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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Jan 17th 1907 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present: E D Cole, Pres, Henry Dannehl V Pres, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Henry Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's Report as follows:

To the President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Jan 17th 1907

Gentlemen: The Police Officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duty and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Young the report was received and salaries ordered paid by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Col Cole, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the \$600.00 7% Bond fund referred to his Committee at Dec 1906 meeting, that the same had been deposited in the Planters National Bank [Page 67] of Richmond Va and presented the bank book of said Planter's National Bank to the Council as part of his Committee's report.

Mr Somerville moved that the report be received and the Clerk turn the Bank book for the \$600.00 deposit to the City Treasurer for safe keeping. Carried unanimously.

Col Cole, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the amount of the premium from the sale of the 7% bonds was (\$139.72) and that said premium of (\$139.72) was lying in bank to the credit of the 7% bond fund and asked that the Council instruct the City Treasurer to transfer the said (\$139.72) to the general fund.

Mr Somerville moved and it was unanimously adopted that the City Treasurer be instructed to transfer to the general fund of the City the amount of (\$139.72) premium on the 7% bonds sold now in bank to the credit of the 7% bond fund.

Col Cole, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had set aside 1% on the (\$251,400.00) bonded indebtedness amounting to (\$2,514.00) as a sinking fund, the sewer bonds having a separate sinking fund, and his Committee would recommend that this (\$2,514.00) sinking fund be invested in Virginia securities.

Mr Young moved and it was unanimously adopted that the Finance Committee be instructed to invest the (\$2,514.00) sinking fund set aside by said Committee in Virginia Century Bonds.

E D Cole Pres in the Chair

Mr Embrey, Chairman of Street Committee presented petition of sundry citizens living and owning property on Lee Avenue asking for a sewer to be run from Charlotte Street running north to Hanover Street.

Mr Embrey moved and it was unanimously adopted that the petition be referred to the Water Committee and they be instructed to secure an estimate for laying said sewer in first class shape giving the size of pipe to be laid and having one man hole and report back to this Council at next meeting.

Mr Embrey presented a petition of sundry citizens residents of the lower ward asking that an Electric Light be placed at the intersection of Charles and Dixon streets new "Bauman's Row."

Mr Dannehl moved and it was unanimously adopted that the petition be referred to the Light Committee with power to act, but not to change the location of any other light
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Mr Embrey presented the following petition signed by sundry persons.

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned citizens of Fredericksburg, residing in or interested in the western portion of Fredericksburg across the Canal, respectfully represent that there has been pending before the Council for several months the matter of opening the streets leading from Hanover Street southerly across the pasture of Mrs Padberg, who was Mrs Flora E Swift, and across the Canal and across the rear of the lot of Mr F T Covey to Charlotte Street uniting with the new Street opened a year ago or more across the brick yard lot to the Boulevard near the Shirt Factory, and while the matter of opening this Street is pending and unsettled improvements contemplated on property along the line of the proposed street are delayed pending a final determination of the matter by the Council.

Your petitioners are advised that the Street Committee will shortly commence the work of grading the existing new street across the Brick yard lot, and this good clay dirt from this Street should, if possible, be used in opening the proposed Street, if the same is going to be opened.

The undersigned believe that to open the proposed street would result in improvement to that section of the City and they therefore respectfully request that the Council take action in the matter and order the said Street opened.

Mr Dannehl moved, and it was unanimously adopted that the petition be received and referred to the Street Committee and that said Committee bring in report of cost and the advisability of opening said Street as set forth in petition.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported that his Committee had taken up the matter of draining that part of the City known as "The Duck Pond". That they had Mr Randall the City Surveyor at work on the same and they would soon ask for an appropriation to carry out the work.

Mr Young, Chairman of the Light Committee reported that there had been some trouble at the Electric Light Plant caused by the breaking of the wheels, that temporary repairs had been made, so that the lights were burning, and that the Supt was getting estimates on repairing substantially the wheels which would probably cost three hundred dollars or more. Mr Young also reported that the plant was now carry its full capacity of Lights.

Mr Young reported that there had been little trouble at the Gas Plant, caused by the main settling, that had been fixed.

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Mr Lane Chairman of the Water Committee reported the work of extending a larger water main to Germania Mills had been delayed by their ability to get the pipe.

Mr Lane also reported that a new fence had been placed around the reservoir at the pump house at a cost of \$271.66 and the fence around the reservoir on the Alms House Hill had been repaired at a cost of (\$19.12)

Mr Dannehl Chairman of the Ordinance Committee asked for more time on the side walk ordinance and the hog ordinance. He would be able to report at next meeting.

Mr Mills of the Public Interest Committee thought that the time had arrived when the Council should consider the question of Fredericksburg being represented in some way at the Jamestown Exposition and asked that Mr A P Rowe from the Public Interest Committee of the Business Men's Association be heard in reference to the matter. Mr Rowe outlined a plan by which we might place our City before the Country at the Exposition.

Mr Mills moved and it was unanimously adopted that this Council appoint a Committee of two of its members to visit Jamestown and secure all the information necessary, to enable this City to arrange for an exhibit at the Exposition and report back to this Council.

The President appointed E W Mills & A M Garner

Mr Warden, Chairman of Health and Police Committee, presented the following report of Board of Health To the Common Council of Fredericksburg Va, January 15, 1907

Gentlemen: I beg to present herewith the annual report of the Board of Health. The general condition of the City has been favorable despite the wet weather of the past season. The Streets have been better kept and drained than ever before: the water supply has been clear practically all the time, since the installation of the recent improvements and no epidemic has threatened our City. The expenditure for crude oil and the expense of distributing same, has been deemed a very wise step on the part of the Committee on Health and the general opinion has been there has been a material lessening of mosquitos. The Board of Health has met at frequent intervals: weekly during the heated period and has endeavored by inspection and by conference with your similar Committee to co-operate in every way toward the [Page 70] production of healthful conditions in our Community.

The drainage of the "Frog Pond" area is still incomplete; though better than ever before, it should receive attention at the earliest moment practicable.

There should also be some method by which non-deleterious material might be dumped in the ditch along the abandoned part of the Hurkamp Railroad, thus gradually filling it in.

The matter of garbage removal should soon receive the attention of your body, and the disposition of night soil so that there is no possible contamination of our water supply requires vigilance.

The City, or this Board should have at its disposal an up to date disinfection apparatus for the proper handling and lessening of contagious diseases. Such an outfit could be procured for \$30.00 or \$35.00 which disinfecting material for a year's use. It is hoped that the mosquito will be looked after as vigorously as possible during the coming Summer as they probably will be numerous after the past wet season, and a few dollars expended in oil spread so as to limit breeding prevents disease and makes our citizens more comfortable in addition.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr J N Barney, Health Officer

Report for year ending Dec 31, 1906

The number of deaths in 1906 was ninety eight (98): Sixty nine (69) white and twenty nine (29) colored. Of these thirty (30) were over fifty (50) years, and nineteen (19) were under two (2) years. The most common causes of disease were: Tuberculosis (9); Heart disease (8) Typhoid (6) old age (6) pneumonia (5), accidents (5), Cancer (4) convulsions (4) apoplexy and paralysis (4) Brights (3) cholera infantum (3) Diphtheria (2).

Sixty three (63) births were reported in year 1906. Forty two (42) white and twenty one (21) colored. Of these thirty seven (37) were male and (26) females.

J N Barney, Health officer

Mr Warden, Chairman of Health and Police Committee presented itemized bill of expenses paid by officer Hall in the "Henshaw" suit at Spotsylvania Court House amounting to sixty eight 50/100 dollars (\$68.50) and a letter from W R Hall addressed to his Committee asking that the Council reimburse him for costs in said suit already paid by him. Then made the following report and recommendation to wit; [Page 71]

To the members of the Common Council

The undersigned submit the following report recommendation of the Committee on Health and Police Whereas Police Officer W R Hall be reason of a suit brought by "Henshaw" against him in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania incurred the costs of attorney's fees and legal expenses incidental in defense of said suit the amount of which was on motion of Henry Dannehl offered Nov 15, 1906 asked to be paid by this Council and

Whereas: said resolution was referred to the Finance Committee and the City Attorney for his opinion as the "whether this is any legal obligation on part of the City to pay said expenses; "said opinion reported and adopted at a meeting of the Council Dec 20th 1906 is to the effect "that there is no legal obligation on the City to relieve said officer by paying said expenses," and "might establish a dangerous precedent, causing officers to be less careful in the discharge of their duties etc," and

Whereas: said Officer Hall in a letter to your Committee on Police recognizes that the City is under no legal obligation to pay said expenses and makes no legal claim upon the City, but having paid out of his own limited private means the sum of sixty eight 50/100 (\$68.50) attorney's fees and expenses incurred in defending this damage suit, brought against him, for an act strictly in the performance of his duty, now asks the Council as conservators of the Public Interest to reimburse him;

And whereas: your Committee on Health and Police is of the opinion that the income of Officer Hall does not afford him the outlay for such extraordinary expenses and mindful of the fact as stated by the City Attorney: that "the officer was acquitted by a most intelligent jury, of all blame in connection with the arrest of "Henshaw" and their verdict establishes the fact, that the arrest was made strictly within the line of the officer's duty;

Thus it becomes discretionary with the Council exercise the "Common law power to reimburse a police officer for expenses and attorney fees incurred in the defense of an action, if the officer was acting in good faith in the exercise of his duties. Your Committee is informed that the Courts of this Country hold "that it is in the interest of good government and for the interest of the City, that such power to indemnify should be exercised; that to hold an officer entirely responsible for his acts, while in the performance of his official duties if continued to the detriment of the Public service. On the other hand, if such officer had the right to fall back upon the Treasury of the City, there would be danger of his becoming reckless and over bearing in the exercise of the powers of his office". It would seem therefore to be the wisest to leave the indemnification of the officer to the discretion of those who represent the [Page 72] interest of the City that on the one hand, they should not be without the power to indemnify a meritorious officer acting in good faith for the consequences of his conduct, and on the other hand they should not be obligated to protect every officer, though acting in good faith under circumstances which seem to indicate a blamable want of care and caution."

Your Committee believes it to be for the good of the Police services and without danger of bad precedent if the Council use its power to reimburse Officer W R Hall for the amount of expenses incurred in this suit, and therefore recommend that the sum of Sixty Eight 50/100 dollars (\$68.50) be paid him.

Respectfully submitted

Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl, S W Somerville (Committee on Police)

On motion of Mr Young the report was received and the recommendation to pay Officer W R Hall Sixty Eight 50/100 dollars (\$68.50) was adopted by the following vote

Ayes, Cole, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Somerville, Warden, Young, Dannehl
Noes, Bradley, Lane

Mr E W Mills, Chairman Public Interests Committee had letters read of correspondence between Public Interests Committee and Adjunct General, relative to the new work on the Boulevard. This work will be deferred until efforts are made for a further appropriation from Congress. He stated the Hon W A Jones has presented a bill for an additional (\$20,000.00) which will do the whole work, if passed. He stated that it was almost certain that an appropriation of (\$40,000.00) for river work will be gotten this session of Congress.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of School Committee reported progress as to plans and specifications for proposed new school building; that said plans were being prepared by "Architect" E G Heflin, and as soon as ready report will be made to the Council.

Henry Dannehl, V President in the Chair

Mr Bradley, Chairman Public Property, asked for instructions as to remodeling the old toll house at the Free Bridge, so as to make it habitable and produce a revenue to the City by renting same. On motion of Col Cole, it was ordered that the Public Property Committee get estimates of cost of doing said work, and report back.

On motion of Col Cole the election of Supt of Water Works was taken up and the said fixed at (\$900.00) per annum, same as last. S J Quinn was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Water Works for year commencing Jan 1st 1907. Salary set by unanimous recorded vote
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Mr Young moved to go into the election of Superintendent of Gas and that the salary be the same as last year. One thousand dollars and rent of a house on Gas Plant, fuel and Light, adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Somerville, Warden, Young.
B F Bullock was then unanimously elected Superintendent of the Gas Works for year commencing Jan 1st 1907 at a salary of one thousand dollars, rent of Gas Plant House, Light & fuel.

Col Cole then brought up the question of fixing the salary of the Judge of the Corporation Court beginning February 1st 1907.

On motion of A M Garner the salary of the judge of the Corporation Court was fixed at One thousand dollars per annum from February 1st 1907, by the following vote:

Ayes Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Somerville, Warden, Young
Noes, Bradley, Embrey.

Mr Lane called the attention of the Council to the manuscript of a History of Fredericksburg which had been completed by Capt S J Quinn. When Mr Lane was a member of the Council about ten years ago, he took great interest in the publishing of a history of Fredericksburg Va

When he resigned the matter was not taken up. Mr Bradley was on the same Committee at the same time. He advocated action at once by the Council looking to the publishing of this History.

On motion of Mr Rowe a special Committee was appointed to take the matter up, and report cost. The President appointed Lane, Somerville and Bradley.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice Feb 21st 1907 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, Henry Warden, S W Somerville

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read.

Mr H B Lane a member of the Finance Committee explained the reason he voted no in the W R Hall matter. He was under the impression that the Finance Committee had agreed to stand by the City Attorney's opinion in the matter. He had learned that he was mistaken in that impression and hence, would like to change his vote to Aye. The Council agreed to make a record of Mr Lane's explanation. The minutes were approved

Henry Dannehl, V President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report

To the President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 21st 1907

The Police Officers of the City have faithfully performed their duties and are fully entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported on the resolution of the Council of date, January 17th 1907 instructing the Finance Committee to invest the twenty five hundred and fourteen (\$2,514.00) dollars sinking fund in the (\$251,400.00) bonded indebtedness of the City, set aside by the Finance Committee in Virginia Century Bonds.

That Twenty Six hundred (\$2,600.00) dollars worth of Virginia Century Bonds had been purchased at 94¼ costing the City twenty four hundred and fifty seven (\$2,457.00) leaving a balance to the credit of the sinking fund of fifty seven (\$57.00) dollars and the Council to instruct his committee what to do with the Bonds.

On motion of Mr Somerville, the Finance Committee were instructed to place the bonds with the City Treasurer for safe keeping and take the Treasurer's receipt for the same.

E D Cole President in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported that he had in company with Mr Garner a practical mechanic and builder in this City examined the "Toll House" at the bridge and were satisfied that the house could be repaired for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) and that it would rent for (\$60.00) per annum.

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Mr Embrey, Chairman of the Street Committee reported that the Streets were in fairly good condition but there was some necessary work being done, and his Committee needed more money, and asked for an appropriation of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars.

On motion of Mr Lane the sum of six hundred dollars was appropriated to the Street Committee by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville

Nos, Bradley

Mr Dannehl Vice President in the Chair

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on Washington Avenue extended, that his Committee had been unable to see one party who was out of town and that Mrs Padberg, Mrs Swift had declined to accept the (\$200.00) allowed her by the Commissioners.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Embrey moved that Mr Granville R Swift, who represented Mrs Padberg, being present, be heard by the Council, carried. Mr Swift stated that the proposed new street would not only take the actual land covered by said street but would cut off about the same quantity of land in a narrow strip next to the Canal, running to a point a one end which would be cut off from the Canal and deprive it of water facilities which were very valuable to it as a pasture. That said property now produced a revenue of (\$125.00) as a grazing plat. Hence Mrs Padberg regarded two hundred dollars as inadequate for the damage she would sustain by opening the proposed street through her property.

Mr Somerville called the attention of the Council to the bad condition of several cellar doors, O D Foster, A Wooding and P E Wise's and moved that the matter be referred to the Street Committee and the City Attorney to report back responsibility for repairing, & replacing same.

On motion Mr Charles D Foster was allowed to be heard in reference to the cellar door on O D Foster's property #416 commerce Street, which is in a bad condition and for which condition the Hon Mayor had sent O D Foster notice to repair said cellar door at once.

Mr Foster claimed that the City had place the cellar door on his father's property and charged him with two-thirds of the cost, which he had paid. That his father was consulted in no way as to the quality or character of the material used in said door and that said Foster's cellar door was worn out in the short time of two or three years, and that other cellar doors, for which sundry property owners paid the same price were as good as ever.

Somerville's motion was adopted

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Mr Somerville from the Light Committee presented the Bond of B F Bullock Supt of Gas with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company for two thousand (\$2,000.00) dollars.

Mr Rowe moved that the bond of the Superintendent of Gas be referred to the Light Committee and City Attorney for approval and then placed in the National Bank for safe keeping and the motion was adopted.

