

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1893

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday Jan'y 20th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Wallace, Knight, Wroten, Burruss, Myer, Hable, Willis and Griffin

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Willis, from the Finance Committee, presented a bill of Mr John Haydon, amounting to \$10 for the use of a roller in the construction of the reservoir in 1888. Mr Willis stated that the matter had been overlooked by Mr Haydon, but the bill was correct, on motion, the bill was ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Street Committee, reported that owing to the unprecedented cold weather, and the failure to hear from Major Myers, nothing could be done in regard to the matter of the sewer under the R F & P R R Co's track, so far, but that the matter would be promptly and fully looked after.

Mr Wroten, also urged the necessity of improving the condition of Dixon Street from C to D Streets; and gave it as his opinion that the cost of grading the same would be from \$75 to \$100.

On motion, Mr Gouldman, the Committee was authorized to have the grading done at an expense not to exceed seventy five (75) dollars.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works [Page 125] reported the works in good condition with an abundant supply of water.

Mr Griffin, Chairman of Committee on Light, reported that in accordance with the resolution of Mr Embrey presented at the last meeting of the Council, and which had been referred to this Committee with power to act, the Committee had decided to remove the Electric Light from the corner of Commerce and Main Street to the point named in the resolution.

Mr Gouldman, Chairman of Alms House Committee, reported that his Committee had had many calls for relief and they have relieved many cases of actual suffering after carefully investigating each, believing that the exigencies of the case justified them in so doing.

The Committee believed that the distribution had been wisely and prudently made.

The general sentiment of the Council, as expressed by the various members present, was that the Committee had well and judiciously discharged their duties and that the Council fully sustained them in doing what in their judgment was right.

Mr Hable, Chairman Health Committee reported the health of the City to be good.

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Police & Fire Department, reported two alarms of fire since the last meeting to which the Fire Department had responded with alacrity.

Mr Willis, Chairman Bridge Committee, reported that structure covered with snow and surrounded by ice, but sound and substantial.

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Mr Knight from the Gas Committee presented the following report, Viz.

The Gas Committee respectfully submit the following showing the operations of the City Gas Works from July 1st to and including December 31st 1892:

July	Sales of gas 163,000 feet at \$1.50	\$244.50
	Sales of coke and tar	13.20
August	Sales of gas 201,300 feet at \$1.50	\$301.95
	Sales of coke and tar	18.80
Sept	Sales of gas 250,100 feet at \$1.50	\$375.15
	Sales of coke and tar	30.45
Oct	Sales of gas 351,200 feet at \$1.50	\$526.80
	Sales of coke and tar	5.50
Nov	Sales of gas 400,600 feet at \$1.50	\$600.90
	Sales of coke and tar	5.70
Dec	Sales of gas 487,800 feet	\$731.70
	Sales of coke and tar	11.20
		\$2,865.85

July	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$258.85
August	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$278.20
Sept	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$298.85
Oct	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$368.66
Nov	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$378.25
Dec	Wages, Coal & Lime	\$409.60
		\$2,001.41
		\$864.44

On Hand

60 Barrels tar estimated value	\$195.00	
2000 Bushels coke estimated value	\$160.00	\$355.00
Profits		\$1,219.44

W I King, John T Knight, Geo W Wroten, J Hable—Gas Committee

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Mr Knight stated that the expenses herein named included the salary of the superintendent. On motion of Mr Myer, the report was received and ordered to be filed.

Then on motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

The Common Council having been called for its regular monthly meeting Friday the 17th of February 1893, at the Council Chamber for 7-30 O'clock PM

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen J H Myer, M G Willis, H H Wallace, W S Embrey & John M Griffin

There appearing no quorum at 8 O'clock PM the mayor declared the Council adjourned.

Ro B Berrey, Clerk.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday March 17th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

Councilmen, Wroten, Wallace, Knight, Hable, Myer, Burruss and Griffin

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The minutes of the last regular meeting held on the 20th of January were read and approved, there being no quorum at the February meeting.

A bill of the Free Lance Co for printing & furnishing Note Head and Envelopes for the Mayors Office and amount to Five Dollars was read, approved by the Mayor and on motion referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets, had read a telegram from Mayor E T D Myers, President of the R F & P R R Co in regard to the sewer under the tract of that Company's road. Some discussion ensued relative to the matter which resulted in the whole matter being left to the Committee action.

Mr Wroten also reported that the work of grading Dixon Street will commence next week. The Chairman further reported that the Street Committee had found it necessary to expend one hundred & thirteen (\$113.00) dollars in repairing Commerce Street extended, from the cemetery gate to Hurkamp's Tannery & above, and asked that an additional appropriation of \$113 be made to said Committee. On motion of Mr Knight the sum asked from viz \$113.00 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Streets.

Mr Knight from Committee on Alms House, reported that since last report that many cases of suffering and want had been relieved by his Committee after full and satisfactory investigation.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Police and Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department had promptly and efficiently responded to two alarms since last report. He also presented a communication from the Fire Department recommending and asking for the re-election of Mr M H McCracken as chief of the Department.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a [Page 129] a chief of the Fire Department for the ensuing year which resulted in the election of Mr M H McCracken. He having received six votes, there being one blank.

Communication from Maury Camp Confederate Veterans and R S Chew, Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans, respectively asking for the use of the Armory in the South Wing of the Court House building, were read and on motion the same were referred to the Committee on Public Property with power to act.

A communication from Mr George W Shepherd asking for permission to build an outer stairway at the Market Alley entrance to his house about 40 feet from Main Street entrance to the same, and also to be permitted to dig a sink in the rear of said premises upon the Market lot,

On Motion Mr Shepherd's petition was referred to the Committee on Streets to act.

Mr W B Tyler, representing the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council, by invitation, in behalf of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company who propose to establish a Telephone Exchange plant in this City, and asked the passage by the Council of an ordinance granting certain rights, franchise &c to said Company and imposing certain restrictions &c.

On Motion, the whole matter as embodied in the paper presented to the Council was referred to the Committee on Ordinances for their consideration and recommendation.

Mr Knight moved to amend section 4 of Chapter XVI of the General Ordinances, by striking out the word "willfully" in the first line; also strike out "one" in the 4th line and insert "five", and strike out "five" in 5th line and insert "ten" which amendment on motion of Mr Wroten was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

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The Mayor reported in writing that the Police Officers had faithfully discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their salaries for the quarter ending March 31st
On motion, the salaries of the Police Officers were ordered to be paid.

And then on motion the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, held in the Council Chamber on Friday April 21st 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen J S Knox, Geo W Wroten, J M Griffin, W S Embrey, W L Burruss, Jos Hable, J T Knight, J H Myer

The Mayor stated that in the absence of the Clerk that the Council would have to elect one pro tem. On motion of Mr Knox, W L Burruss was elected.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Finance Committee, J S Knox Chairman, offered the following which was on motion adopted.

Resolved that the License Ordinance for 1893-1894 presented by the Finance Committee, be and is hereby adopted as a whole, It being identically the same in every particular as the License Ordinance of 1892-93, with the addition of the amendment offered by the Ordinance Committee & charges passed by Council in regard to merry-go-round & the sale of clothing at auction as Bankrupt, assignee, Trustee or Fire Damaged stock to be \$20.00 per day. The licenses to be paid between the 1st day of May & the 15th day of May after the 15th day of May a penalty of 5% being added and interest charged.

Street Committee, G W Wroten Chairman read a telegram from Maj E T D Myers of the R F & P R R Co in regard to fixing the culvert under the R Rd at the Depot, offering to meet the Street Committee in Richmond Monday, after much discussion, Mr Embrey offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Street Committee be and are hereby directed to take such action during the next week as may be necessary to abate the nuisance.

Chairman Wroten, also reported that Dixon St had been completed, at a cost of a small amount more than the appropriation.

Mr J S Knox, upon the subject of Streets, offered the following which was adopted.

Resolved, that the Street Committee be authorized [Page 132] to expend \$50.00 or as much thereof as becomes necessary to carry out the dirt or filth from the lot. This money to be used only to pay hauling.

Water Works

H R Gouldman reported that the Committee need about \$350.00 more than appropriated caused by the large amount of work recently done. On motion of Mr Knox the appropriation was made.

Ordinance

W S Embrey, Chairman, presented the following which was on motion adopted.

An ordinance granting rights and franchises to the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, and prescribing penalties for violation thereof.

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

Section 1. That the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co, its successors or assigns, be and they are hereby granted right of way for the erection and maintenance of poles and wires with the necessary appurtenances thereto, under the direction of the Street Committee, for the purpose of transacting a general telephone & telegraph business, through, upon & over the Streets, alleys, and public ground of this City.

Section 2. In consideration of the right of way herein before granted, the said Company shall at any or all times when so requested by the authorizing of this city permit its poles and fixtures to be used by said City for the purpose of placing and maintaining thereon any fire or police alarm, telegraph or telephone wires which may be necessary for the Police or Fire Department of said City.

Section 3. If any person shall maliciously or wrongfully interfere with, cut, injure, remove or destroy any of the poles, wires, fixtures, instruments, or other property of said Telephone & Telegraph Company, constructed and maintained in accordance with the terms & provisions of this ordinance with the Corporate limits of this City he shall, on conviction thereof be fined ten dollars

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Section 4. Whereon it is necessary for the Telephone wires & Electric Light or power wires to cross each others a space of at least three feet shall be present between the former and the latter, and if it shall be necessary to raise or lower any wires in order to preserve this distance, the expense thereof shall be borne by the Company doing the latest construction.

Section 5. No strong current wires such as electric power or electric light wires, shall be attached to or be supported by the Telephone poles.

