly requiring the election of a Police Justice for the City, provides "The compensation of said Police Justice shall be fixed by the City Council, and be paid out of the City Treasury and shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office."

No salary was fixed by the Council until April 21, 1910, when the amount was fixed at the sum of \$150.00 per annum. This amount has been paid me since January 1, 1910.

For the term of January to December 1909, no compensation was paid me, and it is for this term that I ask an order on the Treasurer for and respectfully pray your consideration

Yours respectfully, Henry Dannehl

On motion of Mr Somerville referred to the Finance Committee for report back.

On motion the Clerk was requested to notify the City Commissioner of all future meetings of the Council and that the President be requested to put in the Council Chamber a table to be used by City Commissioner Royer and reporter.

Mr Young of the Light Committee offered this ordinance:

An Ordinance providing for the setting aside of \$1,000.00 yearly for the retiring of the Electric Light and Water Bonds.

As the City of Fredericksburg by its contract [Page 383] for lighting and power with the Fredericksburg Power Co shows a yearly saving to the City in excess of \$1,000.

It is hereby ordained that the sum of (\$1,000.00) per year during the contract with the Power Company be set aside and placed in the sinking fund of the City of Fredericksburg, which amount is to be used for the purpose of first retiring the City Electric Bonds amounting to \$11,000, and after these bonds are retired, the residue of this fund to be used in retiring as many of the water bonds as can be done within the life of the contract with the Power Co

Rules suspended and on motion adopted

Mr Ford offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Be it resolved that at the next regular meeting of the Council, the Finance Committee report to the Council all of the data used by said Committee in determining the valuation of the assets of the City as reported to the Council at the meeting held on the 2nd of this month.

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 Oct 17, 1912 in the Council Chamber with the following members present; Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, Embrey, Masters, King, Warden, Biscoe; Com Royer and Clerk Eastburn.

President Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular meeting read & approved.

The Clerk read the resignation of E M Young Jr

Oct 17, 1912

W E Bradley, President and members of the Council

Gentlemen it is with regret that I tender my resignation as a member of your honorable body, but having moved from the Lower to the Upper Ward this becomes necessary.

I shall, however, continue to take the deepest interest in the welfare of our City and am always glad to lend a helping hand for her up building.

Thanking you all for your kind and courteous treatment while associated with you, I am

Yours very truly, Edgar M Young, Jr

On motion of Dr King, the resignation of Mr E M Young Jr was unanimously accepted.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report

Oct 17, 1912

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I beg leave to report to your honorable body, that the Police Officers have faithfully performed their duties to the best of my knowledge and belief and are entitled to their pay.

The fines received from Police Justice Henry Dannehl for the period from Sept 21, 1912 to Oct 17, 1912 amounted to \$64.50 and the same has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

The amount received from dog licenses to Oct 17, 1912 amounted to \$367.50, which amount has also been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

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

Mr Lane presented the following from the Mayor which was read and received and laid on the table till next meeting

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Oct 17, 1912

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: Judging from the reports sent out by the State Auditor's Office there is evidently a widespread indifference on the part of the people as to Tax Assessments. This lack of interest apparently extends all over the state, more in some sections than others, and I suppose exists more or less in Fredericksburg, Va

I have given the subject some thought and with a view of assisting the officers and in an effort to bring the people to a more serious consideration of the question of assessments for Taxation, I would recommend that the work of obtaining the assessments begin earlier in the year, and a time be fixed for closing up at a day that would permit a conference of the Commissioner of the Revenue with the Finance Committee, City Attorney, and the Mayor, and that those composing this conference go over the returns from the assessments so that discrepancies if any can be pointed out, inquired into and corrected where they exist. In this way the work can be done in time to correct any mistakes before the Real Estate and personal property books are made out.

I am moved to make these recommendations for the reason that every year there is great agitation and much adverse criticism of the Tax Assessments, after the assessments are closed and Tax bills made out, too late to make corrections or additions and I believe that if the plan I propose is adopted, it will result in a most satisfactory condition in every respect.

I am convinced that many persons give in inadequate returns because they either do not thoroughly understand the tax laws or do not take the trouble to inform themselves and the work of assessing is started so late that it does not allow time always to give the careful attention required.

These recommendations are made with a view of being applied to the assessments of 1913, as it is too late now to act in reference to the 1912 assessments and I am calling attention to the matter thus early so that these recommendations may be thoroughly considered and put into effect in time to prevent any mistakes that may have heretofore existed if your honorable body regards the suggestions as practical and worthy of consideration.

