

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1913

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A Regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber January 16, 1913 at 7:30 PM with the following present.

W E Bradley, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, GW, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Att’y Fitzhugh, Commissioner Royer, and Clerk Eastburn

Minutes of last meeting read, amended and approved.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

It was regularly moved, seconded and adopted that the Finance Committee as usual make its report first after which the City Commissioner, then the various Committees in their former usual order during term Mr Embrey voting no.

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

16 January 1913

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I would respectfully report to your honorable body that since last report the Police Officers as far as I know have performed their duties faithfully and are entitled to their pay.

Chief of Police J H Robinson was injured by a fall while in the performance of his duty and was confined to his home in consequence thereof for a period of 20 days.

Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl, for the period from Dec 19 to Jan’y 15, 1913 amounting to \$27.50 which sum has been paid over to Treasurer R T Knox

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

On motion of Mr [blank] was received, ordered filed and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following from Mayor J P Rowe

Jan’y 16, 1913

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: Without desiring in any way to interfere with the financial affairs of the City, I deem it my duty to call the attention of the City Council to the present License Laws, which apparently permit an outsider to come to Fredericksburg, open a store and [Page 406] transact business during the busy season in competition with our local merchants, at a comparatively nominal charge for license.

I would recommend that unless there are legal obstacles that an ordinance be embraced in the license laws for the City which would prohibit the class of business referred to as a protection to the resident merchants of Fredericksburg.

It occurs to me that by consultation with the City Attorney an Ordinance could be framed based on a per diem charge for such transient parties who may wish to temporarily compete with our merchants at certain periods of the year the charges being put at a figure that would either bring in ample revenue for such a privilege or would prohibit that kind of interference with our regular dealers who pay their licenses annually.

Recent incidents brought this matter under my observation and I feel sure that if the subject is carefully inquired into some plan can be devised for the protection of our merchants in matters of this sort.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented a small bill of R A Kishpaugh

To printing Ordinance	\$.75	
To printing Ordinance	\$.75	\$1.50

Ok by S E Eastburn, Clerk. On motion ordered paid.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented statement of Finances & Expenditures since Sep 1, 1912

Water	\$2,215.81	Water	\$4,825.00
Gas	\$5,419.85	Gas	\$7,725.00
Streets	\$5,606.64	Taxes 1912	\$36,869.19
Public Property	\$1,033.29	Licenses	\$638.76
Alms House	\$600.07	Delinquent Real Estate 1911	\$122.72
Electric Light	\$1,146.34	Dog Licenses	\$387.00
Orders of Court	\$398.76	Brick & Timber	\$22.82
Orders of Mayor	\$5.50	Fines, rent, cash, histories	\$348.05
Health & Police	\$433.43	Cap tax from State	\$381.00
Fire Department	\$31.00	Overpaid labor	\$2.00
Com Expenses	\$496.79	Fund Mrs King	\$30.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,030.70		
Sewer Ex	\$1,804.09		
Coupons	\$62.00		
School	\$4,103.65		
Less teacher pd	222.00		
	\$73,796.84		
General & Council Ex	\$18,681.04		
	\$44,856.95		\$51,351.54
By Balance	\$6,494.59		

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented Bond of S B Quinn, Supt of Water for \$1,000.00 with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore, Md. Ok by City Attorney
On motion the bond was accepted and ordered place in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Subject Streets		
Merchandise, sundries (Cole)	\$28.76	
Express on plow beam	\$1.10	
Blacksmith sundries	\$3.60	
Concrete work per estimate	\$158.96	
Board City team 1 mo	\$25.00	
Repair to engine	\$5.05	
Payroll	\$562.41	\$784.88
Sundry departments		
Health Officer 2 mos	\$100.00	
School Board	\$1,531.74	
Health & Police, coats, telegram &c	\$11.32	
Judge Pay	\$216.67	
Com Atty 2 mo	\$66.66	
Wallace Library Librarian	\$25.00	
Mayor	\$33.33	
Clerk of Market 4 mo	\$25.00	
Interest on Bonds	\$1,722.00	
Sewer	\$3.00	
Police Pay	\$200.00	

Clerk of Council	\$12.50	
Comm Clerk	\$60.00	
Sergeants salary, 1 quarter	\$75.00	
Police Justice 1 quarter	\$37.50	
Fire janitor & drayage	\$5.50	
Fire, Main & 15 th St	\$4.50	\$10.00
Clerk of Court	\$33.33	
Comm Salary	\$208.33	
Police Uniforms	\$112.25	\$4,483.63
Boulevard Sewer		
Lumber & Brick (Cole)	\$155.32	
Sharpening picks & making manhole steps	\$10.60	
Cement	\$17.70	
Payroll	\$306.69	
Repair to tools	\$4.65	\$494.96
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1 car coal	\$83.25	
Drayage	\$33.30	
Coal & wood at station	\$5.13	
Wheelbarrow	\$1.50	
Payroll	\$179.79	
Portals for lids	\$8.00	
Repair to pumps	\$28.25	\$339.22
Stamps	\$2.25	
Freight & Drayage	\$27.65	
Sundries	\$1.00	
Printing & backing bills 3 mos	\$6.50	
Graity in sundries	\$4.43	
10 bags fire clay	\$12.25	
Crane fittings	\$12.96	\$67.04
Welsbach supplies		\$178.95
Pay roll		\$517.15
Coal including freight		\$847.62
		\$1,610.78
Manager	\$2.63	
Help surveying	\$3.50	
Office supplies	\$5.15	\$11.28
3 bags raw bone	\$10.50	
Coal for Police court	\$3.88	
Coal for City Hall	\$15.50	
Merchandise sundries	\$6.33	
Items prior to Sept 1	\$2.00	
Extra painting on Bridge	\$15.00	
Coal, City Hall & Police	\$23.33	
1 Underwood Typewriter	\$102.50	
Invoice (Cain & Bell)	\$43.43	
Janitor, City Hall	\$15.00	\$218.92

Feed (Boulware)		\$11.00	
Current Groceries		\$21.20	
3 pr blankets		\$3.30	
Lumber for Hen House		\$2.53	
House rent for paupers		\$3.00	
Flue for wash house		\$4.28	
H & buggy for funeral		\$1.50	
Painting wash house		\$15.00	
Material for Wash House		\$81.45	
Christmas sundries for inmates		\$5.00	
Undertaker charges (Patton)		\$25.50	
Flue for wash house		\$14.00	
December Current Ex		\$33.00	
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Salary boy helper		\$7.66	
Groceries		\$23.68	
Clothes for inmates		\$1.56	
Wood		\$4.38	\$260.04
Orders of Court			
Care of Prisoners 2 mos	\$51.90		
Grand Jury Service	\$26.60		
Judge setting during illness of reg judge	\$410.00		
Janitor	\$8.00	\$496.40	
Election Judge		\$5.00	
Mayor advertisement	\$3.00		
Ex to Richmond Lawyer	\$5.00		
Quarantine Cards	\$1.50		
Train of 2 vagrants to Richmond	\$3.10	\$12.60	
Repairs to transit	\$9.25		
Printing for City Coll	\$4.00	\$13.25	
Wood & food by Mayor for Poor		\$4.40	\$530.15
Total Ex all departments			\$8,758.34
Receipts			
Fines, Corp Court		\$23.75	
Bricks		\$12.00	
Board Mrs King at Alms House		\$30.00	
Gas		\$1,900.00	
Fines Police		\$35.00	
Licenses, Shows, Tax &c		\$1,123.91	\$3,124.66
Estimated Expenditures for month			
Jan'y 10 to Feb'y 10, 1913			
Payroll Jan'y 11		\$170.63	
To complete Boulevard		\$129.37	
Street Cleaning		\$40.00	
Emb on River Road & turn water		\$30.00	
Wages, Teamster		\$35.00	
Salary Roller man		\$40.00	

General Repairs	\$35.00	\$530.00
Salary Supt (Alms House)	\$12.50	
Cook	\$8.00	
Washing	\$8.00	
Sewing	\$4.00	
Groceries & supplies	\$35.00	
Colored helper	\$10.00	
Feed	\$12.50	
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Wood	\$8.00	
Incidentals	\$10.00	
Furniture, beds, mattresses, stoves, mats, pillows other furn	\$24.55	\$132.55
Freight (Water Dept)	\$92.00	
Drayage	\$30.00	
Coal	\$87.00	
a/c pumping station	\$63.00	
Supt Salary	\$100.00	
Advertising	\$25.00	
One fire plug	\$21.00	
Wood	\$2.50	
New Pump & installation	\$2,100.00	
Water Power, 1yr	\$50.00	
Incidental expenses	\$25.00	\$2,595.50
Coal & Freight (Gas Dept)	\$700.00	
Pay roll 6 weeks	\$650.00	
Welsbach goods, pipe, meters &c	\$400.00	\$1,750.00
Fredericksburg Power Co 87 lights for 2 mos @\$32/ light		\$464.00
Labor (Com exp)	\$10.00	
Messenger	\$2.00	
Office supplies, printing	\$12.00	\$24.00
Furniture, Commissioner's office	\$118.54	
Ice bills, furnished public bds	\$23.08	
Telephone for year 1913	\$71.00	
Incidental expenses	\$10.00	\$222.62
Labor (Boulevard Sewer Acct)	\$513.00	
Cement	\$35.00	
Sand	\$3.00	
tools	\$3.00	
repair to tools	\$10.00	\$566.00
Mayor's orders	\$10.00	
Court orders	\$25.00	
Janitor	\$8.00	
Miscellaneous orders	\$50.00	
Incidental expenses	\$25.00	\$1,180.00

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Sundry departments	\$50.00	
Health	\$50.00	
School	\$1,500.00	
Health & Police	\$90.00	
Judge of Court	\$106.33	
Comm Atty	\$33.33	
Wallace Library	\$25.00	
Mayor	\$33.33	
Clerk of Market	\$6.25	
Interest on Bonds	\$650.00	
General Sewer Dept	\$30.00	
Pay of Police	\$200.00	
Clerk of Council	\$12.50	
Fire Department	\$10.00	
Clerk of Court	\$33.33	
City Treasurer 3 mos	\$187.50	
Clerk of Commissioner	\$65.00	
Commissioner	\$208.33	\$3,242.90
Summary		
Street Dept	\$530.00	
Alms House Dept	\$132.55	
Water Dept	\$2,595.50	
Gas Dept	\$1,750.00	
Light Dept	\$464.00	
Comm Ex	\$24.00	
Public Prop Dept	\$223.62	
Boulevard Sewer Acct	\$566.00	
Miscellaneous deft	\$118.00	
Sundry Deft	\$3,242.90	\$9,646.57

Estimated Receipts

Jan'y 10 to Feb'y 10, 1913		
In City Treasury Jan'y 10	\$1,805.55	
Rec'ts fr Water	\$4,500.00	
Rec'ts fr Gas	\$800.00	
Special Ass Grand Jury	\$2,200.00	
Back Taxes from R F & P	\$2,400.00	
State App for School	\$1,800.00	\$13,535.55

Concluded

Commissioner Royer presented a bill of \$79.10 for disinfectant purchased some time before he took charge. After some discussion it was left to the City Commissioner to arrange a settlement

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Mr Geo W Heflin brought the condition of the canal on the Boulevard.

On motion referred to City Comm, City Atty, and Street Committee for settlement

Comm Royer stated that the flume running to the old City Electric Light plant was lying useless and said the Fredericksburg Power Co, desired to take it over until the end of the contract with the City.

Comm Royer was under the impression that it would take about (\$10.00) a year to paint and keep the flume in good condition. The head gates leading to the flume were also included in the proposition. Referred to the City Attorney for advice

Comm Royer said the caring for the Town Clock was costing \$60 per year. He could have the clock done for (\$30.00) the present contract runs out April 1st and a change may be made. He also referred to the Ordinance retiring (\$1,000.00) per year of the Light Bonds, out of the money derived from the Power Co. The matter being the hands of the Finance Committee who have until July 1st to make the retirement.

Mr Embrey of Streets presented a resolution adopted by the Business Men's Assn and the Fredericksburg Motor Club asking that the (\$2,400.00) the City will derive from the R F & P R R back taxes be used in building a bridge over the Massaponax Creek, on the River road in Spotsylvania Council. After some discussion.

Mr Ford presented this resolution which was adopted:

Whereas from the settlement of Tax matters in the dispute with the R F & P R R, there will come to the City of Fredericksburg about twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and the County of Spotsylvania will receive a large sum of money from the same source; and

Whereas for many years the road crossing at Massaponax Run on the River Road in Courtland District, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, south of Fredericksburg has been a menace to the travelling public and particularly the people in that section of Courtland District south of the Massaponax, which people trade in Fredericksburg, and the condition of said crossing has been a menace and a danger to the people who cross the Massaponax at this point;

And therefore be it Resolved, by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that this Council doth hereby express its [Page 413] willingness to unite with the County of Spotsylvania and Courtland Township of said County in the building of a concrete bridge or causeway across the Massaponax;

The City of Fredericksburg to contribute thereto the aforesaid sum to be received from the R F & P R R provided the same be not more than (\$2,500.00) and provided further that the County of Spotsylvania and Courtland District of said County do pay the remaining cost of said Bridge, the said work to be done in accordance with plans mutually agreed upon by the authorities of Spotsylvania County and Courtland District, and the Council of the City of Fredericksburg; and the Street Committee of this Council together with the City Commissioner are hereby instructed to take up with the proper authorities of Spotsylvania County the matter referred to in this Resolution and to report thereon from time to time to this Council. The above resolution was adopted.

Dr King of the Ordinance Committee reported that his Committee was not ready to report on the asked for franchise of the Rappk Electric Light and Power Company. He also reported that his Committee had found that the task of revising the City Ordinances a stupendous one, and they were not ready at this time to go into the task, as it would require too much of the City Commissioner.

The Ordinance Committee offered this new Ordinance
An Ordinance

An Ordinance to amend and Re-enact Section 4, of chapter 25 of the General Ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg, approved May 19, 1899.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Section 4, Chapter 25 of the General Ordinances of the City of Fredericksburg, approved May 19, 1899, be amended & re-enacted so as to read as follows:

4: It shall be unlawful for any person to erect within the Corporate Limits of Fredericksburg any building or to remove any building from its place to another, or to enlarge or add to the height of any building,

until the owner thereof, or the contractor or builder, or some person for them shall have first made application therefor to the City Commissioner of Fredericksburg, stating the name of the owner and filing the said application with plans & specifications of said buildings so proposed to be erected or removed, or enlarged or added to, and the location and probable cost thereof: Or the building to be removed, and the place at [Page 414] which the same is to be located; and obtained from the City Commissioner a permit in writing authorizing the same.

The City Commissioner in conjunction with the Street Committee of the Common Council shall promptly consider all such applications and shall grant or withhold said permit as to him may seem just and proper, and in the event any person desiring to do so may deem himself aggrieved by any action of the City Commissioner acting in conjunction with the Street Committee in reference hereto the said party shall indicate to the City Commissioner his desire to appeal from said decision, and action thereon shall be suspended and the whole matter shall be certified by the City Commissioner to the next meeting of the Council for action thereon.

Any Person violating the provisions of this section shall on conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding (\$100.00) and the City Commissioner may order such building removed or torn down and may recover the cost thereof from the party offending.

This Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.

J Garnett King, J W Masters, W S Embrey (Committee)

Passed Jan'y 16, 1913 under a suspension of the rules.

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, Jan'y 20, 1913)

Mr Ford of Health & Police reported on matter referred to his Committee about removing garbage, at las meeting

To the President and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: The Health & Police Committee to which was referred the petitions of the Civic Betterment Club and the Housekeepers of Fredericksburg, Va submit as follows:

1st That we are heartily in accord as to the results desired by the petition and fully realized the benefits to the be desired by an adequate system for disposal of Garbage;

2nd That with the appropriation at our disposal it is impossible at this time to inaugurate such a system.

3rd That we recommend a sufficient appropriation be placed to the Committee for the ensuing year to enable the Committee and the Health Department to carry out the provisions of the Health Ordinance, or in lieu thereof that the Ordinance be entirely repealed.

W J Ford, E G Heflin, J G King, Committee

On motion Embrey the report was laid over until July meeting.

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Jan'y 15, 1913

To the President Mr W E Bradley, President, City Council of Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: We beg to refer to our present agreement with the City of Fredericksburg, made on the 4th of February 1910, in accordance with the terms we have been operating the Factory building during the term of three years as stated in the agreement.

With regard to our option in the agreement to continue our occupancy of the factory for an additional three years at an annual rental of \$300.00 per year, we would kindly advise that we wish to avail ourselves of this option, and if agreeable to your honorable body, we would like to have the privilege of an additional two years at the expiration of the aforesaid mentioned three years, at the rate mentioned in the contract.

We have succeeded in establishing in your City a well organized factory with an abundance of work at all times at all times and are giving constant employment to a large number of people who are making excellent salaries. We are prepared to engage additional help whenever it may be obtained, and if at some

future time, the supply of employees increases we should be willing to arrange for an extension to our present factory accommodations with the view of increasing our output and giving employment to a large number of employees.

Up to the present time, the only limit to our production at the factory has been the number of operatives. We trust therefore that it will be agreeable to your honorable body to prepare and forward to us a lease covering the term, as above suggested for our approval and signature, and we remain,
Yours very truly, Oppenheim, Obendorf & Co.

Mr Geo W Heflin presented the following resolution which was adopted by a unanimous vote.
Whereas Oppenheim, Obendorf & Co have made application for a lease of the factory known as the Shirt Factory, a renewal as provided for in the former contract.
Resolved by the Council that the City Fredericksburg Attorney prepare a lease such as he shall approve granting a lease of 3 years, and an option for 2 additional years at the same, \$300 per year, the said lease to be approved by the Finance Committee of the Council and be executed by the Mayor of the City and attached by [Page 416] the Clerk of the Council with the seal of the City attached, and also be the leasees.

To the Honorable Council, City of Fredericksburg
Gentlemen: The County of Spotsylvania has not made for the ensuing year the appropriation necessary to continue the Farm Demonstration work in that County and has we believe that this work is a very necessary work and has accomplished a great deal of good during the part year and naturally much of the result obtained this year will be lost by not carrying on the work another year. It is needless for me to attempt to point out to you gentlemen the great advantages obtained by improving the surrounding country or how dependent Fredericksburg is upon her agricultural interests.

Both are very apparent;

Now the Government has provided that they will duplicate every dollar subscribed by a county for farm demonstration work, and myself and a number of associates from Spotsylvania County are very desirous of seeing the work continued, and to take advantage of the provisions.

In the absence of a County appropriation we are endeavoring to raise enough money to carry the work through the year.

The Business Men's Assn of Fredericksburg has subscribed (\$100.00), by private contributions has been subscribed (\$200.00) and we would respectfully ask and petition your body to appropriate (\$100.00) to the cause, thus making \$400.00 supplemented by the governmental (\$400.00) will make us (\$800.00) to insure the work of the ensuing year.

We believe that it would be a good investment for Fredericksburg and the money well spent with prospects of certain returns.

The cities of Danville and Richmond have both made appropriations for this work and we earnestly hope and request your honorable body will grant the petition and made the desired appropriated.

Respectfully submitted M B Rowe.

On motion of Dr King, the sum of (\$100.00) was appropriated by recorded vote. (Bradley voting no)

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 Jan'y 22, 1913 at 7:30 PM called by J G King & M Hirsh of the Streets Committee and SW Somerville, to consider the building of stone shed on Wash Ave extended and other business.

Present, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, Geo W, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Commissioner Royer, Attorney Fitzhugh, Atty Goolrick & Clerk Eastburn

Vice President, W S Embrey in the Chair

City Commissioner made this report

Fredericksburg, Jan'y 22, 1913

To the Hon City Council

Gentlemen: On January 9, 1913, Mr J G Harrison applied to me to erect a building on the West side of Washington Ave between Lewis and Amelia Streets.

After advising with the Street Committee on the subject, decided to issue the permit and so informed Mr Harrison, as he could not leave his office at the time, I informed him that it would be all right for him to proceed with his work provided he came to my office for permit within the next day or two.

On Friday, January 17th I was interviewed by Col Cole and Mr Boulware who objected to my issuing the permit and was later presented with a petition signed by residents of Washington Avenue.

In the meantime, Mr Harrison applied for his permit and I informed hem that while I felt morally bound to issue permit, I would like to lay the matter over to confer the Street Committee.

Right here I wish to state that until I become more familiar with conditions in the different sections of the City, enough to look ahead and see the possible development in the different section if it in my opinion wise to confer with the Street Committee, who are more intimate with building conditions.

At the next meeting of the Committee I stated that I felt morally obliged to carry out what I have committed myself for in regard to issuing permit.

This I considered a moral obligation, the Committee agreed, but before issuing permit, I was advised by City Attorney that there was no question of moral obligation on my part, as nobody has authority to issue a permit except the Street [Page 418] Committee and they only in writing and that I had merely as an agent between the Committee and Mr Harrison.

Upon this advice I refused to issue permit until a special meeting of Council could be held.

Yours very truly, R Stuart Royer

On motion the report of City Commissioner was received and ordered file

Mr Somerville then offered the following petition which was read and on motion ordered filed.

Jan'y 17, 1913

To City Commissioner: We the citizens and tax payers living on Washington Ave and in that vicinity earnestly request that you do not allow the stone shed now being erected near Washington Avenue to be built, as we consider it damaging and detrimental to the property in that section.

E D Cole	D J Boulware	Geo W Shepherd
McBoulware	J C Chichester	Alvin T Rowe
Mrs O J Owens	S W Somerville	W H Peden
Mr M E Tompkins	A P Rowe	R E Bell
Mrs W N Blakc	W A Bell	W L Brannan
R Aubrey Williams	C W Edrington	Clarence R Howard
Mr M E Eckenrode	F W Coleman	Mrs E Euliss
Mrs A P Saunders	A Buck	Jos M Goldsmith
Mrs A Bogle	H G Northrop	

On motion was received and ordered filed. After some discussion by the attorneys and others an agreement was reached by which certain citizens agreed to reimburse Mr Harrison to the extent of \$50.00

Dr King then offered the following resolution seconded by G Heflin and adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, Geo, Embrey, King, Masters, Biscoe—7 votes

Noes, Lane, Ford, Heflin, EG, Warden—4 votes

Whereas under a misapprehension of the laws of this Council, The City Commissioner gave verbal authority to Mr Jas G Harrison to erect a stone shed on Washington Avenue Extended, and he having expended in pursuance of that permit between \$50.00 and (\$75.00);

And whereas property owners on Washington Avenue [Page 419] have agreed to reimburse him for such expenditure to the extent of \$50.

Resolved by the Council that any sum in excess of \$50.00 and not exceeding shown by him to the City Commissioner shown to be expended shall be reimbursed to him by the Street Commissioner & Committee

(approved Jan'y 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bond of B F Bullock for \$1,000.00 approved by City Attorney On motion bond was received and ordered placed in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Somerville offered this resolution seconded by Mr Hirsh and adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe (11 votes)

(approved Jan'y 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

Whereas Mr Geo W Heflin has applied to the Council for permission to erect a show window upon his building at the northwest corner of Main & George streets said show window to extend along George Street 15 feet and to encroach upon the pavement at that point 3 feet and 2 inches;

Resolved by the Council that said permission be granted, subject to be revoked, whenever this or any future Council may see fit to do so.

Mr Ford called up the resolution of Mayor J P Rowe offered at October meeting and on motion laid over, recommendations in regard to assessing taxes on property.

On motion the recommendation of the Mayor was adopted and referred to the Finance Committee to act upon.

Dr King, of the Street Committee, spoke of the improvement on to Upper Main Street, and said it would take (\$800.00) more to complete the work to the end of the street, and most earnestly urged that an appropriation be made so that the work could be finished. He asked that (\$2,000.00) additional asked for by the Street Committee at the beginning of the fiscal year be appropriated now, so that the Commissioner could make his estimate for this work, and begin as soon as possible. Dr King said the money would not be needed for some tie, but it was necessary to be assured that it would be obtainable.

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On motion of Mr Somerville sum of \$2,000.00 was appropriated to the Street Committee to be available before July 1st 1913.

By this vote: Ayes, Lane, Somerville, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe (11 votes)

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Feb 20, 1913, at 7:30 PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, GW, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Att'y Fitzhugh, Commissioner Royer, Clerk Eastburn

Minutes of last meeting & called read and approved. Clerk Eastburn asked that the Council excuse him, which it did and Dr. J G King was requested to act as Clerk Pro-Tem

Mr Lane offered the Mayor's Report, which on motion was received, ordered filed, and the salaries of Police Officers ordered paid.

Feb 20, 1913

To the President and members of the City Council,

Gentlemen: I respectfully report to your honorable body that since last report the Police Officers as far as I know, have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$65.50 for the period from Jan 16 to Feb 20 which amount has been paid over to Treasurer Knox. Respectfully, J P Rowe Mayor

Mr Lane presented and read a communication from Mayor Rowe, inclosing a letter from the State Auditor, both of which were read before the Council and upon motion was received and ordered filed.

Feb'y 20, 1913

To the President and members of the City Council,

Gentlemen: I have received from the Auditor of Public Accounts a circular letter in regard to the assessments of City Taxes, which I respectfully refer to your honorable body for the information of the members.

I would further state that I heartily approve the [Page 421] views expressed therein, having made similar recommendations myself to your body in a special communication last November.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Corporation of Fredericksburg in acct with R T Knox, Treasurer

Ex to 12 PM Mr Royer

Receipts from all sources

Water	\$3,800.71	Water	\$4,825.00
Gas	\$7,257.49	Gas	\$7,725.00
Street	\$6,544.18	City Taxes 1912	\$38,593.52
Public Property	\$1,455.98	Licenses	\$952.71
Alms House	\$708.04	Del Real Estate 1911	\$122.72
Electric Light	\$1,378.34	Dog Licenses	\$387.00
Orders of Court	\$455.58	Old bricks & lumber	\$22.82
Mayor's orders	\$5.50	Histories	\$6.25
Health & Police	\$484.83	Fines	\$348.05
Fire Dept	\$37.50	General & Council	\$436.33
Commissioner Exp	\$502.54		\$53,419.40
Miscellaneous Exp	\$2,144.45		
Council & Gen	\$19,982.03		
	\$44,757.17		
New Sewer Acct	\$2,289.69		
Public Schools 1912 Dec. Auditor to me to deduct from States taxes to pay teachers	\$2,890.67		
Feb 1913 fr 2 nd Auditor	\$656.56		
	\$3,547.23		
Feb 1913 teachers	\$2,197.87		
On hand	\$1,349.36		
Feb'y 20 pd for school to date	\$704.18		
20 paid today	\$16.20		
	\$4,720.38		

Less Tuition	\$620.00		
	\$4,100.38		
Balance	\$2,272.21	By balance	\$2,272.21
	\$57,449.40		\$2,272.21
To ?	\$.50		\$2,272.21
Balance	\$2,271.71	By balance	\$2,271.71
R T Knox, Treasurer			
Feb'y 20, 1913			
E & O Excepted		Balance above	\$2,271.71
		Gas	\$3,150.00
		Water	\$200.00
		Fines	\$65.50
		Balance	\$5,687.21

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Feb 6, 1913

Messrs H B Lane, W E Bradley & W S Embrey, Finance Committee

Gentlemen: I will thank you to look into the law governing the enactment of a license Tax on Electric Plants &c for the year 1911. In compliance with your City Ordinance, Sec 67, page 17, we were assessed with and paid the sum of \$200.00 License Tax. Referring you to the law passed by the Legislature, I refer you to page 872, 3 Vol Pollards Cole, Sec 7, which was taken to be inclusive of any other tax or license by municipalities in agreement before the Court.

In the year 1912, March 12th the Legislature verifying that construction amended the law as may be seen in Act of Assembly 1912, page 664 in line 13, provided that the City & Co. In view of the above I respectfully ask your honorable body to refund the License Tax of 1911, which was levied in contravention of the law governing "the properties of Water Companies, Heat, Light, & Power Companies and Gas companies.

Very truly yours, The Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co, Inc
E L C Ficklen, Treasurer.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee requested that Mr Fitzhugh give his opinion on the matter. Fitzhugh did so and stated that he believed the Rappk Co liable and should pay same.

An upon motion of Geo W Heflin, which was carried

The Finance Committee was directed to address to the Rappk Co the following communication.

Feb'y 25, 1913

Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co, Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: Your communication of February 6th addressed to the Finance Committee of the City Council was laid before the Council at its last meeting, Thursday night, and said body instructed its Finance Committee to inform you that by the advice of the City Attorney the Council declines to refund the license tax of 1911, and shall insist upon the payment of the License Tax of 1912, namely two hundred dollars (\$200.); Touching which you are now in default.

Yours very truly, H B Lane, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, Finance Committee

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The Finance Committee submitted the License Tax Ordinance for ensuing year with no change except Article 29, page 8 and on page 18, Article 76, and on page 21, Article marked 72 and 73.

Mr Royer submitted his report showing \$8,091.07 total expenditures of the month to the 10th.

Mr Royer stated the estimated expenditure for the coming month is \$7,554.03 and the total receipts estimated \$10,637.36.

[transcript repeats above Finance report of License Tax for 1913-14]

Mr Royer submitted the following recommendations. In course of making improvements on upper Main Street I am confronted with a question of drainage at Main and Pitt streets. Considering Main Street drainage alone, the matter is very simple, but looking a little into the future, I am certain that it is only a question of time until a storm sewer will have to be constructed on Pitt Street from a point half-way between Charles and Princess Anne streets to the east line of Water Street to take care of drainage over an area bounding approximately by New Street on the north, Prince Edward street and Canal on the West, Hawke on the South and the Rappahannock River on the East.

With the above in mind, work we do to take care of the present drainage on Main and Pitt streets will have to be taken up wholly or in part, when the storm sewer is installed.

It may be advisable, on account of lack of available fund, to take care of drainage at Main and Pitt streets in a temporary manner, at a small cost, and delay construction of Storm Sewer until it becomes an absolute necessity. I am therefore submitting the following facts and figures:

Estimate of cost of Storm Sewer complete on Pitt Street from a point half way between Princess Anne and Charles streets to East line of Water Street.