Section 6. The cutting & trimming of shade trees, which are private property, shall only be done with the consent of the owners thereof & under their supervision and shade trees the property of the City shall be cut & trimmed under the direction by consent of the Public Property Committee.

Section 7. This ordinance shall take effect from & after its passage.

W S Embrey, Chairman, Jno M Griffin, H H Wallace.

Ordinance

W S Embrey, Chairman presented the following which was on motion adopted.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that section 4 Chapter 16 of the General Ordinance, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted, so as to read.

Section 4. If any person shall strain any horse or horses in the Town aforesaid, or ride or drive any horse or horses in said Town without holding in his hand the bridge or reins, he shall be fined for each offense not less than two nor more than ten dollars.

W S Embrey, Chairman, Jno M Griffin, H H Wallace.

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Health Committee

Jos Hable, Chairman, reported that the vacant lot near the Basin was in a very bad condition and that the citizens near there were complaining, and wanted to know if some thing could not be done to remedy the nuisance.

On motion of Mr Knight, it was voted that the Health Committee bring in a report and recommendation in regard to this lot.

Fire & Police

Jno T Knight, Chairman, reported one alarm, but no fires. In the Police Department, he offered the following.

Resolved, that the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of fifty dollars to any one who will furnish information which will lead to the conviction of the party or parties who murdered the late Ida Wright, colored. The resolution was lost by the following vote:

Noes	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Gouldman, Myer	6
Ayes	Mess'rs Hable, Knight, Burruss	3

A communication from the Clerk of the School Board was read stating that the term of office of A B Bowering as School Trustee from the lower School District and the term of C L Cole from the Upper District expired on the 4th of April instant and that the Board requested an election of their successors. The Council then elected A B Bowering from the Lower School District and C L Cole from the Upper School District, for three years from the 4th of April 1893.

A communication from Councilman H H Wallace stating that he had been appointed Post Master for this City was rec'd tendering his resignation as Councilman, which was on motion accepted,.

The Mayor reported \$88.80 fines from Jan'y 1 to April 1st which were paid to the Treasurer.

On Motion the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

W L Burruss, Clerk Pro Tem

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A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday May 19th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Burruss, Knight, Myer, Hable, Willis

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee presented the following bills viz

Bill of E K Wheeler for burying George Thomas a pauper in 1890 and amounting to \$5, and endorsed by E D Cole who at that time was Chairman of the Alms House Committee.

Bill of City Cemetery Company, amounting to \$5 being for taxes on the Corporation lot in said Cemetery.

On Motion both bills were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox then made a statement to the Council, that there were certain Corporation 7% bonds, which had recently turned up, and of which there was no record on the bond book. These bonds were numbered respectively Nos 303, 304, 305 and were for \$500 each. He further stated that two years ago, the late Treasurer Adams, furnished the finance Committee with a transcript from the Treasurer's books, and did not report these particular bonds. The Coupons from these bonds appeared in possession of O D Foster Esq'r who at the request of the Chairman of the Finance Committee produced the bonds for inspection. They were examined, found to be regular City bonds of the respective numbers and denomination given, and the Coupons were paid [Page 136] to May 1892. He also reported that there were 51 blank bonds, unsigned, in the hands of the present Treasurer aggregating 33,500.

The Committee desired to be instructed as what they should do in the premises. After a much fuller statement from Mr Knox than is here given, and some discussion and various expressions of opinion.

Mr Knight offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the three bonds of \$500 each, held by Mr O D Foster, be referred to the Finance Committee for thorough investigation and report to the next meeting of this Council and that the Committee be

empowered to employ legal advice and that the blank bonds now in the possession of the Treasurer be destroyed by the Finance Committee, which was adopted unanimously.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets, read a communication from Major Myer, President R F & P R R Co, in relation to the sewer under the tract of said Railroad on Princess Anne Street, which provokes much discussion the general sentiment seeming to be that the R R Co was disposed to do what was right in the matter and that this vexed question was not about to be satisfactory settled, and Mr Knight offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz
Resolved, that the matter now pending between the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Rail Road Company and this Corporation be referred to the Street Committee and should the proposition be entirely satisfactory to the Street Committee that they have power to act.

The petition of Cap John Ward, presented by Mr Wroten asking that the City authorities would condemn certain property at the extreme end of Hanover Street contiguous to his Ward's property, so that said street might be straightened and widened, was referred to the Street [Page 137]

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Washington, DC

Oct 15, 1891

Hon A P Rowe

Mayor & C

I have the pleasure of presenting you through Mr R Lee Stoffregen, with a crayon of my father, Ex-mayor J W Sener, to be hung on the wall of the Council Chamber in compliance with the request of the City Council. Be because to convey to them and receipt for your self my regards and that of our family for this mark of consideration.

My re'pt

James B Sener

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Committee to ascertain the cost and report back to the Council.

The application of S W Howard, made through Mr Wroten, for an appropriation of \$10.00 to help defray the expenses of paving with cobble stones, the street in front of the Express office, was on motion laid on the table.

Mr Wroten called attention to the complaint made by Merchant and others as to the contemplated rigid enforcement of the ordinance regarding the obstructing of the side walks; Mayor Rowe quoted the Ordinance and said that he was only doing his duty but would carry out any instructions which the Council saw fit to recommend. Some discussion ensued, as to whether the Ordinance should be repealed or rigidly enforced, which finally resulted in the adoption of the following resolution offered by Mr Wroten.

Resolved, that the merchants and manufacturers of the City of Fredericksburg are hereby granted the privilege of using so much of the sidewalk and streets as does not interfere with public travel.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Willis, Hable, Gouldman	5
Nayes	Mess'rs Knox, Burruss, Knight and Myer	4

Mr Willis, Chairman of the Water Committee, presented a communication from Superintendent Quinn, showing the necessity for additional pumping capacity at the pump house. The Superintendent said the

pump would cost \$840. Mr Willis said the communication presented had been received some months ago but owing to his sickness it had not been presented to the Council.

The Committee proposed putting in an additional pump alongside of the present one, and then we would have double the pumping capacity we now have and in case of a break in one of the pumps, we would have [Page 138] the other to fall back on. He (Willis) was in favor of purchasing the pump, and believed \$1,250 would do all the work, and he urged the importance of the work. The pump house also needed repairs, Mr Knox, member of the Water Committee said he was in favor of purchasing an additional pump and he moved that the sum of \$1,250 be placed to the credit of the Water Committee which motion was adopted.

Mr Willis, from the Bridge Committee, reported this structure in good condition and that it was the opinion of the Engineer, Major Moncure that the abutment at the Stafford end of the Bridge was all right and ought not to be disturbed. It was only necessary to place an oak sill under the Stafford end of the bridge.

On motion, the Committee was authorized to make the necessary repairs.

Mr Knox from the Gas Committee, at the request of Mr King, Chairman, who could not attend, presented two letters; one from W S White, Esq'r addressed to W I King, Chairman Gas Committee, enclosing letter from H L Hoover, agent of the Southern Fuel & Gas Company proposing to furnish this City with Machinery for the manufacturing of Gas &c The letters are on file.

Mr Griffin said that he had been informed of an internment of a body, which had been made in a public burying ground without authority. He therefore offered the following resolution which was adopted. Resolved, On and after this date it shall not be lawful to make any burial in the Public Burying [Page 139] Ground of this City without written permission of the Mayor, whoever shall offend herein shall forfeit and pay five dollars.

Adopted

The Council then proceeded to elect a councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of H H Wallace.

Mr Hable nominated Mr Charles E Hunter, the Mayor nominated Mr E D Cole. The ballot resulted in the election of Mr Hunter by a vote of 5 to 4.

The Council then adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday June 16th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Myer, Knight, Burruss, Hunter, Knox, Griffin, Hable, Embrey, Wroten, Willis

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented 2 bills viz, Bill of Free Lance for printing amounting to \$5.00 and bill of J W Adams for stationary amounting to \$2.60, which on his motion were ordered to be paid.

Mr Knox further reported that the blank bonds have been destroyed by the Council at its last meeting.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets, presented the annual report of the Committee showing amount expended for repairs to the Streets and other expenses for the year to be \$1266.97 being \$28.97 in excess of the appropriation. On motion of Mr Knox, the report was adopted and ordered to be files and the amount overdrawn \$28.97 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee

Mr Wroten presented a communication from Major Myer of the R F & P R R in which the Railroad Company agreed to lay a two foot terra cotta pipe from their property on C Street to the river at a cost of \$1500, but if the cost of said work exceeded the sum then the City should pay the balance. On motion the Committee was authorized to accept the proposition. The work to be done subject to the Street Committee.

Mr Wroten recommended the payment of \$25.00 to Capt John Ward for land damages incurred in straightening [Page 141] Hanover Street. On motion the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated for the purpose named.

Mr Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works reported an amendment to the ordinance for the government of the Water Works.

On motion the rules were suspended for the purpose of voting on said ordinance, and on further motion the amendment which is as follows was adopted.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that in addition to the Charges for City Water provided for in an ordinance levying water rates adopted on the 30th day of March 1885, there shall be levied and collected as follows to wit:

1st on each and every bath tub on any premises \$3.00 on each additional tub on said premises \$2.00

On each and every water closet on any premises \$3.00; if the same has more than one \$2.00 for each additional seat.

On each and every automatic Pump \$5.00 on all fountains the openings not to exceed 1/8 of an inch to be restirced to sprinkling hours \$2.00. On all lawn sprinklers or sprays the opening not to exceed 1/8 of an inch to be restricted to sprinkling hours \$2.00

2nd All persons having bath tubs, water closets, automatic pumps on their premises shall report the same to the superintendent to be registered.