Mr Somerville from the Joint Committee of Light and Finance reported on the resolution of Nov 15th 1906 by which a petition from the Business Men's Association in regard to the erection of an incandescent light system was referred to said Joint Committee for immediate consideration and for procuring an estimate of the probable cost and devise ways and means of constructing the same, and report back to the Council for consideration of erecting said plant.

By reading a lengthy correspondence between the joint Committee and Judge A T Embrey, Secretary of Fredericksburg Power Co, in which the Water Power Company declined to sell the City any additional water power for an incandescent plant. That his Committee thought it unwise to go any farther when Power was the first thing needs and that could not be secured.

Mr Dannehl moved that the report of progress and information be received and it was so ordered.

Mr Dannehl moved that the Joint Committee of Light and Finance be instructed to bring in a report as instructed under the resolution of Nov 15th 1906 referred to the said Joint Committee on the incandescent lighting plant.

Henry Dannehl Vice President in the Chair

An animated discussion then ensued participated in by Messrs Mills, Cole, Embrey, Bradley, and Somerville.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

The Dannehl resolution was carried by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Cole

Nos, Embrey

Mr H Lane, Chairman of Water Committee presented the bond of S J Quinn Superintendent of Water with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company for Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

Mr Somerville moved that the bond of Superintendent of Water be referred to the Finance Committee to be approved by the City Attorney and placed in the National Bank for safekeeping. And the motion was adopted.

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Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented the following Ordinance.

An ordinance to repeal section nineteen of Chapter twelve of the City Ordinances in relation to swine.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, that Section nineteen of Chapter Twelve of the Ordinances of said City in relation to swine be, and the same is hereby repealed.

“An ordinance to prevent the running at large of swine in the Streets and alleys of the City of Fredericksburg, Va

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg Va that it shall be unlawful for swine to go at large in the Streets or alleys of the City.

Any such animal found at large in the streets or alley of the City shall be apprehended by the police and held until the owner thereof is found and has paid the fine, imposed by this ordinance and the expense of keeping said animal or animals.

And said owner shall forfeit and pay a fine of five dollars for each animal so found at large, and the expense of keeping the same. And the said fine and expense shall constitute the first lien upon such animal under execution issued on judgment for such fine and expense.”

Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, H B Lane (Committee)

Adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville

The following communication from the Mayor was read

To the Hon President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 21, 1907

I would respectfully call you attention to the conditions of many of the Streets and cellars along the same.

And suggest that it would be well to take some action looking to the improvements to your streets in certain sections. I would request your Hon body to pass some new ordinance in regard to the same.

I would further suggest that you agree upon some ordinance in regard to the use of fire works on the streets of the City or with the Corporate Limits in the future.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Somerville referred to the Ordinance Committee

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Mr Mills of the Special Committee to visit Jamestown and secure information in regard to our City making an exhibit reported

To the Hon President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 14, 1907

Gentlemen: Your Committee appointed to secure information on which to base action in regard to an exhibition from Fredericksburg at the Jamestown Exposition would report that we visited Norfolk, conferred with the Exposition authorities and thoroughly canvassed the question.

Two plans in which Fredericksburg could be directly represented were presented to us there. One is to lease a piece of ground at a cost of (\$500.00) for the life of the Exposition, and to put up a building at a cost of (\$2,500.00). This plan we do not think feasible, as it is too expensive and the building would hardly attract the attention of a class of people we wish to reach, where there are so many imposing structures.

Another plan would be to arrange with any manufacturers of Fredericksburg to advertise Fredericksburg in connection with their exhibits. This could be done by hanging in the space of these exhibitors frame pictures, cards, or boards, printed or painted, giving information about Fredericksburg and handing out from the stands or booths printed matter concerning Fredericksburg and this section setting forth its advantages and attractions.

Neither of these plans being regarded by your committee as satisfactory, the matter was further taken up with the Va Commission, ascertain if Fredericksburg could not come in on the same conditions as a County. This proposition was attended with so much explanation that it was necessary for your Committee to appear before the Board of Governors of the Virginia Commission. After much discussion and consideration, it was finally agreed that Fredericksburg could have 200 square feet in the Virginia section of the State exhibits building in which it can exhibit samples of any products of its manufacturing plants suitably labeled; also samples of any crops, fruits, etc grown in the surrounding Country.

The Commission also gave permission for a banner or tablet to be placed in the space, through which attention of visitors to the exposition could be called to Fredericksburg, as a desirable place of residence and a good field for investment, in the establishment of enterprises and especially of manufacturing plants. In the same way such matters as the climate, advantageous location, water power, cheap living etc could be referred to. Any literature advertising the City and surrounding country showing the productiveness of the soil, and inviting new settlers to come in, could be distributed from this space.

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The entire cost will be (\$1.50) per square foot. The installation of the exhibit and supervision over it during the exposition would be in charge of the Superintendent of Exhibits who stated that he would also see that the literature was handed out, if it was desired.

This exhibit is not in conformity with the general scheme of the Exposition as the general plan is for classification of all articles, but this question was thoroughly gone over with the Virginia Commission and the Commissioners stated that they had charge of the exhibits of the Virginia division and that they would grant the concession in this case.

Your Committee is convinced that if Fredericksburg is to be represented at this great Exposition that it cannot be done more effectively than in the plan as arranged with the Virginia Commission, set forth in the foregoing and they are presented for such action as your body may deem advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

A M Garner, E W Mills (Special Committee)

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

Mr Dannehl moved that the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars be appropriated towards an exhibit.

It was defeated by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Mills, Rowe, Dannehl

Noes, Bradley, Lane, Embrey, Warden, Somerville, Cole

Mr Mills moved that the Clerk inform Capt Pratt, that the City does not deem it advisable to accept the 200 feet of space offered the Committee which visited Jamestown

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Mr Bradley moved as a substitute for Mr Mills motion that the Committee be instructed to notify Capt Pratt that the City will not take the 200 feet offered. Mr Bradley's substitute was carried.

Mr Mills of the Public Interests Committee reported correspondence with Congressman Jones; that a cash appropriation has been made of (\$77,729.00) for the Rappahannock River, and that said River has been placed under continuing contract system. He also reported his Committee felt sure of (\$10,000) extra appropriation for the National Boulevard with a fighting chance for (\$20,000.00).

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Warden of Health and Police Committee presented bill of B Goldsmith & Son for One overcoat furnished officer Stone (\$27.50)

On motion the same was ordered paid.

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Mr Warden of Health and Police presented the following and recommended its adoption by the Council.

Mr Henry Warden, Chairman Committee on Health and Police Fredericksburg Va Feb'y 18, 1907

Dear Sir: The City Board of Health has not disinfecting apparatus at the present time and I desire to call this fact to the attention of the Committee in order that this condition may if possible be remedied.

The certainty of the presence of contagious diseases sooner or later, renders it almost imperative and the City has in past years paid to private parties several items of cost which might be avoided had we our own outfit.

At the present time if will be possible to purchase at a great discount an excellent gas generator of the most modern type: the Leininger apparatus used at the Johns Hopkins Memorial, St Luke's Virginia and Garfield Hospital and the City Board of Health of Chicago, Baltimore, Washington and Richmond: together with sufficient materials to supply our needs for form 5 to 10 years.

I should like to urge upon your Committee the value of securing at a cost of (\$25.00) or perhaps slightly less, the outfit in question which is one shipped to a nearby point through mistake, and hence offered at about one half usual rates.

Very Respectfully, J N Barney, Health officer

On motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Committee on Health and Police with power to act.

Mr S W Somerville of Committee on Schools reported progress on plans and specifications for new school building.

Mr Somerville of Committee on Schools presented detailed report of expenses of Normal School held last Summer. On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Embrey Excused

Mr Lane of Special Committee on History of Fredericksburg reported the cost of publishing same, not less than (\$750.00) for 1,000 copies, besides the cost of manuscript, for which S J Quinn had been offered (\$200.00).

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the Committee was instructed to pay Capt S J Quinn (\$200.00) for the manuscript, when it was completed to date, then the question as to how the History will be published will be taken up.

The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice February 22, 1907 at 4 o'clock PM called by Jamestown Committee. The following members present; Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville.

President E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Special Committee on Jamestown Exhibit stated that at a meeting of this Council February 21st 1907 by vote of the Council his Committee had been instructed to notify Capt Pratt that the City would not take the 200 feet of space offered them. During the day the Committee had been urged to call the Council together and reconsider their action in this regard.

Mr Dannehl moved to reconsider the instructions given the Committee at last meeting of the Council, which was lost by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Warden (4) votes

Noes, Cole, Bradley, Masters, Somerville (4) votes

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held March 21st 1907 at 7:30 o'clock pursuant to notice with the following members present; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young & Cole

On motion Mr Bradley took the chair and called the Council to order and called for a reading of the minutes when Col Cole President arrived and took the Chair, and the minutes of last regular and called meeting were read and approved after two slight corrections was ordered.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole, Chairman Finance Committee presented the license tax Ordinance for 1907 and 1908, which according to the rules lays over for 30 days.

On motion of Mr Rowe the Finance Committee were instructed to have the License Tax ordinance as presented published and distributed for the information of those who may desire to secure licenses.

Col Cole, of the Finance Committee presented and had read a full list of all licenses paid the City for the past year. List furnished by the Commissioner of Revenue.

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Col Cole, of the Finance Committee called the attention of the Council to the method of Assessing personal property pursued in our City and the pressing and urgent need for early and positive reform as shown by the following statement:

For 1901	(Rate \$1.15)	\$7,543.78	For 1902	(Rate \$1.15)	\$6,824.46
For 1903	(Rate \$1.25)	\$9,390.75	For 1904	(Rate \$1.25)	\$8,346.46
For 1904[5]	(Rate \$1.40)	\$8,172.80	For 1906	(Rate \$1.40)	\$8,658.06

A general discussion of the matter ensued and law bearing on the duties of the Commissioner of Revenue were read.

Col Cole, of the Finance Committee presented and had read a list of the small number of persons in our city paying an income tax.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported progress on the cellar doors along the improved Streets referred to his Committee and the City Attorney at the last meeting of the Council.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported progress on opening of Washington Avenue extended.

Mr Somerville presented the following petition

To the Hon Pres & Common Council Fredericksburg Va Jan 27, 1907

Gentlemen: Your petitioner would most respectfully pray your Hon body to grant them a permit to plant shade trees in spaces left in the Granolithic side walk on Main Street, in front of our respective residences and properties in strict accordance with the provisions of an "ordinance" passed by your honorable body, on August 16th, 1906 and approved by the Mayor Aug 17th 1906.

Your petitioners make this application to your honorable body, with no disrespect; or lack of deference to the Street Committee whose privilege it is to grant permits to plant trees, application having been made to said Committee, but no permit has been granted.

Believing that your Hon body will give this matter their careful consideration and that our wishes will be complied with we are most respectfully,

T McCracken, A B Botts, Mr E J St John, J W Masters, John M Griffin.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

A protracted discussion ensued

E D Cole in the Chair

On motion of Mr Bradley the petition was referred to the Street Committee

Mr Young of Light reported gas works all right, but some trouble at Electric Plant. A new wheel soon needed.

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Mr Young of the Joint Committee on Incandescent Plant reported that his Committee had gone as far into the matter as it was possible without the services of an expert Electrical engineer, and asked if this Council wished them to proceed further, if so, he asked that the sum of \$200.00 be placed to the credit of the Joint Committee.

Mr Dannehl moved that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) or so much of it as may be necessary be appropriated to the Joint Committee on Incandescent Lighting Plant to enable them to employ an expert electrical engineer if necessary to secure all needed information in reference to establishing an incandescent Lighting plant. Adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes; Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Somerville, Warden, Young (8 votes)

Noes; Embrey, Cole (2 votes)

Mr Mills of the Public Interests Committee reported that the Hon W A Jones had been unable to secure a further appropriation of \$25,000 for the Public Federal Building, and had also been unable to secure a further appropriation for the National Boulevard

That his Committee had received a letter from the Quartermaster General in which he states that the \$10,000 will have to be applied to the improvement of the road bed of the Boulevard.

Mr Warden of Health and Police Committee reported that his Committee had purchased the disinfecting apparatus and material at a cost of Twenty four dollars (\$24.00).

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the bonds of S J Quinn Supt of Water & B F Bullock Supt of Gas had been approved by the City Attorney and placed in the vault of the National Bank for safe keeping.

Col Cole moved that the Ordinance Committee be instructed to prepare an Ordinance creating a Street Commissioner, carried by unanimous vote.

Mr Warden offered the following which was adopted:

Be it resolved that the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Rail Road Company is hereby requested to properly plank or pave their tracks at the intersections or crossings of Caroline and Princess Anne Streets

Mr Warden of Health and Police called up this question of increasing the Police of the City from four to six. On motion the matter was deferred until next meeting of the Council.

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Mr Warden offered the following resolution, accompanied by an Ordinance:

Resolved that the Ordinance Committee be and is hereby instructed to prepare an Ordinance to be entitled: An Ordinance to regulate the construction, management, and cleaning of surface privies in Fredericksburg Va and to provide penalties for violation. On motion referred to the Ordinance Committee.

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber pursuant to notice Thursday the 18th day of April 1907 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present;

Pres E D Cole, V Pres H Dannehl, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Somerville, Warden, Young.

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report for March

To the Hon Pres and Common Council March 22nd 1907

The Police officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

The Chairman reported that the Finance Committee had instructed the Treasurer to pay the Police for March and asked that the Council ratify the acts of the Finance Committee and Treasurer in reference to paying said salaries.

On Motion of Mr Rowe the Mayor's report was received and the acts of the Finance Committee and Treasurer were ratified by the unanimous vote of the Council.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented report of the Mayor for April 1907 as follows:

To the Hon Pres and Common Council April 13, 1907

The Police of the City have faithfully performed their duty and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the report was received and the salaries of the Police officers ordered paid.

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee [presented] the following bills which on motion were ordered paid.

The Free Lance-Star Pub Co

50 License blanks	2 forms	\$1.50
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150 License blanks	2 forms	\$3.00
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225 License blanks	2 forms	\$3.50	
A B Bowering			\$8.00
Job 25 slips	5 forms each	\$1.25	
Job 20 slips		\$.25	
			\$1.50
350 License Tax bills			\$2.00
A P Rowe Collector			\$11.50

Col Cole President of the Council presented the following from the State Corporation Commission
Gentlemen: March 20, 1907

For your information we quote in full below Chapter 121, Acts of Assembly, 1906:

Approved March 10 1906

1a. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that the Clerk of the Corporation Commission shall furnish to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of each County and the President of the Council of each City, a list of Railroad, Canal, Telegraph, and telephone Companies within the said Counties and cities, together with the number of miles of said Railroad, Canals, Telephone and telegraphs and the assessments made thereon by the said Corporation Commission: And it shall be the duty of the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties and the Councils of Cities to forthwith check over and compare said lists and assessments and ascertain whether they be correct and to notify the said Clerk of the Corporation Commission accordingly. The said Boards of Supervisors and Councils of said Cities may, when there is reason to doubt the correctness of the assessed length of any line, require the County Surveyor to make all necessary surveys in order to properly verify the assessment of the Corporation Commission and appropriate a sum out of the County or City levy to pay said Surveyor for such surveys.

If any Chairman of the Board of Supervisor or President of any City Council fail to call the attention of their respective bodies to the requirements, he shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty five dollars for each offense.

I beg to advise that, if any City finds upon checking the assessment made against public works, located therein that there is an error or discrepancy prompt notice of such error or discrepancy should be made to the Commission and to the Company in whose assessment the error or discrepancy is found, [Page 86] in order that correct report may be made by such Company on which the Commission will base the Assessment for 1907.

Yours Truly, R T Wilson, Clerk

On motion of Mr Somerville referred to the Auditing Committee to carry out the requirements of the Act and report back to the Council.

Col Cole presented the following from the Commonwealth's Attorney

The Hon Pres and members of the Common Council, Fredericksburg, Va April 18, 1907

Gentlemen: As Commonwealth's Attorney I ask that there be placed to the credit of the Finance Committee (\$100.00) to be paid out on my order when approved by the Finance Committee. The said amount to be used when deemed necessary for the purpose of enforcing the laws.

Respectfully, Granville R Swift

On motion of Mr Somerville, the sum of (\$100.00) was appropriated and ordered placed to the credit of the Finance Committee to be used, and paid as above set forth and the Commonwealth's Attorney to report from time to time the amounts and for what expended to this Council.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented for information a statement of Tax Rates on Real Estate and Personal Property in other cities.