I am firmly of the opinion that such a course [Page 386] as I suggest and going over the returns before they are charged up will be much more effective than the cursory inquiring by grand juries each year after the books are closed for that year, after the bills are made out, and in many instances after the accounts are settled.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill of the Star and Free Lance for \$19.25
On motion of Dr King ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee offered the following which was read and on motion ordered filed
Rec'ts from all sources of City since Sep 21, 1912 Expended orders by Com since Sep 21, 1912

		Commissioner's order	
Water	\$75.00	Water	\$644.12
Gas	\$2,525.00	Gas	\$1,979.83
Taxes	\$22,300.00	Streets	\$285.48
Licenses	\$106.27	Public Property	\$414.80
A B Yates, delinquent Read Es	\$20.84	Alms House	\$78.37
Dog Licenses	\$284.00	Electric Light	\$443.79
Bricks & Lumber	\$2.50	Orders of Court	\$197.76
Mayor's Fines	\$78.55	Mayor's order	\$5.50
Thos Wright	\$2.00	Health & Police	\$130.50
		Commissioner Ex	\$211.86

	Miscellaneous Ex	\$50.85	
	Coupon Royer order	\$890.00	
	Coupons as Cash	\$330.00	
	Orders to pay City ints	\$10,000.00	
	Butzner two mos	\$66.66	
	Gravatt two mos	\$50.00	
	Royer	\$208.33	
	Police salaries	\$200.00	
	E D Cole	\$150.00	
	Eastburn	\$12.50	
	Dannehl 3 mos	\$37.50	
	Knox 3 mos	\$187.50	
	Judge Goolrick	\$108.33	
	Trafford	\$60.00	
	Election Officers	\$59.08	
		\$16,813.24	
New Sewer paid	\$11.50		
	\$25,394.16	Schools paid so far	\$810.71
By balance	\$7,758.71		\$17,635.45
By balance	\$7,758.71		\$25,394.16

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bond of A P Rowe, City Tax Collector for \$10,000.00 approved by City Attorney

On motion the Collector's Bond was received and ordered to be turned over to the Mayor to place in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that the application of Police Justice Dannehl for back salary for 1909 of \$150.00 which was referred to his Committee for report would recommend that Police Justice Dannehl be paid salary for 1909 amounting to \$150.00, Mr Bradley dissenting

On motion it was so ordered paid, Masters and Bradley voting no.

Mr Somerville moved that at future meetings of the Council as soon as the Finance Committee makes its report then the City Commissioner make his report to the Council.

Mr Biscoe offered as a substitute that the matter be laid over for 30 days, which was adopted.

Mr Heflin of the Water Committee presented the following for City Commissioner Royer

Oct 14, 1912

To the Hon City Council, Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I beg to submit the following in connection with certain changes in the pumping station necessitated by using electric current in place of water power:

To install motor as motors to operate our present pumps would cost approximately one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and we would not increase the efficiency or pumping capacity. The 7 x 12 pump operated by water turbine has been in service about seventeen years, and gears are entirely worn out. The pump at present being entirely out of commission. New gears for the pump may but it in fairly good condition; but on account of its long period of service, it is very liable to give away at any time, the present pumping capacity running large pump ten hours and small pump twenty four hours, is approximately 600,000 gallons

I would recommend that the City purchase and install two dewal centrifugal pumps, with motor directly connected to shaft between the two pumps; motor operating at 1500 revolutions per minute, and pumps having a capacity of approximately 1,200,000 gallons in twenty four hours. The total cost of these two pumps, motor & necessary connections, including installation would cost approximately \$2,100.00 [Page 388]

The advantages of this style of pump are many and I will endeavor to point out a few of them as follows:

1st Centrifugal pump is very much simpler in every respect; it has but one moving part and this will be directly coupled to the driving shaft of the motor without the use of any gears.

2nd The pumps and motor will be mounted on same bed plate, and the unit will occupy a much smaller space & require less foundation than a plunger type of pump. The centrifugal pump has no valves nor gears which are subject to wear.

3rd Should it be desired to the deliver water into the city at a greater pressure than our head, pressure pumps could be connected in series, valves to reservoir closed & water delivered in the City Mains at nearly double the present pressure.