3rd No plumber shall hereafter put upon any premises to be connected to the City Water Works or connect in any way with the City Water any kind of Water Closet except the tank closet.

4th No plumber shall erect or connect any of the articles mentioned in the first section of this ordinance with the City Water Works or connect the City Water Works with an boiler, tank or other thing for the purpose of using the City Water without first getting permission to do so from the Superintendent or the Committee on Water.

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5th Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not less than two or more than ten dollars for each offense.

6th This ordinance shall be in force from and after July 1st 1893.

Mr Burruss, Chairman Committee on Schools presented a communication from the City School Board asking for an appropriation of \$2000.00 the schools for the School year 1893-94.

On motion the communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Gouldman, Chairman Alms House Committee, presented a report of the Committee, including Superintendent's annual report showing the number of inmates to be 13. The Committee had expended \$1525.75 during the year which was \$325.75 in excess of their appropriation. Mr Gouldman explained that the additional amount was spent in supplying the out door poor during last winter with food.

On Motion the report was received and filed and the sum of \$325.75 was ordered to be place to the credit of the Committee.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Fire and Police Committee reported that his Committee had expended during the year the sum of \$252.20. This sum included \$200 appropriated for alarm bell. This expenditure was \$52 in excess of the appropriation, which sum he asks to be appropriated to make up the deficiency.

On motion the report was received and filed and the sum of \$52.20 was ordered to be placed to the credit of the Committee.

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Mr Willis, Chairman of Bridge Committee submitted his Committee's report, showing that the Bridge had been painted and swept at a cost of \$235.36.

On motion the report was received and filed.

Gas Committee report.

Mr Knox from the Gas Committee in the absence of the Chairman presented the following report from that Committee;

[from newspaper printing]

The Gas Committee, in accordance with the Ordinance, respectfully submit this their report of the operations of the City Gas Works for the past eleven months, from 1st of July, 1892 to 1st of June, 1893:

Collected and paid over to the City Treasurer \$5,800.00

Paid manufacturing expenses that is to say superintendent's salary, hand's wages,
Coal, lime and incidental expenses \$4,288.45

Thus it will be seen that the cash receipts exceed the manufacturing expenses by \$1,511.55

Add to this cash balance the following which low estimates

105 barrels of tax at \$3.50 \$367.50

1000 bushels of coke at 5 cts 200.00

Slacked lime 150.00

Unused material &c on hand 200.00

Bill receivable 200.00 1,117.50

This amount to credit of works after paying manufacturing expenses \$2,629.35

paid for extension and permanent improvements, including a new bench of three retorts, and the removing, resetting and furnishing of 25 additional

lamp posts, together with other extensions for the city, much service

pipe and other fixtures necessary to extend and keep in running order

a large and unceasingly worked plant 920.61

Leaving this amount to pay interest on bonds, and for other purposes \$1,708.44

It has been the ambition of the Gas Committee to turn over to the City a plant second to none in the State in its various appointments, and they now to some extent have that pleasure. With an expenditure of about four thousand dollars the present apparatus can be converted into one that would supply both water and coal gas and as the present works will soon need a gasometer, the question of making the change might be considered. If such change is made the necessity of erecting a gasometer will be obviated. The value of the city's gas plant is now believed to be forty to forty five thousand dollars, or, at any rate, that its equal could not be had for less than that estimate.

The action of the Council in ordering the removal, resetting and refitting of the first dismantled gas posts in possession of the City should meet the approval of the entire community, for by that act the city has become the owner of a splendid system of lights, in which every district has been fairly treated and there

is no room for complaint that any one part of the city has been more favored than another if we except the portion west of the raceway, in which the Committee had no authority to lay new mains.

The Committee has adhered strictly to the letter of their instructions, completing the work with due regard to economy and the best interest of the city as they understood it. To have removed and refitted a number of lamps and then not to have connected them to the mains by service pipe, would have been absurd. This connection has been made by three quarter and by one inch pipe which is ample, at a cost of three and four cents per foot respectively.

Your Committee is not indifferent to the vaporings of a few persons who, arrogating much wisdom and great business capacity, have undertaken as various times to berate the Gas Committee in a strain more discreditable to themselves than those they sought to injure, but your Committee, conscious of their own integrity, and actuated by the single desire to serve the community acceptably, have refrained from engaging in controversy with such persons, believing that their shafts would prove as harmless as a spray of water on a boulder of granite.

W I King, Chairman, J S Knox, Jno T Knight, J Hable, Geo W Wroten.

Mr Griffin inquired of Mr Knox what part of the revenue received from the gas works was paid by the Corporation.

Mr Knox stated the Corporation paid about \$800 for the use of gas.

The report was received and filed.

I certify that the printed matter is a correct copy of the written report presented by the Committee and adopted.

Ro B Berrey, Clerk

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Mr Myer offered the following resolution.

Resolved that so much of Chapter 30 of the Corporation Ordinances as prevents cows from running at large in the streets during the daytime &c and the same is hereby repealed.

A Motion to suspend the rules was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Embrey, Burruss, Willis, Hunter, Hable, & Myer 8

Nayes Mess'rs Wroten, Gouldman, and Knight 3

The vote on Mr Myer's resolution being then taken resulted in its adoption by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Burruss, Willis, Hunter, Hable, Myer 6

Noes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Gouldman, Knight 5

Mr Embrey called attention to the Condition of the wharves at the lower end of town. On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

The Mayor reported the four policemen as having done their duty and their salaries were ordered to be paid.

To Invite the President

The Mayor stated that he had been requested by Mr S Wellford Corbin, President of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural Association to appoint a Committee of ten from the Council and Citizens to unite with a Committee from the Agricultural Association to go to Washington and invite President Cleveland to visit Fredericksburg during the Fair in September.

On motion the Mayor was authorized to appoint the committee as requested.

Committee from Council and Citizens

Council; M G Willis, H R Gouldman, George W Wroten, John M Griffin, Chas E Hunter, Joseph Hable

Citizens: W S White, R B Merchant, Jas T Lowery.
A P Rowe, Mayor
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Inviting the Veterans

The Mayor stated that the Association of the Army of the Potomac will hold their annual meeting this year in Boston. It is the custom of this association to meet in different portions of the Country, and it had been suggested to him, and he heartily approved the suggestion that the Council invite the Association to hold their next annual meeting in 1894 in Fredericksburg.

Mr Knight offered the following, which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the Army of the Potomac is accustomed to hold annual reunions, lasting two day and will meet this year in Boston on the 27th and 28th days of June, when a place will be selected for their next annual meeting, Therefore

Resolved, that the Society of the Army of the Potomac be invited to hold its next annual reunion at Fredericksburg and we hereby extend to the said Society a cordial invitation to visit our City and promise and fraternal welcome and in order to emphasize this invitation and to carry the same into practical effect that the Mayor be requested to communicate these proceedings and to send the invitation to the proper and duly constituted officers of said Society, and bid them come and once again pitch their tents on the old camp grounds, and in imagination live over the old war times again.

The Gas Committee to whom was referred the proposition of the Manchester Company presented a report adverse to the acceptance of said proposition, which was read and ordered to be filed.

A communication from W I King Esq'r tendering his resignation as a member of this body was read by Mr Knox who moved its acceptance. Mr Knox indulged in some remarks highly eulogistic of Mr King and expressed his regret at his withdrawl. [Page 146] for the body of which he was so efficient a member, much regret was expressed at this action on the part of Mr King.

On motion of Mr Knox, the resignation of Mr King was accepted.

A communication from Officer John T Leavell, who feel himself aggrieved by the action of the Mayor in charging him with an uncollected fine, was read and referred to the Fire & Police Committee.

The matter of electing a successor to Mr W I King resigned was discussed at some length by Mess'rs Knight & Willis and finally the election, on motion of Mr Willis was postponed until the next meeting by the following recorded vote

Ayes	Mess'rs Wroten, Gouldman, Embrey, Willis, Griffin & Myer	6
Nayes	Mess'rs Knox, Burruss, Hunter, Hable and Knight	5

Then the Council adjourned to meet Friday night June 23^d at 8 O'clock.

A P Rowe, Mayor
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At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg held in the Council Chamber on Friday June 23rd 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Knox, Myer, Willis, Embrey, Wroten, Griffin, Hunter, Knight, Hable 10

Finance Committee's Report [from Newspaper account]

The first business in order was the Finance Committee's report which was made by Chairman Knox. On Motion the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the two city papers. To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg: Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report embracing settlements of accounts of the Collector of City Taxes, and the accounts of the City Treasurer. The accounts of Mr A P Rowe Jr, Collector of Taxes have been examined, and all found correct, and we take pleasure in saying that they are well kept and his statements of accounts agree with the charges against him on the Treasurer's books. His collections have been very good considering the dullness of trade and scarcity of money. We hereby embrace his report and make it a part of ours, it having been fully verified by us:
 Fredericksburg, Va June 15th 1893.
 Mess'rs James S Knox, M G Willis, H R Gouldman, Finance Committee:
 Gentlemen, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of collection of revenues, covering a period from June 15th, 1892 to June 15th 1893.