900 lineal feet 18" T C [terra cotta] Pipe	\$427.50
120 lineal feet 8" T C Pipe	\$13.50
17 18x8 Y's	\$13.30
1 Man-hole complete	\$25.00
6 Catch-basins complete	\$108.00
Excavations	\$430.00
Backfilling	\$102.00
Pipe laying	\$27.00
Cement & sand	\$72.00
	\$1,217.30

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In order to take care of the drainage at Main and Pitt streets by following the above plan it will be necessary to complete 50% of the above work.

Considering the drainage at Main and Pitt streets alone, drainage could be taken care of in a temporary way by a 12" pipe laid across street from gutter to gutter at a cost of \$19.20. This plan would probably serve the purpose at this one point, but would be somewhat unsightly and would have to be cleaned out from time to time.

Still another plan to take care of the drainage at this one point that would be slightly and effective, but which would have to be torn up when storm sewer is constructed would be to build two catch basins on the west side of Main Street and pipe water from catch basins to an out-let on Pitt Street, about one hundred feet east of Main street. The cost of this work would be as follows:

2 catch basins complete	\$36.00
150 lineal feet 12" pipe	\$48.00
30 feet 8" TC pipe	\$4.20
Excavations and back filling	\$20.50
Pipe laying, sand & cement	\$13.12
Total	\$121.82

Yours very truly R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

Mr Embrey moved that 1/2 half of the work be done.

Mr Warden offered as substitute that only \$19.20 be expended on the work.

Mr Warden's substitute was lost by this vote:

Ayes, Lane, Masters, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley 5 votes

Noes, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, Geo, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King 6 votes

Mr Embrey's motion was then carried unanimously, that ½ of the work as advised by Commissioner be done at a cost of about (\$600.00) by unanimous vote.

(approved J P Rowe, Mayor 2/25/1913)

Feb'y 20, 1913

Report of Committee on Free Bridge

Gentlemen: The west abutment of the Free Bridge has developed signs of settlement at both corners, which will ultimately result in a failure of the structure.

I have found in studying the situation thoroughly and believe that the only practical plan will be to tear out the present abutment and build a re-enforced concrete retaining wall of the buttress type, designing said retaining wall to carry weight of the bridge, and [Page 425] the fill, letting retaining wall extend entire width of the City's property and by filling in space for water street to retaining wall, the City would have a nice piece of property approximately fifty feet wide by sixty feet deep.

In order to make the above span safe, I am erecting false work under the span of bridge which will carry it in case present abutment should fail. With this false work in place and close watching of the structure on my part, the public safety will not be in danger, and in view of the season of the year and the lack of finances, I would suggest that this piece of work which will cost about \$1,500, be delayed until after the first of May.

The east abutment of the Free Bridge consists of a piece of 12x12 timber which appears to be resting on stone work. The 12x12 timber is entirely decayed, letting that end of the span down about twelve inches. This abutment should be repaired at once by supplementary stone work with concrete and while it is impossible for me to tell the condition that may be found when we raise the space and investigate underneath, I believe the work can be done for \$50.00.

The wooden floor stringers over the entire length of the bridge are showing signs of marked decay, & I would recommend that the City purchase a car load of lumber for this purpose.

The condition of the Bridge as a whole is, that for a long period it has been allowed to deteriorate until at the present time it would require, I believe, at least five thousand dollars to put it in first class shape, but I am recommending at this time only what I know to be absolutely necessary.

Yours very truly, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner.

Report adopted.

Feb'y 20, 1913

Gentlemen: Since use of turbine at pumping station has been discontinued, there will be a very small amount of water flowing in the canal, expect storm water. However, on account of the very irregular flow line of this canal, the water stands in it at different points at a considerable depth, and will become stagnated and unhealthful unless it is drained off. I am sorry that I have been unable to submit the proper estimate and data with this report, but in going over the situation, I feel sure that the [Page 426] condition could be relieved for the sum of (\$250.00)

Yours very truly, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner.

Adopted and sum of \$250 appropriated to relieve the canal.

(Approved J P Rowe, Mayor)

Mr Royer read claim from Mr Frank Beckwith, Lee Avenue, of \$40.80, for cost of curb work, and upon motion the communication was laid on the table by unanimous vote.

Mr Royer presented a petition signed by J E Timberlake, Alvin T Rowe, and W Mayo Smith of the Presbyterian Church for a lateral of sewer on George Street to church front be laid to enable them to make improvements on the interior of the church. It was ordered not to cost over \$35.00.

Mr Royer reported that the Boulevard Sewer would cost less by \$900 than estimate and would be completed in a week. He asked that \$300 of this money be used to improve the Boulevard and Willis Street, and it was so ordered. (Approved J P Rowe, Mayor, Feb'y 25, 1913)

He reported inadequate gas pipes at residence of Mrs Goodrick on Water Street and asked that new pipes costing \$40.00 be put in, and it was ordered.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the Street Committee be instructed to take up with the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, the question of fixing up the road between the City Limits and the end of Stafford Bridge, at Ficklen's Mill, & report back to the Council.

Mr Embrey moved and it was adopted that the City Commissioner secure a list of property holders who live on the line of the sewers and are not connected same and bring them before the Council at next meeting.

Mr Biscoe offered this resolution as to opening Prince Edward Street:

Resolved: That the City Commissioner be, and he is hereby instructed to ascertain and report to the Council at the next regular meeting the physical costs of opening Prince Edward across the tracks of the P F & P R R and those of the R F & P R R.

And it was adopted.

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Dr King of the Ordinance Committee reported progress on the application of the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co for franchise.

Also that the Ordinance in regard to "squatter merchants" had been embodied in the license tax Ordinance as presented by the Finance Committee.

Mr E G Heflin brought up the question of grading at the Post Office corner, and after some discussion the matter was referred to the Street Committee for report.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

Dr J Garnett King, Clerk Pro-Tem

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Thursday March 20, 1913 at 7:30 o'clock PM.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe:
Atty Fitzhugh, Commissioner Royer, clerk Eastburn

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

President Bradley present and the Clerk read the resignation of S W Somerville.

Charlottesville, Va March 17, 1917

W E Bradley, Chairman, City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Owing to the fact that I have a business engagement in Charlottesville at least for a while. I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the City Council and ask that the same be accepted. Assuring you of an

abiding interest in the City and in all that pertains to the advancement & progress and with very wishes I am, Yours very truly, S W Somerville

On motion of Mr Embrey the resignation of S W Somerville as Councilman was accepted.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report
March 20, 1913

Sirs: I respectfully report to your honorable body that since last report the Police Officers, so far as I know have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

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Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$50.50 for the period from Feb'y 20th to March 20th which amount has been turned over to Treasurer R T Knox.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

On motion of Mr Embrey, received, ordered filed and salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

March 20, 1913

Gentlemen: Owing to the recent death of MR R Lee Shepherd from hydrophobia, after being bitten by a dog, notwithstanding the fact that the Pasteur treatment was taken, I regarded the dog situation here as sufficiently serious to warrant some action on my part.

Accordingly, I issued a proclamation requiring all dogs to be securely muzzled. The proclamation is still in force and in my judgment should continue in effect until May 1st unless your honorable body desires to fix an earlier date.

I regard the Ordinance on this question as insufficient. A uniform muzzle, should be required to be provided by the owners, as such times as may be deemed wise to order the dog's muzzled.

The records show that dogs are becoming more and more a menace to human life, through animals affected with rabies, and I recommend that the Ordinance Committee be requested to bring in a revised ordinance on the dog question. Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor.

Referred to the Ordinance Co

March 20, 1913

Gentlemen: I have been impress with the benefits derived from the annual clean up day or days, inaugurated several years ago, and think it important to continue the practice.

I will soon issue a proclamation fixing a date to be known as clean up day in Fredericksburg and call on all citizens to have their premises thoroughly cleaned up on that day.

I would ask that the Council make provision for hauling away the trash etc, that will be gathered and piled in front of the different premises which has been the custom heretofore. Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Mr Ford moved to adopt, & adopted.

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Expenditures of City under City Comm
to 2 PM Mar 20, 1913

Water	\$4,726.01
Gas	\$8,603.89
Streets	\$7,427.94
Public Property	\$1,652.56
Alms House	\$861.70
Electric Light	\$2,093.14
Orders of Court	\$488.91
Mayor's orders	\$5.50

Receipts from all sources by City
under R S Royer, Commissioner

Water	\$5,250.00
Gas	\$12,475.00
City Taxes	\$39,576.18
Licenses	\$952.71
Del Real Estate	\$188.08
Dog Licenses	\$387.00
Old bricks & lumber	\$24.32
Histories	\$7.25

Health & Police	\$592.83	Del Cap Tax	\$28.00
Fire Dept	\$42.50	Fines	\$413.55
Commissioner Exp	\$580.29	General & Council	\$436.68
Miscellaneous Exp	\$2,380.75		\$59,738.77
Council & General, Judge salary, Commth Attorney, Mayor, Clerk of Court, Policemen			
Treas & etc	\$20,747.80		
	\$50,203.82		
New Sewer Acct	\$2,527.31		
Public Schools			
From State	\$3,547.23		
Mar 20 spent	\$3,341.44		
Bal State funds	\$205.79		
Public Schools spent so far			
Outside of state	\$4,814.03		
Less Tuition	\$620.00		
	\$4,184.03		
	\$56,915.16		
Balance n hand	\$2,823.61		
	\$59,738.77		

March 20, 1913 balance \$2,823.61

R T Knox, Treasurer

The City-Tax Collector has prepared a list of worthless tax bills which the Finance Committee has gone over. They comprise a number of small bills against parties who have gone away before bills were due, against parties now dead, some erroneous and others against insolvents. The aggregate amount is less than \$100.00 for the years named which are as follows.

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1912	\$39.97
1911	\$27.21
1910	\$7.71
1909	\$3.88
1908	\$2.77
1907	\$2.84
1906	\$2.85
1905	\$2.84
1904	\$6.23
1903	\$.63
1902	\$.62
1901	\$.62
1898	\$.85
	\$98.52

These bills are so evidently worthless that it was deemed useless to carry them on the tax books and the Finance Committee unanimously recommends that the bills be turned over to the City Treasurer and receipts taken therefore. H B Lane, W E Bradley, W E Embrey (Finance Committee)
On motion of Mr Ford the recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted.

Mr Lane offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that Mr Royer, the Commissioner be requested in the future to make up statements of expenditures to the 10th of each month & a copy be sent to each member of the Council before the Council meets.

Mr Geo W Heflin offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that the City Commissioner do notify Dr Cassiday that the Southern Foundry building must be made secure, or be torn down within 30 days.

Mr E G Heflin, Chairman Light Committee submitted an estimate of cost of proposed improvements in the City Gas works which his committee said were necessary

March 20th 1913

Gentlemen: At a meeting of the Light Committee of your honorable body, held in the office of the City Commissioner and by his call, March 17th 1913, there being present: Messrs E G Heflin, G W Heflin, and H B Lane of Light Committee, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner and B F Bullock, Supt of City Gas Works, of following [Page 431] action was taken;

That the City Commissioner call the attention of the City Council to the fact that something must be done at once so as to put the City Gas Works in condition to run next winter.

It was resolved that the City Council be asked to authorize the City Commissioner with the assistance of the Supt of the City Gas Works to ask for bids to enlarge the Plant; work to cost not more than \$8,000.00; First payment not to be due until after July 1, 1913; and all bids with recommendation to be made to the City Council at the regular meeting in April 1913. E G Heflin, Geo W Heflin, H B Lane, (Light Committee); R Stuart Royer (City Commissioner)

On motion of Mr Ford adopted and referred to the Gas Committee and Finance & City Commissioner

March 20, 1913

Gentlemen: In furtherance of a plan of development I have formulated with the view of increasing industrial operations carried on in Fredericksburg, I respectfully ask the following at hour hands:

A sale to me of the lot on which the old City Gas Works was formerly located.

This property fronts on the east side of Main Street at the lower end of the City, and runs back about half way from Main Street to the River. It is now unsightly, wholly unimproved and being cut off from the Riverfront by intervening property which I now own, is not likely to enhance in value to any considerable extent.

The parcel of ground being with the limits of the old Gas Works lot is the west half of Lot#4 of Mortimer's subdivision, a part of a street, and four feet off the northern edge of Lot #5, of the said subdivision. The strip running back about half way from Main Street to the River.

This makes a frontage on Main Street without the Street, which I have been advised any lot owner in the sub-division could insist upon having opened at any time, of sixty five feet, for which I offer to pay to the City Two hundred and sixty dollars cash.

For the purpose of affording adequate shipping facilities for a canning factory which I desire to assist in locating on the Turner lot on Water Street, south of the R F & P R R track. I ask the privilege of extending a side track, or switch, from the end of the present siding that serves the Virginia Excelsior Company, down Water Street, towards the Steam Boat wharf. In order to get this track in, on account of the narrow space afforded by the [Page 432] Rail-road right-of-way, as well as Water (Sophia) Street, it will be necessary to swing the curve across the entire width of Water Street so that the siding will cover the ground that would otherwise be the location of the sidewalk along the east side of Water Street. I would ask, and hereby respectfully ask for permission to locate the propose side track or switch as indicated.

It is further desired to build and locate upon the lot fronting on Water Street, and immediately north of the "Turner" lot selected for the canning factory, an ice factory with a cold storage attached. And also a Grain Elevator. These industries would be afforded side track facilities by the switch to be run on the East side

of Water Street, should my request in that behalf meet with your approval. The same track would serve the Ice Plant, Cold Storage, Elevator, Canning Factory and other Industrial plants contemplated.

In developing the site for the industries named, I desire to be permitted to use that portion of Frederick Street which lies east of the eastern boundary line of Water Street.

The space included in the Street, together with the lots adjacent to Frederick Street would I think give sufficient space, and when the wharf should be extended in front of the Street, as well as in front of the lots, the wharf facilities would probably be adequate for all the plants to be served by it.

As will appear from the application, the plan involves a side track practically along the navigable river front of this City. It would tend to largely increase the Commerce of the City and greatly add to the importance of Fredericksburg as a port.

In operating and developing the industries referred to above, it will be necessary to have upon the premises of each, service from the City Water Works, and upon the premises occupied by the Canning Factory and will be necessary or at least exceedingly desirable to have the City Gas supplied.

As the consumption of both Gas and Water will necessarily be large, and in as much as the purposes to which each is intended to be applied is in the direct line of industrial development, and consequent augmentation of the taxable values in the Corporation limits, I respectfully ask that such concession be made in favor of the proposed new industries as may in your judgment be justified. Henry Warden
On motion of Dr King, referred to Finance Committee and Street Committee for report. Carried.

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This lease made this 10th day of March 1913 by and between the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia, party of the first part and Eli Oppenheim, David Oberndorf, and Isaac A Oppenheim, co-partners trading under the firm name of Oppenheim, Oberndorf and Company of Baltimore Maryland, parties of the second part:

That the party of the first part in consideration of the rents, stipulations and agreements hereinafter contained, and which on the part of the parties of the second part are to be paid, done and performed, doth lease and demise until the parties of the second part the Shirt factory lot and building at the north-west corner formed by the intersection of Princess Anne and Wolfe streets in the City of Fredericksburg for the term of three years from the date of this lease at an annual rental of three hundred dollars, said rent being payable quarterly.

It is further stipulated and agreed on the part of the party of the first part that from and after the expiration of the term of this lease the parties of the second part shall have the option to lease the property herein leased for a period of two years from the date of the expiration of this lease for the same rental and upon the same terms and conditions contained in this lease other than the aforesaid option. But should the parties of the second part desire to avail themselves of the aforesaid option herein contained they shall signify their intention so to do by a notice in writing to the party of the first part at least ninety days before the expiration of this lease.

It is further stipulated and agreed on the part of the party of the first part that the parties of the second part shall have the option at anytime during this lease or its renewal as herein provided to purchase said shirt factory lot and building for the sum of \$5,000 cash.

The parties of the second part hereby agree to lease the said lot and building for the said term of three years from the date of this lease at the annual rental of three hundred dollars a year, and rent to be paid quarterly. And the said parties of the second part further agree and bind themselves to pay all taxes and assessments an all water rents that are or may be assessed against the property herein leased during the term of this lease and any renewal thereof.

And the parties of the second part further agree and covenant that they will not during the term of this lease or its renewal, assign or sublet the aid premises herein leased or any part of the same to any person whatsoever without the written consent of the [Page 434] party of the first part and that at the expiration

of this lease or its renewal as herein authorized they will return said premises to the party of the first part in good condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

In witness whereof the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg has caused the Corporate Seal of the City to be hereto affixed and attested by the Clerk of the City Council and this deed to be executed by the Mayor of the City.

And also witness the signatures and seals of the parties of the second part.

J P Rowe, Mayor (Corporation Seal) S E Eastburn, Clerk of Council

Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co

Eli Oppenheim (seal)

David Oberndorf (seal)

Isaac A Oppenheim (seal)

On motion approved by the Council

Mr C O'Conor Goolrick appeared before the Council on behalf of the Chautauqua in May and asked that no license be imposed as it was a public benefit and brought here at the request of a number of citizens of Fredericksburg.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved that not license tax be imposed by this City for or on the holding of the Chautauqua here in May 1913.

March 13, 1913

Mr R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner:

Dear Sir: It was my understanding with you that you would commence Feb'y 17th to use the electrical current for pumping water at the City pumping station and that the amount of current that had been used previous to that time [blank] KW would be adjusted at the end of the year on the same basis as current used commencing Feb'y 17th.

I enclose herewith addition copy which you will please ok and return inserting in blank the amount of KW used up to Feb'y 17th.

Yours truly, Fredericksburg Electric Co, H G Northrop, Sec & Treasurer

On motion of Mr Embrey, received and ordered recorded.

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Mr E G Heflin brought up the question of grade around the Post Office corner. After some discussion on motion of Dr King all matters pertaining to grades at the Post Office corner were referred back to the Street Committee and City Commissioner for further report.

Dr King of the Ordinance Committee presented this ordinance which on motion was ordered published, Embrey and Heflin, EG voting no.

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.

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

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

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

1st That a Franchise is hereby granted to [blank] its successors and assigns, hereinafter denominated "The Company" for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance, and said Company, its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance to erect, operate and maintain, wires, cables, and other conductors, including the necessary pole and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under the streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as its business may from time to time require, to construct conducts, tubes and other constructions, in, under and along said streets, alleys, and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, and to make suitable connections therewith and to supply electrical current, light, heat and power, subject to the provisions, conditions and restrictions hereinafter mentioned. Provided that all poles shall be neat, symmetrical and painted, said poles to be straight and with bark taken off and securely set in the grounds and repainted from time to time as may be necessary when required by the City Council.

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

The work of erecting poles shall be done under the supervision of the Committee on Streets, and the portions of the surface of the Parks, Streets, Avenues, Alleys, and pavements of the City of Fredericksburg, disturbed in constructing, repairing, or replacing the works of such Company along, over, or under the same, shall be immediately returned to and maintained in good condition by said Company and in case of failure on the part of the said Company to restore and maintain the same, the Corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly restore and maintain the same, and the costs thereof shall be recovered by the City from the said Company in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Upon notice from the City, or any Committee of the Council that a local improvement, or gas, sewer, or water mains, or branch thereof, is to be constructed or repaired in such manner as will necessitate the moving or altering of the poles or wire or other appliances, of the said Company of the poles, or wires, or other appliances of the said Company, the Company shall move or alter the same at its own expense, and should said Company omit to comply with such notice the Poles, wire, and appliances may be altered, or moved by the City and the cost thereof recovered from said Company:

And in event of fire or other casualty rendering it necessary, the said Company upon notice, shall as to control of its current, or disposition and care of its poles, wires, and other appliances render promptly necessary aid to the firemen, or other authorities of the City.

3rd In consideration of the grant of this Franchise the said Company, its successors and assigns, shall, when so required by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, permit its poles and fixtures to be used, without compensation by the said City for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any fire or police alarms, telegraph or telephone wires, which by the Council may be considered necessary, for the exclusive use of said Police or Fire department of the City of Fredericksburg, provided that such use by the said City of Fredericksburg shall not interfere with the proper use of said poles, structures [Page 437] and fixtures by the said Company, its successors and assigns and that the location and character of said wires and fixtures shall be subject to the approval of the Committee or Committees of said Council having charge of the Police and Fire department and provided further that the said City of Fredericksburg shall and it hereby agrees in event of such use of said poles for its wires, as aforesaid, to indemnify and save harmless the said company, its successors and assigns, from any and all damage, loss, cost, and expense to which said Company, its successors and assigns may be subject by reason or as the result of the use of said poles, structures or fixtures by the said City of Fredericksburg, as herein provided.

4th The said Company, its successors and assigns hereby agrees to save the said City of Fredericksburg free and harmless from all loss, damage, cost and expense that might occur to said City by or through the neglect of said Company in exercising the powers herein granted or the use of the Streets and alleys and other public places of the City by reason of which the said City might become liable for damages, all or any of said claims to be defended and paid by said Company, and its failure to defend and pay, in case of judgment thereon, all or any of said claims, and to indemnify and save the City harmless as aforesaid, shall entitle the City to revoke this franchise and to declare all its rights hereunder inoperative & void.

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

6th The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that it will establish and will maintain in good order a first class electric light, heat & power distributing plant in Fredericksburg, throughout the term of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient light, heat and power service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty (30) years. The distributing plant above referred to in this section is understood to consist of wires, cables, and other conductors, poles, and fixtures and transformers and other electrical appliances necessary to be used in distributing electricity through out the City and the said Company hereby agrees and binds itself that the works of construction of said distributing plant shall begin actually and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this Ordinance, and that said company shall be ready to furnish electrical light, heat and power to customers in the [Page 438] City of Fredericksburg within six months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of six months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of six months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg. And upon acceptance of this ordinance, by the said Company it shall deposit with the City Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg the bond of the said Company payable to said City with security to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which bond shall be in the words and figures as follows:

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

Sealed with our seals and dated this [blank] day of [blank] 1913.

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

Now therefore, if the above bound, [blank] shall faithfully keep and perform or cause to be kept and performed said obligation agreement and understanding on its part then this obligation will be void otherwise to remain in full force [Page 439] and virtue.

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

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

The true intent and object of this provision being to provide for and insure that the said City shall never, during the said term of thirty (30) years, be without ample security for the faithful performance by the said Company of the aforesaid obligation, undertaking and agreement on its part touching the efficiency of the Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates, and the maintenance of its property in good order throughout the terms of the grant.

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

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

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

(8) The said Company shall at all times be subject to [Page 440] the City Ordinances now in existence, or which hereafter may be passed relative to the use of the highways, public roads, streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg by telephone, telegraph, electric light and heat and power companies.

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

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

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

(12) Nothing in this ordinance contained shall impair the right which has heretofore been or may [Page 441] hereafter be conferred by law upon the authorities of the City of Fredericksburg to prescribe rules, regulations, or rates of charge, to be observed by said Company in connection with any service performed by it under this franchise as far as such service may be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg.

(13) The said Company by the acceptance of this ordinance, or the exercise of any of the privileges herein granted binds itself and agrees that it will annually during the said term of thirty years, pay to the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a license tax of two hundred dollars for the use of its Streets, alleys and other public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of its wires, cables, and other conductors, including the necessary poles and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under said streets, alleys, and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Va. as its business may from time to time require. The City to have a lien upon all the property of said Company in said City for its said annual license tax during said term, whether assessed or to be assessed in preference to all other liens and encumbrances on said property.

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

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

(16) Be it further ordained that bids in writing for the Franchise privileges and right proposed to be granted by the above ordinance be delivered on the 24th day of April 1913 at the hour of 8 o'clock PM to the presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg in open session of said Council as required by law, but the City of Fredericksburg hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to reject a higher and award such franchise to a lower bidder as authorized by law.

So soon as the terms of this proposed franchise ordinance are approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg the Clerk of the Council will have the same published as directed in the first section hereof.

I approve the foregoing ordinance and resolution this 24th day of March, J P Rowe, Mayor of Fredericksburg, Va.

Teste, S E Eastburn, Clerk

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J G King of the Ordinance Committee presented the License Tax ordinance, which was amended in some minor particulars and adopted by this vote, as a whole as amended.

Coco Cola was made \$50.00, not pro-rated

License on Wild West shows \$50.00, not pro-rated

On each person, firm or corporation not paying a regular merchant's license and taking measurements or selling clothes or garments or merchandise by sample or otherwise \$50.00 per annum, not pro-rated.

The rate of taxation was made (\$1.20) on the \$100, same as last year.

On motion then the Tax ordinance was amended was passed by this vote.

Ayes, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EM, King, Masters, Biscoe, Bradley (10 votes)
Nos, Warden (1 vote)

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the Council was held March 28, 1913 at 7:30 PM to consider the proposition of Mr Warden. Present, Lane, King, Heflin, GW, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, EG, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Atty Fitzhugh; Commissioner Royer, Clerk Eastburn

In the absence of President Bradley, Vice President Embrey called the Council to order and presided

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee and chairman of the Joint Committee of Finance and Streets to whom was referred the application of Henry Warden.

The vote was taken and the report of the Joint Committee as amended by Mr Biscoe by the following vote was adopted.

Ayes, Heflin, GW, Heflin, EG, Ford, Masters, Biscoe

Nays, Lane, Hirsh, Embrey, King

Mr Warden asked to be excused from voting.

The report in its amended form is as follows:

At a joint meeting of the Finance and Street Committees of the City of Fredericksburg, held at the office of the City Commissioner at 8 PM March 24, 1913, all the members of the said two Committees, City Attorney and City Commissioner being present it was unanimously resolved by the Joint Committee that the offer of Henry Warden to lay siding on the east side of Sophia Street, from the Virginia Excelsior Company, down said street to Princess Elizabeth Street, be allowed provided that the said crossing from the end of Virginia Excelsior siding across Sophia Street correspond to the grade of said street, and that the said Warden obtain a written consent of the owner of the Jenkins property to lay said siding in front of said property, and provided further that this permission be in the form of a license for the said use of Sophia Street to be at the pleasurer of this or any other Council.

Further resolved that the City binds itself to convey to the said Henry Warden, and his assigns for the sum of (\$260.00) the old gas house lot at the lower end of the City.

Resolved further, that the City reserves the right to permit parties owning or occupying lots below Princess Elizabeth St to extend said siding at their own cost and expense for any industries erected thereon, said parties thus extending to have the privilege of using the Warden siding, paying therefor reasonable charges to Mr Warden, his successors, or assigns, and upon failure of said parties to agree upon these charges the same [Page 444] to be referred to and settled by arbitration.

H B Lane, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, Finance Committee

W S Embrey, J G King, Maurice Hirsh, Street Committee

R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Council was held for General Business on April 7, 1913 at 8 PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Heflin, GW, Hirsh, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; City Attorney Fitzhugh, City Commissioner Royer; and Clerk Eastburn

President Bradley in the Chair;

Dr King moved, seconded by Mr Hirsh that the Council go into the election of a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Somerville. Carried.

Mr John F Goldman Jr was then placed in nomination by Mr Heflin, vote was then taken and Mr Gouldman was declared unanimous elected a member of the City Council for the Upper Ward.

The Chair appointed Dr King and E G Heflin to notify Mr Gouldman. On motion the Council took a short recess and the Committee notified Mr Gouldman and reported that he would accept.

Estimated expenditures April 7 to May 1, 1913

April 7 overdraft			\$586.03
Streets, laying pipe for Storm Sewer	\$150.00		
Pipe	\$131.54		
Board of Team	\$25.00		
Roller Man	\$40.00		
Teamster	\$27.00		
Cleaning Streets	\$15.00	\$388.54	
Water – current	\$142.85		
Operation of station	\$66.00	\$208.85	
Gas Welsbach	\$25.00		
Payroll	\$170.00		
Coal	\$250.00		
Drayage on Tar	\$13.50	\$458.50	
Lights		\$266.67	
Cleaning City Prop- Pub Props		\$50.00	
Miscellaneous		\$10.00	
Health & Police		\$32.00	
Interest on bonded debt		\$1,326.00	
Pay of Police		\$200.00	
Clerk of Council		\$12.50	\$2,953.06
Total			\$3,539.09
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Brought up			\$3,539.09

Receipts

Gas	\$1,000.00		
	\$800.00		
	\$300.00		
	\$50.00		\$2,150.00
Expenses over receipts			\$1,389.09
Rec'd and ordered filed			

Mr Lane then presented this resolution April 7, 1913

Resolved that the Finance Committee be empowered to borrow twenty five hundred dollars at 5% or so much thereof as is necessary for thirty days, this being needed to run the City's Finances until the License

Tax is due and that the City Attorney be requested to draw up a note to this effect to be signed by the Finance Committee. Passed by all eleven votes being for it.

Mr Lane Chairman of Finance Committee April 7, 1913

Messrs R W & P L Harris returned to me for the year 1911, a deed of trust in the amount of (\$500.00) The tax on the above value is \$6.00, was paid before they discovered that the same had been satisfied. It therefore became an erroneous assessment.

A B Bowering, Commissioner of Revenue

On motion the above \$6.00 was ordered refunded.

Mr Embrey presented this resolution from the Street Committee:

Resolved that the matter of establishing grades around the Post Office be left to the decision of the City Commissioner.

This resolution on motion was adopted

April 1, 1913

Mr Warden presented this proposition

Gentlemen: The imposition by the Joint Committee to which was referred my former proposition and its adoption by the Council that I secure from Captain Jenkins certain agreements or concessions relative to the construction of a railroad siding or track in front of his property on Sophia or Water Street has resulted in such a radical change in the conditions existing on said street that I deem it necessary to submit to the Council a substitute proposition.

I now ask of the Council:

1st authority for myself, my successors or assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a rail-road siding connecting with the R F & P [Page 446] Rail Road tracks, said siding to occupy practically the center (middle) of Water Street, from the right of way of said rail road such a distance as may be necessary to reach and pass into the lot purchased by me from said Jenkins by a curve as shown on accompanying (plat) though I want it distinctly understood that the siding as laid down on this plat is subject to modification.

2nd Authority to occupy and use that portion of Frederick Street lying between Water Street and the River.

3rd The lowest prices at which the City will furnish gas and water to such industries as may be established by me or my successors or assigns upon the various properties now owned by me on said Water Street.

4th The sale of the site of the old gas works; and that this proposition shall not be referred to any Committee, but shall be considered by the Council in open meeting.