Richmond Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.40
Alexandria, Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.90

Newport News Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.25
Manchester Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.50
Lynchburg Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.50
Roanoke Va	Real and Personal property	\$1.60

Col Cole of the Finance Committee read the Personal Property and License Tax Ordinance offered at the last meeting of the Council taking it by section which were all agreed to, but Section 93. Mr Masters moved to strike out section 93. A recorded vote was taken

Ayes Masters, Somerville, Warden, Young (4 votes)

Nos, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Cole (7 votes)

Masters motion to strike out lost

Then the Personal Property and License Tax Ordinance as follows was adopted as a whole by the following recorded vote;

Ayes; Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

Approved April 24, 1907 Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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An Ordinance

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

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that no person shall engage in any business in the City of Fredericksburg for which a license is required by the laws of the Commonwealth or the Ordinances of the said City, without first having applied for and obtained such license, under the penalty of penalties hereinafter provided as a part of this ordinance; and that for the year beginning the First day of May 1907, and for each year thereafter, while this ordinance is in force there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms and Corporations or association in this City engaged in the different descriptions of business, professions and associations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year thereafter while this ordinance is in force; and that for the year beginning on the first day of February 1907, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force in addition to any special tax levied and known as a Sewer tax or Street tax or otherwise, the taxes on persons, property and incomes for the year commencing the first day of February 1907 and each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force shall be as follows to wit:

General Levy

Lands, Lots, Ground Rents, Rent Charges

§1. On tracts of lands and lots and improvements thereon no exempt from taxation, ground rents and rent charges, there shall be a tax of one dollar and forty cents (\$1.40) on every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

Tax on Persons

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

Tangible Personal Property

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

Personal Property in Choses in action etc.

§4. Upon all personal property in choses in action, on all personal property not tangible personal property, not otherwise taxes herein and taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of (\$1.40) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof, under this

section shall be included all property under schedule C of the general tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid. On all property which may be taxed by the City of Fredericksburg, required by law to be reported annually by the State Corporation Commission and assessed by the State [Page 88] Corporation Commission showing the character of the property, its value and location for the purpose of taxation in this City there shall be a tax of \$1.40 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

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

Each bank or banking association, trust, or security company, aforesaid, as soon after this ordinance takes effect as possible and thereafter on the first day of February of each year, shall make up and return to the Commissioner of the Revenue of this City a report in which shall be given the names of stockholders, the number of shares owned or held or controlled by each, the market value of said stock and the stockholder's residence.

The market value of said stock herein shall be ascertained as is provided for in the State tax bill. It shall be the duty of the said Commissioner of the Revenue as soon after this ordinance takes effect as practicable, and on or after the first day of February in each year hereafter to assess each stockholder upon the shares of the stock estimated at the market value on the first day of February 1907, and on the first day of February in each year hereafter, a tax at the same rate per (\$100.00) of the said market value thereof as is imposed by this ordinance on other moneyed Capital in the hands of individuals residing in this City, and it shall further be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to make out four assessment lists and give one to such bank or banking association, trust or security company, shall be notice to the bank or banking association, trust or security Company, of the tax assessed against its stockholders and each of them, and have the legal effect and force of a summons upon suggestion formally issued and regularly served, the tax assessed upon each stockholder in said bank or banking association, trust or security company shall be the first lien upon the stock standing in his name and upon the dividends due and to become due thereon, no matter in whose possession found, and have priority over any and all liens by deed of trust, mortgage, bill of sale, or other assignment made by the owner, holder, and take priority over all liens by garnishment or execution, attachment process sued out by the creditors of the Stockholder, the bank or banking association, trust, or security company, shall hold the dividend or other fund which belongs to the stockholder and in its custody at the time the assessment list is received, or that shall thereafter come under its control for the use of the city; and apply the same to the payment of the taxes assessed and where thus applied shall be acquitted and [Page 89] discharged from all liability to the stockholders for the money thus disbursed; provided, that after making report to the Commissioner of the Revenue, any bank or banking association, trust or security company, on or before the first day of June in each year, which shall so elect, may pay the taxes assessed against the stockholders directly to the City Treasurer, but should said bank or banking association, trust or security company fail to elect and pay to the said City Treasurer the tax amount against its stockholders on or before the first day of June in each year, then it shall be the duty of the Collector of City Taxes and Levies to collect said taxes therein assessed, and to this end levy upon the stock of the tax payer or so much thereof as is necessary to pay said tax, and sell the same at public auction for cash, as other chattels and personal property are sold under execution. He shall give the purchaser a bill of sale made under his hand and sale, the bank or banking association, trust or security company, in which such stock stands, on presentation by the purchaser of his bill of sale, shall cause the stock therein described to be transferred to said purchaser and he shall take a clear and unencumbered title to the stock purchased.

Should the taxes assessed against stockholders evidenced by the lists aforesaid be not paid or collected as hereinbefore provided, the list aforesaid shall stand and be treated and have the legal effect of tax tickets

regularly made out against each of said stockholders named in said list as to which tax the right-of-levy and distress had accrued to the City and the Collector of City Taxes and Levies shall proceed to collect the same by levy or distress and possess all and singular the authority conferred upon him by law to collect other city taxes.

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

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

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

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

Income

§5. Upon all incomes in excess of \$600.00 as defined in Schedule D of the General Tax bill of the State of Virginia aforesaid, taxable in the City of Fredericksburg and not exempt from taxation there shall be a tax of \$1.40 for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

All persons, firms and corporations engaged in business in this City or having an office in this City not herein specially provided for, shall turn in for taxation their capital, stating of what it consists and [Page 90] distinguish between tangible personal property and choses in action and real estate, and when such capital consist in whole or in part of the tangible personal property or choses in action, it shall be taxed at the rates hereinbefore provided for; provided, however, that such capital is not hereinafter exempted from taxation and a license tax placed in lieu therefor.

§6. Upon any property taxed by the State and not included in the foregoing, the tax shall be (\$1.40) for every one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the assessed value thereof.

A deduction of 5 per cent shall be made on all taxes paid on or before the 15th of October of the year for which the same shall be levied; and on all taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th of October there shall be added 5 per cent penalty and 6 percent interest thereon from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City.

Taxes imposed by the sections above shall be payable in National currency of the United States and in the coupons of the 7 percent bonds of the City matured, or maturing on the first day of November next thereafter and the coupons of bonds of the city which have matured.

Licenses

Be it further ordained that for the year beginning the first day of May 1907, and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force, there shall be an annual license tax assessed against and paid by all persons, firms, corporations or associations engaged in this City in the different descriptions of business, professions and occupations named in this ordinance and enumerated below for the year beginning the first day of May 1907 and for each year thereafter while this ordinance is in force as follows, to be assessed and collected at the following rates and paid on or before the first day of May of each year.

Merchants

§7. On every license to a merchant or mercantile firm, the tax shall be graduated as follows;

Where the amount of purchases for the year ending April 1st 1907 did not exceed (\$2000.00) the tax shall be \$15.00

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

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

Commission Merchants

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

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Peddlers

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

Patent Rights

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

Land Agents

§11. On every agent for the sale of real estate, residing or doing business in or keeping an office in this City, (\$50.00). Not prorated.

Book Agents

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

Auctioneers

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

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

Retailers of Tobacco

§14. No person not a producer shall be allowed to sell by retail tobacco, snuff, cigarettes, or cigars without having obtained a specific license to do so. The sum to be paid by retailers of tobacco, snuff, cigarettes or cigars shall be for said privilege a specific tax of (\$5.00) which shall be assessed and collected as other assessments upon licenses but which shall not be in lieu of Merchants licenses on purchases.

Junk Dealer, Canvassers for Junk etc

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

Common Crier

§16. On every common crier, (\$25.00). The term "Common Crier" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and a common crier shall have like privilege and none other and be subject to like restrictions under his city license as under a State license. No persons, firm, or Corporation by virtue of a license to conduct such business shall be authorized to confer such privilege on any other person, firm, or corporation not duly licensed under this section.

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Ship Brokers

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

Stock Broker and Private Banker

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

Pawn Brokers

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

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

Building and Loan Association or Companies

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

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

Insurance Brokers

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

Mercantile Agencies

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

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Undertakers

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

Barbers

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

Contractors

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

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

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

Architects

§27. On every architect (\$20.00). The term "architect" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and an architect shall have like privilege and none other under his city license as under a State license.

Not prorated.

Houses of Private Entertainment

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

Eating Houses

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

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Bowling Saloon

§30. On every bowling saloon (\$10.00). Any person who shall keep a saloon for the reception of company to play at bowls shall be deemed to keep a bowling saloon.

Billiard Saloon

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

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

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

Theatres, Shows, Circuses, etc.

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

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

The specific license tax on every Circus and on the exhibition of a menagerie (\$50.00) per day; on the outside shows, whether attached thereto or not (\$5.00) each per day; and on every Circus parade in the City of Fredericksburg, whether a free show or not; (\$50.00), without the payment of which the Mayor shall not issue permit for such parade, provided that when in any case, a license tax as hereinbefore

provided shall have been paid on a Circus, no tax shall be required or exacted on the parade of said Circus.

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

The specific license tax on every theatrical performance of any kind, professional juggler, necromancer, Negro Minstrel Show, concerts, lectures or other exhibitions or entertainments of like kind (\$3.00) for each exhibition, (\$12.00) for six consecutive days by the same exhibitor, but when such exhibition, performance, or lecture is held or given for any charitable or literary purpose within this City to such charitable or literary purpose the Mayor shall have power and authority to give a permit for such exhibition, performance or [Page 95] lecture free from all tax or charge, and every license included in the above clause shall only be granted upon the order of the Mayor, and each exhibitor shall pay the City Collector the sum of seventy-five cents (75¢) for collecting, provided that said Collector has to leave his regular place of business to make such collection. Such license tax shall be paid to the City Collector before any exhibition.

Hobby Horses, Merry Go Round or other machines

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

Attorneys, Physicians, Dentists, etc

§35. Every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, Surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, who has been licensed for less than five years shall pay (\$15.00), and every attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, Surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, who has been licensed for five years or more shall pay (\$25.00). The terms "attorney-at-law, conveyancer, physician, dentist, surgeon, osteopath, optician, oculist, surveyor and civil engineer, as used in this ordinance shall be construed as defined in the State Tax Bill; and the license herein required shall not be sufficient for any partnership, but each and every member of any partnership or firm shall be required to take a separate license therefor.

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

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

Vendors of Medicines, Salves, Liniment, etc

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

Daguerrean and Photograph Artists and their Agents

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

Agents for Renting House

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

Labor Agents

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

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

Storage and Impounding

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

Livery Stables, Vehicles, etc

§42. On every keeper of a livery or feed stable (\$50.00), and on all vehicles [Page 310] for hire, not owned by a livery or feed stable keeper shall be paid the specific tax of (\$4.00) on each one horse vehicle, and (\$8.00) on each two horse vehicle.

On every milk wagon, from which milk is sold or delivered in this City there shall be a license tax of (\$5.00).

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

§43. Persons other than merchants at the regular place of business selling or offering for sale sewing machines and accessories in this City, shall pay a license tax of (\$15.00).

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

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

Peddlers of Manufactured Implements & Machines

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

Slot Machines

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

Dealers on pistols, dirks, or Bowie Knives

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

Liquor License

§48. On every person selling by wholesale wines, ardent spirits, malt liquors, or any mixture thereof \$160.00. But where a person sells only malt liquors by wholesale the tax shall be (\$150.00)

Retail liquors including the privilege of drinking where sold (\$350.00). Retail Malt, (\$350.00).

On every person distilling or manufacturing ardent spirits (\$100.00); and manufacturing malt liquors (\$100.00). On every rectifier (\$50.00)

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Social Clubs

§49. On every social club (\$2.00). For each and every person a member of such social club that said tax shall not exceed (\$350.00). The term "social club" shall be construed as defined in the State Tax bill, and the said club or the members thereof shall have like privileges and none other and be subject to the same restrictions under a City license as under a State license.

Bill Posters

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

Steamboats

§51. Any steamboat Company or any person, firm, or corporation operating a steamboat who shall engage in the business of receiving property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg, to be carried or delivered to a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, engaged in the business of delivering property or persons or both in the City of Fredericksburg from a point outside of said City, but within the State of Virginia, shall pay for doing such business, but not including any business of delivering property or person in the City of Fredericksburg from a point without the State of Virginia, or of receiving property or persons in the City of Fredericksburg to be delivered at a point without the State of Virginia, and not including any business done for the Government of the United States, its officers or agents, a license tax of (\$40.00), and if more than one steamboat is so operated (\$10.00) on each additional boat shall be paid.

Express Companies

§52. On every express company doing business in this city for business done exclusively in the City, not including business done to and from points without the state or business done for the Government of the United States, its officers or agents (\$100.00). And in default of payment of the license tax herein imposed for thirty days after the same becomes due, a penalty of double the amount of the tax hereby imposed shall be incurred, and shall be paid by such defaulting company.

Telegraph Companies

§53. Any person, firm, or Corporation who shall engage in the business of sending telegrams from the City of Fredericksburg to a point within the State of Virginia, or receiving telegrams in the City of Fredericksburg from a point in the State of Virginia excepting, however, telegrams sent to or received by the Government of the United States or their agents or officers, shall pay a license tax of (\$35.00).

Telephone Companies

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

§55. Any telephone company of person, or firm furnishing telephones and doing the business of furnishing connection for conversation between two points one of which is within the City of Fredericksburg and the other of which [Page 98] is without the City of Fredericksburg, but within the State of Virginia, but not including any business done for this State or the United States or their officers or agents, shall pay a license tax of (\$15.00), but this tax shall not be required of any person or company which pays a license tax for doing a telephone business between points in the City of Fredericksburg as required in the preceding section.

Agents Canvassers, etc.

§56. On every "agent" for copying pictures (\$15.00). On each agent of each insurance company represented (\$35.00). On each Life Insurance doing business in this City (\$50.00) for each company. On each solicitor for accidental health or liability insurance (\$15.00). On all claim and collection agencies or agent (\$25.00). On each detective agency (\$25.00) or on each detective (\$10.00). On each lightning rod agent having an office in or putting up work in this city (\$15.00). Canvassers or agents not otherwise provided for (\$15.00). Licenses under this section 56 shall not be pro rated.

Bakers and Confectioners

§57. On every person keeping a bakery or manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants (\$15.00). On every persons delivering bread from house to house and not licensed as a baker, (\$15.00).

Hotels

§58. On every person keeping a hotel, (\$25.00), but this license shall not cover the right to sell wines, spirituous or malt liquors. On every person keeping a boarding house (\$10.00), any person other than the keeper of a hotel, eating house or restaurant who shall furnish for compensation board or lodging to more than three persons shall be deemed a boarding house keeper.

Itinerant Doctors

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

Oysters and Fish

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

Railroad Tickets

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

Medicines

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

Shooting Galleries

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

Dealers in Futures

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

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Guarantee Insurance Companies

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

Wagon Yards

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

Fortune Telling and Palmistry

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

Ice Dealers

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

Electric Light and Power

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

Advertising Distributors

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

Soda Fountains

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

Job Printing

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

Kerosene and other illuminating oils.

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

But this section shall only apply to any person, firm or corporation producing, refining, or manufacturing the oil it sells or offers to sell [Page 100] or to any person, firm or corporation who store its oil in stationary tanks within or outside of the Corporate limits of the City and transports the same by means of tank wagons or in barrels through the streets of the City for the purpose of distribution or delivery of the oil to purchasers thereof at the place of business of said purchasers.

Hucksters

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

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

Plumbers, Fitters, etc

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

Marble, Granite, or Stone Yards

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

Pop, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla or other Aerated Water

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

Shoeing Horses

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

Bricks

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

Paving, etc.

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

Hokey Pokey, Ice Cream, etc.

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

Supplying Water in Pipes

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

Trading Stamps

§83. On each company or person engaged in the trading stamp business in this City there shall be a license tax of (\$350.00), which shall not be pro-rated. On each agent of any such company, or persons having such agency in this City, there shall be a license tax of (\$350.00); which shall not be pro-rated. [Page 101]

Any person who receives and exhibits or distributes prizes for any such stamps for said company, or who for compensation receives for such company money or stamps, shall be deemed to be an agent for such company.

Auction Sales

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

Baby Racks and other games

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

Itinerant Musician

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

Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company

§87. On every license to an Industrial or Prudential Insurance Company, or an Aid Society, doing business in this City, or any person or firm acting as a principal agent or solicitor for any such company or society, there shall be a specific tax of (\$15.00) and in addition thereto there shall be a specific tax of (\$10.00) for each and every additional agent, solicitor, or collector employed by such industrial Insurance Company, or Aid Society, or its principal agent. But a license to do business as either an industrial or Prudential Insurance Company or Aid Society, or as its principal agent of either shall entitle the holder to do business as both without paying additional license tax.