On Assessment of 1892	\$16,950.73	
Less 5 per cent discount	847.53	\$16,103.20
On Assessment of 1893, after October 15 th	730.34	
Add penalty and interest	43.11	773.45
		\$16,876.65
General Licenses from June 15, 1892 to June 15 th 1893	413.50	
John B Cox, rent for hay scales	130.00	
Opera House, exhibition licenses	32.50	
Dray licenses from June 15, '92 to June 15 '93	106.00	682.00
On general licenses of 1893-94.	6,175.68	
Less 5 per cent discount	908.78	5,866.90
On licenses of 1893-94 after May 15 th		20.00
On dray licenses of 1893-94.	180.00	
Less 5 per cent discount	9.00	171.00
Total collection for 1892		23,617.15
On assessment of 1891	416.07	
Add penalty and interest	40.39	456.46
On assessment of 1890	213.03	
Add penalty and interest	35.94	248.97
On assessment of 1889	79.25	
Add penalty and interest	18.02	97.27
On assessment of 1888	90.75	
Add penalty and interest	15.80	106.55
On assessment of 1887	35.03	
Add penalty and interest	9.52	44.55
On assessment of 1886	20.47	
Add penalty and interest	7.62	28.09
On assessment of 1885	19.08	
Add penalty and interest	7.11	26.19
On assessment of 1884	31.08	
Add penalty and interest	16.26	47.34
On assessment of 1883	14.90	
Add penalty and interest	7.76	22.66
On assessment of 1882	21.38	

Add penalty and interest	9.73	31.11
On assessment of 1881	56.59	
Add penalty and interest	24.13	80.72
On assessment of 1880	15.69	
Add penalty and interest	11.19	28.88
On assessment of 1877	.50	
Add penalty and interest	.43	.93
Total collections from all sources		\$24,831.89
The following amounts are due the city by delinquents for the years 1876 to 1892, inclusive		
To amount on books of 1892		\$19,661.05
By collection to Oct 15, '92	\$16,106.20	
Add 5 per cent deducted	847.53	\$16,950.73
By collections after Oct 15 th 1892	773.43	
Deduct penalty and interest	43.11	730.34
		17,681.07
By bills exempted by Finance Committee	246.00	17,927.07
Amt delinquent		1,788.98
To amt on books of 1891		1,526.74
By collections	456.46	
Deduct penalty and interest	40.39	416.07
Amt delinquent		1,110.87
To amt on books of 1890		924.26
By collections	248.97	
Deduct penalty and interest	35.94	213.03
Amt delinquent		711.23
To amt on books of 1889		801.82
By collections	97.27	
Deduct penalty and interest	18.02	79.25
Amt delinquent		582.57
To amt on books of 1888		550.15
By collections	106.53	
Deduct penalty and interest	15.80	90.73
Amt delinquent		459.40
To amt on books of 1887		554.99
By collections	44.55	
Deduct penalty and interest	9.52	35.03
Amt delinquent		519.96
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To amt on books of 1886		401.72
By collections	28.09	
Deduct penalty and interest	7.62	20.47
Amt delinquent		381.25
To amt on books of 1885		415.63
By collections	26.19	
Deduct penalty and interest	7.11	19.08
Amt delinquent		396.55
To amt on books of 1884		370.12
By collections	47.34	
Deduct penalty and interest	16.26	31.08

Amt delinquent		339.04
To amt on books of 1883		392.53
By collections	22.66	
Deduct penalty and interest	7.76	14.90
Amt delinquent		377.63
To amt on books of 1882		294.89
By collections	31.11	
Deduct penalty and interest	9.73	21.38
Amt delinquent		273.51
To amt on books of 1881		228.57
By collections	80.72	
Deduct penalty and interest	24.13	56.59
Amt delinquent		171.98
To amt on books of 1880		230.46
By collections	28.88	
Deduct penalty and interest	11.19	15.69
Amt delinquent		214.77
To amt on books of 1879		207.23
To amt on books of 1878		279.89
To amt on books of 1877		190.35
By collections	.95	
Deduct penalty and interest	.45	.50
Amt delinquent		189.85
To amt on books of 1875		146.75
Total amt of delinquent taxes from 1876 to 1892, inclusive		\$8,096.26
Accompanying is a list of all delinquent bills		
Respectfully submitted		
A P Rowe Jr		
Collector of City Taxes		

The total amount of delinquent taxes from 1876 to 1892, inclusive, amounts to \$8,096.26, a good deal of which can and will be collected in the near future.

We have also examined the accounts of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer, and find the amounts disbursed by him for the Corporation supported by proper vouchers. After squaring his accounts to July 1st, 1893, we find that we will be due him the sum of \$1,260.30, and with the coupons of the water, bridge, and gas bonds coming due on July 1st the treasury will be kept empty for some time, and we therefore beg the various committees to co-operate with us and use the strictest economy until the general taxes become due and are collected in October.

We present Treasurer Knox's statement from his books of receipts and disbursements, showing the expenditures of public money made by each committee this year, and offer that also a part of the report of the Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts by Corporation of Fredericksburg from all sources, by Treasurer Robert T Knox, from June 15, 1892 to June 22, 1893:

1892

June 15	By balance due Corporation on old account	\$1,138.55
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July 23	From A P Rowe Jr Collector. From general licenses, 1892-93, And dray licenses 1893-94, and May licenses of 1893-94	\$6,446.87
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By amount from A P Rowe collector for rent of hay scales to 1st April 1893 130.00

Less 2½ per cent commission		3.25	126.75
By amount received from water			4,070.64
By amount received from gas			5,800.00
By amount received from field at Alms House			30.00
By amount received from Mayor A P Rowe, licenses for dogs issued from December 2, 1891 to July 1, 1892			13.00
By am't received from taxes from A P Rowe Jr, Collector by am't from taxes 1891		82.64	
Less 5 percent commission		4.13	78.51
By amount from 1890 taxes		49.35	
Less 5 percent commission		2.47	46.88
			125.39
Aug 31. By amount from taxes 1890		24.84	
By amount from taxes 1891		38.99	
		63.83	
Less 5 percent commission		3.19	60.68
Sept 8 By amount from taxes 1881		56.21	
Less 5 percent commission		2.81	53.40
Nov 8 By amount from taxes 1892			16,950.73
Less 5 per cent for prompt payment			847.53
			16,103.20
Less 2½ per cent for commission			402.58
			15,700.62
April 1, '93 By amount from taxes 1892		338.88	
Penalty and interest on same		16.67	
		355.55	
Less 5 per cent commission		17.78	337.77
April 8, By amount from taxes 1891	193.12		
Penalty and interest	16.57	209.69	
Less 5 per cent commission		10.48	199.21
June 14 By amount from taxes 1890		146.40	
Less penalty and interest		28.38	
Less 5 per cent commission		8.74	166.04
June 21. By amount from taxes 1877	.50		
Less penalty and interest	.45		
	.95		
By amount from taxes 1880	15.69		
Penalty and interest	11.19	26.88	
By amount from taxes 1881	14.50		
Penalty and interest	10.01	24.51	
By amount from taxes 1882	21.38		
Penalty and interest	9.73	31.31	
By amount from taxes 1883	14.90		
Penalty and interest	7.76	22.60	
By amount from taxes 1884	31.08		
Penalty and interest	16.26	47.34	
By amount from taxes 1885	19.08		
Penalty and interest	7.11	26.19	
By amount from taxes 1886	20.47		

Penalty and interest	7.62	28.09	
By amount from taxes 1887	35.03		
Penalty and interest	9.52	44.55	
By amount from taxes 1888	90.75		
Penalty and interest	15.80	106.65	
By amount from taxes 1889	79.25		
Penalty and interest	18.02	97.27	
		456.10	
Less 5 per cent commission		22.80	433.30
By amount from taxes 1891	109.61		
Penalty and interest	15.53	123.14	
By amount from taxes 1892	391.46		
Penalty and interest	26.54	417.90	
		543.04	
Less 5 per cent commission		27.16	515.88
June 30, 1892 By amount from Mayor A P Rowe, fines from April 2, 1892 to July 1 1892			42.00
Oct 1, By amount from fines from Mayor A P Rowe to 3 rd Friday in September 1892			103.00
January 3, 1893 By amount for fines fr Mayor A P Rowe fr 3 rd Friday in Sep to Jan 21, 1893			87.00
By amount rec'd from Mayor A P Rowe for dog licenses up to Jan 2, 1893			200.00
March 21, By amount for fines received from Mayor A P Rowe			88.80
Total receipts from all sources			\$35,780.87

The town has no floating debt. The Committees have in almost every case exceeded their appropriations, and therefore the Finance Committee have been kept from doing anything about the sinking fund this year.

The present bonded debt of the city of Fredericksburg remains as last reported, Viz:

Seven per cent bonds due 1906	\$117,920
Six per cent, water bonds	30,000
Six per cent, bridge bonds	25,000
Six per cent, gas bonds	25,000
	\$197,020

There is due the Corporation of Fredericksburg by the estate of the late Treasurer Robt. W Adams this amount, after the settlements of his accounts, net;

October 28 th , 1891	\$4,604.75
Oct 28 th 1892, interest for 1 year, 6 percent	276.78
July 1 st , 1893, to interest from Oct 28 th 1892 to July 1 st 1893	186.49
Total due by R W Adams' estate July 1 st 1893	\$5,067.49

We are told that this debt is good, that the estate, when settled up, real estate sold, &c, there will be ample means to reimburse the Corporation. The law's delay is, however, rather embarrassing, and if the Council so orders, your committee will employ counsel and endeavor to hasten the settlement.

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of the three bonds, numbers 303, 304, 305, for \$500 each, purported to be signed by H S Doggett, Mayor and R W Adams, Treasurer, have to report that they can find no authority for their issue. No evidence that the Corporation, was ever benefitted to the extent of one dollar for them. They never were entered by the Treasurer R W Adams, on the book in which all other obligations of the Corporation are kept, and though they are claimed to have been issued in 1877, and Treasurer Adams died in 1891, giving him 15 years to record or enter them, he failed to do so. Your committee therefore recommend that they be treated as and other unauthorized paper not paid, or not regarded as obligations of the town, and the payment of the coupons be stopped. The funding of the \$500

series ended at 302, signed by L B Rose, Mayor. Your committee destroyed the blank bonds turned over by O D Foster, Administrator of the late R W Adams, to the Treasurer 51 bonds—16 bonds of \$1000, numbered 355 to 370 inclusive; 35 bonds of \$500, each numbered 306-340 inclusive. The committee burnt them.