4th Our pumping capacity will be more than doubled, and we will do away with steam engine and pump except in case of emergency; and we will be able to leave steam engine and pump connected and ready for use at any time when an emergency demands it.

There are many other advantages I could show, but I judge those above are sufficient. Should Council see fit to carry out this recommendation I think it will be one step in the right direction toward the improvement of our water system.

The next step should be to lay a 10 or 12 inch Main directly from pumping station to the reservoir. The advantages of this I will point out at another time.

Since writing the above and after conference with Water Committee, I have ordered new centrifugal pump. My reason for this was that the City was dependent entirely upon the steam pump for their water supply and feeling sure of Council's support, I acted promptly. While I regretted to act without proper authority, I thought it best to do so; but should the Council not concur with me, order for pump can be cancelled.

Very truly yours, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion of Mr Heflin the action of the City Commissioner in ordered new centrifugal pump was ratified.

On further motion of Mr Heflin the sum of \$1,100.00 was [Page 389] appropriated to the Water Committee to pay for installing said new pump by this vote.

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, Ford, Embrey, King, Masters, Bradley.

Noes, Warden, Biscoe

Mr Masters of Alms House Committee asked for a telephone at the Alms House.

After some discussion the matter was referred to the Alms House Committee with power to act.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported the arrival of the heavy Street Roller.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Nov 21, 1912 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber. Present, Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, Embrey, King, Warden, Biscoe: Commissioner Royer; Atty Fitzhugh; Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Somerville offered the following, seconded by Mr Warden.

In view of the fact that the City of Fredericksburg has now a City Commissioner and the Commissioner is responsible to the Council; Resolved

1st that at each meeting the Commissioner make to the Council a full report of his work during the past month.

2nd That following his report in each department, the Committee on said department be called upon for remarks or suggestions.

3rd That the said Commissioner make in his report to the Council a statement showing the expenditures during the past month following for consideration. Furthermore, should there be a demand for as much as \$200.00 above this estimate, a meeting of the Council be called to take such action as they may deem best.

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Mr Embrey offered as a substitute, seconded by Lane, that the matter lay over for 30 days, which was carried by the following vote

Ayes, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, Embrey, King, Bradley (6)

Noes, Somerville, Ford, Warden, Biscoe (4)

Mr Embrey moved to go into the election of Councilman from the Lower Ward to fill the unexpired term of Mr E M Young Jr. Carried.

Henry Warden placed in nomination W H Owens.

H B Lane placed in nomination W D Scott

R L Biscoe placed in nomination E G Heflin

Balloty was taken as follows

Heflin received, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, Ford, Warden, Biscoe (6)

Scott received, Lane, Embrey, King, Bradley (4)

The President appointed Messrs Warden & Somerville to notify Mr E G Heflin of his Election

Mr Royer made a verbal report concerning street work

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

Nov 21, 1912

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I have the pleasure to report to your honorable body that the Police Officers have faithfully performed their duties for the past month and are entitled to their pay.

The fines turned over by Police Justice Dannehl for the period from Oct 19 to Nov 20th amounted to \$85.50 and the amount collected by me for Dog licenses for the same period amounted to \$20.00 both amounts have been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Mr Somerville moved to receive the report and file and that the salaries of Police Officers be paid. Carried

Mr Lane presented the following:

Nov 21, 1912

Gentlemen: The City Council appropriated \$150.00 to help pay the expenses of the Confederate reunion in connection with the Fredericksburg Fair.

The Fair, as you will recall, was held under the most discouraging circumstances, rain falling practically all of the week. It was impossible to hold the Fair at all the first day, but it struggled through the two succeeding days, Wednesday & Thursday, Sept 25th and 26th the people showed their interest in the Fair

by coming out to the grounds through the rain and in the mud those two days but not in sufficient numbers to enable the Fair to pay all its [Page 391] expenses and the prizes and purses in full.

The Confederate Reunion which was expected to be a great help to the Fair in the way of increasing its receipts had to be held in doors in the Court House in Fredericksburg instead of on the Fair Grounds. Notwithstanding these drawbacks the Fair was enabled to pay all its expenses and fifty per cent of the premiums and purses, but in doing this, it has entirely depleted its treasury and has nothing in hand with which to meet certain necessary expenses which will accrue between this time and the next fair.

By reason of the liberality of individual contributions of citizens to the fund for the entertainment of the old Confederates the amount contributed by the City was not all consumed as it otherwise would have been and there remains unexpended the sum of \$112.50.