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

Livestock Insurance

§88. On every license to a person or firm to act as an agent or solicitor of a livestock insurance Company, not having its principal office in this City, there shall be a specific License tax for doing business in this City of (\$15.00) per annum for each company represented. No pro-rata, not transferable.

Receiving and Distributing Brokers.

§89. Every person, firm or corporation doing business in this City who receives or distributes provisions or merchandise including flour [Page 102] hay, or grain shipped into this State for distribution on account of the Shipper and receiver or compensation therefor, whether in the way of profits on such sales or otherwise, and whether he invoices such sales or not, and whether he collects the money therefor or not, shall be deemed a broker who receives or distributes such articles and shall pay a license tax of (\$25.00).

No pro rata.

But only one license shall be required for both receiving and distributing such articles when both are done by the same person or Corporation.

Street Merchants

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

Swings

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

Skating Rinks

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

Dyeing, Cleaning, Pressing Clothes

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

Sample Merchant

§94. On each sample merchant selling to customers there shall be a license tax of (\$20.00). No pro-rata.

Bicycle, Lock or Gun Repair Shop

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

Persons selling by sample card, etc

§96. On each and every person selling direct to customers by sample, card or representation, or taking orders for any article from consumers at the place of business of the persons so offering such article for sale, there shall be a license tax of (\$3.00) per day or part thereof. No pro-rata. Not transferable.

Song Books

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

General Provisions

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

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

§100. All other license taxes imposed by this ordinance are subject to a pro rata deduction when the same are issued after the beginning of the year to which this ordinance applies, provided that the tax on the license issued shall always be assessed as of the first day of the month in which issued and shall cover the period until the 30th of April next succeeding.

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

The Commissioner of the Revenue shall thereupon notify the applicant of the amount of the license tax required of him by law, and upon such applicant presenting a receipt from the collector of City taxes and Levies endorsed on the said application, stating that the amount of such license has been paid, the Commissioner of the Revenue shall issue a duplicate of said application, duly signed by him, to said applicant and shall file the original in his office. Such duplicate shall constitute a license to prosecute the

business, employment or profession therein named, unless it be a business for which a license can be granted only on the certificate of the Court, in which case the applicant upon obtaining such certificate, shall be entitled to the license.

§102. Every person, firm, partnership, company, corporation or association liable to a license tax under this ordinance, based upon the amount of his actual or probable purchases or of his actual or probable commissions or of his gross receipts from his business or profession or graded in any other way, shall before he shall be granted a certificate for obtaining such license be required to make oath in writing before some notary public or the Commissioner of the Revenue upon forms to be prepared by the City Attorney, under the direction of the Finance Committee of the Council stating respectively the amount of his actual or probable purchases, or of his actual Commissions, or of his gross receipts from his business or any other matter that may be pertinent to the assessment of the tax on said license, [Page 104] provided that in the case of an incorporated company such oath shall be made by the chief officer or agent resident in the City of Fredericksburg or in charge of the business of said Company.

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

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

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

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

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

§106. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed as giving any one the right to sell spirituous, vineous, or malt liquors on Sunday.

§107. As to all questions in regard to the duty and conduct of officers of the City in Collecting and enforcing the taxes herein imposed and in regard to questions of construction and for definition of terms used in this ordinance and the rule and regulations applicable to putting the same in operation, reference is hereby made to the Act of the General of Virginia, for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the current year, or to so much thereof as is applicable to this ordinance. And is not inconsistent with it and the general ordinance of this City; and for the conduct and guidance of the officers of the City and other parties effected by this ordinance, and for fixing their powers, rights, duties and obligations the provisions of said Act of the General Assembly, so far as applicable, are hereby adopted, without being specifically herein quoted.

§108. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Revenue to keep [Page 105] a book in which he shall classify all the branches of business and occupations upon which a license tax is imposed by this ordinance, and show the amount of the assessment made on each quarter, commencing with that commencing on the 30th of April, he shall deliver to the Finance Committee extracts from said books showing the entries therein made during the preceding quarter properly classified. These extracts shall be certified under oath.

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

§110. Every person or firm or corporation commencing business after the first day of May and who shall fail to obtain a license within ten days thereafter, shall be subject to the same penalties as in section 97.

§111. Every license granted for the unexpired term or portion of term heretofore mentioned, shall be charged pro rata, unless otherwise provided; but no license shall be issued for a less sum than (\$2.00), nor granted for a longer period than the first of May following.

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

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

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

§115. Should there be an assessment made and not paid, it shall be [Page 106] the duty of the City Collector to make the collection by levy and sale of goods and chattels of the person assessed as is provided by Act of the General Assembly of Virginia for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes. A commission of 5 per cent shall be allowed on collections so made from default of persons and such collections shall be paid by the person or persons in default.

§116. A discount of 5 per cent will be allowed to all licenses paid on or before May 15th of each year.

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

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

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee asked that Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, give an opinion in regard to the Ordinance in reference to cellar doors and pavements. Mr Fitzhugh said there was an Ordinance which he read compelling the owners of cellar doors to keep the same in repair under penalty.

As to pavements he had consulted Engineer Cutshaw of Richmond Va who stated that it was customary in all cities that authorities provide curbing and gutters, give grades and then compel owners to fill in sidewalks. He said there was plenty of authority for having work done.

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee reported that he had in company of Mr Garner an experienced reliable contractor and builder, carefully examined the toll house at the bridge and found it was not worth repairing. On motion of Mr Young the question of leasing stand or of tearing house down was left with the Committee.

Mr Somerville asked if the Street Committee had taken action in regard to application for planting trees in front of residences on lower Main Street. Mr Embrey said he had received the application marked on it non-approval and sent it to Messrs Rowe and Mills, the other two members. Mr Rowe said he had not seen the application, supposed Mr Mills had it, but when it came up in regular form he thought it would be acted on favorably.

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Mr Young of Light Committee asked for appropriation of \$1,500.00 for the Gas Works, which on motion of Mr Rowe was appropriated by the following recorded vote
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young, Cole
Approved Apr 23th 1907 Thos P Wallace, Mayor

Mr Young of the Light Committee asked for an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the Electric Light Plant which on motion of Mr Rowe was appropriated by the following recorded vote.
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young, Cole
Approved Apr 23th 1907 Thos P Wallace, Mayor

Mr Young of the Joint Committee on Electric Lighting Plant stated that the Joint Committee of Light and Finance would present a report of Expert Trafford in regard to an incandescent lighting plant for the City at a called meeting later.

Mr Young of the Light Committee presented a communication from the Kenmore Shoe Company for increased facilities for power to run their gas engines. He said that the work could be done for (\$500.00).

Mr Bradley moved that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated to the Gas Committee and that said Gas Committee be instructed to expend the same, or so much of it as may be necessary to furnish the desired relief for the Kenmore Shoe Company with a view of extending gas main out the National Boulevard.
Adopted by the following recorded vote;
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Somerville, Young
Mr Dannehl in the Chair
Col Cole asked to be excused and left the Council Chamber

Mr Young of the Gas Committee presented a petition from a large number of property holders in Scattersville, asking for extension of gas mains out the Boulevard.
On motion of Mr Embrey the Gas Committee were instructed to procure an estimate on extending the Gas Mains out the Boulevard as outlined by the Chairman and Superintendent of Gas.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee asked for an appropriation of (\$1,650.00)
On motion of Mr Somerville the sum of \$1,650.00 was appropriated to the Water Committee by the following recorded vote:
Ayes; Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young and Dannehl
On motion the water Committee were instructed to get estimates of cost of extending water and sewer mains along the Boulevard.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported break in trunk or Race way below the railroad. On motion referred to the Water Committee to report on cost of repairing same.
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Mr Lane of the Water Committee report on Water Main upper Main Street that the pipe had arrived and been delivered along the line of the proposed work from Thomas Stone to Germania Mills.

Mr Somerville of Committee on Schools present the following letter from the Clerk of the School Board To the President and Common Council April 17, 1907
Gentlemen: I am instructed by the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of Fredericksburg to inform your honorable body that the terms of office as trustees of Mr Wm H Hurkamp, for the lower district and Mr Isaac Hirsh from the Upper District expired on the 4th instant, and request you to elect their successors. The trustees you elect will hold office for three years, expiring April 4th 1910

Very Respectfully,

S J Quinn, Clerk of Board

On motion of Mr Somerville Wm H Hurkamp was elected School Trustee from the Lower District for a term of three years expiring April 4th 1910.

On motion of Mr Somerville Isaac Hirsh was elected School Trustee from the Lower District for a term of three years expiring April 4th 1910.

On motion the Council then adjourned to meet on the call of the President to legalize the License Tax Ordinance and appropriations over \$1,000.00

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held Tuesday night April 23rd 1907 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present:

E D Cole, President, H Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, A M Garner, J W Masters, H Warden, E M Young

Col E D Cole in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee stated that the law required the license tax bill offered at the last meeting of the Council to lay over for three days, and asked now that it be adopted, as a whole as presented at the last meeting.

Mr Young moved that the License Tax Ordinance as presented and passed at the last meeting of this Council be adopted as a whole. Adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Bradley, Lane, Mills, Garner, Warden, Young, Masters, Cole

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

Ayes; Bradley, Lane, Mills, Garner, Warden, Young, Masters, Cole

Resolved: that the appropriation asked for by the Gas Committee at meeting of Council April 18, 1907 of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated by the Council, and also the appropriation asked for by the Water Committee at same meeting of sixteen hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated.

Mr Young in the Chair

Col Cole read correspondence from Dr C K Massey, Chairman of Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania announcing completion of Ely's Ford Bridge across the Rapidan River, and asking that Fredericksburg's quota of (\$458.00) be paid.

On motion referred to the City Attorney and if approved by him ordered to be paid by the City Treasurer.

Mr Bradley was excused

Col Cole offered an ordinance to abolish the using of roller skates on sidewalks. Referred to Ordinance Committee.

Mr Dannehl came in.

Mr Warden called up the question of increase in the Police Force of the City as recommended by the Committee of Police.

Mr Mills moved and it was adopted that the increase in the Police Force of the City be referred to the Ordinance Committee with instructions to bring in an Ordinance increasing the Police Force from four to six. Adopted. Cole voting no.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Young of Gas Committee reported that work would begin in a few days to lay pipe to furnish increased supply of Gas to Kenmore Shoe Company. He also made statement of cost of material for Gas Mains on Boulevard amounting to (\$2,467.38) the cost of excavation not included. The whole would not over \$3,000.00.

E D Cole President

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held on Friday May 10th 1907 at 4:30 PM o'clock with the following members present: E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, H Dannehl, Henry Warden, E M Young.

President E D Cole in the Chair

The President stated that the Council had been called to hear the report of the Joint Committee on Light and Finance to whom was referred on Nov 15th 1906 a resolution of the Business Men's Association presented to the Council on the above named date in reference to the City establishing an Incandescent Lighting System.

Mr Young, Chairman of the Joint Committee then offered as the report of the Joint Committee, the report of E W Trafford, Electrical Engineer as the report of the Joint Committee on Light and Finance, as their report. Mr E W Trafford then read his report as follows.

Mr E M Young Jr, Chairman Light Committee Fredericksburg Va

Dear Sir: I beg to submit the following report concerning the question of the expediency of your City undertaking the supply of electricity for lighting and power for the private use of your citizens.

I must say at the start that I have no intention of presenting an argument on the policy and theory of municipal ownership or of private ownership of Public Utilities, or of the advantages and disadvantages which each possess, but rather to discuss the matter from an engineering and economic view point, showing you what you can do for your citizens if you determine to enter the field of commercial service. Briefly the conditions existing in your City regarding electrical service are there; the City owns a small Electric Plant operated by water power, and used for Street Lighting purposes only. The plant furnishes service to 89 arc lamps, the lamps and apparatus being capable of furnishing the very highest class of service known, and vastly the superior of any lights in the State of Virginia of which I have knowledge. I mention this because I find that not infrequently it is considered that all arc lights are alike in value and comparisons are made between the sort of an arc light in different places without considering the quality of the arc light.

The number of lights used is very liberal for a City your size and population; for instance you have approximately one half as many lights as the City of Roanoke with five times your population, whilst the cost of your lights according to the figures [Page 111] furnished me, are very much below that charged by private companies to other Cities for vastly inferior lights. On the whole therefore I think you have reason to be satisfied with the results obtained from your Street lighting Plant, even though you have been paying for twice the amount of water power, which you have occasion to use, and have only been able to utilize such power during 35% of the time in which you had it at your disposal.

The use of electricity for commercial use in your City is in a very backward state. I learn from sources which I have every reason to believe reliable that the maximum load does not exceed (60) kilowatts of electric energy (approximately 80 HP). The reason for this limited use of electricity is apparent from an inspection of the rate sheet of the private company now furnishing the service. The prices charged are virtually those which obtained in Cities and Town of your size some fifteen or more years ago, and the old method of charging principally by "Flat rates" is largely adhered to.

I heard many complaints during me brief stay in your City concerning the quality of the service, but in justice to the Company I must say that the only evidence of this which I observed was that the voltage was too high, this forcing the lights to an unusual brilliancy and consequently causing “blackened globes.”

I was not permitted to examine the plant facilities of the Company, but learn that the equipment consists of 1-40 KW and 1-60KW alternating current generators located in separate plants. The general appearance of the distributing poles and wires was such as to indicate that the time had come for a general renewal, much of the wire being of a class which had long since been condemned as dangerous.

It is obvious that in a City the size of Fredericksburg the best interest of the Citizens is to have but one Corporation responsible for the supply of electricity—there is not enough business to divide without a duplication of expense which is unnecessary.

For instance in the question of superintendence, the whole business would justify the payment of a reasonable salary, which would secure the services of an efficient man. If the business be divided you have the choice of paying the salaries of two such men, or smaller salaries to less efficient men who are dear at any price. In station attendance, the linemen the same is also true, that with a division of business the public must in many instances pay for the services of two men where one would be capable of performing the whole work if no division existed.

Assuming therefore that the City shall determine that it is to the best interest of her citizens to furnish all of the lighting and power required within her corporate limits, I will proceed to describe such a plant as I conceive to be proper to supply your present requirements and also the reasonable growth of the business (under the improved conditions of less costly service) for the next five years.

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The size of your plant should be about 180 Kilowatts, of which 60 kilowatts should be reserved for lighting of your streets and 120 kilowatts for commercial service. The figure will provide for the doubling of the present commercial service, and will allow you to continue the present street service until increased lights are desired, at which time you can by improved methods increase the number to (100) lights comparable to those you now have, or 120 lights similar to those in use in Richmond, and to be used in Norfolk.

To develop this 180 Kilowatts of electrical energy, there would be required approximately 270 HP of mechanical power to be delivered either by means of water wheels or some other source of power.

If water power be used about 340 theoretical water horse power would have to be contracted for, and this brings us face to face with the question of whether or no more water power than 200 horse power covered by the City’s present lease can be secured from the Company owning the Water power.

On this subject my information is diversified. I Am told that the Water Power Company do not want to furnish more than the present quantity that “They can’t spare any more” and also that they want a franchise from the City for furnishing the electric service themselves which would require the use of the same power which they “do not want to furnish” and “can’t spare.”

Before proceeding to definite plans for construction of a plant, it would be well to get a clearly defined statement as to whether the lease of more water power can be obtained, but fortunately it makes very little difference either in the cost of the Plant or in the cost of producing electricity, whether more water power can be procured or no.

When considering the problem of the supply of incandescent lights one must remember that the large majority of lights are in service but for a short period of the day, the maximum load occurring daily in all cases during the first hour or two of darkness during the winter months. As a matter of fact it is only for a period of about three hours per day during the winter months that the power in excess of 200 HP water power which the City leases will be required.

The City can produce power for this “Peak” or maximum load condition by means of Gas engines using illuminating gas from its own Gas Works for less than it would have to pay the Water Power Company on

the basis of the present lease, whilst in the future with increased business the use of producer gas would very materially reduce the expense. If for the use of more water, I think it would be better policy to do so. The changes contemplated in your Electric plant are as follows:

Replace the present water wheel with a pair of 21" cylinder gate wheels of most modern type including new wheel case, steel supporting beams draft tubes, new governor of most approved type.

Directly connect to shaft of water which [with] a 125KW 60 cycle 3 phase 2300 Volt alternating current electrical generator, equipped with a [Page 113] 7½KW belted exciter. All erected upon suitable foundations.