I wish to say here that while I believe that the action of the Council at its last meeting, in adopting the resolution to sell to me the lots referred to above by a vote of 5 to 4 is in accordance with all legal requirements, and I would be willing to take title under the resolution so adopted, yet, in order that there may be no question raised hereafter, I suggest that the Council confirm the above act by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

Henry Warden

April 1, 1913

Gentlemen: Before my various propositions as set forth in a communication bearing this date, are considered by the Council, I deem it advisable to submit certain facts, the knowledge of which may be of service to the Council in determining its action on the proposition above referred to, these facts are: My former proposition, as well as the last ones, were and are altogether due to my desire to help our City and the farmers in the surrounding country; to remove from the former in some measure that business stagnation and decay that is so evident to every observer.

While it is true that I would not undertake to establish the industries and enterprises hereinafter enumerated were there not good and sufficient grounds for the expectation that each and every one will

produce a reasonable profit on the money invested in them, it is also true that there [are] other ways in which I would much prefer to invest the money at my command, ways that I believe would bring to me personally far greater profit and reputation far wider [Page 447] than will come to me even from the most successful management of the industries proposed. But these possibilities have been put aside with the hope that in the near future they might be realized, in order that the people of Fredericksburg may obtain now some of the things they consider necessary to their welfare.

Repeatedly attention has been called to the absence of buyers of grain and other farm products, and it has been stated time and again that farmers have brought their grain here and failing to secure satisfactory offers for it have felt compelled to haul it back to their farms. This is also no satisfactory way of disposing of truck, in fact there is no way at present for the marketing of more vegetables than are required for local consumption.

Another cause of complaint by our farmers is the lack of Grist Mills. At a recent meeting of the local farmers association this was commented on, and the statement was made that some years ago, much more wheat was raised in this section than is now. That Fredericksburg had then four or more grain buyers; and that, if the farmers were assured of a market here, there was no reason why there should not be raised a much larger amount of wheat than in the times referred to.

A cold storage plant would enable farmers to profitable grow crops on a large scale they now can do but little with; such a plant would also be of service to our local butchers, as it would enable them to put their meats on the market in palatable condition a thing not now possible except under rare circumstances.

For years the manufacturing industries of Fredericksburg have waned, plant after plant ceased to exist. In the last fourteen years, at least as many industries have left the town or been discontinued without their place being taken by an equivalent.

Our merchants have looked with longing eyes at the trade of the down-the-river Counties, a trade that they have, and rightly, considered as theirs, but which has been forced to other cities by unfavorable Steam-boat schedule.

It is my intention to endeavor to remove to some extent at least, the above mentioned grievances by building a grain elevator, where the farmers can sell or store their grain (in the latter case they can through ware-house receipts, obtain from Banks advances on it)

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A grist mill and possibly, eventually a flour mill. An Ice and cold storage plant. An abbatoir; a canning factory; a river boat; and the adoption of a plan for the utilization of the water front properties now owned by me that will permit the housing of many industries that may be organized here or which we may be able to have brought here.

There may be some who may assert that the accomplishment of the plans outlined in this statement is an impossibility. I know that, with the cordial co-operation of the people of Fredericksburg, I can within a reasonable length of time, put in operation every one of the industries and enterprises mentioned above.

Henry Warden

Mr Ford offered this resolution which was duly seconded and adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Biscoe, Bradley (9 votes)

Mr Warden was excused.

Nos, Embrey (1 vote)

Resolved that the request of Henry Warden as asked in sections 1, 2 & 4 of communication submitted be granted.

And that Section 3, be referred to the Joint Committee of Water and Light.

The grade of said railroad track, or siding on Water Street to conform to the grade of said Stret.

By Mr Biscoe, and adopted by this vote

Ayes, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Biscoe, Bradley (9 votes)

Warden was excused
Nos, Embrey (1 vote)

Be it resolved that the offer heretofore made by Henry Warden to purchase from the City of Fredericksburg the two lots on east side of Lower Main Street now owned by the City and known as "The old Gas House Lots" at and for the price of two hundred and sixty (\$260.00) dollars, having been accepted the Mayor of this City is hereby authorized and empowered to execute with general warranty conveying the said property to the said Henry Warden, and to require the Clerk of the Common Council of this City to affix to the said deed the seal of the said Corporation. And the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to receive from the said Henry Warden the said sum of (\$260.00) and to deliver to the said Warden the deed hereinabove provided for after the same shall have been executed and acknowledged with the Corporate Seal annexed.

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On motion adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Biscoe, Bradley (9 votes)

Warden excused

Nos, Embrey (1 vote)

Mr Biscoe presented long petition about conditions on the City dump, signed by 62 names.
Mr Royer stated that conditions complained of in the petition had been remedied.

The Health and Police Committee ask that \$100 be place to the credit of the Committee which on motion was done by the unanimous vote of the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held April 17, 1913 at 8 o'clock PM. Present, Bradley, Gouldman, Hirsh, Helfin, Geo, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Biscoe; Attorney Fitzhugh, City Commissioner Royer & Clerk Eastburn.

President Bradley in the Chair

The President announced that John F Gouldman Jr who was elected a member of the Council at the last meeting had qualified before Clerk Eastburn and was present and Gouldman was appointed Schools, 3rd Public Int 1st Fire 2nd

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

April 17, 1913

Sirs: I beg leave to report to your honorable body that the Police Officers have been faithful to their duty during the past month and are entitled to their salaries.

The fines received from Police Justice Dannehl for the period from March 20 to April 17th amounted to (\$90.00) and the same has been turned over to Treasurer Knox.

I also report (\$22.00) collected by me for dog licenses which amount has also been turned over to the City Treasurer.

The above with the previously reported makes a total of \$409. Which has been derived from the Dog Tax since Sep 1, 1912.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

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

Valentine Museum, Richmond Va March 19, 1913

J P Rowe, Esq, Mayor of Fredericksburg Va

My dear Mr Rowe: At a meeting of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of Virginia held on 22 February last a resolution was adopted and appropriation made for simply but properly marking by a small bronze tablet "The Gunnery Spring" near Fredericksburg Va. We are informed that this Spring is the property of the Corporation and so in behalf of the Society I wish to ask the Council of Fredericksburg, through you for the privilege for the Society to mark the spot. We wish to place the tablet on the ledge of rock immediately above the Spring. So if your honorable body grant our request, would you be kind enough to let me have the exact measurements of the top and sides of the stone work, surrounding the spring.

And also, if you could procure for me a picture of the Spring, I should like to have one so that I may be better guided in designing the tablet.

I have recently, in preparation, a history of Fredericksburg, which I hope to publish some-day, in establish all the materials relative to the old Gun Factory, and certainly if ever a site merits marking, this one does, and if ever there were patriots in the land, Charles Dick and Fielding Lewis were Patriots in the land.

Charles Dick and Fielding Lewis, the managers of the Gun Factory were such, Trusting that the Council will co-operate with us by granting us the privilege of marking this site, with sincere and personal regard,

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

William Clayton Torrence.

On motion of Dr King, the paper was received and the request fully granted.

(Approved J P Rowe, Mayor (Apr 19, 1913))

Mr Embrey of Finance Committee presented a bill for

printing 150 copies license tax ordinance \$25.00

App by the Clerk

On motion the same was ordered paid.

On motion of E G Heflin the sum of \$900 was appropriated to the Water Committee by unanimous vote

(Approved J P Rowe, Mayor (Apr 19, 1913))

Mr Heflin moved to appr \$275 to the Public Property Com

On motion it was appropriated

(Approved J P Rowe, Mayor (Apr 19, 1913))

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Mr Embrey of the Finance Committee presented statement of Finances

April 17, 1913

Treasurer's Report

Expenditures 12 PM

Water \$5,124.68

Gas \$9,796.35

Streets \$7,978.19

Public Property \$1,994.66

Alms House \$995.75

Electric Light \$2,359.81

Receipts from all sources by City 12 PM

Water \$5,180.00

Gas \$14,160.00

City Taxes, 1912 \$39,741.93

Licenses \$1,094.27

Del Real Estate \$188.08

Dog Licenses \$387.00

Orders of Court	\$597.24	Old bricks & lumber	\$24.32
Mayor's orders	\$5.50	Histories	\$7.25
Health & Police	\$666.83	Del Cap Tax	\$28.00
Fire Dept	\$58.00	Rents	\$30.00
Commissioner Exp	\$682.30	Fines	\$464.05
Miscellaneous Exp	\$2,468.80	General & Council	
General & Council, all salaries, & etc, police orders	\$22,551.87	Borrowed money	\$3,076.68
	\$55,279.98		\$64,381.58
New Sewer Acct	\$2,535.40		
Public Schools			
Amt deducted from State Taxes 1912 by order of Auditor C Lee Moore	\$2,890.67		
For teachers Dec 9, 1912			
Feb'y 8 by draft 2 nd Auditor			
For teachers	\$656.56		
	\$3,547.23		
Pd out to teachers	\$3,547.23		
Pd out Public Schools in addition			
To above	\$5,753.57		
Tuitionrec'd	\$630.00		
Apr 15, 1913	\$573.00	\$1,203.00	
		\$4,550.57	
		\$62,365.95	
By Balance	\$2,015.63		
	\$64,381.58		\$64,381.58
		Balance	\$2,015.63

R T Knox, Treasurer April 17, 1913
 Apr 17, 2 PM
 Nat Bank \$634.39
 Planters Nat Bank \$820.44
 Farmers & Merchants \$969.51
 \$2,424.34

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Mr W D Carter presented through Mr Biscoe the paper for Mr Warden.

Apr 15, 1915

Gentlemen: The work already done on the plans for building on my Water Street Property shows that it is desirable that I should own that portion of Frederick Street between Water Street and the River.

This portion of the Street has never been used as a Street and is too steep to be so used.

I will give the City for it one hundred and sixty (\$160.00) dollars.

Respectfully, Henry Warden

By Wm D Carter, Attorney

Mr Biscoe presented this which was on motion adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Whereas that portion of Frederick Street lying beyond the East side of Sophia or Water Street is precipitous and has never been opened, improved, or used as a Street by the inhabitants of this City; and Whereas Henry Warden has offered to purchase the said portion of Frederick Street aforesaid from the City of Fredericksburg at the price of one hundred and sixty (\$160.00) dollars, and to so provide that no

liability shall hereafter fall upon the City of Fredericksburg for any injury caused to or damages suffered by any person because of the rough and precipitous condition of the said portion of Frederick Street aforesaid:

Therefore be it resolved that the offer of the said Henry Warden to purchase the said portion of Frederick Street from the City and to improve the same for manufacturing purposes be, and the said offer is hereby accepted and the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a deed with general warranty conveying the said portion of Frederick Street herein above limited and described in this resolution to the said Warden, and to require the Clerk to affix to the said deed the Seal of this Corporation, and upon the payment into the Treasury of this City of the said sum of one hundred and sixty (\$160.00) dollars, the Mayor shall deliver the deed herein provided for to the said Henry Warden.

On motion adopted by this vote, moved by Heflin, Geo W;

Ayes, Gouldman, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, GW, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Biscoe, Bradley—9 votes

(Approved by J T Rowe, Mayor, April 19, 1913)

On motion of Mr Embrey the Light Committee were instructed to have placed three or more electric lights at the ends of the Bridge around the turn of the of the Hill, estimate of cost to be reported back to Council.

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Gentlemen: I have had application from parties living on Douglas Street for a sewer. With pipe I have on hand, sewer can be laid to accommodate these parties for about (\$100.00) and I would recommend that this work be done. R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

Ordered done. (Approved J P Rowe Mayor, April 19, 1913)

Mr Royer, City Commissioner submitted an estimate as asked for at a previous meeting of the Council for the physical cost of crossing the R F & P R R and the P F & P R R tracks on Prince Edward Street. The report says: To build this crossing of vitrified brick will cost \$3,200. A gravel roadway could be constructed for (\$650.00) and the cost could vary between these two amounts according to the kind of roadway constructed. R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

Water Department

Appropriation July 1, 1912	\$5,200.00	
Disbursements to Apr 10, 1913	\$5,057.07	
	\$143.93	

Items charged not actual operating expenses

Street Sprinkling & repair Jul 1, 1912 to Oct 21, 1912	\$108.25	
August 10, 1912, repairs to Mint Spring	\$34.10	
Oct 24, 13, 1/3 cost level, transit & etc	\$129.18	\$271.53

Additional cost of operating pumping station from Oct 12 through Nov 24, 1912: Cause gear on 7 x 12 duplex pump broken. Pump out of Commission 44 days, cost includes oil, coal, wood, labor, etc incident to operating 9 x 12 duplex pump,

water power at the rate of \$200 per year also included	\$334.66	
Additional cost of operating pumping plant during installation of centrifugal pumps		
Jan'y 23 to Feb'y 10, 1913, 18 days	\$122.80	\$457.46
		\$728.99

Estimate of disbursement, Apr 10 to Jul 1 1913

Estimate disbursements to May 10, 1913		\$370.01
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Power for motor from March 1, 1913 to June 1, 1913 3 mos at \$100	\$300.00
Pay roll at station 7 weeks	\$84.00
Supt salary, May	\$100.00
Estimated incidentals pumping station	\$53.99
Estimated supplies, repairs, & maintenance	\$92.00
Concluded	\$1,000.00

App Jul 1, 1912	\$5,200.00
Disbursed to Sep 1	\$1,809.47
Bal Sep 1	\$3,390.53

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Gas and Public Property	
Gas App Jul 1, 1912	\$13,000.00
Expended prior to	\$2,888.97
Bal Sep 1 etc	\$10,111.03
Disbursed Sep 1 to Apr 10	\$9,992.74
Bal Apr 10, 1913	\$118.29

Estimated disbursements Apr 10 to Jul 1, 1913	\$2,000.00
Bal of App as above	\$118.29
Bal needed	\$1,881.71

Disbursements Sep 1 to Apr 10 that should be credited to Gas Appropriation

Drayage on Coke and Tar	\$225.33
Welsbach supplies	\$979.32
1/3 cost level, transit etc	\$129.18
	\$1,333.83

Public Property	
Appropriation Jul 1, 1912	\$3,000.00
Disbursed prior to Sep 1 st	\$950.30
Balance Sep 1, 1912	\$2,049.70
Balance Sep 1, 1912	\$2,049.70
Disbursed to Apr 10, 1913	\$1,974.04
Bal Apr 10, 1913	\$75.66
Estimated disbursements from Apr 10 to Jul 1, 1913	\$350.00
Bal as above	\$75.66
Balance needed	\$274.34

The honorable City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: In pursuance of action of City Council March 20, 1913, authorizing the City Commissioner with assistance of the Supt of the City Gas Works to ask for bids to enlarge the plant, referring bids with recommendations to City Council at this meeting, we beg to submit the following statement.

In view of the City Finances at the present time, we beg to suggest the following modifications: which will be in line with the plan that will take care of the future growth of business.

We would respectfully ask that the sum of (\$5,000.00) be set aside to enlarge the manufacturing end of the City Gas Plant, the additional holder capacity being postponed until a later date, and this sum become available July 1st.

As we have been unable to get all the bids in from the different makers of Gas Works apparatus, we are unable to submit them at this meeting, and as conditions have arisen which might make it to our [Page

455] advantage to install an additional gas bench, we would respectfully ask that the kind of apparatus installed be left to the judgment of the City Commissioner, Supt of the City Gas Works and Light Committee; and that authority be given the above named officers to proceed at once on the plan and carry it through to its completion.

In order to begin the work promptly July 1st it will be necessary to let the contracts at the earliest possible date. Respectfully submitted, R Stuart Royer, City Comm; B F Bullock, Supt Gas Works; [blank] Light Committee.

Mr Embrey moved to appropriate \$5,000.00 available after July 1st
Ayes, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, J G (6 votes)
Noes, Gouldman, Biscoe, Bradley (3 votes)
(approved, J P Rowe, Mayor Apr 19, 1913)

By Mr Embrey:

Resolved that the Light Committee & City Commissioner be instructed to present plans of the improvements of the City Gas Works before any contract is let for the work.

Mr Heflin asked for \$2,000.00 for the Light Committee on motion it was appropriated.
Ayes, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Biscoe, Bradley (9 votes)
(approved, J P Rowe, Mayor Apr 19, 1913)

Dr King of the Ordinance Committee presented this:

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Section 6, Chapter 20 of the Ordinance of the said City be and the same is amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to permit such dog to come upon the streets or alleys of this City or run at large about said Streets without being securely muzzled, said muzzle to be made of wire, or other metal and to be so constructed as to render it impossible for the dog to inflict injury on man or beast by biting.

If any dog shall be found on the Streets or alleys of this City in violation of this Ordinance its owner if known shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than three dollars, and costs, and to forthwith muzzle said dog, the dog shall be killed and where the owner of such dog is not known the dog shall be killed. The Mayor of the City may by proclamation from [Page 456] time to time suspend the operation of this operation of this ordinance for such time as he, in his discretion may deem the same proper and safe, and may by like proclamation restore the operation of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in effect for May 1, 1913. J Garnett King, W S Embrey (Comm)

Rules suspended by unanimous vote and ordinance passed by the same vote:
(approved, J P Rowe, Mayor Apr 19, 1913)

Dr King called the attention of the Council to the condition of the land along the canal and also the small waterway contiguous to it back of Washington Avenue.

He stated its condition inimical to the health of the City and should be remedied at once. Discussion ensued as to who was responsible, and it was explained that the failure of the City to keep clear the Canal where it crosses Commerce Street had made a bar to the outlet and caused the water to back over the flats so the property owners could not get an outlet by ditching from their property to the small waterway. City Commissioner Royer was asked for an opinion and he said the work could be done for \$50 to \$75.

And on motion \$75.00 was appropriated and the work ordered done at once. Carried.

(approved, J P Rowe, Mayor Apr 19, 1913)

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Council was held April 24th 1913 8:00 to receive bids and consider the application of the Rappk Electric Light, Heat and Power Company for a franchise which has been advertised for four weeks, as evidenced by certificates handed the Clerk by the Rappk Power Co.

Present, Bradley, Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, GW, Embry, King, Heflin EG, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Atty Fitzhugh; Clerk Eastburn; City Commissioner Royer.

Atty John B Minor for the Rappk Co handed a bid of \$100.00

President Bradley in the Chair

After President Bradley stated that the object of the call was a bid of \$100.00 from the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co for a franchise for 30 years, carrying with it an annual license fee for doing business in the City of \$200.00 per annum for use of Streets and etc, and also the annual Tax for doing business in the City [Page 457] of ½ of 1% on its receipts.

The bid was read by the President and referred to the Committee of Ordinance, Dr J G King, J W Masters, & W S Embrey, and Finance Committee H B Lane, W E Bradley, and W S Embrey.

These gentlemen with City Commissioner and Attorney Fitzhugh retired and after consultation agreed on a report by a vote of 4 to one that the Franchise be laid on the table until an ordinance be framed and passed, making rules and regulations in regard to proper wiring, poles, and etc for the City.

Dr King, Chairman of Ordinance Committee stated that nothing could be lost by the short delay and warmly advocated the adoption of the report.

Mr Bradley presented a minority report that the franchise be acted on at once. He stated the Ordinance could be passed as easily after the franchise was granted as before, as all the points in this particular were covered by the franchise ordinance.

Mr Masters, explaining his position said he wanted the Company to know what rules and regulations they had to conform to before they were given the franchise.

Mr Embrey was very emphatic in his advocacy of delay; and cited that he wanted to bind up the Company before and not after, as the City had experienced continued trouble with the Company, and he wanted as much put to it by legislation which would be plain and binding.

Mr Biscoe moved the adoption of the minority report, which was seconded by Mr Warden, who in doing so stated he was under the impression that an ordinance had been passed in regard to proper wiring &c, and he thought he had a copy of the same in his possession.

Mr Bradley said such an ordinance had been presented, but had never passed. It had been held up because when presented there was only one incandescent system here, and if the Ordinance had been passed and enforced at that time it would have caused great hardship and line building which might have resulted in the plant being temporarily disabled and the City without incandescent lights.

Mr Minor was heard on the Franchise that he especially wanted it done before May 1st, that his company was willing to accept any ordinance which the Council should pass that bare no unnecessary hardship.

On motion of GW Heflin was laid on the table not to exceed 10 days. Carried.

Adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held May 15, 1913, in the Council Chamber at 8 o'clock PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Att'y Fitzhugh; City Commissioner Royer; Clerk Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

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

Mayor's Report by Mr Lane

May 15, 1913

Gentlemen: It is my pleasure to report that the Police Officers have rendered faithful service during the past month and are entitled to their salaries.

Fines collected by Police Justice Dannehl since last report amounted to \$74.50, which has been paid to the City Treasurer.

I would also report that deeds for the old Gas House lot and that portion of Frederick Street, lying between Sophia Street and the Rappahannock River after being approved by the City Attorney and signed by me, have been delivered to the purchaser, Mr Henry Warden, and the amount of the purchase price, four hundred and twenty dollars (\$420.00) has been turned over to Treasurer C R Howard.

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor.

[R T Knox resigned 22 April 1913 as City Treasurer, and C R Howard was appointed to the position. See *The Free Lance*, 24 April 1913, page 3, column 3]

On motion of [blank] received, ordered filed, and salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented bill of Kishpaugh for printing ordinance on building \$1.00 and dog muzzles .75

Total amount \$1.75

On motion ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented the bond of C R Howard, the Treasurer elect of this City for \$10,000.00), OK'd by the City Attorney.

The bond of Treasurer Howard, on motion was received and ordered placed in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Fredericksburg Va May 15, 1913

The Finance Committee of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I herewith beg to submit my report of the receipts & expenditures for the City of Fredericksburg from April 26th to May 15th 1913.

Prior to April 26 is based on figures of former Treasurer R T Knox, and will be subject to some few corrections by your auditing [Page 459] Committee which Committee have had the books of the former Treasurer audited. Respectfully, C R Howard, Treasurer.

Receipts

Water to Apr 26 th	\$5,180.00	
To May 15	\$175.00	\$5,355.00
Gas to Apr 26 th	\$14,160.00	
To May 15	\$1,350.00	\$15,510.00
City Taxes		\$39,741.93
Licenses to Apr 26 th	\$1,094.27	
To May 15	\$10,000.00	\$11,094.27
Delinquent Real Estate		\$188.08
Dog Licenses		\$409.00
Bricks & Lumber		\$24.57
Histories		\$7.25
Delinquent Capitation Tax		\$28.00
Rents		\$30.00

Fines to Apr 26 th	\$554.05	
To May 15	\$74.50	\$628.55
General Council		\$3,076.68
Tuition to May 15 th		\$32.00
Gas House lot & etc		\$420.00
		\$76,545.33
Expenditures		
Water to Apr 26 th	\$5,322.03	
To May 15	\$279.76	\$5,601.79
Gas to Apr 26 th	\$9,997.60	
To May 15	\$689.02	\$10,686.62
Streets to Apr 26 th	\$8,108.74	
To May 15	\$274.31	\$8,373.05
Public Property to Apr 26 th	\$2,151.57	
To May 15	\$71.26	\$2,222.83
Alms House to Apr 26 th	\$1,018.15	
To May 15	\$18.35	\$1,096.50
Health & Police to Apr 26 th	\$672.83	
To May 15	\$23.25	\$696.08
Fire Dept to Apr 26 th	\$70.50	
To May 15	\$5.00	\$75.50
Comm Expenses to Apr 26 th	\$682.85	
To May 15	\$50.87	\$733.72
Miscellaneous to Apr 26 th	\$2,640.15	
To May 15	\$2,743.97	\$5,384.12
Sewer Acct to Apr 26 th	\$2,537.90	
To May 15	\$152.65	\$2,690.55
Schools to Apr 26 th	\$4,605.54	
To May 15	\$1,187.40	\$5,792.94
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Electric Light to Apr 26 th		\$2,359.81
Orders of Court to Apr 26 th		\$597.24
Mayor's Orders to Apr 26 th		\$5.50
Coupons owe R S R Acct to Apr 26 th		\$414.00
General Council to Apr 26 th		\$22,812.37
Interest to May 15		\$1,708.90
Salaries to May 15		\$547.90
Library to May 15		\$27.50
Bank balance R T Knox May 15		\$497.05
Bank balance C R Howard May 15		\$2,622.66
Bank balance C R Howard May 15 Commercial		\$1,525.00
Cash		\$74.50
		\$76,545.33
Cash & deposits on hand		\$4,222.16
Rec'd and ordered filed		

The City Commissioner stated it was impossible with the facilities to sprinkle more than the paved streets of the business section and recommended to do away with the sprinkling of other streets. The recommendation was unanimously adopted.

The City Commissioner requested to be authorized to purchase one 4 inch water meter, to be used in measuring the amount of water pumped into the reservoir on 90 days trial, and if it proved satisfactory to pay \$160.00 for the meter.

On motion of Mr Embrey, seconded by Mr Ford the City Commissioner was so authorized. By unanimous vote.

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, May 19, 1913)

Mr Royer reported he had purchased for \$10.00 a 30 day option on the gravel on 6.9 acres of ground for \$60.00 per acre on the Nicholson farm in Stafford County near the end of the Free Bridge, the City to have ten years to remove the gravel. The City Commissioner stated this would give the City an abundant supply of gravel, which was mostly of a better quality than that in the gravel pit used by the City at present time.

Mr Fitzhugh framed the following motion which was offered by Mr Embrey, seconded by E G Heflin, and was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the City Commissioner has recommended the purchase of certain gravel and earth on the Nicholson farm in the County of Stafford, be it resolved by the Council that said recommendation is approved, so soon as the City [Page 461] Attorney shall draw proper contracts for same and see the City gets a good title to the property. Adopted by unanimous vote.

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, May 19, 1913)

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported the note of \$2,500 which was recently borrowed by the Council had been paid.

The Street Committee asked the City Commissioner to supply estimates on the cost of a concrete bridge across Hazel Run on the road leading to Massaponax. Adopted

Resolved further that he is hereby requested to ascertain if he can relocate the trestle if necessary, and the cost and report same at the next regular meeting of the Council. Adopted by unanimous vote

Mr Warden offered the following; Be it resolved that the City Commissioner be and is hereby instructed to submit to the Council an estimate of the cost of sprinkling all the streets. On motion adopted.

Mr E G Heflin of the Light Committee, recommended the elimination from consideration in the enlargement of the Gas Works, the water gas method, owing to the increase in the cost of oil, and recommended the acceptance of the bid of the Baltimore Retort and Fire Brick Company for installing another coals-gas bench and repairing the two in present use. The bid of (\$4,487.00) of this Company was the lowest, as there was only one other bid of (\$4,919.00) which includes both the putting in of a new bench and the repairing of the two old ones.

The motion to accept the bid of the Baltimore Retort and Fire Brick Company, execute contract, and proceed with the work, as soon as, the money appropriated at the last meeting of the Council becomes available July 1st was unanimously adopted.

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, May 19, 1913)

This addition to the Gas Works will increase the output \$5,000 feet, which is half the amount now produced.

Dr King of the Ordinance Committee presented this ordinance and on motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance unanimously passed.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that:

It shall be the duty of the City Commissioner to remove all wooden bridges across gutters at entrances to private alleys, or driveways, whenever in his opinion [Page 462] they interfere with the drainage and appearance of the Streets of the City of Fredericksburg.

Hereafter any person desiring to cross the sidewalk to enter any private alley or his or her premises, shall first obtain permission to do so from the City Commissioner, and shall grade and pave the said entrance from outside the gutter to the property line, in such manner as may be prescribed by the City Commissioner. No person shall be allowed to place a bridge or any other obstruction in or over any gutter upon any street.

When carriage houses or stables are erected in such manner as to render it necessary to cross a paved sidewalk with horses or vehicles, there shall be placed at such entrance to such lot or stable, by the owner or occupant of the property suitable stone or granolithic pavement approved by the City Commissioner.

Any person violating this ordinance shall be liable to a fine upon conviction of not less than (\$1.00) nor more than (\$5.00) for each offense.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage. J G King, Chairman, W E Embrey, J W Masters, S E Eastburn, Clerk, passed May 15, 1915

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, May 19, 1913)

Application was made from E H Russell, Director of the Summer Normal Institute for an appropriation of \$300.00 toward financing the institute. On motion it was appropriated by unanimous vote.

Mr Biscoe stated he would at the next meeting offer a resolution to open Prince Edward Street across the R F & P and the P F & P railroads.

Mr G W Heflin of the Water Committee stated the delinquent water rents would amount to about (\$1,500.) and he moved that the City Commissioner be given the power to cut off the water in these cases. It was stated from the Chair, the Commissioner had this power.

A lengthy Ordinance governing the distributing plants of Electric Light, Heat & Power was presented and adopted by unanimous vote of the Council. As was also an amendment offered by Mr Ford, striking out the words telegraph and telephone, wherever they occurred in the Ordinance.

The rules were suspended.

(Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, May 19, 1913)

[inserted printed copy of "An ordinance containing rules and regulations governing electrical construction, insulation, wiring etc, in the City of Fredericksburg"]

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On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Called meeting of the Council for Friday night May 24, 1913 to consider the Franchise of the Rappk Electric Light, Heat & Power Company. Present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Masters, Warden, Biscoe: Atty Fitzhugh; Commissioner Royer, clerk Eastburn

Attorney John B Minor.

After waiting one half hour the Council adjourned and instructed the Clerk to issue call for a meeting for Tuesday, June 3, 1913 at 5 o'clock PM

And the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

A called meeting of the Common Council was held June 3, 1913 in the Council Chamber at 5 o'clock PM. Present, Bradley, Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Warden, Biscoe (11 members)
President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President called the Council to order and stated that the Council had been called to consider the Franchise of the Rappk Electric Light and Power Company.

The Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance to whom the franchise and the bid on the same had been referred for consideration and report did report as follows:

Whereas, the City Clerk has laid before the Council of the City of Fredericksburg the Ordinance approved Mar 24th 1913, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law, for bids for a Franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Light, Heat, and Power lines, including poles, wires & other appliances, in, upon, along and over and under the Streets, Alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Light, Heat and Power," together with Certificates of the due publication of the same, once a week [Page 464] for four successive weeks in the *Daily Star* and *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia commencing on the 25th day of March 1913, made in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved May 20th 1903, and Acts amendatory thereof: And

Whereas the presiding officer of said Council thereupon invited bids for the said franchise as required by law; and

Whereas The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company submitted a bid as follows:

To: the honorable W E Bradley, President and Presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg,

The undersigned, The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation chartered, organized, and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia by John B Minor, its Attorney and Agent, hereby respectfully bids the sum of (\$100.00) in cash for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your honorable body dated March 24th 1913 entitled.