The undersigned have been appointed a Committee by the Fair Society to request that in view of the circumstances under which the Fair was held this year, that you permit this Committee to turn this amount over to the Fair Society to be used for its current expenses between this time and the next fair.

The fair is your institution, it is designed to help the City of Fredericksburg and the people of the surrounding country. The City is a large stockholder in the Society and its maintenance is of importance to the City. The Fair is usually able to pay out all its obligations and would no doubt have had a large balance on hand this year but for the unfortunate weather conditions.

We trust your will act favorably upon the request of the society

Respectfully, A P Rowe, St Geo R Fitzhugh, E D Cole, Com R V A & M Society.

On motion of Mr Somerville the above request was granted

Mr Lane of Finance Committee

Nov 7, 1912

Messrs Lane, Bradley & Embrey, Finance Committee

Gentlemen: For the past several years the City Hay scales have been a source of but little revenue to the City. This was due to two causes: the increasing number of private scales and the dilapidated condition in which the scales finally drifted.

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In January 1912 they were rented at public out-cry as usual and brought only \$10.00. They were at that time in such a condition that nothing could be weighed on them and the renter bought them in simply for the privilege of performing the duties of City weigh master, using his own scales. Since then the condition of the scales become so bad that they were regarded as dangerous and have been entirely removed and the street filled up.

The City Ordinance requires that the City Collector shall on the first day of January of each year rent out the City Hay scales at public out-cry. The City scales have been abandoned and broken up, this will be impossible on the first of January next.

I have conferred with the present renter and he is willing to pay \$5.00 for the year 1913, for the privilege of acting as City weigh master, using his own scales.

I state there circumstances to your at this time, in order that there may be sufficient time in which to make changes in the Ordinance in reference to the City Hay Scales, or to the City weigh master before the first of January and to ask for such instructions as may be wise to give.

Very respectfully, A P Rowe, Coll City Taxes.

Mr Lane moved that the Ordinance on renting scales be repealed.

On motion the rules were suspended

On further motion the matter was laid over, C H Montgomery & Co were allowed the privilege of acting weigh Master for \$5.00 per annum.

Mr Lane presented bill of Electoral Board to Nov 20, 1912
Corporation of Fredericksburg

To Fitzhugh, Embrey and W D Scott		
1912 To board services	each \$10.00	\$30.00
To E J Smith, dead		\$2.00
To amt due Sect		
Supervising printing tickets[?] Mayor's Election		\$2.00
Supervising printing tickets[?] President's Election		\$2.00
On motion ordered paid		\$36.00

Mr Lane presented bill for Judges & Clerks of Election

Upper Ward	Samuel H Beale	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	W A Bell	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	W A Chesley	Judge	\$5.00
Upper Ward	R L Harris	Clerk	\$5.00
Upper Ward	R H Carmichael	Clerk	\$5.00
Lower Ward	J W Cox	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	Geo Freeman	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	E F Portch	Judge	\$5.00
Lower Ward	Jim Jones	Clerk	\$5.00
Lower Ward	Emmett Smith	Clerk	\$5.00
			\$50.00

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On motion bill of Judges and Clerks for \$50.00 was ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented bill of City Attorney

Salary as City Attorney	\$350.00
On motion ordered paid.	

Mr Lane presented bill of E D Cole

To rent on chairs & tables, election day	\$1.00
On motion ordered paid.	

Nov 21, 1912

City Commissioner's general report

To the Honorable City Council Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I would respectfully call your attention to an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia authorizing the City to build and operate a bridge across the Rappahannock River, approved January 10, 1890, as shown on pages 24 & 25 of the City Charter. The Act directs the City Council to levy a tax on real and personal property, not to exceed fifteen cents on the hundred dollars to pay interest on bonds and to provide for the expense incident to operating the said bridge and to create a special sinking fund of \$500.00 per annum to pay the said bonds at maturity. On Page 34 of the City Charter under an Act providing for the redemption for the above bonds, the act specifies that all the provisions in the aforesaid acts in relation to taxation and the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of bonds herein authorized shall apply to the bonds issued under this Act for their redemption.

Had this plan been followed, the sinking fund accumulated with interest would amount to nearly \$18,000. I would suggest that some definite plan be adopted to create a sinking fund, whereby all outstanding bonds may be taken care of at the end of a certain or specified time. The period of time would be long enough not to make it a hardship on the City's finances.