Your committee hope to get some of the amount due by Adams this year, and believe with economy the city government and interests can be run and the sinking fund added to by levying a tax of \$1.20 upon the \$100 assessed value of property, and respectfully recommend the tax bill which we present and asked that it be passed, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J S Knox, M G Willis, H R Gouldman

Statement of expenditures and receipts of the city of Fredericksburg by Robert T Knox, Treasurer, from June 15th 1892, to July 1, 1893.

Interest paid on Bridge Bonds, 12 mos	\$1,500.00	
Interest paid on Gas Bonds, 12 mos	\$1,500.00	
Interest paid on Water Bonds, 12 mos	\$1,834.00	
Interest paid on 7 prcnt Bonds, 12 mos	\$8,617.00	\$13,471.00
By order of the Finance Committee		91.15
Amount pd salaries, Mayor, Judge, Police, Clerk Court, Commonwealth Attorney Treasurer, Superintendent Water Works, &c		5,140.03
Public Schools		2,600.00
Electric Light, streets		2,486.50
Gas Light, streets		815.25
By order Council		950.54
By order Fire Dept and Police Committee Gas Light, streets		252.20
By order Bridge Committee		235.36
By order of Court, jury fees, grand juries		305.00
By order of Mayor, extra police, tramps, transfers &c		135.00
By order Water Committee		1,379.47
By order Street Committee		1,277.37
By order Public Property Committee		735.48
By order Alms House Committee		1,555.02
By order Gas Committee 5,392 as follows		
Manufacturing expenses &c	\$4,288.43	
Permanent improvements &c	920.61	
And \$189.98 included in committee's last years' Report but not paid by Treasurer until after 1 st July	182.98	5,392.04
Total expenditures		\$36,999.16
By amount received from all sources per report herewith		\$35,738.86
Balance due Treasurer		\$1,260.30

This balance, when paid, includes balance due Public School, not paid yet, salaries, judge and constables not to be paid until first of July.

Tax Bill for the City of Fredericksburg for the year 1893-94

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the following taxes on persons and property (real and personal) shall be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1892-93 for the support of the Municipal Government, Public Schools, for the poor, to pay the interest, and to provide a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the City debt, Viz:

- 1st On every male person over 21 years of Age (not legally exempt) 50¢
- 2nd On all Real and Personal property income, toll bridges, ferries, monied Capital in any business investments, bonds in or out of the State and Stock in incorporated Companies, on every \$100 value thereof \$1.20
- 3rd On any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be The same as that fixed by the State
- 4th A deduction of 5 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th October next
- 5th On all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th day of October next there shall be added 5 per cent and interest from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the modes prescribed by law, and ordinances of the City
- 6th The taxes imposed by this ordinance shall be payable in national currency of the United States and in the Coupons of the 7 per cent bonds of the City due on 1st November next (without rebate), in pursuance of the ordinance on that subject.

Annual Appropriations

Mr Knox presented the following appropriation ordinance which was adopted

1st Be it ordained by the City Council of Fredericksburg, that the following appropriations be made for the year ending Jun 30th 1894:

Interest and sinking fund, 7 per cent Bonds	\$10,000
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Water Bonds	2,100
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Bridge Bonds	1,750
Interest and sinking fund, 6 per cent Gas Bonds	1,750
Alms House	1,200
Salaries	4,500
Police	1,440
Repairs of Public Property	300
Streets	1,000
Light	2,600
Park	150
Water	1,000
Commerce and Navigation	50
Contingencies	1,300
Fire Department and Police	100
Gas	1,000
	\$30,240

2nd That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of the appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting, if any of these appropriations are exhausted, and not to pay any orders on him until further appropriations are made to meet the same.

Public Property

Mr Griffin, Chairman Public Property Committee, reported that the committee had expended during the year \$735.48--\$135.48 more than their appropriation. The report was adopted and the sum of \$135.48 placed to the credit of the Committee.

Water Works

Mr. Willis, from the Committee on Water Works, presented the committee's report and also report of Superintendent Quinn, which states that the works are in good condition, but the capacity of the present pump is not equal to the demands of the town. The new pump ordered by the Council is expected to be in

position by the 10th or 12th of July. The cost of replacing the bursted pipe last winter was \$325. There has been laid 1,095 feet of one inch galvanized pipe during the year. There have been 41 taps put in during the year making the total number of taps 926. There have been expended on the works during the year \$1,246.25, and the collections for the year \$4,070.64. The report states that the present pump house is unsafe and it will have to be replaced by a new and larger building when the new pump is put up. The banks of the reservoir on the hill also need repair which ought to be done in the Fall, and which the Superintendent thinks would cost about \$250.

The report was received and adopted.

Light Committee's Report.

Mr Griffin, Chairman Committee on Light, reported that the committee had expended \$2,486.50 leaving a balance to the credit of the committee of \$113.50.

The report was received and adopted.

Fire and Police

Mr Knight, Chairman Committee on Fire Department and Police, presented the following statement of the operations of the police department during the year: Number of arrests, 415—classified as follows: Felonies, 11; misdemeanors, 50; violating city ordinances, 364. White males, 208, white females, 7, colored males 165; colored females 45.

The cases were disposed of as follows; Punished by fine, imprisonment &c 145; dismissed 23, dismissed with cost, 145; dismissed, 23, put under peace bond, 4; adjudged lunatics, 3; delivered to authorities of Massachusetts, 3; to authorities of New York, 1; to Ashland authorities, 1; to Stafford authorities, 1. Persons locked up overnight and ordered to leave town by order of the Mayor, 344; White males, 311; white females, 1; colored males 32.

Value of goods and chattels reported stolen, \$702.07; value of goods and chattels recovered \$189.86; number of houses reported entered by thieves 22, number of houses searched for stolen property 3; persons assisted the Mayor, 15.

Police Officer Leavell's grievance

Mr Knight stated that the Committee on Police had considered the communication of Policeman Leavell, which was referred to the Committee at the last meeting of Council. The Committee had, after examination of the matter, found the Mayor fully justified in his action, and that Mr. Leavell had asked that his communication be withdrawn, as he (Leavell) had found that he was "at fault in charging the Mayor with illegal unjust treatment," and he was satisfied the Mayor had not legal right to remit the fine, and regretted that he (Leavell) had so stated.

The Committee recommended that the matter be dismissed, and the recommendation was adopted.

After the reports of the committees were all in, Mr Hunter, who had voted for the repeal of the cow ordinance at the last meeting, arose and said during his long service as a Councilman he had never knowingly done anything detrimental to the interests of Fredericksburg; that in his vote on the cow question at the last meeting he believed he had made a mistake, and he was man enough to try to correct his mistakes when he saw he was wrong. The Cowboys did not have the matter brought up, but the anti-Cowboys had done so as a joke, and they carried the joke too far. He (Hunter) wanted to set himself right in the matter and he believed the people would endorse his action. He had cast his vote the wrong way, at the last meeting, and he therefore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the resolution offered on last Friday night by Mr J H Myer and passed amending Chapter 30 of the Corporation ordinances be reconsidered.

Here a lengthy discussion took place whether Mr Hunter's resolution was in order, and Mr Knox raised the point that it was not in order.

The Mayor decided that the resolution was in order.

The vote being taken on reconsideration resulted as follows:

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Griffin, Embrey, Gouldman, Knight, and Hunter 6

Nays Mess'rs Knox, Willis, Hable and Myer 4

Mr Hunter then offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the resolution offered by Mr J H Myer, amending Chapter 30 of the Corporation ordinances be laid on the table.

This resolution was adopted by the same vote as recorded above.

So the Town Cow will have to again retire to the shades of private life.

Election of Councilman

The election of a Councilman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr W I King being next in order, Mr Knight nominated Mr P V D Conway, and Mr Wroten nominated Capt Terrence McCracken.

The vote resulted in the election of Capt McCracken by a vote of 7 to 3.

The Council then adjourned.

I hereby certify that this printed matter is a correct record of the Council proceeding of the above day & date.

A P Rowe, Mayor

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A Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Saturday July 1st 1893

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Knox, Hable, Knight, Wroten, Willis, Myer, Embrey, Burruss.

Capt T McCracken who had previously been elected and qualified appeared and took his seat.

The mayor called the council to order and announced that the first business would be the election of Clerk of the Council

On motion of Mr Knox the salary of the Clerk was fixed at \$75 per annum.

Mr Wroten nominated Ro B Berrey, who was balloted for, and unanimously elected clerk.

The compensation of Collector of taxes on motion of Mr Knox, was fixed at same as last year.

Mr A P Rowe was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected.

Compensation of Clerk of Market fixed the same as last year.

Mess'rs G A Mills a& Samuel Fitzhugh was severally [Page 152] nominated and balloted for and resulted in the election of G A Mills as Clerk of the Market for the ensuing year he receiving 7 votes and Mr Fitzhugh receiving 3 votes.

Mr A Patton was nominated balloted for and elected measurer of coal.

Mr A Patton was nominated balloted for and elected inspector of lumber.

The salary of Supt of Alms House was fixed at \$100 per annum.

Mr A Hooton was nominated, balloted for, and elected Superintendent of Alms House for the ensuing year.

H H Jackson was nominated, balloted for and elected City Scavenger for Upper Ward.

Joshua Stewart was nominated, balloted for and elected City Scavenger for Lower Ward.