"An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power."

And the said Company in the acceptance of its bids hereby further agrees to pay all expenses in connection with the advertisement of the said franchise dated at Fredericksburg, Virginia, this 24th day of April 1913.

The Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Company, by John B Minor, its Attorney and Agent.

That upon the receipt of the said bid by said Council, the Council adopted an Ordinance in reference thereto in words and figures as follows: to-wit:

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the bid of (\$100.00) of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privilege and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date March 24, 1913, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of [Page 465] supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power."

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

That at a meeting of the Council called for the purpose, and held at 5 PM June 3, 1913, the Joint Committee on Ordinance and Finance on the above described ordinance made report in words and figures as follows:

To the Honorable Council of the City of Fredericksburg

Your Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance to whom was referred for consideration and report as provided by law, the bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company of (\$100.00) for the franchise, privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of your honorable body of date March 24th 1913, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.”

Would respectfully report and recommend the acceptance of the said bid of the said The Rappahannock Electric and Power Company. J Garnett King, W S Embrey, H B Lane, W E Bradley (Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance)

That thereupon the Council, by unanimous vote passed the following:

An ordinance accepting the bid of (\$100.00) in cash of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Virginia for the franchise, privilege and rights proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date March 24, 1913, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.”

Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg: that the report of the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of this Council recommending the acceptance of the bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company of (\$100.00) for the franchise, privileges [Page 466] proposed to be granted by an ordinance of this Council of date March 24, 1913, entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.”

Be and the same is hereby received and adopted and that said bid of the said The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company for the franchise rights and privileges aforesaid be and the same is hereby accepted.

An ordinance granting to The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.”

Whereas by ordinance of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg approved March 24th 1913 Entitled:

An ordinance to provide for the advertisement, as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Lights, Heat & Power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances, in, upon, along, and over and under the streets, alleys, and Public Places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Lights, Heat and Power.”

Bids in writing for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by the said ordinance were invited. The same to be delivered on the 24th day of April 1913 at the hour of 8 o'clock PM to the honorable W E Bradley, President and presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg in open session of said Council as required by law: and

Whereas said Ordinance of March 24th 1913 was duly advertised as required by law by publication thereof once a week for four successive weeks in the *Daily Star* and *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in the City of Fredericksburg, Va; and

Whereas at the hour of 8 o'clock PM on April 24th 1913 a bid in writing for such franchise was received by the Honorable W E Bradley, President and Presiding Officer of the said Council and was read aloud as required by law, and inquiry was thereupon made for other bids but none were offered and said bids were closed: and

Whereas the only bid so received was the bid of the The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the [Page 467] State of Virginia offering to pay the sum of (\$100.00) in cash for the franchise, privileges, and rights proposed to be granted by the said ordinance of March 24th 1913, and asking that if said bid be accepted, the said franchise, privileges and rights so proposed to be granted to it, the said The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company which bid was the only bid received; and

Whereas the said bid for said franchise, privileges & rights so received on date and at the hour aforesaid was by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg referred to the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of the said Council for consideration and report as provided by law, and the said Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance of the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg did report recommending the acceptance of the bid of the said The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company being the highest and best bid as aforesaid, and the said bid was accepted by resolution of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg adopted at a meeting thereof held on the 3rd day of June 1913.

Whereas the said The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company has requested that an Ordinance be adopted substantially in the form advertised as aforesaid, granting the franchise, privileges, and rights named in the ordinance of March 24th 1913 to it, The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation chartered, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Virginia. Now therefore, be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg.

[a typeset copy interleaved in the minutes, from an unspecified local newspaper]

That a Franchise is hereby granted to [blank] its successors and assigns, hereinafter denominated "The Company" for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance, and said Company, its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized for a period of thirty years from the date of the approval of this ordinance to erect, operate and maintain, wires, cables, and other conductors, including the necessary pole and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under the streets, alleys and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, as its business may from time to time require, to construct conducts, tubes and other constructions, in, under and along said streets, alleys, and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, and to make suitable connections therewith and to supply electrical current, light, heat and power, subject to the provisions, conditions and restrictions hereinafter mentioned. Provided that all poles shall be neat, symmetrical and painted, said poles to be straight and with bark taken off and securely set in the grounds and repainted from time to time as may be necessary when required by the City Council.

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

The work of erecting poles shall be done under the supervision of the Committee on Streets, and the portions of the surface of the Parks, Streets, Avenues, Alleys, and pavements of the City of Fredericksburg, disturbed in constructing, repairing, or replacing the works of such Company along, over, or under the same, shall be immediately returned to and maintained in good condition by said Company and in case of failure on the part of the said Company to restore and maintain the same, the Corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly restore and maintain the same, and the costs thereof shall be recovered by the City from the said Company in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Upon notice from the City, or any Committee of the Council that a local improvement, or gas, sewer, or water mains, or branch thereof, is to be constructed or repaired in such manner as will necessitate the moving or altering of the poles or wire or other appliances, of the said Company of the poles, or wires, or other appliances of the said Company, the Company shall move or alter the same at its own expense, and should said Company omit to comply with such notice the Poles, wire, and appliances may be altered, or moved by the City and the cost thereof recovered from said Company:

And in event of fire or other casualty rendering it necessary, the said Company upon notice, shall as to control of its current, or disposition and care of its poles, wires, and other appliances render promptly necessary aid to the firemen, or other authorities of the City.

3rd In consideration of the grant of this Franchise the said Company, its successors and assigns, shall, when so required by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, permit its poles and fixtures to be used, without compensation by the said City for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any fire or police alarms, telegraph or telephone wires, which by the Council may be considered necessary, for the exclusive use of said Police or Fire department of the City of Fredericksburg, provided that such use by the said City of Fredericksburg shall not interfere with the proper use of said poles, structures and fixtures by the said Company, its successors and assigns and that the location and character of said wires and fixtures shall be subject to the approval of the Committee or Committees of said Council having charge of the Police and Fire department and provided further that the said City of Fredericksburg shall and it hereby agrees in event of such use of said poles for its wires, as aforesaid, to indemnify and save harmless the said company, its successors and assigns, from any and all damage, loss, cost, and expense to which said Company, its successors and assigns may be subject by reason or as the result of the use of said poles, structures or fixtures by the said City of Fredericksburg, as herein provided.

4th The said Company, its successors and assigns hereby agrees to save the said City of Fredericksburg free and harmless from all loss, damage, cost and expense that might occur to said City by or through the neglect of said Company in exercising the powers herein granted or the use of the Streets and alleys and other public places of the City by reason of which the said City might become liable for damages, all or any of said claims to be defended and paid by said Company, and its failure to defend and pay, in case of judgment thereon, all or any of said claims, and to indemnify and save the City harmless as aforesaid, shall entitle the City to revoke this franchise and to declare all its rights hereunder inoperative & void.

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

6th The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that it will establish and will maintain in good order a first class electric light, heat & power distributing plant in Fredericksburg, throughout the term of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient light, heat and power service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty (30) years. The distributing plant above referred to in this section is understood to consist of wires, cables, and other conductors, poles, and fixtures and transformers and other electrical appliances necessary to be used in distributing electricity through out the City and the said Company hereby agrees and binds itself that the works of construction of said distributing plant shall begin actually and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this Ordinance, and that said company shall be ready to furnish electrical light, heat and power to

customers in the City of Fredericksburg within six months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of six months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of six months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg. And upon acceptance of this ordinance, by the said Company it shall deposit with the City Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg the bond of the said Company payable to said City with security to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which bond shall be in the words and figures as follows:

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

Sealed with our seals and dated this [blank] day of [blank] 1913.

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

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

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

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

The true intent and object of this provision being to provide for and insure that the said City shall never, during the said term of thirty (30) years, be without ample security for the faithful performance by the said Company of the aforesaid obligation, undertaking and agreement on its part touching the efficiency of the Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates, and the maintenance of its property in good order throughout the terms of the grant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(13) The said Company by the acceptance of this ordinance, or the exercise of any of the privileges herein granted binds itself and agrees that it will annually during the said term of thirty years, pay to the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a license tax of two hundred dollars for the use of its Streets, alleys and other public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of its wires, cables, and other conductors, including the necessary poles and fixtures and other necessary structures and appliances, in, upon, along, over and under said streets, alleys, and other public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Va. as its business may from time to time require. The City to have a lien upon all the property of said Company in said City for its said annual license tax during said term, whether assessed or to be assessed in preference to all other liens and encumbrances on said property.

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

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

Mr Warden seconded by Mr Biscoe presented the franchise & report for adoption. It was adopted by this vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, Geo, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Warden, Biscoe (11 votes)

By the Mayor, June [blank] J P Rowe

Mr Biscoe seconded by Mr Warden presented this resolution which was adopted by the same vote. (11 votes)

Resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Fidelity and deposit Company of Maryland be approved as security upon the bond of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company, a franchise for the purpose therein stated.

And be it further resolved that the said bond be for five years, to be recovered thereafter with surety to be approved by the Council as required by said Franchise.

Approved by Mayor, June 6, 1913, J P Rowe

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On motion of Mr Hirsh the rules were suspended by 11 votes.

On further motion of Mr Hirsh moved to appropriate \$500.00 to the School Committee. Carried by unanimous vote. 11 votes

Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, June 5, 1913

June 3, 1913

Mr Royer, City Commissioner, reported that he still had on his books approximately (\$750.00) in delinquent water rents. This amount is divided among thirty seven delinquents, and they have all had ten days notice to the effect that water would be cut off if accounts were not paid by the end of then days.

In view of the fact that the ordinance in regard to delinquent water consumers has not been enforced in the past and the ordinance also is not entirely clear, the City Attorney has advised me to delay the cutting off of water until the matter could be reported to your body, and instructions received.

The ordinance leaves the matter to the Committee on Water in its discretion and in my opinion the ordinance should be made to read so as to affect all parties alike, and that it be rigidly enforced, as it would be easier on the majority of the delinquents if the water were cut off at the end of six months, instead of allowing it to accumulate for a long period of years, as it has in the past.

I would, therefore, ask for instructions as to how to proceed in the matter.

Very truly yours, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Commissioner was ordered to enforce the collections and all parties in arrears will have water cut off on July 1, 1913. Passed by unanimous vote June 3, 1913 (11 votes)

Approved by J P Rowe, Mayor, June 6, 1913

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held June 19th 1913 at 8 o'clock PM with these present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin [GW], Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Warden, Biscoe; Commissioner Royer, Clerk Eastburn

W E Bradley, President, in the chair
 Minutes of last regular and 2 called meetings read and approved.

June 19, 1913

To the President & Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I respectfully report to your honorable body that since last report the Police Officers of the City so far as I know have faithfully performed their duty and are entitled to their pay for the past month. Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to (\$54.50), for the period from May 15th to June 19th 1913.

I would also report the receipt of (\$75.00) from the Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co for rent for the Shirt Factory building from March 10, 1913 to June 10th 1913.

Both the above amounts have been turned over to the City Treasurer C R Howard

Respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

On motion the report of the Mayor was received and filed and the Police ordered paid for month.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee read bills of registrars which on motion were ordered paid

Laurence Perry for the Lower Ward

Oct 1912	To sitting one day	\$2.00	
	Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notices	\$1.50	
	Posting registration	\$1.50	
	21 registrations @10¢	\$2.10	\$8.60

E C Bell for the Upper Ward

Oct 1912	To sitting one day	\$2.00	
	To Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notices	\$1.50	
	Posting list of registration	\$1.50	
	35 transfers & registrations @10¢	\$3.50	\$10.00

Bill of Kishpaugh read and ordered paid

May 30	75 copies Bridge Ordinance		\$.75
Jun 19	100 copies electrical wiring 16 pages		\$16.00
	Approved by Clerk		\$16.75

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To the Finance Committee, City of Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: I beg to herewith submit my report of the receipts & expenditures of the Wallace Library fund for the year 1912-1913

Receipts

June 22, 1912	Balance in bank	\$1,564.94	
July 1, 1912	Int on bonds	\$81.00	
Jany 3, 1913	Int on bonds	\$81.00	
June 14, 1913	Fines	\$17.28	\$1,744.22

Expenditures

July 26, 1912	J W Adams	\$5.50	
Aug 13, 1912	J W Adams	\$79.75	
Oct 2, 1912	J W Adams	\$70.13	
Nov 19, 1912	Cain & Bell	\$3.35	
Feb 3, 1913	J W Adams	\$17.99	
Mar 14, 1913	Cain & Bell	\$32.35	
Apr 28, 1913	J W Adams	\$12.00	
Jun 4, 1913	Cain & Bell	\$6.75	\$227.82
Bank Balance June 18, 1913			\$1,516.40
Respectfully submitted, C R Howard, Treasurer			

Report of City Treasurer

Bank balance July 1 st 1912		\$1,478.60	
Water		\$10,859.51	
Gas		\$19,690.70	
Licenses		\$14,317.79	
Fines		\$774.55	
Rents		\$185.00	
Delinquent Taxes		\$244.30	
Misc Receipts, Loans & etc		\$13,190.29	
Tuition (A B Bowering)		\$155.00	
Sale, Gas House lot		\$420.00	
Board, Mrs King at Alms House		\$30.00	
Sewers		\$1,406.88	
Dray licenses		\$124.80	
Dog licenses		\$411.00	
City Taxes		\$39,741.93	
Bricks, lumber & etc		\$38.82	
Quinn's Histories		\$7.25	
Del Capitation		\$28.00	
Overpaid by R T Knox, Sep 1, 1912		\$373.86	
Total receipts		\$103,478.28	
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Total receipts brought up			\$103,478.28
Expenditures		\$7,881.87	
Water		\$14,825.17	
Gas		\$10,075.61	
Streets		\$3,245.15	
Public Property		\$2,067.62	
Alms House		\$3,574.26	
Electric Light		\$5,096.00	
Interest Acct		\$720.08	
Health & Police		\$927.57	
Fire Dept		\$7,580.5-	
Public Schools		-----	
Sewers		\$4,567.84	
Commissioner expenses		\$761.35	
Misc expenses		\$6,425.02	

Gen & Council Exp	\$28,027.63	
Court Orders	\$866.11	
Mayor's Orders	\$46.59	
Wallace Library	\$52.60	
Salaries	\$1,379.16	
Due by R T Knox (his report)	\$497.05	\$98,617.24
Bank balance		\$4,861.04

Respectfully submitted C R Howard, Treasurer
Received and ordered filed

June 18, 1913

Gentlemen: I have the honor herewith to submit to you're the first report of the City Commissioner, R Stuart Royer, covering the period from Sep 1, 1912 to June 10th 1913. This report contains summary of the Appropriations and the expenditures of the appropriations covering the period indicated, and is to some extent a resume of the monthly reports submitted by the City Commissioner to the City Council. I beg to state that I have watched with deep interest the workings of the City's affairs under a Commission form of government, as administrated by Commissioner Royer, and I am firmly convinced that the change made in 1912 has already largely eventuated in the City's getting more benefit for its money expended than under the old plan.

Our streets have been greatly improved; the work has been done with improved machinery, at a greatly reduced outlay; it has been done with a singleness of purpose, and a definiteness of [Page 472] execution looking towards the completion of a general plan, which is so necessary to a successful accomplishment of any endeavor.

By reason of my position as Mayor, I do not deem it expedient to comment upon the recommendations made to your honorable body by Commissioner Royer, feeling assured you will give it your careful and thoughtful consideration, but I bespeak for him the close co-operation of the Committees of the Council which he requests in his report.

Respectfully submitted, J P Rowe Mayor

Read by the President and on motion referred to City Commissioner for report.

June 18, 1913

Hon J P Rowe, Mayor

Sir: I have the honor to submit you my first report of the fiscal year's affairs of the City of Fredericksburg for a period from Sept 1, 1912 to June 10, 1913. I would recommend that in the future the Commissioner's annual report be made on July 15th and that it be for the whole fiscal year, ending June 30. I would further suggest for your consideration, that the Annual report of the different City officials be printed and bound in Pamphlet form for distribution among the citizens who may desire them.

In regard to Streets, I would recommend that the type of roadway on Upper Main Street be adopted as a type to be constructed in the future, until such time as the general condition of the streets and the City's financial condition may warrant the construction of a better and more costly type of paving.

Princess Anne Street from Commerce to the R F & P Railroad, Lower Main Street, and roadway from National Boulevard to Commerce Street by way of Spottswood Street, Lee Avenue, and Liberty Street, all in bad condition and these are important streets. I would recommend that these streets, in the order named, be the next improvements undertaken by the Street Department.

I would recommend that Council appropriate (\$1,000.00) for the purpose of constructing granolithic curbs, the money to be at my command for constructing curbs whenever property owners will enter written agreements to construct granolithic side walks.

I would recommend that there be no appropriation [Page 473] made for operation expenses of the Gas and Water Departments during the coming year; that these departments be put on a self-sustaining basis, meet

their expenses out of their revenues, pay into the general Treasury an amount equal to what their taxes, interest on bonded indebtedness, 1% sinking fund, 2% depreciation, and that Council, as it may see fit, transfer from the profits shown by these departments to the general Treasury. My reasons for this are, to put these departments on the same footing and make them meet the same requirements that they would have to meet if they were owned by private corporations, and in this way to get them on a strictly business basis.

The balance in the City Treasury on July 1, 1913 will be about (\$7,200.00) as compared to (\$1,500.00) balance on the first of last July. In view of the fact that this is the first year under the new administration, and that there were necessarily many big expenditures in connection with the opening up of my office, viz, \$1,384.30 for office equipment & etc; (\$2,864.60) for the purchase of Street machinery (\$2,134.52) for the remodeling of pumping station, (\$2,407.83) for the Boulevard Sewer, I feel sure that not having to meet these expenses again the coming year, a much larger showing will be made in all departments. There seems to be declining interest on the part of the different Committees of the Council since I became the executive officer managing the several departments, and I would respectfully ask that Committees cooperate with me more closely during the coming year.

In reference to the sinking fund, I would advise that bonds belonging to the sinking fund be stamped, "Retired from circulation" or otherwise marked so as to show that they are the property of the City and not subject to sale and that these bonds be retained and that interest accruing on them each six months be appropriated by the Council to the Sinking Fund, thus making the sinking fund in reality what it is in name.

While I think it is very essential that the Electric bonds be taken up, at the rate of one bond a year, I think this should be done out of the regular 1% appropriation to the sinking fund, as taking up an extra (\$1,000.00) bond over and above the 1% Sinking Fund is too much burden on the City's finances at the present time.

Respectfully submitted, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner
(approved June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)
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Streets		
Due by R T Knox (his report)	\$497.05	\$98,617.24
Appropriation		\$9,300.00
Overpayment labor		\$2.00
Machinery	\$2,773.50	
Freight	\$91.10	
Material, tools, etc	\$203.68	
Maintenance of team & machinery	\$405.63	
Building catch basin & covers same	\$98.27	
Salaries	\$494.02	
Sundries	\$43.15	
Concrete work on George Street	\$158.96	
Concrete work on Main & Fauquier	\$254.98	
Gravel roadway, Commerce Street	\$997.81	
Gravel roadway, Main Street	\$1,580.45	
Gravel roadway, Boulevard	\$453.43	
Storm sewer, Main & Pitt	\$482.05	
Repairing	\$413.62½	
Cleaning	\$201.93½	
Surface asphalt binder	\$109.20	
Putting down oil	\$9.91	

Overdraft Sept 1 st		\$112.17	
Balance June 10 th		\$456.13	
		\$9,302.00	\$9,302.00
Gas			
Balance Sep 1, 1912			\$10,211.03
App Apr 17, 1913			\$2,000.00
Material & supplies, manufacturing		\$215.38	
Supplies for repairs		\$145.62	
Meters		\$159.20	
Drayage, freight & etc		\$118.09	
Printing ads, office supplies		\$46.55	
1/3 part on engineering inst		\$129.18	
Telephone extension		\$18.00	
Plastering ceiling in office		\$8.50	
Pipe fittings		\$205.20	
Sundries		\$27.38	
Welsbach supplies		\$931.12	
Payroll including Supt		\$4,421.33	
Material	\$3,552.80		
Freight	\$1,783.87	\$5,336.67	
Bal June 10, 1913		\$448.81	
		\$12,211.03	\$12,211.03
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Public Property			
Bal app Sep 1, 1912			\$2,049.70
app Feb 20, 1913			\$50.00
app Apr 17, 1913			\$275.00
Furniture & supplies for public buildings & etc		\$702.27	
Coal & Wood		\$273.64	
Ins on public buildings		\$261.43	
Lumber for free bridge		\$245.99	
painting bridge		\$155.00	
Labor Free Bridge, P buildings, general		\$489.75	
Reg Town Clock on year		\$60.00	
Telephone rents 1913		\$53.00	
House for Clerk of Market		\$30.56	
Concrete work, George St		\$39.05	
Material & labor, making door for jail		\$18.00	
Balance June 10, 1913		\$46.01	
		\$2,374.70	\$2,374.70
Alms House			
Bal App Sep 1, 1912			\$426.89
App Dec 19, 1913			\$1,000.00
Salaries		\$349.38	
Groceries		\$344.07	
Clothing		\$24.54	
Furniture, beds, & etc		\$84.95	
Oil		\$8.67	
Wood		\$71.88	

Drug bill	\$61.60	
feed	\$48.05	
incidentals	\$48.25	
for poor outside of Alms House	\$8.75	
Construction of Wash House & etc	\$131.98	
Hen house, materials & labor	\$6.48	
Garden & fence for same	\$19.91	
Balance June 10, 1913	\$218.38	
	\$1,426.89	\$1,426.89
Water		
Balance Sep 1, 1912		\$3,390.53
App Apr 17, 1913		\$900.00
Supplies, operation	\$77.19	
Office	\$41.47	
Services, etc	\$41.65	
Repairs to works	\$153.71	\$314.02
Coal, material	\$325.66	\$811.87
freight	\$384.72	
drayage	\$101.49	
oil & etc		\$48.00
Coal & wood for station		\$37.63
Water Power 2/16/13 Inc		\$112.22
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Meter sundries	\$56.60	
Electric power since 2/16/13	\$342.85	
Blacksmithing, Hardware & sundries	\$22.69	
2 strainers, ordered Aug 1912	\$105.00	
1/3 part on engineering instruments	\$129.18	
Fire hydrant	\$21.00	
2 check valves for pumps	\$18.65	
Clerical office work	\$50.00	
Street Sprinkling	\$28.00	
Pay roll including Supt	\$2,020.00	
Bal June 10, 1913	\$172.25	
	\$4,290.53	\$4,290.53
Cleaning canal appropriation	\$250.00	
Total cost	\$214.84	\$35.16
Cleaning private ditch above Commerce App	\$50.00	
Total cost	\$25.38	\$24.62
Douglas sewer app	\$100.00	
Cost, labor & material	\$146.25	\$46.25
Installation of pumping apparatus		
Double centrifugal pump	\$1,225.00	
Cost iron pipe, fitting etc	\$260.08	
Motor	\$415.00	
Electric fittings, wiring, & etc	\$134.57	
Supt expenses to Richmond	\$3.60	

Labor	\$84.05	
tools	\$12.22	
	\$2,134.52	
Appropriation	\$2,100.00	
Overdraft	\$34.52	
Boulevard Sewer, pipe & freight on same	\$726.12	
Cement	\$57.90	
sand	\$12.00	
lumber	\$79.94	
brick	\$96.38	
tools	\$8.16	
Blacksmithing	\$26.30	
Oil for lanterns	\$8.95	
8 pair boots	\$26.00	
Labor	\$1,366.08	
	\$2,407.83	
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Appropriation	\$3,077.56	
balance	\$669.73	
Credit 8 pairs books stock	\$15.00	
Lumber	\$60.00	
	\$75.00	
Pipe unused	\$75.60	
	\$150.60	
Commissioner's expense		
Opening books	\$117.55	
Advertisement, printing, supplies	\$103.05	
Labor	\$43.76	
Drawing material & office equipment	\$169.84	
Messages	\$13.08	
Cash a/c drayage, express, etc	\$59.35	
Maps	\$2.16	
Typewriting wiring ordinance	\$17.01	\$525.80
Miscellaneous, orders of Mayor		
Nuisances	\$55.55	
Cleaning Week	\$168.54	
Ad, printing & distribution	\$90.52	
Special police	\$27.50	
Apprehension of fugitives from justice	\$23.37	
Dog collars	\$23.98	
Prescription (Aug 20, 1909)	\$.50	
Burial of pauper	\$5.00	
Aid to quarantined family	\$4.40	
Attorney's exp to Richmond R F & P Tax	\$5.00	
Moving safe to Mayor's office	\$2.50	\$406.86
Of court case of prisoner	\$266.45	
Medicine & medical attention	\$5.45	
wood	\$10.50	

Janitor	\$80.00	
Stationary, Records, reports, etc	\$70.35	
Juries	\$272.50	
Voting lists	\$37.50	
Lunacy cases	\$25.05	
Labor	\$3.00	
Tax returned	\$40.20	
Pay of Judge in absence of regular judge	\$410.00	\$1,221.00
Of Council Exp of Elections	\$148.42	
Printing of ordinances	\$28.25	
Veterans at the Fair	\$150.00	
Consulting engineer	\$60.00	
Recording deed	\$13.50	
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Brought up	\$400.17	
City Attorney salary	\$350.00	
City Mission	\$150.00	
County Demonstration	\$100.00	
Loan	\$2,510.41	
Tax Ret'd	\$6.00	
Police Justice Sal 1909	\$150.00	\$3,666.58
Sundries		
Com on 1912 taxes	\$906.61	
Books for accts	\$48.50	
Option for gravel pit	\$10.00	
Incidentals	\$45.90	\$971.01
		\$6,305.45
Sundry Departments		
Bills payable, money borrowed by Council to Sept 1912		
money	\$1,000.00	
City Commissioner	\$1,875.00	
City Commissioner Clerk	\$560.00	
Clerk of Council	\$112.50	
Clerk of Court	\$333.30	
Clerk of Market	\$62.50	
Commonwealth's Attorney	\$333.32	
Pay of Judge	\$975.00	
Health Officer	\$500.00	
Pay of Police	\$1,800.00	
Police Justice	\$112.50	
Mayor	\$299.99	
Sergeant	\$225.00	
Treasurer	\$633.00	
Electric Lights	\$2,442.35	
Fire	\$81.50	
Health & Police	\$285.33	
Int on bonded debt	\$8,146.00	
Schools, sundry	\$1,888.76	
Schools, pay	\$10,088.23	\$11,976.99

Wallace Library	\$225.06	\$40,979.60
Overdraft Sep 1, 1912		\$394.72
		\$41,374.32

Receipts from all sources		
Delinquent Real Estate	\$208.92	
Fines & penalties	\$628.55	
Rents	\$30.00	
Old material	\$24.57	
Water	\$5,848.81	
Tuitions	\$1,358.00	
Cap Tax Returned	\$409.00	
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Histories	\$7.25	
Gas House lot	\$420.00	
Miscellaneous	\$183.88	
Council loan	\$2,500.00	
Sewer	\$1,144.88	
Gas	\$16,738.16	
Licenses, shows, & etc	\$13,859.55	
Taxes	\$39,741.93	
Dog Licenses	\$409.00	
State App for Schools	\$2,547.23	
Over payment of labor	\$2.00	\$87,363.73

Recapitulation		
Streets	\$8,845.87	
Gas	\$11,762.22	
Public Property	\$2,328.69	
Alms House	\$1,208.51	
Water	\$4,118.28	
Pump installation	\$2,134.52	
Boulevard Sewer	\$2,407.83	
Douglas Street Sewer	\$146.25	
General Sewer	\$179.86	
Cleaning Canal	\$214.84	
Cleaning ditch above Commerce St	\$25.38	
Commissioner Exp	\$525.80	
Miscellaneous	\$6,305.45	
Sundry Departments	\$4,134.32	\$81,577.82
Rec'd from all sources		\$87,363.73
Bal June 10, 1913		\$5,785.91

Main Street, Amelia Street to Silk Mill		
Labor	\$357.55	
Teams	\$1,184.90	
Pipe	\$13.20	
Tools, etc	\$11.36	
Blacksmithing	\$13.44	\$1,580.45

Boulevard, gravel work		
Labor	\$144.59	
Teams	\$205.50	\$350.09
Unloading gravel	\$13.81	
Building Road	\$89.53	\$103.34

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Winchester Street to City Line		
Labor	\$309.21	
Teams	\$643.39	
Pipe & cement	\$22.16	
Tools, etc	\$9.45	
Blacksmithing	\$13.60	\$997.81

Wallace Library		
Balance in Treasurer's hands Sept 1, 1912		\$1,560.67
Int on \$5,300 bonds for 6 mos		\$81.00
Repair to building & sundries	\$5.95	
Bal in Treas hands June 10, 1913	\$1,635.72	
	\$1,641.67	\$1,641.67

On motion referred to a Committee, composed of King, Chairman, Lane, EG Heflin with Commissioner & City Attorney to consider and report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

A Committee of which A T Embrey was spokesman representing the Fredericksburg Shoe Co, appeared before the Council. Judge Embrey outlined what had already been done in regards to the organization of the Shoe Factory Company and stated the factory would employ from 50 to 80 hands from the beginning. Judge Embrey said it was his belief the Shoe Company was not organized for personal gain, but that those interested would be benefitted by the resulting stimulus to the general industrial life of the City. In closing Judge Embrey asked the co-operation of the City in the matter, and stated that it should be considered at the earliest convenience of the Council. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Finance and Public Interest Committee to which the Council added the following citizens; J M Goldsmith, Lee J Graves, B P Willis, W D Scott, J M Griffin & R Stuart Royer.

On motion of Mr Biscoe the Shoe Co proposition was adopted (App June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

Reported, in regard to an appropriation of \$300.00 that was made for repairs to Boulevard & Willis Streets, I beg to report that the work has about been completed on the Boulevard to Willis St, but the app has been expended, and in order to carry out the work on Willis Street, it will require about (\$150.00) for the work. On motion the same was appropriated.