However small amount that maybe set aside each year, I am sure that you will see the wisdom of having a definite plan to work upon.

Whatever amount is appropriated each year to the sinking fund, in my opinion should be divided proportionally among the different issues of bonds and applied to the purchase of the bonds of that particular issue.

I have other ideas along this line, but will not go anymore into detail at present [Page 394]

I wish to report that I have begun work on a rough map of the city on a large scale upon which I plan to show the location of all sewers, water and gas pipes, electric and pole lines within the City. I intend to supplement this map from time to time with all definite information that I can procure in the way of definite street lines, etc.

I am also making profiles from time to time of the different streets.

For additional information as to what has been done I would refer you to the detailed reports of each department submitted to each member of the Council.

Very truly, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion referred to the Finance Committee to report back to the Council.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented statements of Finance Nov 21, 1912

Expenditures

Com ordered	Water		\$1,308.83
Com ordered	Gas		\$3,555.75
Com ordered	Street		\$3,785.75
Com ordered	Public Property		\$641.87
Com ordered	Alms House		\$186.56
Com ordered	Electric Light		\$443.79
Com ordered	Mayor's		\$5.50
Com ordered	Health & Police		\$188.42
Com ordered	Fire Dept		\$16.00
Com ordered	Com Expenses		\$418.39
Com ordered	Miscellaneous		\$207.59
Com ordered	Gen for City Salaries etc		\$14,781.10
Com ordered	Water		\$25,796.71
New Sewer Acct	\$1,841.06 before new Commissioner		
Since Sept 1, 1912			\$650.84
Public Schools since Jul 1, 1912	(\$381.80)		
Public Schools since Sep 1, 1912	\$2,368.88		
Less receipt for tuition	\$212.00		
Public Schools	\$99.00		
Public Schools	\$20.19	\$119.19	\$2,376.07
Amt to A P Rowe, Collector (11/21)			\$906.61
Warrants paid Nov 21, 1912			\$240.50
Nov 21, 1912 R T Knox Treasurer			\$29,970.73

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Receipts

From Water		\$75.00
From Gas		\$2,525.00
From City Taxes		\$36,264.46
From Del Real Estate		\$20.84
From Dog License		\$367.00
From Old bricks, timbers etc		\$9.32
From Fines		\$143.05
From Refund (overpaid Thomas Wright		\$2.00

Total	\$40,406.67
To cost of Expenditures	\$29,970.73
Balance on hand	\$10,435.94

Nov 21, 1912 R T Knox, Treasurer

Mr Lane of Finance Committee brought up the question of assets as named at previous meeting of the Council. Mr Ford introduced the following resolution.

Be it resolved by the Council that all book entries based upon the appraisal made in the City Commissioner's books or elsewhere be and are hereby ordered cancelled. Adopted.

Action on the recommendations of Mayor J P Rowe in regard to assessments for Taxes submitted at the last meeting of the Council was brought up by Mr Lane and on his motion action was postponed until the January meeting of the Council when the recommendations will be taken up and acted upon.

Mr Biscoe of Alms House Committee asked under what conditions Mrs King was an inmate of the Alms House. President Bradley explained to the satisfaction of Mr Biscoe and the matter rested.

A communication from Mrs John C Mason of the Mary Washington Hospital concerning gas for the Hospital was read and on motion the Mary Washington Hospital was allowed free Gas not to exceed \$30.00 per month.

Nov 21, 1912

To the Hon City Council Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: We the Committee on Streets beg to submit the following report:

The Committee has held four meetings since the last [Page 396] meeting of the Council and discussed various matters.

We have under construction a gravel roadway 2,200 feet long, on Commerce Street extended from Winchester Street to the City line.

This roadway will be 18 feet wide, with an 8" lay of gravel. The estimated cost of this piece of work is \$900.00 about one-half of which was required to do necessary graveling before the roadway could be surfaced.

The paved streets are being swept at least once a week, at a cost of \$8.30 per week. Previous to the purchase of a new broom the sweeping of the streets by hand cost from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for each sweeping.

It has been the endeavor of the Committee to do away with temporary work, as far as possible, but, on account of the deplorable condition of so many of the streets and drains, it is impossible to confine ourselves to permanent work.

On account of the lateness of the season and lack of finances, we will be unable to undertake any extensive work before Spring. However, we intend to take advantage of all the good weather to shape up different dirt streets with our machinery.