The number of Police Officers was fixed at four (4) and salary fixed at same as last year. Applications were read from J H Robinson, C A Gore, J T Leavell, J B Larkin and M A Gately, who were severally nominated and balloted for with the following result. Viz
G A Gore 10, J H Robinson 9, John S Leavell 10, M A Gately 1 & John B Larkin 10;
Messs'rs Gore, Robinson, Leavell and Larkin were [Page 153] declared duly elected Police Officers for the ensuing year.

The Mayor announced the following standing committees

Finance

J S Knox, M G Willis, H R Gouldman

Public Property

J M Griffin, C E Hunter, M G Willis

Streets

G W Wroten, J H Myer, W S Embrey

Water Works

M G Willis, H R Gouldman, J M Griffin

Ordinances

C E Hunter, J M Griffin, J H Myer

Commerce and Navigation

W L Burruss, J S Knox, T McCracken

Light

W S Embrey, J Hable, J M Griffin

Schools

C E Hunter, W L Burruss, W S Embrey

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Alms House

H R Gouldman, J T Knight, W L Burruss

Hurkamp Park

J H Myer, W S Embrey, W L Burruss

Health

J Hable, H R Gouldman, J S Knox

Fire and Police

J T Knight, G W Wroten, C E Hunter

Bridge

M G Willis, T McCracken, J Hable

Mr Knox offered the following resolution which was adopted

Resolved that all surveys which Mr John M Smith, County Surveyor, shall be called upon to make in the City, so long as there is no regular City surveyor to make survey, shall be regarded as official, so far as the same shall conform to the city map, made by L R Grabill, Esqr CE

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And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday July 21st 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Wroten, Griffin, Hable, Embrey, Knight, Knox, Myer & Willis

The minutes of the previous regular & special meetings were read and approved.

Mr Knox from the Finance Committee presented a bill of the Free Lance amounting to \$5.00 for printing Committee cards, which on his motion was passed and ordered to be paid.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Street Committee after reading the correspondence between his committee and Major E T D Myers representing the R F & P Rail Road Company, stated that the Committee had agreed to the proposition of Major Myers and submitted the following agreement for ratification by the Council Viz.

Whereas, It has been made known to the Council that an agreement has been made by and between the Street Committee of this Council on the one part and the R F & P Railroad Company on the other part, subject to the approval and ratification thereof by this Council by which agreement it is provided that in consideration of Fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid in cash by said railroad company to the City of Fredericksburg, the said railroad company shall be released forever from all responsibility or liability for the drainage of said City on Princess Anne Street and on the streets running into Princess Anne Street and that the said City shall at its own cost'g and expense provide for such drainage by conduits, sewers or other proper means [Page 161] and shall save harmless the said railroad Company for all claims and demands on account of said methods and means of drainage and that the said City shall proceed at once with the work necessary to effect said drainage to the extend aforesaid, and to complete and maintain the same without further demand upon the railroad company. And the Council having duly considered the said agreement it is ordered by the Council that the said agreement be and it is hereby approved, ratified and adopted by the Council and made binding upon the City of Fredericksburg.

And it is further ordered by the Council that the Treasurer of the City receive said fifteen hundred dollars from said Railroad Company and give his receipt as Treasurer for the same stating on what account said money is paid.

And that a certified copy of the order of the Council be made and attested by the Clerk of the Council and delivered to the said Railroad Company.

A vote being taken upon the ratification of the agreement the same was adopted unanimously.

Mr Wroten further reported that the Streets of the City were being cleaned up and were in fair condition.

Mr Willis, Chairman Bridge Committee reported that the abutment on the Stafford end of the bridge had been put in good condition.

MR Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works, reported the July collection for Water rents as the best since the works had been in operation and that the new pump will be in place and in operation in a few days.

The following resolution offered by Mr Knox was adopted, Viz.

Resolved, That the Gas Committee be instructed to make enquiries and get estimates of the probable cost of fifty or sixty additional gas posts and lamps, and report the same at the next meeting of the Council.

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A communication from C Minor Botts, asking the use of the Council Chamber for the purpose of organizing a society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was referred to the Public Property Committee by the following recorded vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Wroten, Hable & Knight

Nays Mess'rs Embrey, Gouldman, Willis & Myer

Mr Embrey offered a resolution providing for an appropriation of \$100 to be placed to the credit of the Street Committee and used by said Committee in trimming up the trees in Town where needed; removing dead trees and the debris from trimming same. The resolution was seconded by Mr Myer and a vote was taken which resulted in its rejection.

A Communication was received from Mess'rs Thomas J Haydon, W L Amiss, E K Wheeler, and other licensed liverymen and owners of vehicles, protesting against the owners of vehicles from the country who are not licensed, coming to town and conveying passengers to the Fair Grounds, as had been the custom for several years. The communication was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mayor Rowe presented the following paper.

It is one of the duties of the Mayor to lay before the Council from time to time in writing, such alteration in the laws of the Corporation as he shall deem necessary and proper. "The ordinance concerning dogs", Chapter 31st Section 1, requires that parties found with dogs on their premises without a collar shall pay a fine of \$5; this with cost of warrant and collar to be purchased amounts to \$7, which in many cases cannot be paid, and parties (male and female) would have to be sent to jail. I recommend that this fine be reduced to \$2 which with costs and collar would be \$4 and might be paid in many cases when the larger amount could not be raised.

I would also recommend that Spring Street leading from the National Boulevard by the Mint Spring, be opened and the Spring be walled up, so that our own people and strangers in their walks and drives may have access to it, and, when quenching their thirst, realize what blessings we enjoy in having such famous springs as that and the Gunnery within the Corporate limits, besides the inexhaustible supply of the purest water all through the City.

I would also suggest that the branches of all trees on the sidewalks be trimmed up so as not to obstruct the view of a City lamp or Town Clock or be in the way of citizens walking with umbrellas raised.

Mr Embrey moved to lay the paper on the table which motion was not seconded.

On motion of Mr Knight, that portion of the paper referring to the fine for violating the dog law was referred to the Ordinance Committee, and the other recommendations were referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Present: Mr McCracken

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, by invitation addressed the Council at some length, in regard to the general sanitary condition of the City and specifically in regard to the importance of cleaning out the raceway from the old paper mill site to the National Boulevard, and made some practical suggestions as to the manner of drainage and urged the Council to take timely and wise action in the matter. Mr Fitzhugh's remarks were listened to very attentively and a general discussion of the question ensued which ended finally in the adopted of the following resolution offered by Mr Willis, viz.

Resolved, That the question of drainage as suggested in Mr Fitzhugh's remarks be referred to the Street Committee for full investigation as to the practicality of using the trunk now owned by Mr Pettit for the purpose and to drain the flats adjacent to the canal, the Committee to report the result of its investigation to a called meeting, if necessary, or at the next regular meeting of the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned.
A P Rowe, Mayor.
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At a special called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday Aug 4th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Burruss, Embrey, McCracken, Hable, Knight and Myer

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to be to receive the report of the Street Committee in regard to the drainage of the Streets contiguous to the Railroad &c

Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Street Committee then arose and after some remarks relative to the disagreement of his Committee as to the character of report to be made, presented the following, minority report, and asked its adoption by the Council.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned respectfully report that in obedience to the resolution of the last meeting of the Council, he has maturely considered the subject embraced in said resolution and find that it is entirely practicable to drain Princess Ann Street and the streets that drain into said street through the covered trunk or race which conveys the water to Pettit's Mill and that the cost of the connections with said covered trunk or race will not exceed \$150.

This sum will cover the cost of two connections, one at Dignum's corner and one at Mrs Leonard's corner, and will provide a bricked and covered chamber at each point in which all sand from the drainage will be gathered and from which it can be removed, when necessary at small cost. These chambers will intercept all sand that might otherwise flow with the water into the covered trunk and hence the drainage of said streets into said trunk will in no wise injure said covered raceway. If that connection is made it will obviate the necessity of building a sewer to drain said streets as was contemplated. The undersigned recommends that the sum of \$500 to defray the expense [Page 165] of said connection viz \$150 to be expended if necessary in making the connection above described and the remainder of said fund of \$500 to be paid to Mr Pettit for the perpetual right of said city to drain Princess Ann street and the streets that drain into Princess Ann street into said covered trunk raceway. The contract with Mr Pettit to be properly drawn and made a matter of record, and in no wise to render the City responsible for said covered trunk or raceway, or for the canal leading into the same from the paper mill site.

Respectfully submitted,

George W Wroten.

Mr Embrey then presented the following as a majority report and asked its adoption in which he was seconded by Mr Myer.

Honorable Mayor and Common Council

Gentlemen, the majority of your Street Committee beg leave to make the following report; they have carefully examined into the matter of turning the water from Princess Ann and Main Street into the waterway leading to Pettit's Mill and find it impracticable, and in our judgment would only be a makeshift, and in the end work disastrously to the best interests of this community; and furthermore, we considered it would be breaking faith with Major Myers and diverting money appropriated by him to us from its legitimate use in the advancement made by him to construct a sewer from Princess Ann Street to the river. Therefore we recommend that the sewer be built as originally agreed upon, specifications be made out for the same, and the work be let to the lowest bidder, the Council reserving the right to reject

any and all bids; said work to be constructed under the supervision of the Street Committee and 20 per cent of the money be retained until said work is completed and accepted by said Committee.

W S Embrey, J H Myer

The reading of the reports a lengthy and [Page 166] earnest discussion generally indulged in by the members of the Council, Mess'rs Wroten, Embrey & Myer earnestly advocating their respective reports.