Provide a duplicate set of water wheels and electric general similar to above described. Provide suitable switchboard consisting of two generator panels, one feeder panel and one voltage regulating panel and regulator as per Estimate #1 attached hereto.

Provide 1-76 HP three phase induction motor with starting panel and insulated coupling together with proper foundation and insulated base for direct connection to your present arc dynamo, as per estimate #2.

Provide a supplemental plant consisting of 1-11x12" 3 cylinder gas engine operating at a speed of 300 RPM directly connected to a 70 KW 3 phase alternating generator as before described with exciter, switch board, foundations, piping and building, as per estimate #3.

Provide additional poles to these now owned by the City, and run necessary primary and secondary wires thereon, also transformer for 3000 incandescent lamps and also necessary lamps and meters as per estimate #4.

The cost of the whole work described if done in an economical manner including Engineering and contingencies should not, in my judgment exceed the sum of (\$35,000). If given out as a lump contract to a general contractor the price would probably be about ten percent greater. Estimate #5 gives a summary of the various items of cost.

Concerning the revenue which the City must derive from the Plant in order that its expenses may be met, it is obvious that the division of cost between the private consumption and that used for street lighting may be made in such manner as the City thinks best, for instance the City might charge the private consumer two-thirds of the price which they are now paying, in which event it is believed that revenue so derived would be sufficient to pay the entire expenses of the Plant or they might charge one-half of the prevailing prices for private service which would leave a balance of approximately (\$3,000) per year as the cost of street lighting. I would suggest the following as probably equitable to the citizen who uses electric light and those who do not:

Sale of 3000 incandescent lights at a rate to produce an average revenue of 22 cents per light per month	\$7,920 pr annum
Sale of 20 HP (only) of commercial power for 300 days pr year at 4 cents pr Kilowatt hour	\$1,800 pr annum
Amount chargeable to Street lighting	\$3,333 pr annum
Approximately \$33.60 per light pr annum	

Comparing these rates with those prevailing in Richmond would show that the average rate proposed for Fredericksburg is about 8% higher, but it must be borne in mind that my estimate for your City contemplates an almost insignificant power load for the present and also that you would be distributing electricity on a very much small scale, also the fact that I do not anticipate that any municipally owned plant would be permitted to discriminate among its customers to the extent which privately owned plants do. For instance, the rates in Richmond for a large consumer are only one-fourth that charged [Page 114] to the ordinary small consumer. If the Richmond rates were applied to such business as you will have in Fredericksburg, it would be found that the resulting revenue would exceed the sum which I have named by a considerable amount.

A comparison of the revenue upon which I have estimated with the charges made by the present company operating in your city will prove interesting and is shown in Estimate #8.

Concerning the question whether your City should or should not grant a franchise for supplying your citizens with light and power, I have no remarks to make. But I would state emphatically that in my judgment no franchise should be granted by any City for an enterprise of this nature which does not reserve the right upon the part of the City to regulate from time to time the charges to be made and also to require changes and improvements with the advance of the Art.

I would also express the opinion that if a franchise is to be granted that you do not adopt the fallacy of selling the same. No City can derive an advantage from the sale of a franchise to a private Corporation, which the citizens do not pay more dearly than if the City had simply issued a like amount of bonds and borrowed the money.

A moment's thought will show that if a private corporation be required to pay a certain amount for a franchise, they would simply and properly charge up the amount against their capital account, and once charged there, the Citizens must pay interest thereon at not less than the legal rate of interest during the life of the franchise. Further the Citizens must pay directly or indirectly a sufficient amount annually to cover a sinking fund to retire the principal.

It matters not to a private corporation what price they pay for a franchise, the law will protect them in their right to receive a proper annual return on all money so expended. Therefore if you grant a franchise, the best policy it to give it freely, or sell it for a nominal sum—whilst if you want money for your Treasury, you can better afford to issue bonds and finance your own loans.

The same argument applies to the lease or sale of your plant. You can receive nothing therefore for which your citizens will not have to pay directly or indirectly, and it matters not to a private corporation whether the amount be large or small, whether the plant is valuable—or a mere scrap heap—they can simply pay your price and you—by your citizens pay interest and redemption thereon during the life of the franchise. I say nothing of the possibility of “High Finance” by which you may find that every dollar you receive is capitalized at several times its value, on all of which interest is charged, until the law—in the shape of receivership or otherwise perhaps by legal “rate regulation” terminates the extortion.

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In conclusion, the results of my investigation may be briefly summarized as follows:

- (1) The rates now charged for electric service to the citizens of Fredericksburg by the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Plant are abnormally high when consideration is taken of the character of the construction and facilities for the cheap production of electricity prevailing in your City.
- (2) that by reason of such unfavorable rates your citizens are deprived to a large extent from partaking in the benefits pertaining to the use of electricity.
- (3) The City of Fredericksburg is in a good physical position to establish a plant to furnish electricity to its citizens at substantially one half of the rates now charged and by so doing will also reduce the cost of its present system of street lighting.
- (4) The cost of a first class plant for such purpose in conjunction with the City's present Electric Plant would be from \$35,000 to (\$40,000).
- (5) The question whether more water power than that which the City has a right to under its lease can be obtained has no material bearing on the case.
- (6) If after due deliberation it is determined that it is expedient to grant a franchise for furnishing electricity to either the parties now supplying electricity in Fredericksburg or any other parties, it is recommended that the right to fix and limit the charges to be made by said Corporation from time to time, should be reserved by the City.
- (7) In view of the economical manner in which your present Electric Plant is operated and the fact that you are obtaining better street lights at less cost than are, or have been furnished by any private Corporation in the State, you should in any event continue to own and control your own Street Lighting system and in no even is it possible by the sale of the plant or by the sale of a franchise for your citizens to gain a financial advantage for which they will not have to repay the purchaser of said plant and franchise both principal and legal interest.

(8) In the estimate given no consideration is paid to the use of Electricity in place of the steam power. That a further saving is possible is obvious. It is further clear that you must either secure more water power for these works or continued to use steam at considerable expense.

(9) Owning your Gas Works which you have recently extended at a large expense you would be acting in direct opposition to the experience of the large cities if you permitted an aggressive Electric Light competitor to enter the field.

I desire to express my appreciation of the courtesy extended by yourself, the various members of the Committee and other gentlemen of the City Council in assisting me with all the information at their command.

Very respectfully submitted

E W Trafford, Consulting Engineer

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Estimates

#1.a Cost of Equipment Water Power Plant

2 pairs of 21" cylinder Gate horizontal turbines with new wheel cases, steel supporting beams, draft tubes, shafts, couplings, governors, pumps, changes to flume	\$7,043.
2—125KW 60 cycle, 3 phase, 2300 volt alternating current generators with bare shafts and bearings for direct coupling to water wheels, with 2-7½KW exciters, wiring foundations and erection.	\$6,610
1 Switchboard complete consisting of panels for generators and exciters, feeder panel, voltage regulating panel and regulator erected complete	\$1,472.
	\$15,125
Allowances for contingencies and engineering	\$1,512
	\$16,637

#2. Cost of equipment Arc System

1-75HP 2300 volt, 3 phase induction motor, 60 cycles, 850rpm with special panel foundation for motor and arc dynamo, including insulated base	\$856
And coupling freight, hauling, wiring & erection	\$240
	\$1,096
Contingencies and engineering	\$110
	\$1,206

#3. Cost of supplementary Plant

1-110HP 3 cylinder Gas Engine for direct connection to Electric Generator, 300rpm with armature shaft, bed plate and outboard bearings also self starting equipment	\$5,100
1-70KW alternating current electric generator or corresponding to generators in water power plant with exciters	\$1,950
Switchboard complete	\$550
Building, Foundations, piping, miscellaneous	\$1,050
Engineering and contingencies	\$865
	\$9,515

#4 Cost of poles, wires, lamps, meters, etc, additional poles, primary and secondary wires, cross arms, insulators & stringing wire	\$2,660
	\$932.80
Line from supplementary plant to Water Power Plant, Transformers, meters & lamps	\$4,340.00
	\$7,933.80
Engineering and contingencies	\$793.28
	\$8,726.08

#5 Summary of Cost

Estimate #1. Water Power Plant equipment	\$16,637
Estimate #2. Arc Light Equipment	\$1,206

Estimate #3. Supplementary Plant	\$9,515	
Estimate #1. Wires, poles etc	\$8,726	
Total cost of imp contemplated by report [Page 117]		\$36,084

#6 Annual Cost of Operations

Labor

1 Superintendent	\$1,500	
1 Lineman @ \$65.00 mo		
1 Lineman @ \$50.00		
2 Station attdts @ \$60.00		
1 Clerk & Collector @ \$50.00		
Equal to \$285.00 mo	\$3,420	\$4,920 pr annum
Water Power 200HP @\$9.00		\$1,800
Supplies, Lamps and repairs		\$1,330
Gas used in supplementary plant @ 75¢m		\$405
Horse and wagon keep		\$240
Insurance, miscellaneous and office supplies		\$950
		\$9,645
Interest 5% old bonds \$12,000	\$600	
Interest 4% new bonds \$35,000	\$1,400	
Sinking Fund & depreciation 3% on entire bond issue	\$1,400	\$3,410
Total annual expense of operation		\$13,045 pr annum

Estimate of Revenue derivable from plant

From 3000 incandescent lights at 22¢ per 16CP light per month	\$7,920	
From sale of power equal to 20 HP use during 10 hours per day 300 days per annum	\$1,800	
	\$9,720	
Balance chargeable to Street Lighting	\$3,335	\$13,055

No allowance for power furnished water department

Power load would very probably largely exceed the sum named in a short while

Comparison of Rates of Rappahannock Plant with those proposed for the City

Long hour costs, 120 hours use per lamp per month

No of Lights	Rappahannock Co		City of Fredericksburg
	Flat rate	meter rate	Meter rate 6cts KW hour
1.a	\$1.25	\$1.33	\$.40
2.	2.25	2.67	.80
3.	2.75	3.66	1.20
4.	3.40	5.24	1.60
5.	4.00	5.38	2.00
6.	4.50	6.31	2.40
7.	5.00	7.33	2.80
8.	5.50	8.02	3.20
9.	6.00	9.01	3.60
10.	6.60	10.00	4.00
11.	7.20	10.99	4.40
12.	7.50	11.98	4.80

15.	9.00	14.95	6.00
20.	11.10	19.90	8.00
24	12.50	19.90	9.60

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Average short hours river,--50 hours use per lamp per month. (per report basis) 8cts pr Kilowatt hour
 Rappahannock Co meter rate City meter rate 6cts KW hour

1.	\$0.53	\$0.22*
2.	\$1.10	\$0.44*
3.	\$1.65	\$0.66*
4.	\$1.98	\$0.88*
4.	\$2.49	\$1.10
6.	\$2.99	\$1.32
7.	\$3.48	\$1.54
8.	\$3.98	\$1.76
9.	\$4.47	\$1.98
10.	\$4.95	\$2.20
11.	\$4.84	\$2.42
12.	\$5.28	\$2.64
15.	\$6.60	\$3.30
20.	\$8.25	\$4.40
24.	\$9.89	\$5.28

*minimum bill should be \$1.00

No meters are furnished by Rappahannock Co unless minimum of \$5.00 per month guaranteed. Company also charges meter rent of 10 cents per month on all meters which they furnish.

On motion of Mr Mills the report was received.

Mr Mills moved that the Electrical Engineer's report which has been received as the Joint Committee's report on Incandescent Lighting Plant be published, by the Finance Committee in both of the City newspapers, so that the public can be informed as to its provisions. Adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes; Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden (5)

Nos; Lane, Bradley, Young, Cole (4)

Mr Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Warden presented the following resolution;

Resolved that the Joint Committee of Light and Finance ascertain and report what Mr Trafford will charge for investigating the cost and advantages resulting from the consolidation of the Water, Gas and Electric Light Plants.

Mr Trafford, on being asked if he considered said plan feasible said "No."

Mr Warden said if the Council would pass the resolution he would take Mr Trafford over the ground and he thought he could convince him that it is feasible. On this statement of Mr Warden the resolution was adopted.

Mr Mills offered the following resolution which was adopted;

Resolved: that the report of Engineer Trafford be referred to [Page 119] the joint Committee on Light and Finance for consideration and report at the next meeting of the Council. The resolution was adopted

The rules were suspended and Mr Lane of Water Committee had read a letter from the Quartermaster General's office of the War Department refusing permission to lay water, gas and sewer pipes along the Boulevard, but said pipes can be laid on the 15 foot strip along Boulevard.

He also reported cost of laying water pipe on the proposed extension in Scattersville to Weedon Street.

Corner Prince Edward and Frederick Sts to Boulevard	338 feet
Boulevard from Prince Edward St to Weedon Street	1500
	1835 feet

33 tons 6" cast iron pipe at \$38.00 pr ton	\$1,254	
Labor in laying pipe	260	
1500 lbs lead @ 7 cents pr pound	105	
100 lbs packing @ 7 cents pr pound	7	
Tees, bends, &c	21	
Supply pipe, joints, brass and labor	150	
100 stop boxes	65	
Incidentals	138	\$2,000

And sewer extension to Willis Street from Shoe Factory

3737 ft 8" pipe @ 14 cts pr foot	\$383.18	
182 Y's @ 21 cts each	\$38.22	
2848 ft 6" pipe @ 8 cts pr foot	\$227.84	
200 1/8 bends	\$20.00	
40 elbows	\$6.00	
Lumber from bracing ditch, say	\$40.00	
5 bbls cement	\$11.25	
Labor for digging and laying pipe	\$699.00	
5 manholes @\$12.00	\$60.00	
Incidentals	\$114.51	\$1,600

On motion the report was received.

On motion the council was adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber May 16, 1907 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present: E D Cole, H B Jane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, H Dannehl, Warden, Young, seven members (7)

President E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular adjourned and called meetings read and a slight change ordered in minutes of April 18, 1907, instead of License Tax Ordinance, as recorded it be Personal Property & License Tax Ordinance. The minutes were then approved.

Vice President Dannehl in the chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the Ely's Ford Bridge matter had been approved by the City Attorney and the sum of \$458.00 paid by the City of Fredericksburg Va as the part that the City agreed to contribute towards the construction of said Bridge.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills, which on motions were ordered paid.

Kishpaugh	100 copies Personal Property & License Tax Ordinance	\$18.75
Kishpaugh	50 copies Swine ordinance	\$.75
Approved by the Clerk		\$19.50

Col Cole presented the following communications which were read by the Clerk
 To the President and Members of the City Council Fredericksburg Va May 14, 1907

Gentlemen: I notice now the improvements on Washington Avenue have been completed and opened to the public.

I consider my property damaged and would be glad that you have the matter adjusted at once, as I do not wish to go to law about this matter.

Trusting you will give this matter your prompt attention, I remain very truly yours Geo E Jacobs

Gentlemen: I wrote you last October about the damaged condition of my lot on the Avenue and in reply you said the matter would be taken up without further delay and that you would do what was proper. I did not think I would have to make another appeal to you—but since then I have heard nothing from you, and my home is still in the same dreadful condition that it has been for twelve months. Now that the work on the Avenue is completed I know that you will not wish to postpone the matter longer. I wrote to ask you to let me know when you will repair the damages. Will be obliged if you let me know, by a reply tomorrow. I hope you will remember that I am a woman with no one to look after my interests [Page 121] and am entirely at your mercy.

May 16, 1907 Yours Respectfully, Mrs P A Clore

Mr Lane moved and it was adopted that both communications be received and referred to the Street Committee to confer with the City Attorney and report back to the Council.

Mr Mills presented the following communication which the clerk read:

Mr Edgar Mills of the Street Committee May 17th 1907

Dear Sir: Some time back I understand the matter of improving Lewis Street between Winchester and Washington Avenue was referred to your Committee and as yet there has been no action taken toward putting that Street in proper condition and as it now stands it is a disgrace to the City. As you are well aware most everyone going to Washington Avenue uses Lewis Street and the existing condition does not provoke favorable comment.

The sidewalk is in bad condition and unless immediate action is taken I would not like to say how long there will be any walk there at all. This Street was cut down and the pavement is falling in and I would ask that your Committee bring the matter before the Council, and I would pray for some relief from the existing conditions.

I am opposed to going into Court to adjust the matter as I believe the Council will treat fairly with me in this matter and will be ready to meet me in any improvement.

It is necessary that there should be a curb and gutter put in, and should the City be willing to bear the expense of putting in a granolithic walk four feet wide, I will be glad to go to the expense of grading my property and resetting my fence on the curb line.