Upper Main Street is badly in need of improvement, but we realize that whatever money we spend for temporary work on this street will virtually be lost.

We intend however to shape upper and lower Main street with our machinery, and fill all holes with gravel, on order to make it passable this winter.

We hope that next year the funds may be procured to make some permanent improvement on this Street. For itemized statement of what has been done, we refer you to the Commissioner's report on this department

Respt submitted W S Embry, Chairman, J G King, Maurice Hirsh (Street Committee)

Report received and ordered filed

Mr Heflin presented report of Gas Committee

Nov 21, 1912

Gentlemen: After a conference between the Light Committee, Supt Bullock and myself in reference to the supply of Gas from the City Gas Works, I beg to submit herewith the following data with recommendations.

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The plant was originally designed for 100,000 cu feet capacity, but, on account of the deterioration of the benches it now has under favorable conditions a capacity of only 80,000 cubic feet.

To show the increase in send-out since the present plant was designed I refer to the following figures:

Last year of operation of old plant		8,041,700 cu ft		
1 st year new plant	1905-6	9,473,300	increase	1,431,600
2 nd year new plant	1906-7	11,552,300	increase	2,079,000
3 rd year new plant	1907-8	13,715,200	increase	2,162,900
4 th year new plant	1908-9	15,172,200	increase	1,457,000
5 th year new plant	1909-10	16,849,100	increase	1,676,900
6 th year new plant	1910-11	18,155,600	increase	1,306,500
7 th year new plant	1911-12	18,517,100	increase	361,500
Total increase since new plant was designed				10,475,400

This shows an increase of 130%

Our maximum daily send out last year was 92,000 cu feet with an average daily send out for the month of December of 68,400 cubic feet; this also includes Sundays at which times the stores are closed, the send out is very low & from present indications the send out for December of this year will be still larger. The present plant consists of two benches, each with a capacity for manufacturing 40,000 cubic feet per day. Both of these benches have to be operated over nine months of the year, and should we have to shut down either of these benches from any cause we would not be able to supply the demand, as we have absolutely no reserve manufacturing capacity.

We are at present having connection made to the State Normal School and their demands as soon as they get things in working order, will be at least 20,000 cu feet per month and we have other prospects in view all of which will increase the demand.

To be in a position to guarantee an uninterrupted supply to our present customers, and meet the increasing demand, I would offer the following recommendations:

1st To install an additional coal gas bench with storage holder.

2nd To install a water gas apparatus with holder.

The first proposition completely read to operate would cost approximately \$7,500.00 and would increase our manufacturing capacity 125,000 cubic feet, which would be more than enough to supply our demand should anything happen to both of our present benches

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The second proposition would cost approximately \$6,250.00 and would increase our manufacturing capacity 40,000 cubic feet.

From conditions as they exist in this city, and a review of the daily send-out the installation of the water gas apparatus would be preferable for the following reasons:

1st As an auxiliary to our present plant, the cost of generating gas would be less:

2nd In cases of emergency Gas could be made in four hours after starting the apparatus, while with coal gas, no gas could be made under forty-eight hours.

3rd the cost of repairs would be much less than in coal gas benches;

4th Even with the addition of another bench, we would be forced to renew the retorts and settings as soon as they showed signs of breaking down, but with a water gas apparatus installed, ready at all times, would could run them until they did fall in, which would give us about one year more run on each, as it costs about \$750.00 to repair a bench this is an idea not to be overlooked.

5th the increased manufacturing capacity of a Water Gas apparatus more than compensates for the increased cost of installation.

To show what other cities in our immediate vicinity are doing in respect to water gas, the following list has been compiled:

In Virginia, of 15 companies, 7 have water gas

In Maryland of 13 Companies, 7 have water gas

In North Carolina of 13 companies 8 have water gas

In Pennsylvania of 83 companies 71 have water gas.

Respectfully submitted, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion Embrey, referred to the Light and Finance Committee for report back to Council.

	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of receipts
1904-05	\$9,758.00	\$8,658.34	\$1,110.31
1905-06	\$11,035.13	\$10,218.00	\$817.13
1906-07	\$13,864.64	\$9,458.43	\$4,406.21
1907-08	\$13,986.72	\$14,988.75	

These expenditures include \$2,996.77 for new mains on the Boulevard, \$564.17 for new mains on Lewis and Winchester streets, and for erecting shop at works \$294.48.