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I would also ask that I be authorized to purchase 1000 feet of heart pine lumber for stringers for the Free Bridge, at a cost of about \$290.00, same to be paid for after July 1st.

On motion \$290.00 was app to buy stringers for the Bridge.

For your information I wish to state that the Pitt Street drain can be completed whenever you see fit, at a cost of approximately \$400.00.

In regard to estimate on Street Sprinkling, I beg to report that to sprinkle every street in the City daily would require 8 teams and sprinklers at a cost of about \$800.00 per month.

R Stuart Royer, Commissioner

On motion \$290.00 was appropriated to buy heart pine lumber for the Free Bridge

(App June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

On motion \$150.00 was appropriated to complete the work on Willis Street.

A communication was read from Mrs Lee Black asking that the damages done to her curbing by the City on Wolf Street be adjusted.

On motion the complaint was referred to the Committee on Auditing & Claims for report.

A letter was read from Miss Fitzhugh and Mrs G R Swift of the Civic Betterment Club regarding Hurkamp Park, and calling attention to the condition of the side walk on Prince Edward & George Sts. The trash which is thrown in the Park, the condition of the sod, and the fact that there are too many trees, and some of those not of a suitable variety, and recommending these trees be removed.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Commissioner was instructed to take charge of the Park, cut down the unnecessary trees and keep the Park in proper condition and the sum of \$100 was appropriated for that purpose. (App June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

Offered by Mr Embrey and adopted by unanimous vote:

Whereas the upper portion of Main Street is in bad condition, as is likewise in bad condition the road leading from the north end of Main Street to Falmouth Bridge; and

Whereas it is estimated that it will cost the sum of \$1,050.00 to put said street and road in good condition; and whereas the Fredericksburg Motor Club and private citizens have offered to contribute the sum of (\$350.00) for the improvement of said Upper end of Main Street and said road leading therefrom to the Falmouth Bridge, provided that the City of Fredericksburg would contribute the sum of (\$700.00) towards the said improvement. All of the said work of said improvement to be done by and under the supervision of the City Commissioner, R Stuart Royer, and

Whereas said improvement would greatly benefit the City of Fredericksburg, and would connect up the improved streets of the City with the improved roads of Stafford County;

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Now therefore be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the sum of (\$700.00) be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the City Treasury for the improvement of the said Upper end of Main Street to the Corporation line, and the road therefrom to the Falmouth Bridge. The sum of (\$700.00) to be available after Aug 1st and to be used only when the Fredericksburg Motor Club, or any private citizens have deposited with the City Commissioner the said sum of \$350.00, which sum of \$350, together with the (\$700.00) so appropriated is to be used exclusively for the purpose of improving the said Street and Road by and under the supervision of the City Commissioner aforesaid.

(App June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

W S Embrey, J G King, Maurice Hirsh

Dr King presented this Ordinance, on motion the rules were suspended and the Ordinance was adopted by full vote of the Council.

Ordinance

Be it ordained by the City Council that the City Commissioner is hereby ordered to turn off City Water from the premises of any person who is in arrears for water rents for a period of six months, which, when turned off, shall remain turned off by order of the Commissioner. It shall be unlawful for any person to

turn the water on said premises or to furnish a key to turn it on without permission of the City Commissioner.

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

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than one dollar, nor more than five dollars for each offense.

(Approved by the Mayor June 24, 1913, J P Rowe)

Mr Embrey nominated W H Hurkamp & Isaac Hirsh for School Trustees and they were each elected by the full vote of the Council.

(The School Board) Asking that the present annual app to the schools be increased from \$7,000 to \$8,000 for next year.

Bill of Samuel Woodbridge and Paul Karsten for (\$35.00) for auditing the Treasurer's book was read and ordered paid.

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Gentlemen: Your Public Interest Committee begs leave to report that they deem it advisable for the City to purchase an automobile for the City Commissioner, instead of a horse and buggy as was suggested at a previous meeting of the City Council.

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For the City Commissioner to cover the territory that he should in order to keep in constant touch with the different City plants and the City Streets, together with the management of the Alms House, it is imperative that he should have some means of conveyance and while the first cost of an automobile will be larger than that of a horse and buggy, an automobile will be more economical.

Purchase of said automobile to be referred to a Committee to buy at once and to cost not more than (\$750.00) and money available Oct 1, 1913. Maurice Hirsh, Geo W Heflin (Public Interest Committee) (App June 24, 1913, J P Rowe, Mayor)

On motion the City decided to buy the automobile and appointed Messrs Warden, King, Embrey & E G Heflin to purchase the machine.

Mr Hirsh offered this resolution which on motion was referred to the Poor Committee:

Resolved that the City Commissioner expend an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars for the establishing of two public bath houses, one for white and one for the colored males to be placed and built under the supervision of the City Commissioner.

These houses to be kept open during the months of June, July and August and under direction of the City Police.

On motion referred to the Poor Committee for report.

President Bradley read a communication from Clerk S E Eastburn which stated Mr Eastburn would not be a candidate for re-election when his term expires on the first of September. Mr Eastburn has faithfully served the Council for nine years and has never in that time missed a complete meeting or been late.

Mr Biscoe presented a recommendation to open Prince Edward Street across the R F & P and P F & P Railroads. The motion of Mr Biscoe was lost by this vote:

For, Biscoe, Warden

Against, Lane, Hirsh, Heflin, Geo, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Council was held June 24, 1913 at 5:30 PM to receive and consider Joint Committees report on Shoe Factory proposition. Committee composed of Finance, Public Interest, R S Royer, J M Goldsmith, W D Scott, B P Willis, Lee J Graves, John M Griffin.

Present, W E Bradley, H B Lane, Gouldman, Heflin, GW, Ford, King, Hirsh, Biscoe, Warden; City Commissioner Royer, and Clerk Eastburn

President Bradley in the Chair

Mr H B Lane, Chairman of the Joint Committee made this report

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

Gentlemen: The Joint Committee to whom, by resolution of your honorable body passed Thursday June 19, 1913 was referred the application of the Fredericksburg Shoe Company for co-operation on behalf of the City for the construction of a shoe Factory in Fredericksburg, Virginia, would respectfully report that the Committee met on Saturday evening, June 21st 1913 in the Council Chamber:

There were present, H B Lane, W E Bradley, John F Gouldman Jr, G W Heflin and Maurice Hirsh; members of the City Council and R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner; W D Scott, John M Griffin and Joseph Goldsmith of the Citizens Committee.

Your Committee were met by representatives of the Shoe Factory, and after going thoroughly into the matter there were developed the following facts:

That the Fredericksburg Shoe Factory was organized for the purpose of giving employment to male labor in Fredericksburg; that the Company was not organized for profit, and is composed of over fifty subscribers to its stock, all of whom but two are residents of Fredericksburg, and who are businessmen of the community, whose interest in the matter is primarily if not solely to promote the general trade of the City.

A sum slightly in excess of (\$24,000.00) has been subscribed for this purpose, and this Company has secured an option on the site of the old Kenmore Shoe Company, on the Boulevard, being the lot front 101.1 feet on the Boulevard and running back 128 feet, having a rear width of 106.7 ft and having thereon a three story brick building, which was referred to as the packing and shipping room of the Kenmore Shoe Factory. For this lot and building the Company has agreed to pay the sum of (\$2,750.00) and the Company proposes to erect on the foundation of the burnt Kenmore Shoe Factory a factory building at a cost of approximately (\$6,500.00) in which to install the machinery necessary for the operation of the Factory.

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The Committee from the Fredericksburg Shoe Company made this proposition to the Joint Committee, viz:

That the City acquire from the Fredericksburg Shoe Company the present lot and buildings of the old Kenmore Shoe Company as hereinabove set forth, at the above figures of (\$2,750.00);

That when said Factory is completed by the Fredericksburg Shoe Company at an estimated cost of (\$6,500.00) then the City will pay towards the cost of said completed building the sum of (\$2,250) thus making the total outlay on behalf of the City, the sum of (\$5,000.00); and

That the City will lease said lot and buildings to the Fredericksburg Shoe Company for a period of three years from the completion of the said building without rent with option to the Fredericksburg Shoe Company, at the expiration of said three years, to lease said property for another three years, at a rental of (\$300.00) per annum, payable in monthly installments of (\$25.00); per month and with the further option

at the expiration of this lease or any future lease, or at any time during said leases to purchase said property from the City at the sum of (\$5,000.00). The buildings on said Property as the title to the same is in the City, shall be kept insured for at least the sum of (\$5,000.00) the insurance premiums to be paid by the said Fredericksburg Shoe Company, and the insurance policy to be payable to the City.

The Joint Committee in view of the approval by the Council of a similar proposition made three years ago by Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co Shirt Company, and in view of the further fact that this is exclusively a home enterprise, and not intended for individual profit, the Joint Committee without designing to make any further precedent for a co-operation of the city in future Industries, unanimously recommends to the Council the acceptance of the foregoing proposition. The Joint Committee being of the opinion that, under the circumstances can the City lose anything by their action.

Pursuant to authority conferred by the resolution appointing your Joint Committee, your Joint Committee requests the aid of the City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh, in this behalf and at the request of the Joint Committee Mr Fitzhugh has prepared an ordinance to carry into effect the recommendations of this Joint Committee, which Ordinance is returned herewith.

Respectfully, H B Lane, Chairman, W E Bradley, G W Heflin, John F Gouldman Jr, Maurice Hirsh, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner, John M Griffin, J M Goldsmith, W D Scott, Lee J Graves.

I concur, B P Willis

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And on motion, regularly seconded, the report of the Joint Committee was adopted by this recorded vote: For, Lane, Goldman, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, Ford, Heflin, EG, King, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley. All who were present.

(Approved 26 June 1913 J P Rowe, Mayor)

Mr Lane offered this ordinance:

Whereas the Joint Committee heretofore appointed to consider a proposition of the Fredericksburg Shoe Company for the Co-operation of the City in its enterprise, has made its report, recommending that the City co-operate in said enterprise, to the extent set forth in the said report.

Ordinance

Now, therefore be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg; that the said City do accept from the said Fredericksburg Shoe Company, a deed for the lot and building thereon, known as the Kenmore Shoe Factory lots, fronting (101.1) feet on the Boulevard, and running back northwardly 128 feet, having a read width of 106.7 feet, and having thereon a three story brick building, for the sum of (\$2,750.00); and that, so soon as the said Fredericksburg Shoe Company shall complete said Shoe Factory intended to be erected thereon, at a cost approximately (\$6,500.00); the City of Fredericksburg will pay to the Fredericksburg Shoe Company the further sum of (\$2,250.00); and will lease said property unto the Fredericksburg Shoe Company for the term of three years from the completion of said building, free of rent, and at the expiration of said term of three years, will lease said property to said Fredericksburg Shoe Co for a further term of three years, at an annual rental of three hundred dollars (\$300.00); per year payable in monthly installments of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per month and will give the Fredericksburg Shoe Company the option to purchase said property at any time during the first or second leases, at the price of (\$5,000.00). The said Fredericksburg Shoe Company to keep said property insured for, at lease, the sum of (\$5,000.00) loss, if any payable to the City of Fredericksburg, the premiums on said policy to be paid by the Fredericksburg Shoe Company until the said Fredericksburg Shoe Company shall acquire said property; the said (\$5,000) not to be called for by the Fredericksburg Shoe Company before the 15th of October 1913.

On motion the rules were suspended by unanimous vote. On motion of Dr King, the ordinance was passed by some vote.

(approved by Mayor June 26, 1913, J P Rowe Mayor)

Adjourned
W E Bradley, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A called meeting of the Council was held June 30, 1913 to receive the report of the Financial Committee and other business. Present, Bradley, Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, GW, For, W J Embrey, Heflin, EG, Dr King, Warden, Biscoe; Royer and Eastburn

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee made the report for his Committee which on motion was referred back to the Finance Committee for further consideration by the unanimous vote of the Council.

After this report was read Mr Warden of Auditing and Claims reported that his Committee was not prepared to make a final report as the [Committee] expects to examine all books, had not completed their work.

President Bradley announced that the Financial Committee report could not be acted on until the Auditing Committee made its report and consequently no appropriations embraced in said report could be considered and the wheels of City Government were at a stand still as all appropriations ended with June 30, 1913

Dr King, Chairman of the special to consider the recommendations by City Commissioner Royer, made this report, which was unanimously adopted

To the Hon Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg;
The undersigned special Committee to whom was referred the report on the fiscal affairs of the City of Fredericksburg ending June 10, 1913, by the City Commissioner, R Stuart Royer, bearing date June 18, 1913 respectfully report that they consider the recommendation contained in Com Royer's report feasible and strongly recommended the adoption of the same. The City Attorney was present with your Committee and approved the above recommendation. J G King Chairman, E G Heflin, H B Lane (Committee)

This recommendation named in the report will cause a change in certain Ordinances, President Bradley said it would be necessary to refer that part of the report to the Ordinance Committee. But the recommendation in regard to street work on Princess Anne, Lower Main and streets on the West end, which the report adopted says is to be done first would require an appropriation for the work.

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This brought on a hot discussion. It developed that Messrs Embrey, Hirsh, King & E G Heflin, wanted the work from the Silk Mill on Main Street to the Falmouth Bridge done first, but under the report just made by King, E G Heflin and Lane, the improvement on Princess Anne and Lower Main was the first work to be done.

Mr Ford offered this resolution, which was adopted by the full vote of the Council;
Resolved that (\$5,000.00) be appropriated to be available at once for work on Streets named in Commissioner Royer's recommendation for immediate improvement.

(Approved by the Mayor)

Mr Embrey moved that the work from the Silk Mill to Falmouth Bridge be done first. President Bradley rule the motion out of order, giving as his reason for so ruling that so long as the report of King's Committee endorsing Mr Royer's recommendations that Princess Anne Street work be the first work done, and Mr Ford's resolution to appropriated (\$5,000.00) to do the work were in force, no resolution to do the Falmouth Bridge work first was in order. Mr Embrey appealed from the decision of the chair, but

no one sustained him, various motions were made, but the President would sustain no motion to do the Falmouth Bridge work first, to neglect of City work until King and Ford resolutions were reconsidered. Dr King then offered this resolution:

Be it resolved that the City Commissioner be instructed to carry the two road improvements (viz the upper Main and Lower Ward improvements as outlined in recent Council jointly. The method of operating same to be left in discretion of the Commissioner and that the work on Princess Anne St be commenced first and continued. Unanimously adopted.

It was understood that the City work be commenced in the next few days and the Falmouth Bridge work commence on August 1st.

On motion of Mr Embrey, \$8,000.00 was appropriated to meet current expenses, interest, etc. Adopted by unanimous vote. (Approved by the Mayor)

Mr F R Tyler appeared and made a statement to the Council asking the privilege to put up a certain sign. On motion referred to the Street Commissioner and Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Joseph Boxley appeared and made a statement about delinquent water rent. On motion referred to Water Committee and Commissioner with power to act.

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Mr Biscoe wanted information as to the Telephone Ordinance and wanted to establish phones in the City of the Orange Telephone Co. Referred to the Public Interests Committee.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

[transcription of undated *Daily Star* report of Council meeting interleaved between pages 490-491]

The City Council met in its monthly session Thursday night. Present, President Bradley, Clerk Eastburn and Councilman Lane, Hirsh, Ford, G W Heflin, Embrey, E G Heflin, King, Masters, Warden and Biscoe, also City Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh.

Report of Auditing Committee

The report of the Auditing Committee, Messrs Warden, Biscoe and Ford, which is usually presented on July 1, the end of the fiscal year, but which was delayed this year on account of the change in officer of treasurer and examination of books of same was made by Mr Warden and showed books of the several departments of the city correct and a balance to credit of city on July 1 of \$9,638.15. This report was an extended one. The report was received and adopted.

Mr Lane of Finance presented the Mayor's report showing fines for month \$86.50 and stating police officers had performed their duties. The report was received and officer's salaries ordered paid.

He also presented a bill of \$1.77 for stationary for Clerk Eastburn which was ordered paid.

Finance Committee's Report.

Mr Lane presented the Finance Committee's report for the fiscal year, ending July 1, 1913. This report will be published with Commissioner Royer's report. It showed a balance in treasury on July 1, 1913 of \$9,638.15. In this report the following appropriations are made for the year:

The bonded indebtedness of the city this year is four thousand dollars (\$4,000) less than it was last year, this \$4,000 having been purchased on account of the sinking fund as shown in said account. Your committee respectfully recommends the passage of the following ordinance:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the city of Fredericksburg, that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30th, 1914

For interest on \$21,000 water bonds 4 per cent	\$840.00
Int on \$25,000 4 per cent bridge bonds	\$1,100.00

Interest on \$24,500 4 per cent gas bonds	\$980.00
Interest on \$10,000 4 per cent electric light	\$400.00
Interest on \$17,300 4 per cent sewer	\$692.00
Interest on \$16,500 4 per cent street improvement	\$660.00
Interest on \$20,000 4 per cent water and gas bonds	\$800.00
Interest on \$14,500 4 per cent school bonds	\$580.00
Interest on \$14,500 4 per cent Normal school bonds	\$580.00
Interest on \$119,500 4 per cent City of Fredericksburg	\$4,768.00
For Sinking Fund	
1 per cent on \$21,000 water bonds	\$210.00
1 per cent on \$25,000 bridge bonds	\$250.00
1 per cent on \$24,500 gas bonds	\$245.00
1 per cent on \$10,000 electric lights	\$100.00
1 per cent on \$17,300 sewer bonds	\$173.00
1 per cent on \$18,500 St Imp bonds	\$165.00
1 per cent on \$20,000 water and gas bonds	\$200.00
1 per cent on \$14,500 school bonds	\$145.00
1 per cent on \$14,500 Normal School bonds	\$145.00
1 per cent on \$119,200 City of Fredericksburg	\$1,192.00

For salaries, other expenses:

Judge of Corporation Court	\$1,300.00
Clerk of Court	\$400.00
Sergeant	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$750.00
Commonwealth's 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	\$7,500.00
Expenses of water department \$4,000	
Add salary of superintendent \$1,200	\$5,200.00
Gas department \$11,800	
Salary of superintendent \$1,200	\$13,000.00
Electric Light	\$3,200.00
Alms House	\$1,300.00
Public property	\$3,000.00
Streets	\$10,000.00
Fire department	\$1,000.00
Health and Police	\$200.00
Public Interest	\$100.00
General Manager \$2,500.	
Clerk to Manager \$900	\$3,400.00
	\$35,200.00
Total Appropriation	\$68,800.00

Mr Lane presented two city electric bonds of \$500 each, purchased by the Finance Committee, which are to be retired under the resolution to retire \$1,000 of same each year until the outstanding bonds are all

taken up. Messrs Ford and Embrey were appointed committee to burn said bonds, which they did in the presence of the Council.

City Attorney Fitzhugh announced the presence of Mr J B Minor, of Richmond Attorney for the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co., and asked that he be heard. Mr Minor stated that when the franchise was granted the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company said company asked that the Fidelity and Deposit Co of Maryland be named as security, but on account of certain conditions his company wanted that changed. On motion of Mr G W Heflin this resolution was offered and by unanimous vote passed.

Whereas the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company has in writing accepted the ordinance approved June 6, 1913, granting it a franchise to construct, maintain and operate electric light, heat and power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances in, upon, along and over and under the streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying electric light heat and power; and

Whereas the said Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company has offered to deposit with the Treasurer of the city of Fredericksburg, subject to the joint order of the said city and the said company, four per cent bonds of the city of Fredericksburg, Virginia, of the face value of \$5,000 to be held as security for the \$5,000 bond of said company required by said ordinance.

Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Fredericksburg that the said offer of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company to deposit with the treasurer of this city to the joint order of the city and of said company \$5,000 of 4 per cent bonds of the city of Fredericksburg as collateral security for the \$5,000 bond of said company required by said ordinance, is hereby accepted and said security hereby approved; and the city treasurer is hereby directed upon receipt of the \$5,000 bond of said company required by said ordinance and of said 4 per cent bonds of the city of Fredericksburg deposited as security therefor to the joint order of the city of Fredericksburg and of said company as aforesaid to keep the same in safety, interest payable to the owner.

Be it further resolved that the resolution adopted by the Council on the 3rd day of June 1913 approving the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Mary as security upon the \$5,000 bond of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company required by said ordinance, be and the same is hereby repealed.

The report of City Collector, A P Rowe, which is embraced in the Finance Committee's report, showed collections, including city taxes for 1912, general licenses and back taxes amounting to \$56,999.14. The report states: "The collections are far in excess of those of any former year. This is due to several reasons. The grand jury assessments for city taxes brought addition revenue to the amount of \$2,043.82 and the grand jury assessments for licenses amounted to \$349 additional. The regular assessments for 1912 were larger than any previous year and the regular licenses for 1913 show an increase of more than \$1,600 over last year."

City Commissioner Royer submitted estimates for expenditures the coming month of \$11,720.24, receipts, \$13,629.82.

Recommendations

He made the following recommendations:

1st That the Council secure a railroad siding and build a warehouse at some point near the railroad for the storage of supplies and material purchased in carload lots instead of at retail and designated a point on Prince Edward street for same. This met with decided opposition, as the point named was in an unused street, but along the line of the proposed opening of Prince Edward street across the R F & P and P F & P R R.

Mr Warden offered this resolution:

Be it resolved, that the city commissioner be and he is hereby instructed to ascertain what property can be purchased adjacent to the railroad and upon which a siding and building can be constructed and the probable cost of such property. Adopted.

2nd Estimate for grading and constructing curb and sidewalk on West side of Prince Edward street from Commerce to George street and curbing on East side of Prince Edward St Commerce to George Street:

Grading	\$245.20
Curbing	\$240.00
Sidewalk	\$226.60
	\$711.80

On motion of Mr Embrey the work was ordered.

3rd Asked authority to employ an instrument man for two months at a salary of sixty dollars per month to assist in establishing grades in the city. On motion of Mr Ford adopted.

4th The superintendent of water reported to the commissioner 832 sewer laterals delivered to curb in city. Of this number 622 are in use and 210 not in use. From the present line of sewer 81 more can be delivered by the city, 291 houses in the city have available sewers not in use. On motion of Mr Ford referred to Ordinance Committee for investigation and report.

5th Report as to cost of building bridge across Hazel Run on River Road.

Excavation	\$5,400.00
Gravel Roadway	\$1,075.00
Reinforced concrete girder bridge	\$8,000.00
Total	\$14,475.00

No action taken.

6th Wanted another team, wagon, etc, for street work. Said it would pay for itself in 9 months. Cost of maintenance \$2.50 per day and now pays \$4 per day for hired teams. On motion of Mr Embrey \$650 or so much as is necessary, appropriated.

7th That necessary steps be taken to lay sidewalks on both sides of Princess Anne for R F and P R R to Hanover St. On motion of Mr Embrey, Commissioner Royer instructed to bring in estimate to next Council of cost of laying said sidewalks, so Council can determine what proportion will be paid by city and property owners.

7th That free bridge from floor up be painted. On motion of Mr Embrey, Commissioner was instructed to advertise for bids and report to Council.

Mr Embrey of Ordinance Committee presented the following. Adopted on motion of Mr Ford:

Be it resolved that the City Commissioner be empowered to establish such grades on the streets of this city as may be necessary in carrying on new work, provided that the grades established by him meet with the approval of the property owners affected by such grades. If any case arises where city commissioner and property owners cannot agree on grade to be established the matter to be referred to this Council.

Dr King introduced an ordinance regulating speed of automobiles, etc, which appears in another column as it was ordered advertised for one week in city papers after it had been passed on motion of Mr G W Heflin and opposed in a speech by Mr Biscoe, who wanted only one speed throughout the city.

Mr Ford read the health report of Health Officer Barney, which follows:

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to present herewith our annual report as required by section 12, City Health Ordinances, covering the period July 1, 1912 to June 30, 1913. During this period 65 deaths were reported in the city, 46 white and 19 colored. Of these 28 were males and 37 females, 28 over 50 years of age and 21 under 2.

The causes of disease were as follows: Tuberculosis 10, heart disease 8, cerebral hemorrhage 5, cancer stomach 4, inanition 3, nephritis 3, gastritis 3, Marasmus 3, bronchitis 2, paralysis 2, old age 2, suffocation 2, cholera infantum 1, cholecystitis 1, convulsions 1, diabetes 1, general debility 1, asthenia 1, Gangrene 1, thrush 1, sepsis cord 1, amoebic dysentery 1, still birth 1, debilitation stomach 1, tantanus 1, hydrophobia 1, neonatorum 1.

It will be noticed that diseases of the lungs (12) heart (8), brain (9), stomach (8) and kidneys (4) caused nearly two-thirds of the deaths reported. From July 1, 1912 to June 30, 1913, 72 births were reported, 43

white and 29 colored. Of these 41 were males and 31 females. The death rate is 10.4 per 1,000 of population and is a remarkably low one, as the average in Virginia is 15 per 1,000. The general sanitary condition of the city has been good. Forty six cases of measles, with no deaths, were quarantined in the early spring and only four cases of typhoid, with no deaths occurred. Malaria has been absent and we have continued, as for many years past, the plan of oiling surface water to prevent the mosquito breeding. The Board of Health would strongly urge upon your body the importance of establishing the sanitary privy at once, as in the judgment of experts this is regarded as the most important step in protecting the health in our smaller cities.

A fly killing contest, with the efficient aid of the Civic Betterment League was held in May, and the city was placarded with literature concerning this pest. The screen ordinance is almost universally observed, and the stable-bin requirements largely obeyed.

Twenty-one milk permits and 4 meat products permits were issued and the Board of Health expects to require the tuberculin test for dairy cows and the inspection of meat products as soon as practicable.

The city water supply showed some evidences of contamination when examined in June, and a chlorination plant was installed at the intake, upon the advice of the State Sanitary Engineer and Commissioner Royer.

As the same examination showed similar trouble with some other sources of water used for drinking purposes, a general notice to boil all water was published in the daily press and other tests are in progress. We believe that the chlorination plant, now used in 400 cities in the U. S. will effectually sterilize the city supply and render it safe for drinking.

Respectfully submitted, City Board of Health, J N Barney, secretary.

Dr Barney addressed the Council and he was asked many questions. He was emphatic that water used for drinking purposes should be boiled; that sanitary improvement should be made at Hunter's pump, and referred to the fact that the water from this pump last year showed no impurities. He said there had only been 8 cases of typhoid fever in this city the whole year and only one death; that with precautions already taken there was no cause for alarm.

On motion of Mr Lane the City Commissioner was instructed to put Hunter's pump in first class order without delay. On motion of Mr Embrey the health committee was instructed to bring in an estimate by next Council the cost of rigidly enforcing the health ordinances.

Mr Warden of Auditing Committee, presented bill of Messrs Karsten for examination of City books amounting to \$25. Ordered paid. Also recommended that Mrs Black be awarded damage to amount of about \$12, which was adopted, and city commissioner instructed to do the work.

Mr Biscoe, of Fire Department, presented petition from Fire Department asking for appropriation of \$300 to assist in defraying their expenses to the State Firemen's Association at Staunton. Adopted on motion of Mr G W Heflin. Mr G W Heflin presented a petition from Masonic Lodge No. 4, asking that said lodge be given damage incurred to building in the street work at corner of Hanover and Princess Anne. Referred to Street Committee for report.

Mr Ford offered resolution that the Ordinance Committee re-draft the ordinances governing the Police and Fire Departments. Adopted.

Dr King presented a resolution granting Commissioner Royer an annual vacation of fourteen days, said vacation to be taken at time that will best subserve the interests of the city.

The Hazel Hill Canning Company asked for a flat rate for water for the seasons in the conduct of their plant. Referred to the Water Committee.

Mr Warden, seconded by Mr Embrey, moved to purchase six electric fans to keep the Council Chamber cool during its sessions. Lost by a vote of 8 to 3, and the Council adjourned.

Regular meeting of the Council was held in Council Chamber, Thursday night July 17, 1913 at 8 o'clock PM. President W E Bradley in the Chair, minutes of the last regular and two called meetings read and approved.

Members present, Bradley, Lane, Hirsh, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, GW, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe (11 members); Fitzhugh, Royer, J B Minor and clerk Eastburn.

Mr Warden of the Auditing Committee report July 5, 1913

To the Auditing Committee of the City Council, Fredericksburg Va

We the undersigned appointed by the Auditing Committee of the City Council report the books of the Supt of the City Gas Works correct with the following exceptions:

The receipts for June & July 1912 show a shortage of 8 cents and the Welsbach account for August should be \$40.33 instead of \$40.43.

August Gas Bills amount to \$1,166.50 instead of \$1,164.50

Oct Gas Bills amount to \$1,811.15 instead of \$1,813.05

Books of A P Rowe Collector are correct

Books of S B Quinn are correct

Paul Karsten

Paul Karsten Jr

Gas Acct ending June 30, 1913

Total amount of Gas Bills		\$14,118.24
Delinquent bills charged off		\$93.16
Delinquent bills for gas		\$328.71
Welsbach lights, coke, tax & gas collected prior to Commissioner taking charge		\$133.07
Cash collections at office		\$364.30
Tar Bills 5/4/10 less 2%		\$503.82
Bills for Arc, rentals, tax, coke & Welsbach		\$2,885.04
Penalties on delinquent bills		\$20.15
Total		\$18,446.49
Receipts		
Money turned over to City Treasurer	\$17,253.82	
Delinquent bills on hand	\$1,192.67	\$18,446.49

Paul Karsten Jr

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Water and Sewer Acct ending June 30, 1913

Total amount of bills turned over to Commissioner \$9,223.73

 Penalties collected \$125.72

 Total \$9,349.45

Receipts

Total amount turned over to Treasurer \$7,449.40

Delinquents from all sources \$1,740.59

 Discount \$315.62

 Total \$9,505.61

Collected over and above for what bills call for, which overage acct for items added to bills after the same are turned over by him to the City Commissioner \$156.16

Paul Karsten Jr

To the Auditing Committee of the City Council Fredericksburg Va May 13, 1913

We the examiners of the City Treas books, who were employed by your Committee find Treasurer

Knox's books correct with the following exceptions, namely:

Old Regime	Page 136	Fire Department	\$5.00	should be	\$5.80
	Page 139	Addition	\$5.83	should be	\$5.53

	Page 143	Addition	\$24.29 should be	\$24.24
	Page 145	#346 Voucher missing		
	Page 146	#356 Voucher missing		
New Regime	Page 152	#109	\$11.00 should be	\$11.17
	Page 152	#118	\$3.34 should be	\$13.34
	Page 152	#114	\$1.25 should be	\$.69
	Page 153	#163	\$1.00 should be	\$1.50
	Page 154	Addition	\$5.50 should be	\$5.60
	Page 156	Coupons (330.00)	Vouchers missing	
	Page 180	Addition	\$524.83 should be	\$534.83
	Page 189	Health & Police	\$6.00 should be	\$8.00

Therefore in the new Regime the following changes must take place.