Mr McCracken moved a postponement of the whole matter by referring the two reports to the Street Committee as a whole for report at the next meeting of the Council. This motion was rejected by the following vote:

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Burruss, McCracken & Hable 4
Nays Mess'rs Griffin, Wroten, Embrey, Gouldman, Knight & Myer 6

Mr Knox moved the adoption of Wroten's minority report which was adopted by the following vote viz

Ayes Knox, Griffin, Wroten, Burruss, Gouldman, Knight, McCracken & Hable 8
Noes Myers & Embrey 2

Mr Knox offered the following resolution which was adopted unanimously

Resolved that the Street Committee be and they are hereby instructed to have the contact with Mr Pettit for the use of his race and trunk, carefully and properly drawn and report the same to the Council at its next meeting for adoption or rejection.

And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday August 18th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen, Wroten, McCracken, Griffin, Knox, Hable, Burruss, Willis, & Hunter

The minutes of the last regular and special meeting were read and approved.

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Mr Knox Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the official bond of A P Rowe Jr duly executed with M B Rowe and E D Cole as sureties and the same was turned over to the Mayor to be place in the National Bank for safe keeping.

Mr Wroten, Chairman of Committee on Streets reported that Mr Pettit had declined to sign the contract which had been prepared, in relation to the use of his raceway. The matter was left with the Street Committee for consultation with Mr Fitzhugh, the drawer of the same and the committee was instructed to ascertain the cost of a sewer by advertising for proposals.

Mr Wroten offered the following resolution which on motion was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report an Ordinance at the next regular meeting of the Council, Viz

Resolved, that the Police be required to report to the Mayor such sidewalks as may need the grass cleaned off and any trees on the sidewalks that may need trimming up; And that the Mayor be requested to notify the property owners to have the same done in ten days, and if not done, send notice to the Street Committee to have the same done at owner's expense.

The petition of Liverymen, draymen &c was recommended to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Gouldman, Chairman of Alms House Committee reported that the buildings were badly in need of painting.

Mr Hable, Chairman of Health Committee, reported that the town was generally healthy, that many nuisances complained of had been abated but still remained.

Mr Wroten urged the necessity for cleaning out the canal race and offered the following resolution. Resolved that the committee on Health be requested to [Page 168] call the attention of Mr James R Clarke the owner of the condition of the canal from the Paper Mill site to the Water Power Dam.

Mr McCracken, Chairman of the Committee on Gas Works presented no formal report, but stated that the Gas Works were not in a healthy condition; some \$300 or \$400 worth of unpaid bills had been turned over to his Committee. He reported that the general leakage of gas was 33 per cent, and that for the month of July the leakage was 40 percent. An expert was now making estimates of needed repairs, and his committee would try to remedy existing evils.

A communication from the School Board through its Clerk, Capt S J Quinn, informed the Council of a vacancy in said Board owing to the removal of Mr H H Johnston from the lower to the upper ward. The Council then proceeded to the election of a School Trustee for the Lower Ward, for the unexpired term of H H Johnston.

Mr W H Hurkamp was nominated and unanimously elected.

Mr Wroten stated that Mr J W Colbert desired permission to erect a slaughter house on his property, at the upper end of town. Said slaughter house to be on the river bank. Mr Colbert was heard by invitation, in support of his request and promised that there should be no cause of complaint. Mr F M Aldridge was heard by invitation and offered the granting of the permission asked for.

On Motion the application was referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

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At a called meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday August 30th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Willis, Hable, Knight, McCracken, Hunter and Myer

In the absence of Clerk Berrey, Jno M Griffin, on motion, of Mr Wroten was called to act as Clerk pro tem

Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Committee on Streets, submitted the following preamble & resolution which after some discussion its adoption being opposed by Mess'rs Embrey and Myer, was adopted by the following recorded vote, Viz.

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Wroten, Burruss, Gouldman, Willis, Hable, Hunter, Knight & McCracken
10

Nayes Mess'rs Embrey & Myer 2

The Resolution adopted read as follows

George W Wroten, Chairman of Street Committee

The Council [Committee] laid before the Council an agreement in writing dated August 22nd 1893 between Charles H Pettit and the Mayor and Commonalty of the Town of Fredericksburg duly executed by said Charles H Pettit which agreement conforms to and carries out the terms and stipulations contained in the report made to the Council on the 4th of August 1893 by said G W Wroten as chairman of said Committee, and approved by the Council, with directions to have a contract in writing prepared to be executed by said Pettit and the City of Fredericksburg embodying said terms and stipulations.

And the Council having duly considered said Agreement in writing doth oppose the same and directs that the Mayor of said City, and shall affix the seal of said city to said agreement and shall duly acknowledge [Page 170] said agreement in behalf of the City and cause said agreement to be received in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, and then shall the original paper be filed among the archives of this council.

On motion of Mr Knox, the sum of \$150 was appropriated for the purpose of making necessary connections with said raceway, and the street committee was authorized to contract for the construction of same

And then the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

John M Griffin, Clerk Pro tem

Friday [Monday] September 18th 1893

The Common Council having been called in regular meeting

Present A P Rowe, Mayor

Hable, Hunter, Myer, McCracken, Knight, Griffin—councilmen

At 8:30 there being no quorum present the Mayor declared the Council adjourned

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday September 20th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Griffin, Willis, Burruss, Embrey, McCracken, Myer, Knight and Hunter

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Griffin, Chairman Public Property Committee made an explanation as to why the use of the Court Room had been refused for political meetings, which was entirely satisfactory to the Council, Whereupon Mr McCracken offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Embrey.

Resolved, that the Public Property Committee be instructed to permit the use of the Court Room in the [Page 171] Court House building to be used as a place for political meetings upon the request of the Chairman, or Committee of either political party, who will assume and pay any damage that may be done to the room or furniture while the said room is in their possession.

The resolution was freely discussed pro and con and was the adopted by the following recorded vote viz

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Gouldman, Willis, Embrey, Myer, McCracken, Knight 8

Nays Mess'rs Griffin, Burruss, Hable, Hunter 4

Mr Hunter, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the liverymen, presented at the last meeting of the Council, presented the following report which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred the petition of liverymen draymen etc. in relation to the use of unlicensed vehicles within the Corporate limit, beg leave to report that in their judgment, the present ordinance is fully sufficient and if strictly enforced will remedy the trouble complained of.

Charles E Hunter, John M Griffin, J H Myer

Mr Wroten from the Street Committee reported that the work for the connection for carrying off the water from Princess Ann Street near the R R Depot had been let to Mr R L Stone, he being the lowest bidder and thus the work was about finished, but had not yet been accepted by the Committee.

Mr McCracken, Chairman on Gas Works made a verbal report, in which he stated that the Committee had had several experts examining the works, who reported them in very bad condition and it would require the sum of \$3,000 to repair the top of the Gas holder and make such improvements as were now needed. This sum was absolutely essential to [Page 172] to keep the works going, as there was a great waste of gas owing to the present condition of the works.

Mr Knox, a member of the Gas Committee, said the amount asked for properly belonged to the Gas Committee, as it had been turned over to the Treasurer by the Committee.

And he therefore offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the sum of \$3,000 be placed to the credit of the Gas Committee to cover the expenses of necessary repairs, extending the mains &c that amount being above the sum of the unexpended balance realized from the sale of Gas Bonds.

The Mayor reported that the four Police officers had discharged their duty and on motion their salaries were ordered paid. The Mayor also reported that he had on August 22nd suspended Geo A Mills for drunkenness and appointed Mr Samuel Fitzhugh to the position, Clerk of the Market pro tempore.

Mr Mills, was by permission heard in his own behalf and promised if reinstated to faithfully discharge his duties and not offend in like manner again.

At this point some discussion ensued as to the right of the Mayor to suspend a Corporation officer, but a reference to the Charter which provides that all officials should hold their positions at the pleasure of the Council, settled the question and Mr Knox moved that the Council sustain the Mayor in the suspension of Geo A Mills, Clerk of the Market, and that the said office be declared in vacation, which resolution after being duly seconded was adopted by the following recorded vote, Viz

Ayes Mess'rs Knox, Griffin, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Willis, McCracken, Hable, Knight, Hunter & Myer 11
Nays Mr Gouldman 1

The Council then proceeded to election of a Clerk of the Market, Applications were received from Mess'rs Samuel Fitzhugh, John H Stone, J Milton Smith, and Charles F Shepherd, the ballot resulted in the [Page 173] election of Samuel Fitzhugh, he having received 8 votes, Mr Stone 3 votes and Mr Smith 1 vote.

A Petition from several citizens, cow owners, asking for an amendment to the cow ordinance was read and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Communications from J W Harris and W S Honey praying for the remission of the fines respectively imposed upon them for their cows being found at large in the streets were read. To the Petition of Mr J W Harris was attached an opinion of W A Little Jr Commonwealth Attorney to the effect that if the statements in his paper are correct that Harris should not have been fined.

On motion these communications were referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition signed by Jno T Mills, Lewis E Hudson, E Ellington, Mrs Miller and Jas W Allison, praying that the line of 17th Street intersecting at the Corner of 6th and Hart or New Street be straightened and the obstructions moved from the pavement at said corner was read and referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Police &c called attention to the number of tramps passing through town, and hoped that the law if there was one governing such cases would be rigidly enforced.

Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh was present at the request of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Fair, and by invitation addressed the Council, in opposition to the petition of the liverymen &c asking the Council to exclude Country vehicles from conveying passengers to and from the Fair.

Mr W S White, was present and by invitation addressed the Council in the interest of the Liverymen
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Mr McCracken moved a re-consideration of the vote by which the report of the Ordinance Committee on this question was adopted.

Mess'rs Knight, Hunter and Griffin opposed the motion.