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Three months of this year the rate on Gas was \$1.25 per M and for nine months the rate was \$1.00 per M

1908-09 \$14,981.53 \$12,494.45 \$2,497.08

1909-10 \$16,978.11 \$12,998.50x \$3,979.61

O this x \$910.78 was spent for new mains on Commerce St and Washington Avenue

1910-1911 \$17,963.90 \$12,992.05 \$4,971.85

1911-1912 \$18,241.72 \$13,161.81 \$5,079.91

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A regular meeting of the City Council was held Dec 19, 1912 at 7:30 PM with the following members present;

Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh Heflin, Geo W; Ford, Embrey, Heflin, E G; Masters Warden, Biscoe; Atty Fitzhugh, Commissioner Royer, Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

President Bradley recognized E G Heflin, as a member of the Council from Lower Ward. Elected at last meeting and qualified before Clerk Eastburn and assigned him to first place on the Light Committee, 2nd place on Health and Police and 3rd place on Public Property.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee read the Mayor's report

Dec 19, 1912

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in reporting that the police officers have faithfully performed their duties for the past month and are entitled to their pay.

I would also report \$35.00 turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl for the period from Nov 20 to Dec 19, which amount has been paid by me to City Treasurer, R T Knox

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Received, ordered filed, and salaries of police officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented bill of Star and Free Lance for \$4.00

On motion [blank] was ordered paid.

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Mr Lane presented the following from the City Mission for the relief of the poor and sick in our community, we earnestly petition your honorable body to make some suitable provision for the poor and destitute for this winter. There are a number of persons, chiefly old women and several helpless families who, with some little help in the way of wood and provisions from time to time when the weather is most severe can be kept from becoming a permanent charge upon the City, through the Alms House.

This and the care of the poor during illness is the work of our organization and at present there is urgent necessity for funds, groceries, and wood, for the pursuance of this work.

We had a conference with your Mayor, who is in sympathy with our organization and approved the work in which we are engaged.

If we could get an appropriation of, say \$250.00, \$150.00 now and \$100.00 Feb'y 1st, we feel that we could accomplish a great deal of good, in the way of relieving cases of real suffering.

The books of our Treasurer are always open for inspection and all money and donations fo all kinds are included in our yearly reports from our organization.

Respectfully, Mrs J B Ficklen, President

Mrs Mollie Mander, Secretary

Miss Dolly Copenhaver, Treasurer

Miss Bettie Goodwyn, Chairman Special Committee

On motion of Mr Somerville the sum of \$150.00 was appropriated the City Mission

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, Geo, Embrey, Heflin, E G, Masters, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley

Mr Lane presented communication from the Civic Betterment Club

We the undersigned members of the Civic Betterment Club and housekeepers of Fredericksburg, realizing that the disposal of garbage is one of the great problems of our city, and believing that there are many among our citizens who are without means of disposing suitably of their collected refuse, would hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to adopt some method for the removal of garbage by the City, so that adequate means may be provided for the enforcement of the provisions of section 64 of the new Health Ordinances which in their present un-enforcible condition are a dead letter.

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We present this petition which all desire to co-operate in any possible way in bettering conditions which now defeat all efforts for cleanliness and are a perpetual menace to the health of our City.

Signed by, Janetta R Fitzhugh, President, Mrs G R Swift, Secretary, Kate J Mander, Corresponding Sec And Mrs C R Howard, Treasurer and two hundred and thirteen other signatures.

Mr Lane reported condition of City Finances

Mr Lane reported condition of City Finances		Expenditures by the City of Fbg to 2pm Dec 19, 1912	
Water	\$275.00	Water	\$1,968.49
Gas	\$5,025.00	Gas	\$5,289.85
City Taxes	\$36,264.48	Streets	\$4,895.43
Licenses	\$106.27	Public Property	\$836.08
Del Real Estate	\$20.84	Alms House	\$397.84
Dog License	\$387.00	Electric Light	\$907.79
Old bricks, timbers etc	\$21.82	Orders of Court	\$290.42
Fines	\$285.55	Mayor's	\$5.50
Thomas Wright	\$2.00	Health & Police	\$263.09