Add to his figures	\$17	
	\$10.00	
	\$.50	
	\$2.00	
	\$.10	
	\$10.00	\$22.77
Subtract		\$.56
		\$22.21
His figures		\$56,439.34
Total		\$56,461.55

Our Machine List \$56,131.55
Voucher for \$330.00 missing
\$56,461.55

In school acct Page 18 \$41.28 should be \$41.58
Receipts Page 246 \$.35 should be \$.58

General Fund vouchers No 934 for \$3.62, and No 936 for \$5.56 National bank check in place of this [Page491]

R T Knox, Treas in acct with the City of Fredericksburg Apr 26, 1913

Water	\$5,180.00	Water	\$5,322.03
Gas	\$14,160.00	Gas	\$9,997.60
City taxes	\$39,741.93	Streets	\$8,108.74
License	\$1,094.27	Public Property	\$2,151.57
Del Real Estate	\$188.08	Alms House	\$1,018.15
Dog License	\$409.00	Electric Light	\$2,359.81
Old Bricks & etc	\$24.57	Orders of Court	\$597.24
Histories	\$7.25	Mayor's Orders	\$5.50
Del Capitation	\$28.00	Health & Police	\$672.83
Rents	\$30.00	Fire Dept	\$70.50
Fines	\$540.05	Comm Expenses	\$682.85
Council to City	\$3,076.68	Miscellaneous	\$2,640.15
Voucher for \$330 missing		Ordered by Council	\$22,812.37
Voucher missing		New Sewer Acct	\$2,537.90
Shortage in coupon	\$330.00	Public Schools by City	\$5,808.54
[?] as per statement		State and Auditor	
Unto Mr Knox	\$.20	for pay teachers	\$3,547.23
To 2 nd Auditor	\$2,890.67	Amt overdrawn	
To 2 nd Auditor	\$656.56	at beginning of the year	\$373.86

Auditor rec'd Apr 26	\$1,203.00	change in Mr Knox favor as pr statement	\$22.96
		Coupon destroyed 6434	
		Warrants for coupons 6164	\$1,270.00
		Balance	\$574.43
	\$69,574.26		\$69,574.26
[can't read]1913			
To bal due city	\$574.43		
Errors	\$373.86		
? at beginning			
Old Regime	\$26.14		
Total due	\$974.43		

To the President and members of the City Council: Your Auditing Committee together with auditors employed by them have investigated the City Treasurer's books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, & the books of the Collector, Supt of Gas, Supt of Water & Sewer, and those of the City Commissioner; attach to this report memoranda relating to auditing each department, your Committee has examined and compared the report of auditors employed with those of the various departments and find the same to be correct. According to the Treas books, the Expenditures prior to April 26, 1913, amounted to \$83,014.06, but from this amount must be deducted \$730.20, made up as follows:

Entry on page 139 of Cash book app to School	\$400.00
156 of Cash book double credit	\$330.00
From auditors statement	\$32.96
	\$292.96

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\$83,014.06, plus \$292.96 makes the total expenditures prior to April 26, 1913 amounted to \$83[blank]
To this sum must be added \$292.96, made up as follows:

Coupons receipted for by Finance Committee and not charged	\$270.00
Items from auditors statement	\$22.96
Total	\$292.96

\$82,283.86 plus \$292.96 makes the total expenditures \$82,576.82.

During this period the balance due the City by Ex Treas R T Knox \$974.43. It is proper to report that Mr Knox had marked in his books as doubtful the two entries of 400 and 330 respectively.

Since April 26, 1913 the Treasurer's books show receipts	\$24,376.88
Expenditures of	\$15,713.16
Balance at close of June 26, 1913	\$8,633.72
Balance paid city by Ex-Treas Knox	\$974.43
City's credit bal June 30, 1913	\$9,638.15

Books of City Collector are correct
Books of Water & Sewer Dept are correct
Books of City Gas Dept are correct

We find the total of the City Commissioner's credits for the fiscal year to be \$93,641.98; his total debits to be \$83,715.53 less amount due the City by ex-Treasurer Knox being \$8,663.72 at the close of the fiscal year leaves a difference \$1,262.73 to be accounted for. We found that Treasurer Knox turned over to the Finance Committee, receiving their receipt therefore, \$270.00 in coupons to be destroyed for which he has no voucher, also that he paid for jury service \$37.00 for which he has no voucher, and Tax bills to Stafford County amounting to \$10.61 for which he has no vouchers,

This total of \$307.61 deducted from \$1,262.73 leaves \$955.12. To this amount add \$5.28, balance on hand in Treasury at beginning of City Commissioners employment make a total of \$960.40.

Treas Knox's balance due the City April 26, 1913 being \$974.43 leaves an overage of \$14.03. This amount and the balance of \$5.28 we recommend to be credits by the City Commissioner to miscellaneous account.

Your Committee calls attention to the charging to expense account amounts that should be placed in inventory and possibly a part of the cost of the new pump at the Water Works.

In order that the City Treasurer's and City Commissioner's books may agree.

The Auditing Committee offer the following resolution and ask its adoption by the Council.

Whereas the report of the [Page 493] auditing Committee and its auditors show that the Ex-City Treasurer has paid for coupons for City Bonds \$270.00 in excess of the total credit shown on the said Ex-Treasurer's books & payments on account for Coupons, and that said Ex-Treasurer has in his possession no warrants for said excess payment; and

Whereas said report also shows that the said Ex-Treasurer has paid on account of jury services the amount of \$27.00 and is unable to show proper warrant or warrants therefore; and

Whereas, it has been the practice of the Ex-City Treasurer to collect the taxes on Property known as "Scott's Island" and to pay the same to the Treasurer of Stafford County and that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, the amount is collected was \$10.61, and for which payment the Ex-Treasurer has the proper warrant;

Therefor be it resolved that the City Commissioner be, and is hereby instructed to issue to said Ex-Treasurer three warrants for the aforesaid amounts, and be it also resolved that the balance of \$5.28, as shown on the Committee's report together with the \$14.03 overage, be credited by the City Commissioner to miscellaneous account.

And be it further resolved that on payment by Ex-Treasurer Mr Knox the sum of \$974.43 he be released from all liability [?] to the City.

Respectfully submitted, Henry Warden, R L Biscoe, W J Ford (Committee)

On motion the report was adopted

To limit the speed and regulate the operating of automobiles in the City of Fredericksburg Va and to provide the penalty for the violation of the same.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that "An ordinance in relation to Automobiles and other vehicles: approved July 20, 1907, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

1st That no person shall run, drive or operate any automobile, locomobile or other vehicle of any kind the motive power of which shall be electricity, steam, gas, gasoline, or any other motive power except animal and which shall hereafter in this ordinance be called machine, on along or across any street or other public way of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, except and until such person shall obtain from the Chief of Police of this City a permit so to do, which permit shall show the name, age, sex, color and address of the person to whom the same is granted, as well as the number of such permit and the date of issue, and further that said [Page 494] applicant for a permit shall give to the Chief of Police his registered number annually as furnished by the Secretary of the State of Virginia, as in accordance with the Virginia law: Provided, however, that the provision shall not apply to a visitor driver, or operator of any machine not a resident of the City of Fredericksburg, when such a person or persons operating said machine shall not remain in the City more than one week and it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to notify said operator or driver of said visiting machine of the ordinance before imposition of any penalty and it is further provided that nothing herein shall be in conflict with the existing ordinance as to speed and permits relative to youths who are now & hereafter shall be required to obtain permits from the Mayor of this City.

2nd That no person shall run, conduct or operate any machine on, along, or over any street or public way in the City of Fredericksburg unless the same shall be provided with adequate brakes or without suitable horn, bell or other device for signaling and shall display one half hour after sunset of said machine from

the front two or more lights and shall display on the rear of the machine a lamp so placed that it will effectually illuminate the rear number on said machine.

3rd The operator of any machine shall observe the commonly accepted rule of road traffic, this is to say, he shall turn to the right-hand side when meeting vehicles or machines or persons moving or headed in a direction opposite to that in which he is moving or headed and shall turn to the left hand side in passing persons, vehicles or machines moving or headed in the same direction in which he is moving.

4th No person shall run, drive, or operate or permit to be run, driven, or operated any such machine on or along or across any street or public way of the City of Fredericksburg at a rate of speed faster than hereinafter mentioned viz;

Around corners of all streets, the maximum speed shall not exceed the rate of 8 miles per hour.

On the paved improved portions of Main, Commerce and Prussia streets the speed shall not exceed 12 miles per hour, and in any other portion of the City the speed shall not exceed 15 miles per hour.

5th And be it further ordained that the provision of the State Laws except as otherwise provided in this ordinance shall govern further the running of machines.

6th Any person violating any of the above provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than (\$5.00) nor more than (\$10.00) and be it further ordained that it shall be unlawful for any person to drive a machine while intoxicated or in a reckless or careless manner and for violation of this he shall upon conviction be fined (\$1.00 to \$25.00) in the discretion of the Justice.

7th This ordinance shall be in force from Aug 1, 1913.

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J Garnett King, W S Embrey and J W Masters.

Passed unanimously July 17, 1913, rules suspended.

(Approved by the Mayor July 21, 1913 J P Rowe, Mayor)

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W S Embrey, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Called meeting of the City Council called by the Mayor was held Wednesday Aug 14, 1913 at 8 PM to consider cave-in on Prussia Street. Present, Lane, Heflin, GW, Ford, JW, Hefln, EG, Warden, Henry, Masters, J W, Biscoe, R L; Fitzhugh, Royer, Eastburn, Clerk

As the President and Vice President were both out of town on motion of Mr Lane, Mr Ford was elected President of the Council.

Mr Royer made his report on the condition of the Canal on Prussia Street.

Fredericksburg, Va Aug 12, 1913

Hon City Council

Gentlemen: I beg to report that the old trunk or race-way under Prussia Street has caved in, and will have to be repaired at once as it is dangerous.

I have examined into the Council records closely and have attached hereto for your inspection a complete record of the matter as shown by the Council records. The R R Co paid the City the sum of (\$1,500.00) to take care of the drainage at Prussia and Princess Anne Streets, relieving them of any further responsibility or expense in connection therewith.

The City Council paid Mr Charles Pettit the sum of \$350.00 for the perpetual right to turn the storm water into his canal, or race-way. A contract was drawn and executed between Charles Pettit and the City but was never recorded and if it is in existence, I have been unable to find it.

I have taken the matter up with the Fredericksburg Power Company, who now own & hold title to the Pettit property, and this race-way, and they have made me the following proposition: that, they will fill

the whole trunk, or raceway, & restore sunken portions of paving, curbing and side-walk provided the City will furnish them the necessary dirt to fill same, and, provided further that the City will take care of their own storm water by providing a suitable storm drain from Princess Anne Street to the East line of Water Street. According to the estimate made jointly by Mr Cecil L Reid and myself the total [Page 496] cost of filling and repairing the trunk, or race-way will amount to (\$1,442.00). The Power Company's portion amounting to (\$1,062.00) and the City's portion (\$380.00). On account of contemplated work on lower Main street this expenditure of (\$380.00), could be nearly wiped out by furnishing waste dirt from Lower Main Street, as the haul would be as short as any other haul we could procure for this waste material.

To construct a storm sewer from Princess Anne Street to the East line of Water Street would cost approximately (\$800.00) to take care of the sewers on Prussia Street, now emptying into the race-way will cost approximately (\$235.00), but on account of the depth of Sewer on Main Street it will be impossible to sewer any of these places below the first floor level.

R Stewart Royer.

Mr Geo W Heflin, seconded by Biscoe presented this paper which on motion was adopted by this vote; Ayes, Lane, Heflin, GW, Ford, WJ, Masters, JW, Warden, Henry, Biscoe, RL, Heflin, EG

City Commissioner having reported to the Council that the flume on Prussia Street between Main and Princess Anne streets is caving in and is in a dangerous condition & should be repaired or filled up without delay, and that it is necessary for the City to build a Storm Sewer on Prussia Street to the River, to take care of the water that has heretofore flowed into said Flume, and that it is advisable to build a sewer on said Street emptying in the main Street Sewer to serve the lots [on] Prussia Street heretofore emptying into said flume, and that the cost of the Storm sewer will be about (\$800.00) and the other sewer will cost about (\$235.00).

Resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the City Commissioner proceed to build said two sewers and City Commissioner shall draw warrants on the City necessary for said sewers. And the City Commissioner shall turn over to the Power Co all earth secured from the grading of Main Street that the said Company may need in filling up said flume. Provided that the City cannot in the judgment of the City Commissioner use said earth to advantage elsewhere.

On motion the Council then adjourned
W S Embrey, Acting President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held August 21, 1913 at 8 PM in the Council Chamber. Present, Lane, Gouldman, Heflin, GW, Ford, JW, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Warden, Biscoe. W S Embrey, Vice President in the Chair. Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee read the Mayor's report 8/21, 1913
To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I respectfully report to your honorable body that the four Police Officers have faithfully performed their duties during the past month and they are entitled to their salaries.

Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$86.00 from July 17 to Aug 21, 1913.

I would also report that \$8.00 for Dog license Tax has been received by me, which with the amount of fines has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Very respectfully, J P Rowe, Mayor

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented bill of Election officers for holding Primary Election
Aug 5, 1913

To Judges & Clerks

S H Beale \$5.00

W A Bell \$5.00

Geo Freeman \$5.00

J W Cox \$5.00

P L Harris \$5.00

R E Smith \$5.00 \$30.00

On motion ordered paid

Bill of Kishpaugh for Com of Revenue to 500 License Tax Bills \$4.00

App by A B Bowering, Com of Revenue

And ordered paid by the Council, Aug, 21, 1913

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented receipt of the Com of the Revenue from Treas C R Howard for the Personal Property and Land Book for 1913. Also certificate of H B Lane of the Finance Committee that A B Bowering had been paid his salary of \$350.00 as Com of Revenue.

The Commisioner's books have been completed and turned over to the Collector. There is a substantial increase over last year, 1912.

The Total Tax, land and Personal is \$41,681.46, an increase of \$2,546.63. This will be further increased by the returns from Cos Com

The values upon which the above tax is made:

Tangible property \$235,181.00

Intangible property, bonds & etc \$681,708.00

Income \$46,084.00

\$963,973.00

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An increase in value of \$274,721.00

Yours truly, A B Bowering, Com Rev

Mr Lane made report of Finances Aug 21, 1913

Receipts:

Bank balance June 30, 1913 \$9,638.15

Dog license \$8.00

Fines \$172.50

Miscellaneous \$214.52

Gas Works \$2,435.00

Water Works \$4,895.00

\$17,363.17

Expenditures

Alms House \$165.32

Bonds purchased \$2,850.00

Com Ex \$67.12

Fire Dept \$10.00

Gas Works \$2,053.43

Health & Police \$12.95

Interest	\$2,184.66	
Light	\$533.34	
Library	\$50.00	
Miscellaneous	\$924.03	
Public Property	\$379.63	
Salaries	\$1,512.47	
Schools	\$438.52	
Sewers	\$70.47	
Streets	\$3,304.08	
Water	\$656.31	
Total Exp	\$15,212.33	
Bank Balance		\$2,150.84
C R Howard, Treasurer		
On motion received and ordered filed		

City Commissioner reported three bids received for painting the Free Bridge from the floor up, in accordance with the specifications which called for one coat of paint which should be mixed under the supervision of the City Commissioner. The bid of Johnson brothers was (\$300.00), R L Jefferson (\$344.) and John W Rodgers bidding on two coats paint (\$327.) There was such a variance between the bids that the Councilmen were of the opinion Mr Rodgers must have made some mistake, and not wishing to hold him responsible, empowered the Public Property Committee and City Commissioner Royer, to accept his bid, if intended at the figures named, and if he did not to accept the bid of the Johnson Brothers.

A communication from R E Smith was presented by G W Heflin of the Water Committee. It requested a 2 inch water main be laid to Mr Smith's Ice Factory to supply, gratis. [Page 499] Water for cooling the coils in the plant. The reason for this request was that two former City officials now deceased had given him permission to use the water from the canal near the factory and on this consideration he located to the present site. Since the installation of the Electric Pump the water has been cut off from this land, and therefore could not secure sufficient amount of water. In view of the above fact the Water Committee and City Commissioner Royer were given power to comply with the request of Mr Smith.

The Fredericksburg Wood Working Company made application to extend its spur track across Prince Edward Street, as the place where it would cross Prince Edward Street is not now in use; to have a fire plug placed at the north end of their building and requested water be supplied to them at actual cost to the City. No action taken.

The fire plug will be placed where the Company desires and was allowed to run the spur track across Prince Edward Street, with the proviso it should be taken up if the Council desired, or placed in satisfactory condition.

Mr Royer reported that in accordance with instructions he had prepared an estimate of the cost of laying sidewalks on both sides of Princess Anne Street from Hanover to Prussia St, where there are no existent granolithic side walks.

The work will consist of constructing 1139 3/10 square yards granolithic sidewalk, 8' side at \$1.00 per square yard \$1,139.30

Your truly, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

On motion referred to City Commissioner & Street Committee

The City Commissioner recommended that the City Council borrow (\$10,000.00) to tide over until the fall revenues. Adopted by full vote at 5% int

Resolved that the Finance Committee be and are hereby authorized to borrow \$10,000 at 5% Int. said money so borrowed to be repaid from current revenues of the City. Passed by full recorded vote.

Mr G W Helfin asked that the Water Committee be empowered to make a flat rate for water for all manufacturing Plants. The supply being tested by meters for one years action was deferred, that it might be presented in proper shape at the next meeting of the Council.

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On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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September 1, 1913

The annual meeting of the City Council was held Monday, September 1st 1913 at 8 PM

The following members were present, President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Ford, Heflin, Geo W, Heflin, E G, King, Masters and Biscoe

The President stated the purpose of the meeting to be the election of officers for the year, the first being the Clerk of the Council.

Upon motion of Dr King the salary was fixed at the same as last year, \$150.00, by unanimous vote. Clerk Eastburn read the applications of Messrs R H Carmichael and A G Billingsley, the vote was taken and was as follows:

For Billingsley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Heflin, Geo W, Heflin, EG, King and Bradley; six votes

For Carmichael, Messrs Ford, Masters, and Biscoe; three votes.

Billingsley was declared elected and being present was sworn in by Clerk Eastburn and assumed the duties of the office.

Mr S E Eastburn, the retiring clerk in a few well chosen remarks thanked the Council for its kindness and consideration during his term of office.

Councilman Henry Warden entered at this time.

The next business was the election of four Police officers, two from the Lower and two from the Upper Ward.

On motion of Mr Geo W Heflin, the salaries were fixed at the same as last year, \$600. The applications of Messrs J H Robinson and W R Hall from the Lower and W N Tansill and J A Stone from the Upper Ward were read by the Clerk. There being only four applications all were voted for on one ballot and all four unanimously elected.

The election of a Collector of City Taxes was the next in order.

The salary of this officer being fixed by ordinance, on percentage, no action was taken. The application of Mr A P Rowe was read and he was unanimously elected.

The next office to be filled was that of Health Officer. The salary of this office being fixed by Ordinance at \$600.00 no change was made. [Page 26] Mr Ford nominated Dr R J Payne seconded by Mr Masters. Mr Gouldman nominated Dr G Mason Smith, seconded by Mr Heflin. The vote was taken with the following result;

For Dr Smith, Messrs, Lane, Gouldman, Geo W Heflin, E G Heflin, King, and Bradley—6 votes
For Dr Payne, Messrs Ford, Masters, Warden, Biscoe—4 votes
Dr Smith was declared elected.

The next was the election of a Health Board, this was upon motion of Mr Heflin carried over to the next meeting.

The following communication was read by the President

Fredericksburg, Va Sept 1st 1913

Hon W E Bradley, Pres Common Council City of Fredericksburg

Dear Sir: It is my sad duty to officially inform you of the death of Mr Isaac Hirsh, the President of the City School Board and Trustee from the Upper Ward.

As your body meeting tonight it may be its pleasure to elect a trustee to fill the vacancy for which we all sorrow.

Very respectfully, signed A B Bowering, Clerk of the Board

Mr E G Heflin moved that the Council go into an election of a Trustee to fill the vacancy, the motion was carried.

Dr King nominated Mr David Hirsh, Mr Lane nominated Mr J Fred Brown. Four ballots were taken with the following result:

For Mr Brown, Messrs Lane, Ford, Masters, Warden and Biscoe.

For Mr Hirsh, Messrs Gouldman, Geo W Heflin, E G Heflin, King and Bradley, four votes each.

Upon the motion of Dr King the election was carried over to the next meeting.

Dr King moved that the rules be suspended for the transaction of other business, the motion was carried unanimously and the rules suspended.

The following communication was then [Page 27] read by the Clerk.

Fredericksburg, Va Sept 1st 1913

To the Pres and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: The Fair Society has each year experienced difficulty in having its race track put in order for the races at the Fair. Contracts have been made each year with parties who did not have the proper equipment and the work at times has been very imperfectly done.

It was suggested that under the direction of City Commissioner R Stuart Royer, the City machinery, roller and scraper might be utilized. Mr Royer was communicated with on the subject and said he would be willing to have the work done, if the consent of the Council was obtained.

On behalf of the R V A & M Society, I therefore respectfully request that permission be granted for the use of roller and scraper owned by the City for this purpose and that Commissioner Royer be authorized to direct the work of putting the race track in order for the Fair. It is my understanding that the necessary work can be accomplished with the proper machinery in a short time.

The R V A & M Society will be glad to pay for the time of the men engaged in the work, for the gasoline used and for any other expenses involved.

Trusting you may see fit to grant the request I am

Very respectfully, signed A P Rowe, President R V A & M Society

Upon motion of Mr Ford the request was granted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

The following communication was then read by the Clerk.

Common Council, City of Fredericksburg

In a conversation which I had over the phone this morning with his honor Mayor J P Rowe, in reference to removing the muzzles from the dogs, I was informed [Page 28] by Mayor Rowe that if the Council would recommend that the muzzles be removed he would order them removed at once.

In view of the near approach of the hunting season and taking in the consideration that dog days are over it would seem that such action were only just and reasonable and I hereby petition the Council to make such recommendation to our honored Mayor.

Sincerely, signed K N Goolrick

Dr King moved that the Council recommend the Mayor to have muzzles removed to be replaced should he see fit and proper so to do, at any time.

The vote on this motion was as follows:

Ayes, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Ford, Geo W Heflin, E G Heflin, King and Warden.

Noes, Messrs Masters, Biscoe, Bradley.

Upon motion the Council adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

A G Billingsley, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber Sept 18th 1913 at 8 PM Those present were, President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, Geo W, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Clerk Billingsley, Commissioner Royer.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 17th and the Annual Meeting of September 1st were read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee read the report of Mayor J P Rowe which was as follows:

Sept 18th 1913

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I respectfully report to your honorable body, that since last report the Police Officers of the City, so far as I know, have faithfully performed their duty and are entitled to their salaries for the past month.

Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$58.50 for the period from Aug 21st to Sept 15th 1913. Both of the above amounts have been turned over to City Treasurer C R Howard. Respectfully (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Upon motion of Dr King the report was received and officers salaries ordered paid.

Bills of the Journal Pub Co and the Free Lance Star Pub Co for \$20.00 each for publishing an Electric Franchise which was not accepted by the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co were ordered paid.

Mr Lane submitted the report of Treasurer C R Howard, as follows:

September 18th 1913

Report of City Treasurer

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Receipts

Alms House (board) \$15.00

Bills payable \$5,000.00

City Collector \$1,231.93

Dog Licenses	\$8.00	
Fines	\$172.50	
Gas Works	\$3,825.00	
Miscellaneous	\$350.54	
Schools (tuition)	\$20.00	
Water Rents	\$4,960.00	
Bank Balance	\$59,638.15	\$25,221.12

Expenditures		
Alms House	\$269.29	
Bonds Bought	\$2,850.00	
Commissioner's Expense	\$205.46	
Fire Department	\$15.00	
Gas Works	\$5,555.75	
Health and Police	\$12.95	
Interest on debt	\$2,586.66	
Electric Light	\$533.34	
Wallace Library	\$75.00	
Miscellaneous	\$1,398.52	
Public Property	\$453.61	
Salaries	\$2,335.41	
Schools	\$627.02	
Sewers	\$216.71	
Streets	\$5,122.81	
Water Works	\$1,027.30	\$23,277.83
Bank Balance Sept 18 th 1913		\$1,943.29

Respectfully submitted, (signed) C R Howard, Treasurer

Mr Lane presented 3 \$1,000.00 Water Bonds purchased by the City.

The President stated that under the present ordinance the bonds would have to be burned.

Mr Embrey moved that the disposition of the bonds be deferred until next meeting and that the ordinance committee be requested to present a proper ordinance that the recommendation of Commissioner Royer presented at a former meeting could be put into effect. This motion was carried and the bonds ordered returned to the [Page 31] City Treasurer

The bond of Collector of City Taxes, A P Rowe, for \$10,000.00 was presented, OK by the City Attorney, the bond was ordered placed in the National Bank with other City Papers. (placed there 9/19/13 by Clerk Billingsley)

Capt M B Rowe of the Confederate Entertainment Committee was heard. Capt Rowe asked that the Council appropriate \$200.00 to his Committee to help in entertaining the Confederates and also Mosby's Command on Oct 2nd the last day of the Fair.

Upon motion of Mr G W Heflin the amount asked was appropriated by a unanimous recorded vote of those present.

Commissioner Royer submitted the following reports:

Disbursements August 10th to September 10th 1913

Alms House

Salaries \$32.50

Cement for hen house floor	\$2.00		
Groceries	\$39.12		
Feed	\$5.20		
Clothing	\$3.00		
Drugs	\$14.15	\$95.97	
Balance 8/10		\$1,134.68	
Commissioner's Expense			
Labor, surveying	\$97.00		
Messages	\$1.43		
Books for office	\$29.15		
Horse and buggy	\$1.50	\$139.08	
Gas			
Payroll	\$463.61		
Coal and freight	\$329.11		
General manufacture	\$16.29		
General distribution	\$367.81		
General officer	\$12.50		
Drayage on coke	\$18.50		
Welsbach	\$130.85	\$1,338.67	
Special appropriation for improvements		\$2,366.56	
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Miscellaneous			
Court			
Medicine for prisoners	\$5.00		
Jury Service	\$2.50	\$7.50	
Council			
Election	\$30.00		
Printing Tax bills	\$4.00	\$34.00	
Mayor			
Nuisances	\$6.00		
Vagrants	\$1.55		
Publications	\$1.50	\$9.05	
Sundry			
Commissioner of Rev Salary	\$350.00		
Tax Commissions	\$1.79		
Election	\$2.50		
Tax Book	\$10.00		
Office supplies, Treasurer	\$56.88		
Council Record Book	\$5.55	\$426.22	\$476.77
Public Property			
Material etc		\$6.29	
Payroll		\$49.19	
Current expense (inc total \$108.74)		\$124.75	\$180.23
Balance appropriation 8/10			\$2,743.62
Balance appropriation 9/10			\$2,563.39

Streets			
Machinery, tools, etc	\$161.73		
Maintenance, Mach & teams	\$86.80		
Salaries	\$45.00		
Concrete curbing	\$305.65		
Storm sewer, Prussia St	\$343.64		
Blacksmithing	\$21.60		
Material for new drains	\$17.25		
Incidentals	\$5.00	\$986.67	
Payroll			
Street cleaning	\$18.25		
Falmouth roadway	\$560.44		
Repairs, etc	\$14.43		
Teamsters	\$70.00		
New work, drains	\$7.33		
Machine work	\$18.50		
Gravel roadway, Pr Anne	\$31.50		
Graveling St Geo Hill	\$82.83		
Graveling lower Main St	\$33.56	\$836.84	\$1,823.51
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Balance appropriated 8/10			\$6,921.40
Balance appropriated 9/10			\$5,097.89
Add concrete curbing & Falmouth Road disbursements			\$1,030.19
Balance general appropriations			\$6,128.08
Water			
Plant			
Salary of Supt	\$100.00		
Repairs, pipes & valves	\$5.91		
Supplies, pipes, fittings	\$24.87		
Freight, chloride of lime	\$.74		
Incidentals	\$1.60	\$133.12	
Pumping Station			
Repairs to motor	\$55.05		
Supplies, gauges &c	\$18.90		
Labor, care of pumps	\$43.25		
Power for July	\$100.00		
Chloride of Lime	\$7.22		
Tanks, Chlorination plant	\$43.50	\$267.92	
Material new work, Frederick Street		\$90.96	\$492.00
Sundry Departments			
Salaries		\$772.94	
Fire		\$5.00	
Health & Police		\$2.95	
Interest		\$270.00	
Light		\$266.67	
Librarian		\$25.00	
Schools		\$182.75	

Sewer, sewer for New Hotel		\$166.56	\$1,691.87
Recapitulation			
Receipts			
Miscellaneous			
Rents	\$30.00		
Delinquent Taxes	\$35.77		
Sale of pipe	\$2.60		
Loan	\$5,000.00		
Sale of Pipe	\$13.65	\$5,082.02	
Gas		\$1,035.00	
Fines		\$86.00	
Dog Licenses		\$8.00	
Water		\$645.00	
Schools, Tuitions		\$10.00	
Alms, board Mrs King at Alms House		\$15.00	\$6,881.02
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Disbursements			
Alms House	\$95.97		
Commissioner's Expense	\$139.08		
Gas	\$3,705.23		
Miscellaneous	\$476.77		
Public Property	\$180.23		
Streets	\$1,823.51		
Water	\$492.00		
Sundry Departments	\$1,691.87		\$8,604.66
Recapitulations			
Balance Aug 10 th 1913	\$1,786.08		
Receipts as above	\$6,881.02		\$8,667.10
Disbursements as above			\$8,604.66
Balance September 10 th 1913			\$62.44
Estimates September 10 th to October 10 th 1913			
Streets			
Falmouth Road		\$200.00	
Gravel roadway, Pr Anne, Geo to Commerce		\$200.00	
Street cleaning		\$25.00	
Storm sewer, Prussia Street		\$456.36	
Current Expenses		\$200.00	
Concrete curbing		\$200.00	
Gravel roadway, lower Main		\$300.00	\$1,581.36
Alms House			
Salaries		\$32.50	
Groceries		\$35.00	
Medicines		\$10.00	
Incidentals		\$10.00	\$87.50

Water			
Operation, pumping station	\$75.00		
Labor & incidentals	\$40.00		
Power one month	\$100.00		
Superintendent	\$100.00		
Coal	\$35.00		\$350.00
Sewer			
New sewer on Prussia St	\$233.17		
Incidentals	\$10.00		\$243.17
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Gas			
Payroll	\$450.00		
Coal and Freight	\$750.00		
Incidentals	\$100.00		\$1,300.00
Commissioner's Expense			
Labor surveying	\$100.00		
Office Supplies &c	\$20.00		\$120.00
Public Property			
Concrete walks & sodding at CH	\$30.00		
Painting Free Bridge	\$327.00		
Lumber for Free Bridge	\$279.79		
Cutting grass	\$10.00		
Janitor	\$15.00		
Labor & incidentals	\$10.00		\$671.79
Miscellaneous			
Mayor	\$7.00		
Court			
Care, prisoners	\$30.00		
Janitor, 2 months	\$16.00	\$46.00	
Sundry			
Commissioner's Car	\$750.00		
Incidentals	\$50.00		\$853.00
Sundry Departments			
Lights	\$266.67		
Salaries	\$993.74		
Interest	\$1,366.00		
Fire	\$5.00		
Health & Police	\$5.00		\$2,636.41
Total			\$7,343.23
Receipts			
Balance Sept 10 th 1913		\$62.44	
Gas		\$1,390.00	

Water	\$150.00	
Fines	\$75.00	
Dog Licenses	\$150.00	
Tuition	\$20.00	
Old Machinery	\$9.00	
Rent of Shirt Factory	\$75.00	
1913 Taxes	\$13,500.00	\$15,431.44
Receipts over disbursements		\$7,588.21

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Fredericksburg Va Sept 18, 1913

Honorable City Council, Fredericksburg, Va

Gentlemen: I would respectfully recommend that the City purchase an adding machine for the City Commissioners office.