I realize that this will be an expensive job for me but am willing to go to the expense, for the benefit of the improvement and convenience of having a decent walk, not only for my own convenience but as well for every resident on Washington Avenue. Should this be done, it will be necessary for me to take down the granite retaining wall which was put up some years ago at an expense to me of about (\$40.00).

Trusting that you will bring this matter to the attention of the Council, and endeavor to have them take some action without compelling me to seek the Court, I am,

Very truly yours, Clarence R Howard

On motion received and referred to the Street Committee to confer with the City Attorney and report to this Council.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported on the cost of repairing raceway or canal below the rail road, referred to the Water Committee at the last meeting to report cost of repairing the same.

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Estimate for repairing small canal from Frederick Street to below Chas Miller residence

Mr H B Lane, Chairman Water Committee May 16, 1907

Dear Sir: I respectfully submit my report of the estimated cost of repairing canal from Frederick Street to below Chas Mills' residence, which is as follows:

16 pieces	4x4x16=	341ft	@\$20.00 pr M	\$6.82
182 pieces	2x12x16=	2912ft	@\$20.00 pr M	\$58.24
12 pieces	2x12x16=	384ft	@\$20.00 pr M	\$7.85
1 keg nails				\$2.65
Labor for constructing				\$24.00
Repairing Stone Walls about				\$50.00
				\$149.39

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn, Supt.

On motion of Mr Dannehl the report was received. The Committee instructed to have the work done, and the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated to the Water Committee to pay for said work.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee offered the following ordinance referred to the Ordinance Committee at the last meeting of the Council.

Chapter No 12. Section No 8

If any person shall run any hand cart, hand wagon, or wheel barrow, or ride any bicycle or roller skates on the sidewalks of the City or Pavement around any public monuments, he or she shall forfeit and pay not less than 50¢ or more than (\$5.00).

Henry Dannehl, H B Lane, Henry Warden (Ordinance Committee) May 16, 1907

On motion of Mr Young adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Young (5 votes)

Nos, Warden and Dannehl (2 votes)

Mr Dannehl offered the following ordinance referred to his Committee at the last meeting of the Council:

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that Section 2 of Chapter 8 of the Ordinances of the City be re-enacted so as to read as follows:

The regular Police force shall consist of six officers, three from each ward, to be elected by the Council and in case of emergency the Mayor may appoint so many Special Policemen as the public safety may require; Provided that he shall report said appointments to the next meeting of the Council for its confirmation or disapproval; and provided further [Page 123] that the services of said Special Officers shall be promptly disposed with when the emergency ceases, or the Council so directs. The compensation of such Special Officers shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents per day, and shall be paid only upon the order of the Council.”

Henry Dannehl, H B Lane, Henry Warden (Ordinance Committee) May 16, 1907

On motion of Mr Warden adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Row, Mills, Dannehl, Warden and Young (6 votes)

Nos, Cole (1 vote)

Col Cole in the Chair
Committees called no report to make
H Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole moved and it was adopted that the question of taking a census of the City be referred to the Public Interests Committee to report.

James Shelton resigned as Scavenger from the lower ward. Adopted to take place when successor is elected.

R L Carneal made application for Scavenger from lower ward. On motion of Mr Mills action was deferred for 30 days.

Mr Warden offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Public Property Committee be and is hereby directed to have constructed a ventilating flue or shaft to ventilate the Council Chamber, the office of the Mayor and the room over said office. That this shall be three feet square, inside, and be lined and covered with galvanized iron.

That the connections with each room shall be two in number, one at the ceiling and one at the floor, each two feet square.

That each opening shall be provided with a door or valve, so that the flow of air may be properly regulated.

After some discussion it being brought out that the Public Property Committee were maturing plans for the improvement of the Council Chamber and Mayor's office.

Mr Warden then offered as an amendment that the Public Property Committee report at the next meeting of the Council their plans, including ventilation, for the improvement of the Council Chamber and Mayor's office. And it was adopted.

Mr Dannehl moved and it was adopted, that the Joint Committee on Gas and Water secure from the War Department a permit to run Gas and Water pipes out the Boulevard on the 15 foot reservation and report.

Adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber June 20th 1907 at 8 PM with the following members present; E D Cole, President, H Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Henry Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that at the meeting of the Council in May, the Mayor failed to make [h]is report on the Police and that the officers had drawn their salaries from the Treasurer and the Finance Committee had endorsed the action of the Treasurer, and two or three days after the last meeting of the Council the Mayor handed the Finance Committee his report as follows:

May 16, 1907 To the President and Common Council

Gentlemen: The Police Officers of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

My Young moved and it was adopted that the report be received and further that this Council ratify the action of the Finance Committee and Treasurer in paying the salaries of the Police Officers for the month of May.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report for month of June 1907 as follows:

To the President and Common Council: June 20, 1907

Gentlemen: The Police Officers of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully performed their duties and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Bradley, the Mayor's report was received and salaries of Police officers ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bills of Registrars

John J Berry Upper Ward \$6.90

J Fred Brown Lower Ward \$7.30

On motion bills of registrars were ordered paid.

E D Cole, President in the Chair

To the President and members of the City Council June 20, 1907

Your Committee on Public Property reports a total expenditure [Page 125] during the past year of (\$1,997.76) voucher for which expenditures are in the hands of the City Treasurer, R T Knox, properly certified. The amount appropriated for the Public Property Committee was (\$2,150.00) this leaves a balance unexpended of (\$152.24)

Respectfully W E Bradley, Henry Dannehl, A M Garner (Committee)

On motion of Mr Rowe the report was adopted by the Council unanimously

Mr Bradley of Public Property Committee reported that the Court House had been repainted and put in good shape at a cost of (\$342.00) and that his Committee would consider further the repairing of the old Toll House.

Mr Bradley presented the following from the Band:

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: The undersigned, known as the "Fredericksburg Band," would respectfully state that they have been organized now about two years and that their purpose is to furnish music in and for the City of Fredericksburg; that they have practiced and have spent largely of their own means of buying the necessary instruments and music for a first class up-to-date band, and have also spent largely of their own means for suitable and presentable uniforms.

The band is necessarily run at considerable expense not at all commensurate with the income received and feeling that the Band is more or less of a public institution, not at all self-supporting, it respectfully petitions you, for an appropriation toward bearing its expenses, and to purchase music, and would ask that you appropriate for it the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

In return for this appropriation the Band will pledge itself to give ten (10) concerts in the Public Park in the Summer and Fall of this year, 1907.

Respectfully, Chas E Cole, President, J H Patterson, Treasurer, E A Solon, Business manager, C G Heflin, Secretary.

Mr Bradley moved that the sum of (\$150.00) be appropriated to the Public Property Committee to be paid on their order to the Fredericksburg Band. (\$75.00) on July 1st 1907 and (\$75.00) on Oct 1st 1907 for a series of ten (10) concerts to be given in the Public Park during the Summer and Fall.

Adopted by recorded vote: Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, and Cole

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported that he had a request from Mr Bradley to use 300 cu yds of clay from Wash Ave Extended. On motion of Mr Garner referred to the Street Committee with power to act.

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

For the period from July 1st 1906 to June 30, 1907

Amount of bills paid to date	\$3,022.38
Unpaid bills due W S Embrey	\$233.55
Unpaid bills due E W Mills	\$107.94
	\$3,363.87

Amount spend around Mercer Monument	\$390.00	
Amt piping Hawk Street near Wash Ave	\$107.94	
Amt improvement around Duck Pond	\$411.00	\$908.94
		\$2,455.93

Appropriation for maintenance of Streets	\$2,850.00
Amount expended on Streets	\$2,455.93
And there has been spent	\$3,363.87

Making \$908.94 spent on Wash Ave and Duck Pond leaving a balance over appropriation of \$513.87

Over paid	\$172.38
Due Mr Embrey	\$233.55
Due E W Mills	\$107.94
Work done on Hawk due	\$741.87

Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, E W Mills, J P Rowe (Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and the sum of \$741.87 appropriated to the Street Committee.

Mr W S Embrey of Streets reported on Washington Ave extended that all of the owners had accepted the valuation of the Commissioners except Mrs Swift-Padberg.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee made final report on Washington Avenue improvements.

The City of Fredericksburg Va to McDonnell & Musselman Dr

To grading 1394 cu yards	@45cts	\$627.30
To circular curb 87'-0"	@70cts	\$60.90
To Street curb 962'-0"	@60cts	\$577.20
To sidewalk 445 yds	@1.37½	\$613.31
To gutter 292 2/3 sq yds	@1.38	\$403.87
To macadam 2500 sq yds	@72¢	\$1,800.00
To concrete alley way 11½ sq yds	@2.00	\$23.00
To Kenmore Entrance 14 sq yds	@2.50	\$35.00
		\$4,139.58

Approved E T D Myers Jr C W Engineer for Mary Washington Improvements Final Estimate

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Total amount of contract of McDonnell & Musselman

for work on Mary Washington Avenue	\$4,139.58
Inspector Kalmbach's salary	\$82.50
Inspector Willis's salary	\$304.00
To amt due Engineer Myers	\$187.88
Total	\$4,713.96
Amount placed to the credit of Wash Ave Imp	\$2,000.00
	\$2,713.96
Total amount contract – McDonnell & Musselman	\$4,139.58
Amount paid McDonnell & Musselman	\$2,500.00
	\$2,639.58

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: The undersigned Committee on Streets begs leave to report that the contractor for the work on Washington Avenue have completed said work, and that the same has been accepted and approved by Engineer E T D Myers, as will appear from the paper accompanying this report, signed by said Engineer showing that contractors McDonnell and Musselman are entitled to the sum of (\$4,139.58), of which amount they have received (\$2,500.00)

Your Committee further reports that after said work had been accepted by the Engineer said Committee discovered that the face of the roadway was not firm, and in some places had been displaced and hence the Committee requested the Engineer to revisit and further inspect the work, which he did and frankly informed the Committee that the work had been done according to the specifications, but that the specifications drawn by himself according to approved standards had failed to meet his expectations, and that a further application of crushed granite and further rolling, at a cost to the City of about (\$150.00) would be necessary.

Your Committee asks that they be authorized to have this work done and be authorized to settle with the contractors in full.

Respectfully submitted W S Embrey, E W Mills, J P Rowe (Committee)

On motion the report was adopted: motion by Col Cole.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair.

Mr Mills asked for an appropriation of (\$2,713.96) for the Mary Washington Avenue Improvements.

On motion the sum of (\$2,713.96) was appropriated to the Street Committee for the Mary Washington Avenue improvements by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

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Mr Mills of the Street Committee reported on the Clore, Jacobs & Howard communications referred to the Street Committee and City Attorney at the last meeting of the Council. He said the City Attorney was present and he would be glad for the Council to hear his views on the matter. Mr Fitzhugh stated that it was his opinion that the Council should refer these matters to the Street Committee and two other citizens whom with the permission of the council he would suggest and named M G Willis and S W Somerville and said he would gladly meet with the Committee.

Mr Dannehl moved and it was adopted that the communications concerning damaged property on Washington Avenue be referred to the Street Committee and M G Willis and S W Somerville to examine and report with recommendations.

Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted that the Street Committee proceed at once to apportion the cost of Granolithic work in front of abutting property on Mary Washington Ave and place the bills in the hands of the City Collector for collection.

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, made a report in reference to the damages to the Joe Russell property caused by the overflow from the Street. That he had examined the property and proposed to compromise the matter by the City paying Russell (\$100.00) or (\$75.00) and costs.

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that the Treasurer be instructed to honor Mr Fitzhugh's order for the cost of settlement of the Joe Russell damages.

Mr Dannehl moved and it was adopted that the Street Committee be requested to secure and present plans and specifications and probable cost of the work of draining the Duck Pond section of the Town and that they have power to consult an engineer and at next meeting of the Council.

Mr E M Young of the Light Committee reported on Gas Works

Mr E M Young, Chairman Light Committee Fredericksburg Va June 20 1907

Dear Sir: Attached hereto is the report for the fiscal year showing an account of expenses and receipts, also of gas made, sent out and etc.

The Works are in first class condition, no serious trouble of any nature has occurred during the past year. Some minor repairs have been made, but these are only the general wear and tear due to operation and must be made to keep the plant up to the high point of efficiency it was when [Page 129] turned over by the engineer of construction.

The large leakage shown is partly due to old and worn out meters, but these are fast being replaced and by another year should all be in good condition.

Our expenses are somewhat heavier than the past few years, but most of this was spent in improvements and getting more business, and I think our receipts show that this expense was justifiable. Our receipts from gas alone being (\$3,130.16) more than the previous year.

Respectfully, B F Bullock Supt

Expenses Operating

Coal	\$1,138.02	
Freight	\$2,235.08	
Handling same, extra labor	\$88.65	
Labor, firing and yard work	\$1,834.00	
Supplies	\$237.11	
Repairs	\$156.11	\$5,688.97
Distribution		
Pipe & fittings	\$326.26	
Freight & drayage	\$67.17	
Supplies	\$204.80	
Mains & services	\$151.25	
Setting meters & complaint work	\$189.13	\$938.61
Office		
Printing and Stationary	\$74.42	
Advertising	\$160.00	\$234.32
Meters		
New	\$106.69	
Repairs	\$227.13	\$333.82
Improvements		
Lumber	\$371.53	
Labor	\$226.74	\$598.27
By products		
Barrels	\$40.00	

Freight	\$11.95		
Extra Labor	\$13.00		\$64.95
Welsbach lights			\$599.89
Superintendent			\$1,000.00
Total			\$9,458.43
Receipts and Inventory			
From Gas turned into Treasurer			\$11,925.44
Collectable bills on hand	\$96.66		
Bad bills on hand	\$2.26		
From Coke			\$1,084.10
From Tar			\$517.45
Tar on hand 4,000 gal @4¢	\$160.00		
Welsbach Lights			\$395.72
On hand	\$225.00		
	\$483.92		\$13,923.71
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Amount brought forward	\$483.92		\$13,923.71
Old Brass			\$14.00
Tin			\$5.00
Oxide bags returned			\$21.93
Iron at old gas plant			\$316.55
			\$14,281.19
Inventory			\$483.92
Grand Total			\$14,765.11
Works Report			
Gas made station meter		12,076,300 cu ft	
Correcting temperature use work &c		337,600	
Gas sent out		11,738,700 cu ft	
Sold Consumer meters		9,951,200 cu ft	
Loss		1,687,500 cu ft	
Loss 13.1% of make			
Coal carbonized	1,284 tons		
Made yield pr lb	4.74 cu ft		
Sold pr lb	3.87 cu ft		
Cost of manufacture pr M cu ft sold			62.2 cents
Cost of distribute pr M cu ft sold			25 cents
Cost in total			95 cents
This does not include interest on bonds, water bills, no Taxes			
Amount of Coke sold	21,682 bu		
Amount of Coke used	20,974 bu		
Amount of Coke made	42,656 bu		
No of meters set last report	482		
No of meters set this report	544		
Gain in Gas sold for year over last		25.77%	
Report of pipe to Kenmore Shoe Co			
Wrought iron pipe	\$109.14		
Glamor Gas Pipe and Foundry Co	\$17.80		
Freight & drayage	\$9.07		

Cement	\$3.40
Tools & etc	\$23.89
Pay roll	\$187.86
This work is complete	\$351.16

On motion of Mr Masters the report was received

Annual report of Electric Light Plant year ending June 30th 1907

Amount of appropriation	\$4,150.00
Amount spent	\$3,821.69
Balance unexpended	\$328.31

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Expended as follows

Superintendent Salary	\$900.00
Water Power	\$950.00
Lamp Trimmer	\$420.00
3 additional lamp poles wire, etc	\$225.00
Engineering service	\$150.00
Supplies, repairs, labor	\$1,176.69

We have now in operation 88 Arc Lamps

The water wheel at our plant now is a complete wreck and some action must be taken or we are liable to be without light at any time.

Very respectfully, E M Green, Supt

On motion of Mr Dannehl rec'd and ordered filed

Mr Young from the Joint Committee on Light and Finance reported as follows.

The Committee on Light and Finance to whom was referred the report of Electrical Engineer Trafford for consideration and report on May 10th 1907 would report that after going over the matter very carefully and taking all the circumstances under consideration, they recommend that the above Joint Committee of Light and Finance be authorized to purchase a wheel or set of wheel sufficient to run the present plant and in purchasing said wheel or wheels to have in mind the enlargement and improvement of said plant.