The Motion was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Yeas	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Embrey, Gouldman, Willis, McCracken, Knight and Myer	8
Nays	Mess'rs Griffin, Burruss, Hable & Hunter	4

Mr McCracken then moved to lay the report and the petition on the liverymen and others on the table, which motion after a spirited discussion was adopted by the following recorded vote, Viz

Ayes	Mess'rs Knox, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Gouldman, Willis, McCracken, Hable, Knight, Myer	10
Nays	Mess'rs Hunter and Griffin	2

And then, on Motion, the Council adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday October 20th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Knox, Wroten, Embrey, Burruss, Willis, Hable, Knight, Myer, Hunter & McCracken.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Knox, Chairman Finance Committee presented 2 bills of Free Lance Printing Company, amounting to Eleven (11) dollars which on his motion were ordered to be paid.

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Mr Knox also presented a letter from Hon Wm A Jones, President of the Northern Neck Telephone Company addressed to Mr W S White, asking that the Company be allowed to run its wires across the Free Bridge which on motion, communication was referred to the Bridge Committee with power to act.

Mr Wroten, Chairman Street Committee presented the following resolution providing for the acceptance of certain streets by the Corporation.

Resolved that the Corporation of Fredericksburg accept as public streets those tracts of land laid off as streets, as shown on the Map of the property of the Fredericksburg Development Company recorded in

the Clerk's office of Fredericksburg and known as Winchester, Washington Avenue, Pitt, Hawk, Lewis street extended, Cornell, Russell, Parsons and Hitchcock Streets

This resolution was warmly advocated by Mr Wroten and freely discussed in opposition thereto by Mr Embrey.

On Motion, Mr Knight, the whole matter was referred back to the Street Committee for further investigation, and to report the result of their investigation to the Council at its next regular meeting.

Mr Hunter, Chairman of Committee on Ordinances reported an amendment to Section 4, Chapter 30, of the General Ordinance, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

It shall not be lawful for any person to suffer his or her cow or calf to run at large in any of the streets or alleys of this town, under a penalty of a fine of one dollar, which shall be enforced against any one found willfully violating this ordinance

The amendment was unanimously adopted.

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Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Committee on Light, stated that the contract with the Electric Light Company would expire on the 1st of November, but preferred to have a full Committee before making a report and would like to receive instruction from the Council as to a renewal of the Contract with the Electric Light Co.

Mr Knox offered the following resolution Viz.

Resolved that the Gas Committee be and they are hereby instructed to buy (50) additional lamp posts and the same number of lamps to be place within the limits of the Corporation under the supervision of the Gas Committee.

The resolution was earnestly favored by Mr Knox and vigorously opposed by Mess'rs Embrey, Willis & Knight.

Mr Knight moved to lay the resolution on the table which motion was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Wroten, Embrey Burruss, Willis, Gouldman, Hable, McCracken, and Knight 8

Nays Mess'rs Knox, Hunter and Myer 3

The Committee on Light was instructed to get from the Electric Light Company a proposal for the renewal of their contract, and to report the same at the next called or regular meeting of the Council.

Chairman McCracken of the Gas Committee stated that the Committee had made a contract with a Richmond firm for repairs to the gas works, a Baltimore firm would put in three benches, and the work would probably be done in twenty five days. There was not idea of shutting off the gas during the repairs, it was the intention of the Committee to put the works in thorough repair.

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Mr E D Cole appeared before the Council by invitation and presented a communication from Mrs V M Fleming, President of the Mary Washington Monument Association of Fredericksburg, addressed to the Mayor and Common Council, suggesting the propriety of the Council making some preparation by appropriating or otherwise for the entertainment and reception of distinguished visitors on the occasion of the dedication of the Mary Washington Monument, now in process of erection.

On motion of Mr Knight, the Mayor was authorized to appoint a special committee to receive and entertain the distinguished visitors on that occasion.

Mr Geo A Mills addressed the Council and asked that the amount of money (part of his salary as Clerk of the Market) which had been withheld by the Treasurer to pay Corporation taxes for a number of years past accounted against him be refunded to him.

On motion, Mr Mills request was referred to the Finance Committee with power to act

And then the Council Adjourned

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday November 17th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Wroten, Hunter, Knox, Myer, McCracken, Embrey, Knight, Hable, Willis, Griffin

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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Mr Wroten, Chairman of the Committee on Streets presented the following report, which on motion of Mr Knight was adopted, Viz

The undersigned Committee respectfully reports to the Common Council that your Committee has carefully examined the Streets on the Kenmore tract of land, which by a resolution previously introduced it was proposed to accept.

Your Committee reports that in its judgment it is greatly to the interest of this City to accept as Streets, Washington Avenue and all streets running into it, on the East or side next to town as laid down on the original map of the Kenmore Property, as made by William Slaughter, City Surveyor, and to accept as Streets those on the West side of and running into Washington Avenue as laid down on the Map of Von Schon and Garner, made for the Fredericksburg Development Company and recorded in the Clerk's office of this City.

All of these Streets run into Washington Avenue, on the one side or the other at right angles, and in view of the great improvement going on in that section.

Your Committee most earnestly and heartily recommends the acceptance of these streets, which have been given to the City at once,

Respectfully submitted,

George W Wroten, W S Embrey, J H Myers

November 17th 1893

Mr Willis, Chairman of Committee on Water Works reported the Water Works in first class condition, with an ample supply of water and the new pump working finely.

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Mr Embrey, Chairman, presented the following report of the Committee on Light, and with it presented a proposition from the Rappahannock Light and Power Company Viz.

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council

Your Committee on Light begs leave to submit the proposition herewith appended from the Electric Light Co, in reference to a continuance of the Lighting of the Streets of our City.

While your Committee unanimously favors the retention of the Light, does not believe that any contract should be entered into for a longer period than one year.

Respectfully submitted,

W S Embrey, John M Griffin, J Hable

To the Light Committee, October 31 1893

W S Embrey Esq, Chairman.

We hereby submit the following proposition for lighting your City, to renew the old contract for three years with the exception as to running or lighting the lamps instead of putting out light at 12 o'clock PM to run until carbons are burnt out.

Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co
J B Ficklen, V P

After a lengthy and full discussion

On motion the report of Committee was received and the Committee was instructed to contract for one year.

The motion of Mr McCracken was adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes Mess'rs Griffin, Wroten, Embrey, Gouldman, Willis, McCracken, Hable, Knight 9

Noes Knox & Hunter 2

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Mr Knight, Chairman of Committee on Fire & Police reported that the winter uniforms for the police had been ordered.

Mr Knox, in reply to enquiry of Mr Griffin stated that the claim of the Corporation against the late Treasurer Adams, had been filed with the Commissioners of the Court

And then the Council adjourned.

A P Rowe, Mayor

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg was held in the Council Chamber on Friday December 15th 1893.

Present Hon A P Rowe, Mayor

H R Gouldman, Recorder

Councilmen Wroten, McCracken, Willis, Griffin, Embrey, Hable & Myer

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On call of the Committees there were no reports, except Mr McCracken stated that a superintendent of Gas Works was to be elected, and Mr Willis stated that a Superintendent of Water Works was to be elected.

The Mayor presented a communication in regard to the Police Officers in which he stated that he had granted the privileges to Officers Leavell & Larkin to light and extinguish the Gas lamps, provided that the same did not conflict with their regular duties, so far, he found that it had not interfered, and he reported that all the officers had discharged their duties and recommended the payment of their quarters salary.

On Motion the salaries of the Police officers were order to be paid.

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On motion of Mr Willis, the Council agreed to go into the election of a superintendent of the City Water Works.

On motion of Mr Wroten the salary of the superintendent of City Water Works was fixed at \$900. Capt S J Quinn was nominated, balloted for and unanimously elected superintendent.

Mr McCracken moved that the salary of the Superintendent of Gas Works be fixed at \$600.00 and that the Council now proceed said officer, which on motion was adopted.

Mr Knox appeared and took his seat.

Mr McCracken nominated Mr Wm Fitzpatrick and the clerk read communications from Mess'rs W F Walker and W T Hancock, announcing their candidacy. A ballot was taken which resulted in the election of Mr William Fitzpatrick as superintendent of the City Gas Works, he receiving six (6) votes, Mr Hancock receiving two votes and Mr Walker 1 vote.

Mess'rs Knight and Hunter appeared & took their seats.

Mr Knox, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the Commissioner of the Revenue A B Bowering had deposited the land and property books with the Treasurer as required by law, and on his motion the salary of the Commissioner amounting to \$250.00 was ordered to be paid.

Mr McCracken offered an amendment to the Gas Ordinance and moved a suspension of the rules so that the same could be acted on; the motion to suspend the rules was adopted and Mr McCracken offered the following amendment, which was unanimously adopted, Viz.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council that the paragraph fixing the price of gas on page 5 of the printed ordinance [Page 182] regulating the City Gas Works, adopted Dec 18th 1891, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows; The price of city gas shall be one dollar and fifty cents for one thousand cubic feet payable monthly. All bills shall be paid by the 15th of the month, and to such as remain unpaid after that date 5% shall be added with 6% interest until paid. And if said bills are not paid in a reasonable time, they shall be collected in the mode and manner prescribed for collecting delinquent taxes and the Superintendent of Gas or other person whom the Council or Committee may authorized to collect delinquent bills is hereby clothed with the power and authority for collecting such delinquent bills as the collection of City Taxes has for collecting delinquent City taxes.

A communication from the Garfield Light Infantry asking for the annual appropriation for rent of Armory was read, and on motion of Mr McCracken the usual sum appropriated for the purpose named was appropriated.

And then the Council adjourned,

A P Rowe, Mayor.