The work of collecting Gas, Water and Sewer taxes through my office takes nearly all the time of my clerk, making it impossible for me to have other very necessary work done in my office. An adding machine will simplify the collections to some extent. A suitable machine can be purchased at from \$225.00 to \$425.00 and should council see fit to purchase machine I would suggest that the purchase be left to the several members of the Council who are familiar with these machines.

Respectfully submitted, (signed) R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

Mr Lane moved that a Committee be appointed to look into the advisability of the City purchasing an adding machine and if so the kind of machine and report to the Council. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

The President appointed Messrs Lane, Gouldman and E G Heflin

Mr Lane read the following communication

Fredericksburg, Va Sept 10th 1913

Mr R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

My Dear Sir: Thanking you in advance. I beg leave to call your attention to a 53 feet wooden curb along a most excellent brick side walk in front of my house on Hanover Street, now occupied as you know by Mrs Annie Keim.

Would you kindly call attention of Council to this and get them to permit you to have a cement curb put along this front of 53 feet as it would add greatly to the appearance of this front. Hoping to hear your prompt attention [Page 37] to this matter and again thanking you.

I am yours sincerely (signed) V M Fleming

Mr Embrey moved to lay the communication on the table, this was not seconded. On motion of Mr Lane it was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee presented a bill of Mr P K Bauman of \$43.80 for curb laid along his property on Pr Elizabeth St for which Mr Embrey stated the former Street Committee agreed to reimburse him. The matter was discussed by several members and upon motion of Mr Hirsh action was deferred until next meeting.

A bill of Mr M G Willis for \$41.10 for curbing on Pr Anne Street was upon motion of Mr Hirsh deferred until next meeting.

Mr Hirsh of the Committee on Schools stated the schools opened with an increased attendance.

The President stated that the election of a Health Board was in order.

Mr Embrey nominated Dr F C Pratt, Messrs J Fred Brown, Geo Freeman Jr and W D Scott, all of whom were unanimously elected.

Dr King nominated Mr David Hirsh as trustee of the Public Schools to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Isaac Hirsh. Mr Hirsh was unanimously elected.

Dr King on behalf of a number of citizens asked permission for Commissioner Royer to give enough of his time to complete the expending of the \$300.00 in the hands of the Committee for the improvement on the road near Falmouth Bridge, the time not to exceed 7 days.

Mr Hirsh opposed the request, stating that he thought the work begun in the City Limits should be completed first.

The permission asked was given, Mr Hirsh voting no.

The Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

A G Billingsley, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber on October 16th at 8 o'clock, the following members present; President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Heflin, Geo W, Heflin, E G, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Commissioner Royer, City Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk Billingsley.

The Minutes of September 18th were read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee read the report of the Mayor which was as follows:

Oct 16th 1913

To the President and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I respectfully report that the Police Officers have performed their duties for the past month and are entitled to their salaries.

Fines have been turned over to me by Police Justice Dannehl amounting to \$75.00 and the dog taxes collected to date \$260.00. Both of these amounts have been paid over to City Treasurer, C R Howard

Respectfully (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Upon motion of Dr King the report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid.

Mr Lane presented the following bills of the Corporation Fredericksburg

To E C Bell Dr Register Upper Ward

May 1913	Day sitting	\$2.00	
	Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notice	\$1.50	
	Posting list	\$1.50	
October 1913	Day sitting	\$2.00	
	Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notice	\$1.50	
	Posting list	\$1.50	
	24 registers & transfers	\$2.40	\$15.40

Corporation of Fredericksburg

To C E Layton Dr Registrar Lower Ward

May 1913	Day sitting	\$2.00	
	Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notice	\$1.50	
	Posting list	\$1.50	
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October 1913	Day sitting	\$2.00	
	Deputy	\$1.50	
	Posting notice	\$1.50	
	Posting list	\$1.50	
	25 registers & transfers	\$2.50	\$15.50

Upon motion these bills were ordered paid.

Mr Lane read the following report of the City Treasurer, C R Howard

Report of City Treasurer, October 16th 1913

Receipts

Bank Balance 6/30/13	\$9,638.15	
Alms House (board)	\$15.00	
Bills payable	\$7,000.00	
City Collector	\$18,731.93	
Dog Licenses	\$268.00	
Fines	\$306.00	
Gas Works	\$3,825.00	
Miscellaneous	\$393.00	
Schools (tuitions)	\$50.00	
Water Rents	\$4,960.00	\$45,187.08

Expenditures

Alms House	\$359.59	
Bonds bought	\$2,850.00	
Commissioner's Expense	\$352.91	
Fire Department	\$25.50	
Gas Works	\$6,642.42	
Health & Police	\$13.95	
Interest	\$3,914.66	
Electric Light	\$800.01	
Wallace Library	\$100.00	
Miscellaneous	\$2,625.06	
Public Property	\$953.40	
Stock Account	\$234.02	
Salaries	\$3,304.16	
Public Schools	\$1,842.29	
Sewers	\$237.26	
Streets	\$6,000.08	
Water	\$1,487.46	\$31,742.77
Bank Balance Oct 16 th 1913		\$13,444.31

Respectfully submitted (signed) C R Howard, Treasurer

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Commissioner Royer submitted his reports which were as follows:

Disbursements September 10th to October 10th 1913

Alms House		
Cabbage plants	\$1.00	
Salaries & sundries	\$34.25	
Groceries	\$41.60	
Furniture &c	\$15.45	
Plowing garden	\$6.00	\$98.30
Balance appropriation 9/10		\$1,038.71
Balance appropriation 10/10		\$940.41

Commissioner Expense		
Cash items since July 1 st	\$11.01	
Conveyance (August)	\$1.50	
Office Supplies	\$1.45	
Labor, surveying	\$125.00	
Stakes for surveying	\$8.00	\$156.96

Contingent Stock		
Freight on pipe	\$50.60	
Hauling pipe	\$14.33	
1 Car pipe	\$69.09	\$234.02
Gas		
Pay Roll	\$490.50	
Coal and Freight	\$551.02	
General Distribution	\$18.73	
Drayage on coke	\$29.50	
Welsbach &c	\$11.13	\$1,092.88
Balance Sept 10—overdraft		\$437.80
		\$1,530.80
Receipts		\$1,390.00
Balance 10/10 overdraft		\$140.68

Special appropriation disbursements \$196.73

Miscellaneous		
Orders of Court		
Janitor 2 months	\$16.25	
Care of prisoners	\$50.80	
Coroner's fee	\$5.00	
Medical attention prisoners	\$2.75	\$74.80

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Orders of Council		
Election	\$5.00	
Franchise ads	\$40.00	
Entertainment Veterans	\$200.00	
Commissioners auto	\$790.56	\$1,035.56

Orders Mayor

Nuisances	\$2.50		
Special Police during fair	\$38.70		
Publications & Printing	\$17.50		
Chair for police Court	\$5.00		
Dog Collars	\$15.00	\$78.70	
Orders Sundry			
Publications & Printing	\$4.00		
Taxes, Gravel pit	\$24.19		
Commissions del Taxes	\$1.64	\$29.83	\$1,218.89
Public Property			
Material, etc		\$448.39	
Payroll		\$31.25	
General Operation (current expenses)		\$31.15	\$514.79
Balance appropriation 9/10			\$2,563.39
Balance appropriation 10/10			\$2,048.60
Sewer			
Main on Charlotte Street		\$29.50	
Publications		\$2.80	
Repairs		\$5.00	
Incidentals		\$1.00	\$38.30
Balance 9/10 overdraft			\$3,317.89
Balance 10/10 overdraft			\$3,356.19
Streets			
Maintenance	\$56.67		
Material, new work	\$60.30		
Salaries	\$45.00		
Sundries	\$1.00		
Concrete curbing	\$114.39		
Storm Sewer, Prussia St	\$269.76	\$548.07	
Payroll			
Repair & cutting weeds	\$80.13		
Teamsters	\$70.00		
Street cleaning	\$13.69		
Falmouth roadway	\$106.50		
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Cedar Lane	\$61.00		
Fair Grounds	\$4.50		
Catch basins & drains	\$4.50	\$340.32	\$888.39
Balance appropriations 9/10			\$6,128.08
			\$5,239.69
Add concrete curbing & Falmouth Roadway disbursements			\$220.89
Balance appropriation 10/10			\$5,460.58
Sundry Departments			
Fire	\$10.50		

Health & Police	\$1.00		
Interest on bonded debt	\$1,214.00		
Lights	\$266.67		
Library	\$25.50		
Salaries	\$1,018.75		
Schools	\$1,235.69		\$3,771.61

Water			
Plant			
Repairs & service pipes	\$5.50		
Lights	\$100.00		
New Service, planing mill	\$7.34		
Freight & drayage	\$4.16		
Express & incidentals	\$6.25	\$123.25	
Station			
Freight on Car Coal	\$10.84		
Drayage	\$33.33		
Coal	\$42.75		
Repairs to motor	\$2.60		
Packing & Clor discs	\$10.06		
Current for month	\$100.00		
Chloride of lime	\$3.67		
Operation of the Pumps	\$61.47	\$356.39	\$479.64
Balance 9/10		\$3,900.19	
Receipts		\$65.00	\$3,965.19
			\$3,435.55

Receipts			
Bills payable (loan)		\$3,000.00	
1913 Taxes		\$7,231.93	
Dog Licenses		\$175.00	
Fines		\$58.50	
Gas		\$1,390.00	
School (tuitions)		\$40.00	
Water		\$65.00	

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Miscellaneous			
Old Machinery Sold	\$9.00		
Rents (Shirt Factory)	\$75.00		
Delinquent Taxes	\$32.83		
Fair Association return to general	\$9.63	\$126.46	\$11,086.89

Recapitulation			
Disbursements			
Alms House	\$98.30		
Commissioners Expense	\$156.96		
Contingent Stock	\$234.02		
Gas	\$1,289.61		
Miscellaneous	\$1,218.89		

Public Property	\$514.79	
Sewer	\$38.30	
Streets	\$888.39	
Sundry	\$3,771.61	
Water	\$479.64	\$8,690.51
Balance, Sept 10, 13	\$62.44	
Receipts as above reported	\$11,086.89	\$11,149.33
Disbursements as above reported		\$8,690.51
Balance, October 10/13		\$2,458.82
Concluded		
Estimates, October 10 th to Nov 10 th 1913		
Streets	\$450.00	
Gravel roadway, Pr Anne, Geo to Main	\$200.00	
Street Cleaning	\$25.00	
Current expenses	\$200.00	
Concrete curbing	\$175.00	
Gravel roadway, lower Main	\$850.00	
Prussia Street Storm Sewer	\$86.60	\$1,986.60
Alms House		
Salaries	\$32.60	
Groceries	\$40.00	
Medicines	\$10.00	
Incidentals	\$10.00	\$92.50
Water		
Operation pumping Station	\$75.00	
Labor & incidentals	\$40.00	
Power 1 month	\$100.00	
Superintendent	\$100.00	
Coal	\$82.50	\$397.50
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Sewer		
New sewer on Prussia St (from cost)	\$233.17	
Incidentals	\$10.00	\$243.17
Gas		
Payroll	\$450.00	
Coal & Freight	\$600.00	
Incidentals	\$100.00	\$1,150.00
Commissioners Expense		
Office supplies & equipment	\$35.00	
Incidentals	\$5.00	\$40.00
Public Property		
Concrete walks & sodding (from last mo)	\$30.00	

Painting Free Bridge		\$200.00	
Janitor		\$15.00	
Labor & incidentals		\$10.00	\$255.00
Miscellaneous			
Orders of Mayor		\$10.00	
Orders of Court			
Care of Prisoners	\$30.00		
Janitor	\$8.00	\$38.00	
Sundry		\$100.00	\$148.00
Sundry Departments			
Lights		\$266.67	
Salaries		\$847.90	
Interest		\$2,384.00	
Fire		\$5.00	
Schools		\$1,400.00	\$4,903.57
Total Disbursements			\$9,216.34
Receipts			
Balance Oct 10 th 13		\$2,458.82	
1913 Taxes		\$35,000.00	
Dog Licenses		\$125.00	
Schools		\$1,600.00	
Water		\$250.00	
Fines		\$75.00	
Rents		\$25.00	\$39,533.82
Estimate balance November 10/13			\$30,317.48
Concluded			

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Commissioner Read the following communication

October 16th 1913

R Stuart Royer, Esq, City Commissioner, Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sir: with reference to your recent communication with our superintendent relative to furnishing 100 CP lamps at the following places:

E side Barton St 100' from Commerce St

Water St intersection with Pr Elizabeth St

Doswell Field at turn beyond Basin Bridge

Pr Anne between Pr Elizabeth and Dixon Street

Spotswood St intersection Wolfe St

Fauquier St intersection Winchester St

We offer to furnish the first five of these lamps at the same price the City pays for one arc lamp, viz \$32.00 per year. The sixth lamp we will furnish for \$6.60 per year. We trust this proposal will prove satisfactory and that it will be your pleasure to order the lamps installed.

Very respectfully (signed) The Fredericksburg Electric Co, H G Northrop, VP

Mr Royer stated that these lights were badly needed and recommended that they be installed.

Upon the motion of Mr Lane, the recommendation was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Royer outlined his plans for street work and asked that \$250.00 be placed to the credit of the Sewer fund to make necessary repairs. Upon motion of Mr Lane, the amount was appropriated.

Commissioner Royer asked for information in regard to the power of the Commissioner under the ordinance, to purchase supplies for the City. City Attorney Fitzhugh gave as his opinion that the Commissioner should purchase all supplies for the City.

The following communication was read by the Clerk.

Fredericksburg Va Oct 16, 1913

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: On the 27 day of August I commenced [Page 46] painting the Free Bridge according to contract signed by Commissioner Royer and myself, on Sept 2nd while I was home sick he stopped the work and has never told me personally or by letter why he did it. I heard the reason was that the paint was too thin and had water in it. There was no call for it being thin as I had about 250 lbs of red lead in the shop and the men could of have made it as thick as he wanted it, as for the water in it it have been used every time the Bridge has been painted, and Mr Royer let the painter use what I had mixed and gave his consent to the painter in all he mixed afterwards on Sept 4th. I wrote to Mr Royer and made him a proposition in regard to the Bridge work, on Sept 5th I received a letter from him stating it was his desire not to make any move in regard to proposition, the Bridge until he saw me personally. The next thing I knew Mr Royer had made a [?] agreement with another painter to go on with the work. As I did commence this work in good faith and would of finished it had I of had a chance I ask the Council to pay me for 4 weeks work and \$250.00 for the damages the Commissioner has done me in the City of Fredericksburg.

Respectfully (signed) John W Rodgers

Mr Royer stated that he made the contract with Mr Rodgers as directed by the Council and when he went down and got some of the paint being used and tested it he found it was not up to specifications and stopped the work. That Mr Rodgers did not come to see him about the work, but his silent partner, Mr Gouldman said he would take the contract and complete the work, but after putting on one coat of paint had thrown up the contract. That the City had paid for the paint used amounting to \$168.00. After some discussion, upon motion of Mr E G Heflin the matter was deferred until next meeting.

Upon motion of Dr King the Water Committee [Page 47] and Commissioner were requested to investigate and report the cost of a watering trough near the end of the Free Bridge

Dr King of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance:

An ordinance for the preservation of the Bonds of the City purchased for the Sinking Fund and fro the Collection of interest thereon and its application.

Be it resolved by the Common Council that hereafter all City Bonds purchased for the Sinking Fund of the City shall be cancelled and preserved but the interest to accrue thereon shall be collected as the same shall accrue and shall be used only for the purchase of other bonds for the said Sinking Fund, and the requirements of this Ordinance shall be carried out by the Finance Committee in connection with the City Commissioner. (signed) J Garnett King, Chairman, J W Masters (Ordinance Committee)

Upon motion the rules were suspended and the ordinance was passed by unanimous vote of the Council

Mr Lane of the Special Committee on the purchase of an adding machine for the Commissioner's office recommended the purchase of the Burrough's machine at a cost of \$225.00. Upon motion of Geo W

Heflin the Commissioner was authorized to purchase the machine by a unanimous recorded vote of the Council.

The bills of P K Bauman and M G Willis for curbing were upon motion of Dr King, held over until next meeting, the Chairman of the Street Committee being absent.

The communication of Mr V M Fleming referred to the Street Committee was also passed by until next meeting.

A communication was presented by Mr Biscoe as follows:

10/15/13

To the City Council

I want you to attend to the matter at once about the concrete curb and also what steps necessary. And please don't delay this any longer of I will see further into the matter.

Respectfully, (signed) Mrs Lee Black

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Upon the motion of Mr Lane the communication was laid on the table. The Commissioner having already received instructions in the premises.

The following communication was presented by Mr Biscoe;

To the Pres and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg

We the undersigned members and officers of the City Mission of Fredericksburg respectfully urge your honorable body to make an appropriation of \$200.00 to be used through our organization as far as it will go for the benefit of the destitute and suffering out door poor. There are a number of cases here which are in urgent need of assistance and our fund is too depleted to give the proper aid.

Trusting we will meet with your approval in this request and that you will vote us the above amount, we are very respectfully, Ladies of the City Mission (signed) Mrs J B Ficklen, Pres; Annie Copenhaver, Miss R C Mander Sect.

Mr Biscoe moved that the amount be appropriate; the same was carried unanimously.

The Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

A G Billingsley, Clerk

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November 20th 1913

A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday Nov 20th 1913 at 8 o'clock

Those present were, President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Ford, Heflin, GW, Embrey, Heflin, EG, Warden and Biscoe; Clerk Billingsley & Commissioner Royer.

The minutes of the meeting of Oct 16th read and approved.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee read the report of Mayor Rowe, as follows:

Fredericksburg Va Nov 20th 1913

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report to your honorable body that the Police Officers have been faithful to their duty during the past month and I recommend that salaries be paid.

Fines collected since last report by Police Justice Dannehl amounted to \$82.80 and the proceeds from Dog Taxes, \$26.50. Both amounts have been turned over to City Treasurer, C R Howard.

Respectfully (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Upon motion of Mr E G Heflin, the report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid

The following bill was read by Mr Lane

City of Fredericksburg Dr to

W S Chesley	Judge Upper Ward	J W Cox	Judge of Lower Ward
W A Bell	Judge Upper Ward	Geo Freeman	Judge of Lower Ward
L B Rose	Judge Upper Ward	E F Portch	Judge of Lower Ward
P L Harris	Clerk Upper Ward	R E Smith	Clerk of Lower Ward
R H Carmichael	Clerk Upper Ward	C E Layton	Clerk of Lower Ward

\$5.00 each for election held November 4th 1913, total \$50.00

Upon motion of Mr Embrey ordered paid.

The following report of Treasurer C R Howard was read

Report of the Treasurer, November 20th 1913

Receipts

Bank balance 6/30/13	\$9,638.15	
Alms House (Board)	\$15.00	
City Collector	\$37,731.93	
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Dog Licenses	\$294.50	
Fines	\$388.80	
Gas Works	\$5,525.00	
Miscellaneous	\$983.97	
Schools (tuition)	\$135.00	
Streets (refund Cedar Lane)	\$350.00	
Water Works	\$5,060.00	\$60,122.35

In addition to the above receipts I have an order from the Auditor of Public Accounts to expend \$3,052.20 of State Funds for pay of Teachers, etc

Expenditures

Alms House	\$478.07	
Bonds	\$2,850.00	
Commissioners Expenses	\$402.56	
Fire Department	\$30.50	
Gas Works	\$8,590.61	
Health and Police	\$119.23	
Interest	\$5,110.88	
Electric Light	\$1,333.35	
Wallace Library	\$125.00	
Miscellaneous	\$3,202.94	
Public Property	\$1,222.89	
Stock Account	\$242.49	
Salaries	\$4,093.73	
Public Schools	\$3,462.88	
Sewers	\$304.34	
Streets	\$7,671.33	
Water Works	\$1,924.34	\$41,165.14
Bank balance Nov 20 th 1913		\$18,957.31

Respectfully submitted (signed) C R Howard, Treasurer

Mr Lane read the following communication from Treasurer, C R Howard

Fredericksburg Va Nov 19th 1913

Messrs H B Lane, W E Bradley, W S Embrey, Finance Committee and members of City Council

Gentlemen: On the 24th day of June last I collected from the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac R R Co the sum of \$2,493.36 which amount was adjudged to the City of Fredericksburg on account of delinquent taxes due by said R R Co.

The State law allows me a commission of ten per cent [Page 51] on all delinquent City Taxes I am able to collect and it is my humble opinion that I am entitled to the same commission on this collection as on any other delinquent City tax collected by me.

I requested the auditor of Public Accounts to render an opinion on this special case and he informs me that it would be proper for the City Attorney and the City Council to determine the amount of commission which should be paid me on this collection.

In accordance with his instructions I beg to submit the matter for your decision.

I beg to enclose a copy of my letter to the Auditor of Public Accounts and also his reply.

Respectfully submitted (signed) C R Howard, Treasurer

Mr Lane also read a copy of Mr Howard's letter to the Auditor asking information and the Auditor's reply in which he stated that he thought the better way was for Mr Howard to submit the matter to the City Council and ask that body to determine the commission he should receive.

Mr Lane also read a letter from City Attorney Fitzhugh stating that he considered this tax the same as other delinquent taxes and that the Treasurer should receive the same for collecting. This opinion was concurred in by Judge John T Goolrick, by an endorsement on Mr Fitzhugh's letter.

Mr Hirsh asked if the Finance Committee had considered the matter and asked if they had any recommendations to make. Pres. Bradley called Vice President Embrey to the Chair and stated that the Finance Committee had no report to make on the matter that Treasurer Howard received a flat salary of \$750.00 from the City and he did not see that he was entitled to any commission.

Mr E G Heflin addressed the Council on the subject, stating that he could not see that Mr Howard was entitled to any Commission, that if any one was entitled to the commission it was the City Collector.

Mr Lane thought these taxes delinquent and that they should be treated as other delinquent taxes. On motion of Mr G W Heflin the matter was carried on until next meeting.

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Commissioner Royer submitted his reports which were as follows

Disbursements, October 10th to November 10th 1913

Alms Houser

Clothing	\$2.00	
Salaries etc	\$32.50	
Groceries	\$42.13	
Burials	\$30.00	
Medicine	\$11.85	\$118.48
Balance October 10		\$940.41
		\$821.93

Commissioners Expenses

Filing cabinet and supplies since July	\$38.00
Express	\$.50
Stationary etc	\$2.95

Drawing material	\$8.20		\$49.65
Gas			
Payroll	\$476.00		
Coal and Freight	\$375.89		
General manufacture	\$15.44		
General Distribution	\$164.70		
Office	\$2.50		
Drayage on coke	\$40.75		
Wehlbach	\$116.99		\$1,192.27
Balance overdraft Oct 10 th			\$140.68
			\$1,332.95
Collections October			\$1,700.00
			\$367.05
Disbursements, new work			\$48.65
Miscellaneous			
Court Orders			
Jury	\$1.50		
lunacy	\$7.60		
Tax returned	\$9.60		
Janitor	\$8.00		
Cleaning	\$2.00	\$28.70	
Orders of Mayor			
Nuisances	\$2.75		
Vagrants	\$1.15		
Special Police (Halloween)	\$1.50		
Printing and distribution	\$7.90		
Examination of City Water	\$4.50	\$17.80	
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Council Orders			
Election Registrar	\$30.90		
Appropriation City Mission	\$200.00		
Adding Machine	\$200.00	\$451.40	
Sundry			
Office Supplies & Printing	\$24.97		
Election	\$4.76	\$29.73	\$527.63
Public Property			
Material		\$86.42	
Payroll		\$132.92	
General Operation, Current expenses		\$35.90	\$255.24
Balance Oct 10 th			\$2,048.60
Balance Nov 10 th			\$1,793.36
Sewer			
Pipe for new Hotel		\$1.90	
Sewer on Charlotte St		\$22.35	
Cement for sewer at Charles & George		\$.45	

Oil for lanterns	\$7.30		
Labor	\$27.83		\$59.83
Balance overdraft Oct 10 th			\$3,356.19
Balance overdraft Nov 10 th			\$3,416.02
Streets			
Machinery, material etc	\$138.62		
Maintenance, Mach, teams	\$96.52		
Salaries	\$45.00		
Sundries	\$10.00		
Concrete curbing	\$251.83		
Storm Sewer Prussia St	\$218.36		
Blacksmithing	\$16.05		
Catch basins & Drains	\$1.80		
Material Falmouth Road	\$9.20	\$787.38	
Payroll			
Cleaning Streets and ditches	\$46.67		
Sweeping Main & Commerce	\$22.94		
Pay of Teamsters	\$99.50		
Graveling Lower Main	\$258.91		
Graveling Falmouth Road	\$241.54	\$669.56	\$1,456.94
Less concrete to Fal Road & Storm Sewer			\$720.93
			\$736.01
Balance Oct 10 th			\$5,460.58
Balance Nov 10 th			\$4,724.57
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Sundry			
Bills Payable	\$7,000.00		
Fire	\$5.00		
Health & Police	\$104.28		
Interest on Bonds	\$1,520.00		
Interest on Loans	\$32.22		
Lights two months	\$533.34		
Salaries	\$789.57		
Schools	\$1,696.50		
Stock (contingent)	\$8.47		\$11,693.38
Water			
Salary Supt	\$100.00		
Payroll	\$54.25		
Sundry	\$80.00		
Current at Station 2 months	\$200.00		
1 Car coal for stock	\$82.58		\$437.63
Balance Oct 10 th			\$3,485.55
			\$3,047.92
Credit collections			\$100.00
Balance Nov 10 th			\$3,147.92

Receipts		
1913 Taxes	\$30,500.00	
Dog Licenses	\$85.00	
Fines	\$75.00	
Gas	\$1,700.00	
Miscellaneous		
Sale of pipe	\$1.14	
Histories	\$2.50	
1913 Capitation Tax	\$408.50	
Delinquent Capitation tax	\$30.50	\$442.64
Schools tuitions		\$85.00
Streets, appr by Motor club to Fal Roadway		\$350.00
Water	\$100.00	\$33,337.64

Recapitulation		
Credits		
Balance Oct 10 th	\$2,458.82	
Above receipts	\$33,337.64	\$35,796.46
Debits		
Alms House	\$118.48	
Commissioner Expense	\$49.65	
Gas	\$1,240.92	
Miscellaneous	\$527.63	
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Public Property	\$255.24	
Sewer	\$59.83	
Streets	\$1,456.94	
Sundry	\$11,693.38	
Water	\$437.63	\$15,839.70
Balance Nov 10 th		\$19,956.76
Concluded		

Cost of Painting Free Bridge		
Advertising for bids	\$3.25	
Scaffolding	\$8.24	
1½ gallons dryer	\$1.20	
800 lbs Lead	\$64.00	
1 barrel oil	\$32.20	
1-1" block	\$.60	
1 board 8' long	\$.22	
4 brushes	\$2.00	
Total cost materials	\$111.71	
Labor	\$112.01	
Total cost work done under City Commissioner	\$223.72	
Paid E D Cole for material used by Rodger & Gouldman	\$168.60	
	\$392.32	
By material returned, 100# lead	\$8.00	
13-1/3 gallon oil	\$12.00	\$20.20
Recapitulation		

Above debits	\$392.32	
Above credits	\$20.20	
Net total costs of whole work	\$372.12	
Work done under City Commissioner	\$223.72	
Deduct above credits	\$20.20	
Net cost second coat	\$203.52	
Estimates Nov 10 th to Dec 10 th 1913		
Disbursements		
Streets		
Graveling lower Main Street	\$1,000.00	
Street Cleaning	\$25.00	
Current Expenses	\$200.00	
Concrete Curbing	\$150.00	\$1,375.00
Alms House		
Salaries	\$32.60	
Groceries	\$40.00	
Medicine	\$10.00	
Incidentals	\$10.00	\$92.50
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Water		
Operation of Station	\$50.00	
Labor & incidentals	\$25.00	
Power one month	\$100.00	
Superintendent	\$100.00	
Laying 4" main to Hazel Hill Canning Co for Fire Protection		
500# lead	\$27.50	
1 Fire Plug	\$22.00	
2- 4" gate valves	\$14.00	\$63.50
		\$338.50
Sewer		
New sewer on Prussia St	\$89.32	
Incidentals	\$10.00	\$99.32
Gas		
Payroll	\$450.00	
Coal and Freight	\$700.00	
Incidentals	\$100.00	
Special Appropriation, new work	\$350.00	\$1,600.00
Public Property		
Repairs to Court Room	\$100.00	
Janitor	\$15.00	
Incidentals	\$15.00	\$130.00
Miscellaneous		
Orders of Mayor	\$10.00	
Orders of Court		

Care of Prisoners	\$42.15		
Janitor	\$8.00	\$50.15	
Orders sundry		\$25.00	\$85.15
Sundry Departments			
Lights		\$266.67	
Salaries		\$800.00	
Interest		\$200.00	
Fire		\$5.00	
Health & Police		\$25.00	
Schools		\$1,100.00	\$2,396.67
Total Disbursements			\$6,117.14

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Receipts			
Balance Nov 10 th 1913		\$19,956.76	
Taxes		\$2,000.00	
Gas		\$1,800.00	
Water		\$250.00	
Fines		\$75.00	
Rents		\$22.50	
State Appropriations to Schools		\$3,052.20	\$27,156.46
Total disbursements as above			\$6,117.14
Estimated balance Dec 10, 1913			\$21,039.32
Concluded			

Commissioner Royer submitted the following recommendations which were taken up and disposed of as follows:

Fredericksburg Va Nov 20, 1913

Hon City Council Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: I beg to submit the following recommendations for your consideration:

1st The purchase of a meter for the pumping station at a cost of between \$115.00 and \$160.00

The amount was appropriated by a unanimous vote

2nd That the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for the improvement of the interior of the Court House.