E M Young, S W Somerville, W E Mills, H B Lane

Mr Dannehl moved and it was adopted that the Joint Committee on Light and Finance be instructed to bring in estimate of cost.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Water Committee reported annual report of Supt of Water Works and Sewers for the year ending June 20, 1907.

Mr H B Lane, E D Cole and J W Masters, Committee on Water

Gentlemen: With the close of the year, the 23rd year of the operation of the City Water Works, we are glad to report every thing in good condition, with a creditable balance of net proceeds placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

The statistical part of this report shows the amount expended in every department, including extension of Mains and general repair, together with the enclosure of both reservoirs and laying and lowering the pipes on Washington Avenue to conform with grade established by engineer for the improvements thereon. The amount paid out this year for sprinkling streets amounting to (\$132.00) for some reason has been charged to the [Page 132] running expenses of the Water Works, which has not been done heretofore, and reduces our balances in hand to that extent; our books showing a credit to the running expenses of the works of (\$87.37) the appropriation being (\$2,000.00).

They also show a balance to the credit of (\$2,000.00) appropriated for the extension of the Main Street line of (\$291.14).

Proper vouchers can be found in the Treasurer's Office of all expenditures made and for purposes made. I have also, in my office, receipts from the Treasurer for all moneys collected and turned over to him both for water and sewer.

The number of taps made this year is 41, making the total number of water taps in the town 1368.

In addition to furnishing a full supply of water for domestic purposes, fire and the different manufactories of town, we are also furnishing all the public buildings and some semi-public buildings as well as the supply for Street Sprinkling, without any credit to the Works.

I mention this because it has been the opinion of some of the Committee that in order to show the entire income from the Works, that the water thus used should be paid for, and reported as receipts of the Water department for each year.

I also report the sewer in as good condition as when constructed, except a break in the pipe near the mouth of Hazel Run. The Water at the break while bubbling up from the pipe finds its way back into the sewer and empties itself into the River.

I do not see that there would be any further injury by waiting a short time for repairs, which would be had to do as long as we have so much water in the River. This break is about 40 feet from the River, and in order to repair it we will have to wait till the water is low in the Summer season, and then run iron pipe to the River instead of sewer pipe; and place it on timbers, so it cannot give way or be moved by the action of the water in time of freshet or by the tides.

The amount collected from the connection Sewer Tax for the year, which has been paid over to the Treasurer, and receipted is \$732.18. I herewith furnish you with a statistical report of all work done during the year and expenditures therefor, which I hope you will find satisfactory and will meet your approval.

Statement of expenditures of City Water Work for July 1, 1906 to June 20, 1907

Cost of fencing Upper Reservoir	Labor	\$12.38	
Cost of fencing Upper Reservoir	Lumber & etc	\$6.74	\$19.12
Cost of fencing Res at Pump House	Labor	\$98.19	
Cost of fencing Res at Pump House	Wire & etc	\$57.90	
Cost of fencing Res at Pump House	Lumber & etc	\$131.49	\$287.58
			\$306.70
Supt Salary from June 1 st 1906 to June 1, 1907			\$900.00
Blak & Co for parts of pump			\$102.93

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Cost run pipe for Washington Avenue	\$136.31
Cost run fittings Washington Avenue	\$27.70
Stop boxes, Galv pipe, etc used on Wash Ave	\$24.34
1-4in fire hydrant used on Wash Ave	\$23.00
Lead used in joints used on Wash Ave	\$38.18
Labor for laying pipe used on Wash Ave	\$90.84
This amount (\$1,650) erroneously charged to Water expenses	\$1,650.00

Account for which appropriation was made April 18, 1907

Street Sprinkling

1906 July 2	\$4.50
1906 Oct 1	\$15.00
1906 Nov 3	\$7.50
1906 Dec 5	\$19.50
1906 Dec 29	\$15.00
1907 Mar 9	\$10.50
1907 Mar 30	\$10.50

1907 Apr 30	\$19.50	
1907 Jun 1	\$30.00	\$132.00
		\$1,782.00

Six inch Water pipe, Main Street		
25 pigs lead	\$164.00	
5 hydrant & plugs & etc	\$1,017.17	
6in pipe and fittings	\$161.02	
Shovels and picks etc	\$15.28	
Sharpening files	\$4.45	
3in gutter wheels and packing	\$6.16	
6in and 3in valves	\$28.50	
4in 1/8 and 1/4 bends	\$12.70	
5 pieces 2in pipe	\$6.44	
2-4in fire hydrants	\$48.77	
Labor laying pipe	\$196.96	
Wood, oil, drayage	\$13.37	
Freight and drayage on pipe etc	\$33.14	\$1,708.86

		\$3,490.86
Total expenditure to June 20, 1907		\$5,403.49
Actual cost of operation		\$1,912.63

Appropriations		
1906 Jul 1 for operation of water works	\$2,000.00	
1906 Jul 1 for extension 6" Mains up Main St	\$2,000.00	
Amt erroneously charged	\$1,650.00	\$5,650.00
Total disbursements		\$5,403.49
Bal to credit of Water Works		\$246.51

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Recapitulation for year ending June 20, 1907		
Total receipts from July 1, 1906 to June 20, 1907		\$9,007.08
Expenditures for operation	\$1,912.63	
Interest on original 5% \$30,000 bonds	\$1,500.00	
Superintendent's salary	\$900.00	\$4,312.63

Appropriation for six in water pipe ext on Main St		\$2,000.00
Amt expended of appropriation		\$1,708.86
To the credit of appropriation		\$291.14

Appropriation to Water Works July 1, 1907		
For running expenses		\$2,000.00
Amt expended		\$1,912.63
Bal to the credit of Water Works		\$87.37
Bal to the credit of 6" pipe extension		\$291.14
		\$378.51

The Water Works has now to its credit and according to the Treasurer's books, \$246.51, when the amount should be \$378.51. The difference being \$132.00 which amount was charged to the Water Works for Street Sprinkling and for which there was no appropriation made.

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn, Supt
 On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and files.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee presented petition asking for extension of Sewer on Lewis St from Winchester to Washington Avenue.

June 20, 1907

Messrs H L Lane, E D Cole, J W Masters

Gentlemen: The sewer asked for by Mr Hugh D Scott from Mrs Bear's house up Lewis Street to those recently purchased by him will be 331 ft long. Sewer pipe 8 inches in size and 84ft of 6in laterals.

The cost of 331 ft 8 inch pipe	18¢ per foot	\$59.58
The cost of 84ft 6in laterals	10¢ per foot	\$8.40
Cement for laying		\$2.00
Labor for laying pipe		\$65.00
		\$134.98

There are 6 houses on the street on the line, and if subject to the Tax would be \$12.00 annually.

Very Respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt

Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted that the Water Committee be instructed to do the work asked for as soon as sufficient Sewer funds are available.

Mr H B Lane of Water Committee asked for an appropriation of \$505.60 for the completion of extension of 6in water pipe on upper Main St. On motion of Mr Dannehl the appropriation was made by the following vote: Ayes Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole.

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Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee, stated that his report would be made at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr Dannehl presented a petition from R A Kishpaugh asking permission to erect an electric sign.

On motion of Mr Young, the Ordinance Committee was requested to bring in an ordinance for regulation of such signs.

Mr Garner of Auditing and Claims presented his report on paper from the State Corporation Commission, referred to his Committee April 18, 1907. That his Committee had checked the Assessments made against public works and found the same correct.

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Rowe of the Alms House Committee reported

Hon Mayor and Common Council June 20, 1907

Gentlemen: The Alms House Committee respectfully reports that they have expended during the year the sum of \$1,314.62. The accounts and vouchers are in the hands of Treasurer Knox. This leaves an unexpended balance of \$185.38, the appropriation being (\$1,500.00).

We began the year with nine (9) inmates

Received during the year seven (7) inmates

Discharged

By Death four (4) inmates

By Release five (5) inmates

Present number of inmates seven (7)

Respectfully submitted J P Rowe, W E Bradley, E D Cole

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and filed.

Mr E W Mills of Public Interests Committee reported as follows;

Your Committee on Public Interests begs leave to report that their expenditures for the past year, according to vouchers files, amounts to &73.36 out of an appropriation of \$200.00 which had previously place to their credit, leaving balance to the credit of the Committee of (\$126.64).

Your Committee takes pleasure in stating that as a result of this expenditure they have secured appropriations from the Federal government in the past year to the amount of \$227,700; as follows

Public Building	\$40,000
River & Harbor improvements	\$177.700
National Boulevard	\$10,000

Respectfully submitted, E W Mills, W S Embrey, J W Masters.

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

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Your Committee on Public Interests as instructed beg leave to report that, under the law an official Census of this City, is allowed to be taken under the authority of our Corporation Court, or its Judge. We believe that such a census accurately and fully taken will be for the very best interest of this town. By it we can get a larger appropriation for a public schools and it will place us as a city in our proper place.

We are informed that this Census can be taken for a sum, not to exceed (\$300.00), that will include the pay for the enumerators.

The publication of the Census and the printing we believe that the good accomplished by this Census will far exceed this cost, and we therefore ask that the following resolutions be adopted by this Council.

The Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, hereby petitions and makes application to the Corporation Court of this City, the Judge thereof, that a Census of this City be had and taken under the provisions of Section 1013, Chapter 44, Code of Va 1904, provided that all the cost and expenses of taking the same shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00)

Respectfully, E W Mills, W S Embrey, J W Masters

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

Mr Mills of the Public Interests Committee reported that his Committee thought it wise to defer the plans for the Public Federal Building, but felt unauthorized to do so. Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that the Committee on Public Interests be instructed to ask the proper authorities to withhold the plans for new Federal Public Building until after Congress meets, and that they use every effort to secure further appropriation.

Mr Warden of the Health and Public Committee asked to be allowed to make its report at the adjourned meeting which was granted.

Mr Somerville for Committee on Schools reported;

Col E D Cole & members of the Council June 20, 1907

Gentlemen: Notwithstanding the usual economy used by the Board in the School year just closing, we find that our appropriation is not sufficient to carry the board to the first of August; the end of our fiscal year.

The Board therefore ask the small additional appropriation of (\$50.00)

Very Respectfully, S J Quinn, Clerk

On motion the sum of (\$50.00) was appropriated to the School Board by unanimous vote of the Council.

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Mr Somerville of the School Committee reported as follows:

To the Chairman and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Schools report that the following amounts have been expended

Amount for Normal school (\$250.00) amount appropriated to enable the schools to square up last years arrearages Aug 16, 1906 (\$100.00).

In addition to the above (\$3,000.00) has been placed to the credit of the School board. (\$450.00) has been placed to the credit of the Finance Committee for Ten (10) scholarships in Fredericksburg College.

Respectfully, S W Somerville, J P Rowe, Henry Warden (Committee)

On motion the report was received and ordered filed.

Mr Somerville of the Joint Committee on School Building reported that his Committee had secured plans and he presented bill of architect, E G Heflin for the sum of (\$350.00) the price agreed upon.

On motion the bill of E G Heflin was ordered paid.

Mr Mills moved and it was adopted that the Joint Committee on New School building be instructed to recommend a site for the New School building, and report at next meeting.

Mr J W Masters of the Fire Department reported;

To the Mayor and Common Council June 20, 1907

Gentlemen: We your Committee on Fire, beg leave to present herewith our report for the year ending June 20, 1907

Amount of Appropriation	\$200.00
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To disbursements	\$147.72
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Balance in the hands of the Treasurer	\$52.28
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J W Masters, A M Garner, E M Young Jr (Committee)

On motion of Mr Somerville the report was adopted

Mr Rowe moved to go into the election of Scavenger for the Lower Ward and it was adopted

The Clerk read the application of R L Carneal and Joseph Hicks

A ballot was taken and said R L Carneal received all but one vote and was declared elected.

Mr Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Warden offered the following which on motion of Mr Mills was referred to the Ordinance Committee to report back.

Resolved: that there shall be added to the rules of order for the government of the Council, contained in Chapter 1 of the book of Ordinances, a rule to be known as Rule No 29. Said Rule to read [Page 138] as follows:

No new Ordinance or amendment to an existing ordinance, no proposed contract, the execution of which will involve an expenditure of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, shall be considered unless there shall have been supplied to each member of the Council, not less than two weeks before such ordinance, amendment or contract is to be considered a copy of the new Ordinance, or of the proposed amendment, or of the Contract, specifications and drawings or plans.

Mr Warden offered the following, which on motion of Mr Cole was referred to the Street Committee to report back.

Resolved: That the City Surveyor be, and is hereby directed to make such contour map of the City as will give accurately the intersections of the contours with the side-walks and streets, the contour lines between the houses or building lines, to be laid down approximately.

Mr Cole of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had examined in company with the City Attorney, two tax bills sent in by the Corporation Commission against the People's Steamboat Company after the Company ceased all operations here and are supposed to have been made merely upon existence

of the Charter. The said Tax bills, one for 1903 for \$100.00 and one for 1905 for \$140.00 were carried in the City Tax Collector's books. He asked that these bills be discharged from the Collector's books and turned over to the City Treasurer and his receipt taken for them

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted that the City Collector be instructed to discharge said Tax bills from his books and turn the same over to the City Treasurer and take his receipt for the same.

On motion the Council then adjourned to meet on Monday night, July 1st 1907 at 8 o'clock PM

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber, July 1st 1907 at 8PM with the following members present; E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, J W Masters, H Warden, E M Young, Jr—11 members (11)

E D Cole President in the Chair

The President state that this was an adjourned meeting to hear the report of the Finance Committee

Henry Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Warden, Chairman of Health and Police Reported:

To the President and members of the Common Council:

Your Committee on Health and Police reports the following expenditures during the year just ending:

W G O'Donnell, cleaning policeman's uniform	\$.50
J T Layton & Son pants for Policemen	\$26.00
B Goldsmith & Son uniforms	\$109.00
B Goldsmith & Son	\$27.50
J N Barney disinfecting apparatus	\$24.40
H Genter Policemen's belts	\$4.00
B Goldsmith & Son uniforms	\$76.00
Standard Oil Company Crude oil	5.97
Total expenditures	\$273.37
Appropriation	\$200.00
Henry Warden, Henry Dannehl	\$73.37

On motion of Col Cole the report was received and the sum of seventy three 37/100 was appropriated to the Committee on Health & Police by the following recorded vote of the Council:

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Young

Report of the Finance Committee of the City Council for the year ending June 30th 1907 and the Sewer Tax levied for the fiscal year commencing July 1st 1907 and ending June 30th 1908.

Fredericksburg Va July 1st 1907

To Honorable Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report for the year ending June 30th 1907 embracing settlements of accounts of the City Collector, A P Rowe, and City Treasurer, R T Knox, whose reports are adopted as a part of this report

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Fredericksburg Va June 24, 1907

Messrs E D Cole, W S Embrey, H B Lane, Finance Committee City of Fredericksburg Virginia

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of Collections of Revenue for the fiscal year ending June 24th 1907. The amounts derived from the different sources are given separately and I am gratified to report larger collections than ever before, and a smaller delinquent list.

I am pleased to report all improved pavement bills assessed for 1904 settled. For the year 1905 I still hold one bill unpaid and also one for 1906. Both of these are against a party who makes a small claim against the City. The matter is in the hands of the Street Committee, and, as soon as, an adjustment is arrived at the paving accounts for Main and Commerce Streets will be definitely closed.

All licenses are paid with one exception. In this case an indictment has been brought in and the matter is in the hands of the Court.

The following itemized statement shows the receipts and balance for all of the different accounts.

Respectfully submitted A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes.

City Taxes collected for the year ending June 24th 1907.