Fr State of City's share head tax 1911	\$381.00	Fire Dept	\$21.00
		Com Expenses	\$427.69
	\$42,768.94	Miscellaneous	\$1,570.05
Dec 19, by fines	\$35.00	General & Council	\$1,462.55
	\$42,803.94		\$33,335.78
		New Sewer Acct	\$1,474.67
		Public Schools	\$3,761.27
Dec 19 by balance	\$4,444.22	Amt fr tuition	\$212.00
Dec 19 by Gas	\$1,900.00	By amt taken fr States taxes by order of the Auditor for Teacher Salary only \$2,890.67 dep at Nat bank	\$38,359.72
	\$6,344.22	By balance	\$4,444.22
			\$42,803.94

Mr Masters moved that a penalty of 5% and interest be added to all the license and Tax bills recently assessed by the Grand Jury after Feb'y 4, 1913. Carried

Mr Embrey of Street Committee presented this estimate and asked that the money be appropriated to the Street Committee

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Concrete work Lee Avenue	\$158.23	
Bills due and payable	\$30.00	
To complete work on Main Street	\$250.00	
Salary, Roller man to invoice	\$280.00	
Main City team 7 mos @ 35.00	\$245.00	
To clean and gravel Boulevard	\$300.00	
Fund & main of machinery 7 mos @\$25.	\$175.00	
Cleaning Main & Com sts 7 mos @\$35	\$245.00	
Building wooden approach Hazel Run	\$50.00	
Gen repairs 7mos @ \$75	\$525.00	\$2,258.23

On motion of Mr Masters the sum of \$2,000.00 was appropriated to the Streets by this vote
Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, Masters, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley

Mr Embrey of Street Committee presented the following from the City Commissioner

Dec 19, 1912

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen: On Oct 25, 1912, a permit was issued to Dr W J Chewning to erect a twenty seven hundred dollar residence on George Street, near the intersection of Prince Edward Street.

This permit was issued in accordance with application on regular form, and filled in with ink.

It has come to my knowledge, within the past few days, that the residence erected under this permit was done at a cost of \$900.00. This class of residence is undoubtedly detrimental to the adjoining property and had application been made for such a building, a permit would have been refused.

Under the circumstances, if this case is allowed to go unnoticed, I think it would be foolish to issue permits, or try to govern this matter in the future.

The ordinance covering this question will be found on pages 82 to 84 of the City Ordinances.

I beg to report that the old brick building at the intersection of Princess Anne and Wolfe Streets, known as Southern Foundry Building is in unsafe condition and in my opinion is liable to collapse at any time.
R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion of Mr Somerville referred back to the Street Committee, to report back to Council.
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Mr Masters of Alms House Committee presented a statement of expenses and needs at the Alms House and asked for \$1,000 to run the Alms House for the balance of the year.
On motion of Mr Embrey the sum of \$1,000 was appropriated to the Alms House Committee
Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, Masters, Wrden, Biscoe
No, Bradley

Mr Ford presented an application for a franchise for light and Power from the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, and on motion of Mr Somerville it was referred to the Ordinance Committee and the Co requested to furnish each Councilman with a full copy

Mr Somerville called up his resolution of Nov 20, 1912 that was laid over. It is as follows:
In view of the fact that the City of Fredericksburg has now a City Commissioner and the Commissioner is responsible to the Council; Resolved
1st that at each meeting the Commissioner make to the Council a full report of his work during the past month.
2nd That following his report in each department, the Committee on said department be called upon for remarks or suggestions.
3rd That the said Commissioner make in his report to the Council a statement showing the expenditures during the past month following for consideration. Furthermore, should there be a demand for as much as \$200.00 above this estimate, a meeting of the Council be called to take such action as they may deem best.
Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Ford, Heflin, EG, Masters, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley
Nos, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Embrey

Mr Royer, City Commissioner, stated he was confronted with some ordinances on the books which were not operative and asked that some action be taken.
On motion of Mr Somerville, the Ordinance Committee was instructed to suggest which Ordinances shall be revised.

City Commissioner asked for \$15.00 for Mr L Bowling [Page 404] for extra work on the bridge outside of his contract. On motion this was allowed.

On motion of Mr Somerville, the election of Supt of Gas was taken up and the salary was fixed at \$1,200, house rent, light and fuel by unanimous vote.
B F Bullock was then elected Supt of Gas by the same vote.
On motion of Mr Lane, the election of Supt of Water was taken up, and the salary fixed at \$1,200 per annum by unanimous vote.
S B Quinn was then elected Supt of Water.
On motion the Council then adjourned
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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