The amount was appropriated by a unanimous vote

3rd That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the improvement or renewal of the West abutment of the Free Bridge; the work to be done at a later date after the street work is shut down.

The amount was appropriated by a unanimous vote

4th I beg to submit the following data in regard to Prussia Street, which was recently torn up by the Power Company in order to fill up their old race-way: It will cost the Power Company about \$300.00 to restore this street to its former condition. The R F & P R R Co has consented to the doing away with the sidewalk adjoining their property in order to widen the street, if the City desires to have it widened. I would further suggest for your information that the street could be widened at the present time at a very little, if any, expense to the Cit. If it is your desire that the type of paving be changed, the Power Company is willing to pay the City the sum of \$300.00 [Page 58] to relieve them of doing any further work between East line of Main Street and West Line of Princess Anne Street. The following is the estimate of the cost of several forms of paving that could be used if cobble are abandoned:

Gravel roadway similar to Princess Anne:	\$200.00
Gravel roadway with surface binder as on Main Street in Front of Public School	\$280.00

Crushed granite with an asphalt binder throughout	\$800.00
Vitrified brick with a 5 inch concrete base	\$1,800.00

Respectfully submitted, R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner

Mr Embrey moved that the pavement on the south side of Prussia Street between Main and Princess Anne be abandoned and the pavement on North side be widened 2½ feet and the street be pave as before.

Mr Biscoe offered as an amendment that the Power Company be required to replace the pavement and street as it was originally, this was carried by the following vote:

Ayes, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Hirsh, Ford, Warden, Biscoe, Bradley
 Nays, Messrs G W Heflin, Embrey, and E G Heflin

The following communication was received from the Power Company
 Fredericksburg, Va Nov 20th 1913

R Stuart Royer, City Commissioner, Fredericksburg, Va

Dear Sir: We beg to call your attention to the condition in which our property on Main Street is left, owing to the recent grading of the street from the corner of New Street to the northern City Limits This street at the point of entrance to the Power House has been lowered about twenty-four inches, and it is impossible for us to get in and out of our driveway with a team of any kind, without serious difficulty: consequently we think that our property has been damaged to some extent and especially so since we have spent a considerable sum in placing sod over our entire power house yard and attempting to beautify our property in other ways. At the intersection of Factory and Main Streets the water on the East side of Main Street is washing our property and of course we are desirous of having [Page 59] this stopped at the earliest possible time.

We are at all times anxious to assist in any way that we can to encourage municipal improvements, but we feel that you will appreciate conditions as they exist. Main Street from New Street to the boiler house of the Old Woolen mills is not much more than a road and there is not now room for a sidewalk without encroaching on our property, which is now being done more than ever before by pedestrians.

If the City will construct concrete curb and gutter from the south side of New Street to a point opposite the boiler house of the Woolen Mill, and will make the new sidewalk to the proper grade, the Fredericksburg Power Company will allow the use of enough of its property to make this sidewalk, until such time as the same may be needed by us for the development of our plant (the amount necessary to be determined by yourself and the writer) and will lower the driveway and lawn at its own expense, and withdraw the claim that its property has been damaged.

In addition to the above we will furnish without charge to the city all of the crushed stone necessary for the above mentioned curb and gutter, and the same may be secured from our storage pile upon application to us for the same.

Trusting that you will give this letter due consideration and that we will be honored with an early reply, we are:

Yours very truly Fredericksburg Power Company, Inc. (signed) Cecil L Reid, Resident Engineer

Upon motion of Mr E G Heflin, the matter was referred tot eh Street Committee and the City Commissioner.

Mr Royer read a bill of Mr Chas Herndon for repairing covering on the old canal south of Princess Elizabeth Street, upon motion of Mr Biscoe the bill amounting to \$17.08 was ordered not paid, Messrs Ford and Embrey voting no on the motion.

The bill of Mr P K Bauman for curbing, amounting to \$43.80 was upon motion of Mr Gouldman, ordered paid.

The bill of Mr M G Willis for curbing, amounting to \$41.10 was carried over, a question being raised as to the correctment of the number of feet.

Mr Embrey stated that Commissioner Royer had [Page 60] made an estimate of the damage done to the Masonic Building at the corner of Princess Anne and Hanover Streets and asked that \$100.00 be appropriated to repair the damage done by the street grading. Upon motion of Mr Lane, the amount was appropriated unanimously.

Mr E G Heflin asked Commissioner Royer to ascertain the cost of a street light at the corner of the Boulevard and Weedon Street.

Mr Biscoe moved that Mr F Beckwith be paid the sum of \$40.83 for curbing on Lee Avenue. Carried.

Mr Ford offered an ordinance substituting the bond of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co for that of the Southern Bell Telephone Co.
Upon motion it was referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney.

The following communication was read:

Fredericksburg, Va Nov 20, 1913

To the President and Members of Council

Gentlemen: The ladies of the Association for the Preservation of Va Antiquities petition your honorable body to give them the care of the stone at the corner of the Planters Hotel, on which the slaves in the ante-bellum days were sold. The APVA will not remove said stone without permission of the Council Their idea is to place a tablet on it showing that it is under the supervision of the APVA.

Very truly, Miss R C Mander, Sect, Mary Washington Branch, APVA

Upon motion of Mr Embrey, the request was granted provided the City owned the stone.

The following communication from Mayor Rowe was read:

Nov 20th 1913

To the President and members of City Council

Gentlemen: I herewith present to your honorable body by request a petition signed by several hundred women of the City, asking your support of the accompanying bill which is to be introduced in the next legislature.

A copy of the bill is attached, which in substance is an amendment to the present state law, in that its [Page 61] object is to raise the age of consent from 14 to 18 years.

The subject is being agitated all over the State by the Social Service Federation of Richmond and similar organizations and while universal endorsement is expected it is the desire of those who are encouraging the passage of the bill that it may receive the approval of the City Councils and municipal organizations in the State.

I, as Mayor of the City, am in full sympathy with movement and heartily endorse the bill and respectfully submit it to your honorable body for such consideration as you may deem proper.

Yours respectfully, (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Upon motion of Mr Lane the proposed bill was heartily endorsed by a unanimous vote.

The following communication was received and read:

Fredericksburg, Va Nov 20, 1913

To the Pres & members of the City Council

Gentlemen: I have turned over to City Treasurer check for \$104.34 unexpended balance of the appropriation of \$200.00 made by the City Council to the fund for the Confederate Reunion at the Fair. When the appropriation was asked for it was stated that whatever might remain unexpended would be returned to your treasury.

Very respectfully, (signed) M B Rowe Treas Confederate Reunion of the Fair

Mr Royer stated that it would take about \$24.00 to do what Mrs Black desired done to her property. Upon motion of Mr Biscoe, the matter was not reconsidered.

The following communication from Mr Rodgers in regard to painting the bridge was read:

Fredericksburg Virginia

To the President and members of the City Council:

Gentlemen: I desire to correct a few mis-statements made by Commissioner Royer at the last meeting of the City Council, same being in regard to painting of Free Bridge.

First, he stated that he found a "bunch of inexperienced painters on the Bridge,"

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In answer to this I beg to state that there were two painters at work, when Mr Royer stopped the work on the bridge, one being Mr Geo F Rodgers who has the reputation of being a first class painter and the other one was Mr Haislop, who is fully capable of doing the work on the bridge, as much so as any one Mr Royer had on the work.

Mr Royer also made the statement that he saw me and told me he could not allow me pay for what work I had done. This is most emphatically an erroneous statement due to the fact that Mr Royer has not spoken to me since Saturday Aug 30th at which time he came out on the bridge and made the remark that we were making good headway and inquired as to how much dryer I was using to a gallon of paint.

Mr Royer also said he paid a bill for paint I purchased amounting to \$168.00. Mr Cole's books show that the paint bought by me, up to the time Mr Royer stopped the work amounted to only \$64.74.

Mr contract called for four gallons of oil to 100 pounds of lead. Mr Royer had Mr Gouldman use three and one half gallons to 100 pounds of lead, which is a very great difference.

I desire to further say that Mr Royer was well aware of the fact that Col Cole could not lose anything on this transactions as he held an order signed by me and accepted by him, same paying the full contract price to Col Cole.

I have been informed that on Sept 2nd (while I was confined to my home by sickness) that Mr Royer made a bet with Mr M L Bolling whereby he lost and this so incensed him that he immediately stopped the work on the Bridge.

Now, Gentlemen: this is a simple truthful statement of fact which can not be conscientiously denied by Mr Royer, therefore I again ask that I be paid for damage done me as a painter in this City.

Respectfully, (signed) Jno W Rodgers

Mr Lane asked that Mr Royer be heard. Mr Royer stated that he did not care to make any reply to the letter, but would be glad [Page 63] to answer any questions in regard to thee matter. He then read a copy of a letter written by him to Mr Rodgers and made a statement in regard to the matter.

Upon motion of Mr Embrey, the letter of Mr Rodgers was laid on the table.

The Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

A G Billingsley, Clerk

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December 8th 1913

A called meeting of the City Council was held on Monday Dec 8th at 7:30 o'clock with the following members present: President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Hirsh, Ford, Embrey, Heflin, EG, King, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Clerk Billingsley, City Attorney Fitzhugh and Commissioner Royer.

President Bradley stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Shoe Factory proposition and to fulfill the agreement made in June.

Judge Alvin T Embrey being heard, read the following:

Fredericksburg, Va Nov 28th 1913

By A T Embrey, City

This is to certify that my bill for building the Shoe Factory on the old Kenmore Site in this City according to my contract together with my bill for extra work is in excess of \$6,500.00. (signed) F P Stearns

Judge Embrey then read the deed of conveyance from the Fredericksburg Shoe Co to the City as follows: November 1913, by and between the Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc. a corporation duly chartered, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia with its principal office at Fredericksburg, Virginia. Party of the first part and the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That in consideration of the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) cash in hand paid to the part of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and thereto duly authorized, the said party of the first part doth hereby grant, bargain, sell and with general warranty doth convey unto the said party of the second part that certain lot with buildings and improvements thereon and rights and privileges thereto appurtenant situated in Fredericksburg, Virginia on the north side of what is known as the National Boulevard, which leads from Princess Anne Street in the City of Fredericksburg to the National Cemetery, and is the same lot conveyed unto the party of the first part by Alvin T Embrey and wife by deed dated June 3rd 1913 and which deed is [Page 65] duly recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Virginia in Deed Book No. 48, pages 41-42 and which lot is described as follows:

Beginning at a point on said National Boulevard 10 feet from the out line of the curb on said Boulevard and 39.6 feet west of the west wall of the brick office building of W S Embrey, Inc., the said beginning point being marked also by a line chiseled in the south edge of the concrete pavement in front of said property; thence at an angle of 95° from the western extension of said pavement in front of said property and 90° from the eastern extension of said pavement northerly 128 feet to a peg in line of W S Embrey Inc.: Thence turning an angle of 85° and running westerly 106.7 feet parallel with the said Boulevard and cornering in J W Master's line; thence turning an angle of 92°30' and running easterly along said Boulevard 101.1 feet to the point of beginning; the said lot having thereon a shoe factory building, being a portion of the old building of the former Kenmore Shoe Company and a new building thereon just constructed by said party of the first hereto.

The said party of the first part covenants that it has the right to convey the said land to the grantee; that it has done no act to encumber the said land; that the grantee shall have quiet possession of the said land, free from all encumbrances; and that it, the said party of the first part will execute such further assurance of the said land as may be requisite.

Witness the following signature and seal;

Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc

By A W Embrey, President (seal)

(Seal Fredericksburg Shoe Co, Fredericksburg Va Incorporated 1913)

Attest J Garnett King, Secretary

(State of Virginia, Corporation of Fredericksburg) SS:

I Benj Purvis, a notary Public in and for the Corporation aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that A W Embrey, President and J Garnett King [Page 66] Secretary of the Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date this 29th day of November 1913, this day personally appeared before me in my Corporation aforesaid and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1913.

Benj Purvis, Notary Public

My commission expires August 15th 1917

Judge Embrey then read the certificate as to the examination of the Title of the property as follows:

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the title to the property on the north side of the Boulevard, Fredericksburg, Virginia, formerly belonging to the Kenmore Shoe Company, and now belonging to the Fredericksburg Shoe Company Inc and that the Fredericksburg Shoe Company Inc is the fee simple owner of said property free of any liens or charges of any kind whatsoever, except any taxes or levies or water rents accruing since February 1st 1913.

Given under my hand this 25th day of November 1913

Alvin T Embrey

The following lease of the property by the City of Fredericksburg to the Fredericksburg Shoe Company Inc was then read by Judge Embrey.

This lease made this 29th day of November 1913 by and between the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg in the State of Virginia party of the first part and the Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Virginia, with its principal office in the City of Fredericksburg, party of the second part.

Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part in consideration of the rents, stipulations and agreements hereinafter contained an which on the part of the said party of the second part are to be paid done and performed, doth lease and demise unto the said party of the second part the Shoe Factory lot and building on the north side of the Boulevard, west of its intersection with Princess Anne Street, in the City of Fredericksburg, this [Page 67] day conveyed unto the said party of the first part by said second party for the term of three years from the date of this lease, free from rent, the said term of three years to end at midnight on the 30th day of November 1916.

It is further stipulated and agreed on the part of the party of the first part, that from and after the expiration of the term of this lease, the party of the second part shall have the option to lease the said property herein described for a further period of three years from the date of the expiration of this lease, the said party of the second part paying unto the said party of the first part therefore during the said second period the sum of \$300.00 per annum, \$25.000 monthly in advance beginning on December 1st 1916, but should said party of the second part desire to avail itself of the aforesaid option of renewal herein contained it shall signify its intention so to do by notice in writing to the party of the first part at least ninety days before the expiration of this lease.

It is further stipulated and agreed on the part of the party of the first part that the party of the second part shall have the option at any time during the lease or its renewal as herein provided to purchase shaid lot and buildings for the sum of \$5,000.00 cash.

The party of the second part hereby agrees to lease the said lot and buildings for the said term of three years as herein above set forth, and to keep thereon insured for an amount of at least \$5,000.00. The policy or policies to be marked loss, if any, payable unto the said party of the first part.

And the said party of the second part further agrees and binds itself to pay all taxes and assessments and all water rents that are or may be assessed against the property herein leased during the term of this lease and any renewal thereof.

And the said party of the second part further agrees and covenants that it will not during the term of this lease or its renewal assign or sublet the said premises herein leased or any part of the same to any person whatsoever, without the written consent of the [Page 68] party of the first part, and that at the expiration of this lease or its renewal, as herein authorized it, the said party of the second part, will return said premises to the said party of the first part in good condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

In witness whereof the Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg, has caused the Corporate seal of the City to be hereto affixed and attested by the Clerk of the City Council, and this deed to be executed by the Mayor of the City.

And also witness the signature and seal of the party of the second part hereto, duly signed by its President thereto authorized, and duly attested by its secretary.

Mayor and Commonalty of Fredericksburg by (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Attest A G Billingsley, Clerk of Council

Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc, by (signed) A W Embrey, President

Attest J Garnett King, Secretary

(State of Virginia, Corporation of Fredericksburg)

I Benj Purvis, a Notary Public for the Corporation aforesaid, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that J P Rowe, Mayor of Fredericksburg, A G Billingsley, Clerk of the Council, A W Embrey, President and J Garnett King Secretary of the Fredericksburg Shoe Company, Inc whose names are signed to the writings above bearing date this 29th day of November 1913, this day personally appeared before me in my Corporation aforesaid and acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand this 8th day of December 1913.

Benj Purvis, Notary Public

My commission expires August 15th 1917

Upon motion of Mr Lane the rules were suspended and the following ordinance upon motion of Mr Biscoe seconded by Dr King was adopted [Page 69] by a unanimous vote of those present.

Whereas by an ordinance adopted on June 24th 1913 it was provided that the City of Fredericksburg should accept from the Fredericksburg Shoe Co, a deed for the old Kenmore Shoe Factory lot on the Boulevard in Fredericksburg as in said ordinance set forth, and that the City should then pay unto the Fredericksburg Company Inc the sum of \$2,750.00 and that when the said Company should have completed the Shoe Factory, then intended to be erected on said lot, the City of Fredericksburg would pay unto said Company the further sum of \$2,250.00 and would lease said property unto said Company with the option to said Company to purchase the said property as in said ordinance set forth; and

Whereas neither of the two payments has been made, but said Company has completed said building at a cost in excess of \$6,500.00 and has tendered unto the City a deed for said property; and

Whereas St George R Fitzhugh, Esq, City Attorney has approved said deed and has drafted a lease with said Company to repurchase said property which deed and which lease have this day been read to this Council:

Now therefore be it ordained: that the City of Fredericksburg hereby accepts said deed and that the Treasurer of Fredericksburg is ordered to pay unto said Fredericksburg Shoe Co Inc the sum of \$5,000.00 and that the aforesaid lease and option contract with said Company be, and the same is hereby approved, and the Mayor of this City requested on behalf of the City to execute said lease and contract, the same to be attested by the Clerk of this Council who shall affix the seal of the City thereto and that said deed and said lease be duly recorded in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, and the original thereof be lodged with the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping, the said deed and said agreement are likewise to be spread upon the minutes of this meeting;

And be it further ordained that the City Attorney is hereby requested to see that the Fredericksburg Shoe Co Inc do insure the building on said lot [Page 70] as in the said Ordinance of June 24th 1913 and in this ordinance provided for, the said policy of the insurance to be likewise lodged with the National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping and subject to the order of this Council.

The Council then adjourned
W E Bradley, President
A G Billingsley, Clerk
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Dec 18th 1913
A regular meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday Dec 18th 1913 at 8 o'clock
Those present were President Bradley, Messrs Lane, Gouldman, Ford, Embrey, E G Heflin, Masters, Warden, Biscoe; Clerk Billingsley, Commissioner Royer and Attorney Fitzhugh

The Minutes of the last regular and a called meeting read and approved

Mr Lane of Finance Committee read the report of Mayor Rowe as follows:

December 18th 1913

To the President and Members of the City Council

Gentlemen: It is my pleasure to report to your honorable body that the Police Officers have been faithful to their duties during the past month and I recommend that their salaries be paid.

I would also report \$15.50 for Dog Taxes collected during the month and \$102.50 amount of fines received from Police Justice Dannehl and \$75.00 from the Oppenheim, Oberndorf Co as their quarterly payment for rent from Sept 10th to Dec 10.

Above amounts have been turned over to City Treasurer, C R Howard.

Respectfully, (signed) J P Rowe, Mayor

Upon motion of Mr Ford the report was received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid.

The following bill upon motion of Mr Gouldman was ordered paid.

City of Fredericksburg to The City Electoral Board

St Geo R Fitzhugh, A W Embrey, and W D Scott

To five board sessions 1913 \$30.00

To amt due Secretary supervising printing of official ballots election Nov 4-13 \$2.00

Total \$32.00

The report of Treasurer C R Howard was read as follows:

Report of City Treasurer, Dec 18th 1913

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Receipts

Bank Balance 6/30/13 \$9,638.15

Alms House \$30.00

City Collector \$39,654.37

Dog Licenses \$310.00

Fines \$466.30

Gas Works \$7,425.00

Miscellaneous \$1,137.11

Schools \$225.00

Street	\$350.00	
Water Works	\$5,250.00	\$64,485.93
Expenditures		
Alms House	\$598.14	
Bond Purchased	\$3,800.00	
Fbg Shoe Company	\$5,000.00	
Commissioner's Expense	\$410.53	
Fire Department	\$69.50	
Gas Works	\$11,133.21	
Health and Police	\$138.58	
Interests	\$5,388.66	
Electric Lights	\$1,600.02	
Wallace Library	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous	\$4,636.54	
Public Property	\$1,299.71	
Stock Account	\$244.07	
Salaries	\$4,950.00	
Schools	\$4,676.52	
Sewers	\$361.12	
Streets	\$8,969.27	
Water Works	\$2,305.59	\$55,731.46
Bank Balance Dec 18 th 1913		\$8,754.47
Reserved from State Funds for Schools		\$3,052.20
		\$11,806.67

Respectfully submitted, (signed) C R Howard, Treasurer

Mr Lane of Finance Committee to whom the application of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company asking a change of bond of the Company from the Southern Bell Telephone to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co stated that his Committee recommended the change and read the following ordinance.

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Whereas on the 22nd day of September in the year nineteen hundred and three the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg did pass an ordinance in favor of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company; and

Whereas the said Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company gave the bond as provided in the said ordinance, said bond being in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) with the Virginia Trust Company as surety; and

Whereas the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia has acquired the property, rights and franchises of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in the City of Fredericksburg Virginia;

Now therefore be it enacted and ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, Virginia, that the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia be and is hereby authorized to substitute for the aforesaid bond, its bond containing the conditions enumerated in Section Seven (7) of the aforesaid ordinance, with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company as surety thereon, and the bond of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company above referred to in the said ordinance is hereby cancelled and declared inoperative.

This ordinance shall take effect from its passage.

Upon motion of Mr Embrey, the rules were suspended and the ordinance as read passed by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Lane read the bond which the C & P Co proposed to execute.

Commissioner R Stuart Royer submitted the following reports and estimates:

Total disbursements, November 10th to December 10th 1913

Alms House

Salaries etc	\$32.50	
Groceries	\$44.88	
Medicine	\$4.00	
Clothing	\$10.95	\$92.33
Balance October 10		\$821.93
		\$729.60

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Gas

Payroll	\$485.75	
Coal and Freight	\$561.47	
General manufacture	\$43.20	
General Distribution	\$48.30	
General Office	\$6.50	
Drayage on coke	\$30.25	
Wehlbach	\$3.92	\$1,179.39
Balance Nov 10 th	\$367.05	
Credit	\$1,900.00	\$2,267.05
Balance 12/10		\$1,087.66
Special appropriation for new work		\$438.03

Miscellaneous

Court

Care of Prisoners	\$78.00	
Labor	\$7.00	
Jury	\$61.50	
Janitor	\$8.00	
Tax Returned	\$40.58	\$195.08

Council

Election	\$45.00	
Beckwith bill for curbing	\$40.80	
Shoe Factory Deed	\$5,000.00	\$5,085.80

Mayor

Nuisances	\$1.25	
Vagrants	\$1.15	
Conveyance	\$3.00	
Expense Account 1 year	\$12.00	\$17.40

Sundry

Commissioners Delinquent taxes	\$11.00	
Commissioner's Current Taxes	\$991.35	

Publication Printing etc	\$16.70		
1913 Tax on Island Property	\$4.80	\$1,023.85	\$6,322.13
Public Property			
Supplies, Materials, etc		\$8.75	
Payroll		\$61.79	
Current expenses		\$15.00	\$85.66
Balance 11/10			\$1,793.36
Balance 12/10			\$1,707.70
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Sewer			
Labor		\$40.93	
Repairs to tools		\$1.60	
Incidentals		\$.50	\$43.03
Balance overdraft 11/10			\$3,416.02
Balance overdraft 12/10			\$3,459.05
Streets			
Maintenance		\$89.16	
Salaries		\$45.00	
Blacksmithing		\$4.07	\$138.86
Payroll			
Cleaning Streets and ditches		\$11.57	
Repairing		\$66.78	
Removing trees		\$6.00	
Catch basins and drains		\$6.00	
Graveling Lower Main St		\$954.96	
Teamsters		\$62.50	
Maintenance Machinery		\$4.50	
Cleaning Ditches		\$17.83	\$1,125.64
Balance 11/10			\$4,724.57
Balance 12/10			\$3,460.07
Concrete Curbing			\$171.76
Prussia Street Storm Sewer			\$70.89
Sundry Departments			
Bonds		\$950.00	
Commissioner's Expense		\$7.97	
Fire		\$39.00	
Health & Police		\$2.00	
Interest		\$257.68	
Librarian		\$50.00	
Lights		\$266.67	
Salaries		\$856.27	
Schools		\$1,215.79	
Stock (freight & Drayage)		\$1.58	\$3,547.06
Water			

Plant			
Superintendent Salary	\$100.00		
Repairs	\$11.25		
New services	\$12.20		
Meters	\$11.75		
Material, 4" water line on Frederick Street	\$25.58	\$160.78	
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Pumping Station			
Labor	\$39.00		
Current at Station 1 month	\$100.00		
Freight & drayage	\$4.24	\$143.24	\$304.02
Balance 11/10			\$3,147.92
Credit collections			\$190.00
Balance 12/10			\$3,033.90
Receipts all sources			
1913 Taxes	\$1922.44		
Dog Licenses	\$26.50		
Fines	\$82.80		
Gas	\$1,900.00		
Miscellaneous			
Bal appropriation to Veterans at Fair	\$104.34		
Delinquent Taxes	\$43.99		
Sale of Iron (800# @ 2¢	\$16.00		
Rents	\$22.50		
Error in previous report	\$.60		
Schools tuitions	\$40.00		
Streets, appr by Motor club to Fal Roadway	\$350.00		
Water	\$190.00		\$4,349.17
Recapitulation			
Balance Oct 10 th	\$19,956.76		
Total receipts	\$4,349.17		\$24,305.93
Disbursements			
Alms House	\$92.33		
Gas	\$1,617.42		
Miscellaneous	\$6,322.13		
Public Property	\$85.66		
Sewer	\$43.03		
Streets	\$1,507.15		
Sundry	\$3,647.06		
Water	\$304.02		\$13,618.80
Balance Dec 10, 1913			\$10,687.13
Concluded			
Estimates December 10 th to January 10 th			
Disbursements			
Streets			

Graveling lower Main Street	\$344.50	
Street Cleaning	\$25.00	
Current Expenses	\$250.00	
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Repair	\$75.00	
Concrete Curbing	\$250.00	
Resurfacing Main, Commerce to Amelia	\$75.00	\$1,019.50
Alms House		
Salaries	\$32.50	
Groceries	\$45.00	
Incidentals	\$10.00	\$87.50
Water		
Operation of Station	\$50.00	
Labor & incidentals	\$25.00	
Superintendent	\$100.00	
Power one month	\$100.00	\$275.00
Gas		
Payroll	\$450.00	
Coal and Freight	\$500.00	
Incidentals	\$50.00	
Special Appropriation, new work	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Public Property		
Repairs to Court Room	\$200.00	
Janitor	\$15.00	
Incidentals	\$10.00	
Grading and putting down side walk at park	\$200.00	\$425.00
Miscellaneous		
Orders of Mayor	\$140.00	
Orders of Court	\$50.00	
Orders sundry	\$10.00	\$200.00
Sundry Departments		
Lights	\$269.90	
Salaries	\$960.40	
Interests	\$1,840.00	
Schools	\$1,200.00	
Fire	\$10.00	\$4,280.30
Total Disbursements		\$8,287.30
Receipts		
Balance December 10, 1913	\$10,687.13	
Gas	\$1,800.00	
Water	\$2,500.00	
Fines	\$85.00	

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Taxes	\$39.64	
Rents	\$75.00	
State Appropriations to Schools	\$3,052.20	\$18,288.97
Total disbursements as above		\$8,287.30
Estimated balance Jan 10, 1914		\$10,001.67
Concluded		

The application of Mr S B Quinn for re-election for Superintendent of Water was read. Upon motion of Mr Embrey the salary was fixed at the same as last year, \$1,200.00, and Mr Quinn was unanimously elected.

The application of Mr B F Bullock for re-election for Superintendent of the Gas Works was read. Mr Ford stated that he had received a letter from Mr Bullock asking a raise in salary and moved that the salary be fixed the same as last year. Mr Lane stated he had received a letter from Mr Bullock, but that he had never consulted the Light Committee in regard to the matter.

Mr Embrey offered as a substitute for Mr Ford's motion that the election of the Superintendent of Gas be postponed and that the Light Committee submit an itemized statement of the affairs of the Gas House at the next meeting of the Council.

The substitute offered by Mr Embrey was carried, Mr Biscoe voting no.

Mr Lane brought up the request of the Treasurer C R Howard, submitted at a former meeting asking for 10% on the tax recently collected from the R F & P R R Co

City Attorney read several communications from Treasurer Howard and Auditor Moore and his replies to same and stated that he considered this a delinquent tax and it was entirely with the Council what per cent it would allow Treasurer Howard for collecting same.

Mr Embrey moved that Mr Howard be allowed 5%. This motion was carried, Mr Bradley voting no.

The Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

A G Billingsley, Clerk

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