On assessments of 1906	Real Estate	\$21,399.92	
On assessments of 1906	Personalty	\$8,550.94	
Total		\$29,950.86	
Less 5% discount		\$1,497.54	\$28,453.32
On assessments of 1906 after Oct 15 th	Real Estate	\$1,667.04	
On assessments of 1906 after Oct 15 th	Personalty	\$188.89	
Total		\$1,855.93	
Add penalty and interest		\$152.50	\$2,008.53
Sewer Tax to Oct 15 th		\$1,606.41	
Sewer Tax after Oct 15 th		\$127.10	\$1,733.51
Improved Pavement Bills 1904	\$16.51		
Add interest	\$2.02	\$18.53	
Improved Pavement Bills 1905	\$48.42		
Add interest	\$2.23	\$50.65	
Improved Pavement Bills 1906 (no dis)		\$1,816.36	
Improved Pavement Bills 1906	\$116.92		
Add interest	\$1.98	\$118.90	
Sale of Bricks from Bradford pavement		\$19.00	\$2,023.44
General Licenses fr Jun 26, 1906 to Apr 30, 1907		\$393.84	
Dray Licenses fr Jun 26, 1906 to Apr 30, 1907		\$27.00	
Licenses for Opera House exhibitions		\$60.00	
Licenses for Circuses and small shows		\$168.00	
General Licenses 1907/08	\$13,461.90		
Less 5% dis	\$673.09	\$12,788.81	
		\$13,437.65	\$34,218.80
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Amount carried forward		\$13,437.65	\$34,218.80
General Licenses 1907/8 after May 15 th		\$282.17	
On dray Licenses 1907/8	\$104.00		
Less 5% dis	5.20	\$98.80	
On dray licenses 1908/8 after May 15 th		\$28.00	\$13,846.62
Rent of City Hay Scales for 1907			\$87.00
Total for 1906/7			\$48,152.42
On Assessment of 1905		\$28.40	
Add penalty & interest		\$2.50	\$30.90
On Assessment of 1904		\$7.69	

Add penalty & interest	\$.98	\$8.57
On Assessment of 1903	\$4.41	
Add penalty & interest	\$.98	\$5.39
On Assessment of 1902	\$6.93	
Add penalty & interest	\$1.66	\$8.59
On Assessment of 1901	\$4.95	
Add penalty & interest	\$1.41	\$6.46
On Assessment of 1900	\$.62	
Add penalty & interest	\$.23	\$.85
Total Collections from all sources		\$48,213.28

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg Virginia by delinquents for the years 1883 to 1906 inclusive \$32,370.78

To amount of books of 1906			
By Collections to Oct 15 th 1906	\$28,453.32		
Add 5% deducted	\$1,497.54		
By Collections after Oct 15 th 1906	\$2,008.53		
Deduct penalty & interest	\$152.50	\$1,856.03	
By delinquent Real Estate bills			
Turned over to the Treasurer June 24, 1907	\$269.09		
By bills exempted by Court	\$158.90		\$32,234.88
Amount delinquent			\$135.90
To Sewer Tax Books of 1906			\$1,755.25
By Collections to Oct 15 th	\$1,606.41		
By Collections after Oct 15 th	\$127.10		
By delinquent sewer bills turned over to Treas Jun 24, 1907	\$18.88		
By sewer bills exempted by Court	\$2.86		\$1,755.25
To Improved pavements			\$30.40
By collections	\$18.51		
Bill of S S Bradford released by City Council	\$13.89		\$30.40
Improved pavement bills 1905			\$101.91
By collections	\$50.65		
Deduct Interest	\$2.23	\$48.42	
Bill of Bradford released by City Council	\$13.90		\$62.32
Amount Delinquent			\$39.59
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Improved pavement bills 1906			\$1,986.81
By collections	\$1,816.36		
collections	\$118.90		
Deduct Interest	\$1.98	\$116.92	
Bill of Bradford released by City Council	\$13.90		\$1,947.18
Amount Delinquent			\$39.63
Amount on books 1905			\$283.57
By collections	\$30.90		
Deduct Interest	\$2.50	\$28.42	
Bill released by Council People's Steamboat Co	\$140.00		\$168.40
Amount Delinquent			\$115.17
Amount on books 1904			\$96.35
By collections	\$8.67		

Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$.98	\$7.69
Amount Delinquent		\$88.66
Amount on books 1903		\$144.42
By collections	\$5.39	
Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$.98	\$4.41
Bill released by Council People's Steamboat Co	\$100.00	\$104.41
Amount Delinquent		\$40.01
Amount on books 1902		\$83.91
By collections	\$8.59	
Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$1.66	\$6.93
Amount Delinquent		\$76.98
Amount on books 1902		\$83.91
By collections	\$8.59	
Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$1.66	\$6.93
Amount Delinquent		\$76.98
Amount on books 1901		\$82.23
By collections	\$6.46	
Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$1.51	\$4.95
Amount Delinquent		\$77.28
Amount on books 1900		\$28.80
By collections	\$.85	
Deduct Penalty & Interest	\$.23	\$.62
Amount Delinquent		\$20.18?
To Amount on Books 1899		\$14.16
To Amount on Books 1898		\$7.81
To Amount on Books 1897		\$5.31
To Amount on Books 1896		\$4.82
To Amount on Books 1895		\$5.26
To Amount on Books 1894		\$3.04
To Amount on Books 1893		\$3.54
To Amount on Books 1892		\$2.28
To Amount on Books 1891		\$1.24
To Amount on Books 1890		\$2.04
To Amount on Books 1889		\$.93
To Amount on Books 1888		\$.86
To Amount on Books 1887		\$2.92
To Amount on Books 1886		\$2.13
To Amount on Books 1885		\$.80
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To Amount on Books 1884		\$1.91
To Amount on Books 1883		\$1.51
Recapitulation of Collections		
On Books of 1906, Taxes, Licenses, Pavement Bills & etc		\$48,152.42
On Books of 1905		\$30.90
On Books of 1904		\$8.67
On Books of 1903		\$5.39
On Books of 1902		\$8.59
On Books of 1901		\$6.46

On Books of 1900		\$.85
		\$48,213.28
Recapitulation of Bills due		
On Books of 1906		\$135.90
On Books of 1906	Improved Pavement	\$39.63
On Books of 1905		\$115.17
On Books of 1905	Improved Pavement	\$39.59
On Books of 1904		\$88.66
On Books of 1903		\$40.01
On Books of 1902		\$76.98
On Books of 1901		\$77.28
On Books of 1900		\$20.18
On Books of 1899		\$14.16
On Books of 1898		\$7.81
On Books of 1897		\$5.31
On Books of 1896		\$4.82
On Books of 1895		\$5.26
On Books of 1894		\$3.04
On Books of 1893		\$3.54
On Books of 1892		\$2.28
On Books of 1891		\$1.24
On Books of 1890		\$2.04
On Books of 1889		\$.93
On Books of 1888		\$.86
On Books of 1887		\$2.92
On Books of 1886		\$2.13
On Books of 1885		\$.80
On Books of 1884		\$1.91
On Books of 1883		\$1.51
		\$693.96

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Report of Treasurer R T Knox

By balance on hand July 1st 1906 and receipts from all sources paid over to Treasurer R T Knox during the year to June 25th 1907

1906 Jul 1 st by balance on hand		\$9,953.15
1907 Jun 24 by receipts from Water	\$9,203.51	
1907 Jun 24 by receipts from Gas	\$12,282.92	
1907 Jun 24 by receipts Welsbach lights	\$396.72	
1907 Jun 24 by receipts from Coke & Tar	\$1,601.55	
1907 Jun 24 by receipts from Taxes	\$29,707.91	
1907 Jun 24 by receipts from Licenses	\$13,501.46	
Receipts fr Delinquent Real Estate 1905	\$268.55	
		\$66,962.62
By receipts fr rent Alms House Field & etc	\$41.00	
By receipts fr fines turned in by the Mayor	\$1,043.71	
By receipts fr dog licenses	\$358.00	
By receipts fr sale old bridge timber	\$46.15	
By receipts fr board at Alms House, Mrs King	\$60.00	
By Bal fr Prem on Bonds funding acct C G & G Bank	\$139.72	

By amt rec'd from Court Officers	\$14.33	
By amt fr Geo Triplett &c	\$4.75	
By amt rec'd fr privilege wires across Free Bridge	\$20.00	
By amt rec'd fr Auditor Capitation tax	\$355.50	
By amt rec'd for fee \$2.31 & Metcalf \$1.00	\$3.31	
By amt rec'd for hire of hay scales	\$82.65	
By amt rec'd for granolithic pavements	\$1,954.52	
		\$4,123.64
total		\$81,039.41
Less amt expenditures for year		\$62,426.72
Amt on hand July 1 1907		\$18,612.69
Robert T Knox, Treasurer		
E & O E		
Fredericksburg, Va		
June 25 th 1907		
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Total expenditures paid out for Corporation of Fredericksburg Va by Treasurer R T Knox from June 25 th 1906 to June 25 th 1907, by order from various Committees as per vouchers in number 2055		
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Water Committee		\$5,403.49
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Gas Committee		\$9,812.72
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Street Committee		\$8,363.30
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Public P Committee		\$2,005.30
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders E Lights Committee		\$3,609.20
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Alms House Committee		\$1,314.62
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Fire Dept Committee		\$147.72
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Public Int Committee		\$73.36
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Health & Police Committee		\$273.37
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Mayor		\$89.25
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders Finance Committee		\$58.62
Jun 24, 1907 Amt paid orders of the Court		\$2,002.10
Amt paid by order of Council	\$5,821.51	
Amt paid by order of Public Schools	\$3,000.00	
Amt paid by order of Normal School	\$250.00	
Amt paid Public School to square up year	\$100.00	
Amt paid Judge Corporation Court		\$9,171.51
Amt paid Judge Corporation Court		\$824.99
Amt paid Clerk of Council		\$125.01
Amt paid Mayor's salary		\$400.00
Amt paid Clerk of Market		\$75.00
Amt paid Commonwealth Attorney		\$392.82
Amount paid coupons counted and destroy by burning		
By Finance Committee per voucher	\$10,369.00	
Amt paid old certificate & Interest fr Voucher	\$62.00	
Amt paid to take up short loan Nat Bank 1906	\$5,000.00	
Nov 1, 1906 Interest on same	\$33.34	
		\$15,464.34
Amt paid Treasurer		\$600.00
Amt paid Policemen		\$2,220.00

	\$62,426.72
July 1, 1907 By balance on hand	\$18,612.69
	\$81,039.41

Robert T Knox, Treasurer

E & O E

Fredericksburg, Va

June 25th 1907

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Report of the Auditing Committee

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

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned members of the Auditing Committee of the City of Fredericksburg, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of Mr R T Knox, Treasurer of said City and have found the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers

The said accounts of the Treasurer's embrace the general accounts of receipts and disbursements, which show a balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the City of eighteen thousand six hundred and twelve 69/100 dollars (\$18,612.69) and also the accounts for Sewer connections, which show a balance to the credit of said account of fifteen hundred and fifty five 08/100 dollars (\$1,555.08)

The Treasurer's books show a balance of two thousand and twenty eight dollars (\$228.00) to the credit of the Sinking Fund for Fredericksburg Sewer Bonds, with Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank.

All the coupons from the various bonds due the City have been destroyed by burning as shown by the voucher given to the Treasurer by the Finance Committee

We have also examined the books of A P Rowe, Tax Collector, S J Quinn, Superintendent of Water and Sewer; B F Bullock, Superintendent of City Gas Works; and found same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully submitted, A M Garner, E M Young Jr, W E Bradley (Auditing Committee)

The report of A P Rowe, Collector, shows the largest collections of the City's revenue and the smallest balance due the City since the Civil War; and your Committee desires in this report to express their commendation of the splendid work of Mr Rowe as City Collector, and also of Mr Knox our most efficient, painstaking and accurate City Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer show that the City has no floating debt and that its revenues are in splendid condition.

Balance on hand July 1 st 1906	\$9,953.15
Receipts from all sources during the year	\$71,086.26
Making a total of	\$81,039.41
Expenditures for the year	\$62,426.72
Net balance on hand July 1 st 1907	\$18,612.69

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A general statement of the Sewer Fund and Sewer sinking fund is as follows:

Total receipts Sewer Accounts	\$2,853.12
Total amount paid out sewer account	\$1,298.04
Balance on hand July 1 st 1907 to Sewer Acct	\$1,555.08

A statement of the Sewer Sinking fund is as follows.

Sewer Sinking fund, R T Knox, Treasurer, in account with Conway, Gordon, and Garnett National Bank

1903 June 18 To Cash	\$180.00
1904 June 27 To Cash	\$180.00
1905 June 17 To Cash	\$180.00
1906 May 2 To Cash	\$180.00

Finance Committee bought Seven \$100.00 bonds		\$700.00
Of Corporation bearing 4% Interest		\$700.00
Balance left on hand		\$20.00
1907 June 18. To R T Knox, Treas, check for coupons on (\$700.00) 4%	\$28.00	
To R T Knox Treas, New Sewer Act for Sinking Fund paid	\$180.00	\$208.00
Bal in bank on hand to credit sinking fund acct per bank book		\$228.00
R T Knox, Treas. New Sewer		

The Planters National Bank, Richmond, Va
City of Fredericksburg, R T Knox, Treasurer
1907 Jan 3 To redeem 2 bonds put in savings department bearing interest, old bonds still out (\$500.00) and (\$100.00) \$600.00

The Farmers and Merchants State Bank, Fredericksburg, Virginia
1907 Jan 16 to check per order of Council per voucher \$2,514.00
Bought the following bonds of State, 3% in hand of R T Knox Treasurer

No 4879	\$1,000.00	
No 4880	\$1,000.00	
No 1736	\$500.00	
No 6246	\$100.00	
	\$2,600.00 @ \$94.50	\$2,457.00

Balance still to credit there \$57.00

Bonded indebtedness of the city as follows

5% Water Bonds	Due 1909	\$30,000.00
4% Gas Bonds	Due 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Bridge Bonds	Due 1920	\$25,000.00
4% Electric Light Bonds	Due 1931	\$12,000.00
4% Sewer, St Imp Bonds	Due 1931	\$18,000.00
4% St Imp Bonds	Due 1931	\$20,000.00
4% Gas & Water Bonds	Due 1935	\$20,000.00
4% Funded debt Bonds	Due 1 May 1936	\$119,400.00

4 notes of \$5,000 each due the National Bank of City and payable \$5,000 Nov 1, 1907, and yearly thereafter until paid bearing interest at 4% \$20,000.00
Total Indebtedness of \$289,400.00

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Your Committee further reports the following ordinance:

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

1st That the following tax on the real estate of the City be assessed, levied and paid for the year 1907-8 to be known as the Sewer Tax, viz; a tax of ten and one half cents on the hundred dollars of value be laid on all the real estate of the City, which tax shall be due and payable on the first day of October next.

On all sewer taxes remaining unpaid after the 15th of October next, there shall be added five per cent and interest from said 15th of October until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the mode prescribed by law and the ordinances of this City

2nd The said sewer tax shall not be subject to the deduction of 5 per cent on taxes paid on or before the 15th of October as provided in relation to the general taxes of the City, nor shall it be payable in other than national currency of the United States.

Your Committee would further recommend the following annual appropriations:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriations be made for the year ending June 30, 1908

Interest on \$30,000	5% water bonds	\$1,500.00
Interest on \$25,000	4% bridge bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$25,000	4% Gas bonds	\$1,000.00
Interest on \$18,000	4% Sewer bonds	\$720.00
Interest on \$12,000	4% Electric bonds	\$480.00
Interest on \$20,000	4% St Imprvt	\$800.00
Interest on \$119,420	4% Funding bonds	\$4,776.00
Interest on \$20,000	4% Gas & Water	\$800.00
Principal (2 nd) bond due Nat Bank \$5,000.00		
And interest one year at 4% on \$20,000.00 \$5,800.00		

Sinking fund on above bonded debt viz:

1% Int	On \$30,000	5% water	\$300.00
1% Int	On \$25,000	4% bridge bonds	\$250.00
1% Int	On \$25,000	4% gas bonds	\$250.00
1% Int	On \$18,000	4% sewer bonds	\$180.00
1% Int	On \$12,000	4% Electric Light bonds	\$120.00
1% Int	On \$20,000	4% Street Imp bonds	\$200.00
1% Int	On \$20,000	4% Gas & Water	\$200.00
1% Int	On \$119,420	4% Funded bonds	\$1,194.00

Salaries

Judge of Corporation Court	\$1,000.00
Clerk of the Court	\$400.00
Sergeant	\$300.00
Treasurer	\$600.00
Commonwealth Attorney	\$400.00
Mayor	\$400.00
	\$22,670.00

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Brought forward	\$22,670.00	
Clerk of the Council	\$125.00	
Clerk of the Market	\$75.00	
City Attorney (approximate)	\$400.00	
Public Schools	\$3,000.00	
4 Police (\$480.00) ea	\$1,920.00	
One Police retired	\$300.00	
Water	\$2,000.00	
Supt Salary	\$900.00	\$2,900.00
Gas	\$8,000.00	
Supt Salary	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00
Alms House	\$1,300.00	
Supt Salary	\$150.00	\$1,450.00
Public Property	\$3,500.00	
Streets	\$2,500.00	
Fire Department	\$200.00	
Health & Police	\$200.00	
Public Interest	\$200.00	
	\$52,340.00	

That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer to pay any amount in excess of appropriations aforesaid, and it shall be his duty to notify the Common Council at the next meeting thereafter if any of these

appropriations are exhausted and not to pay any orders on bills until further appropriations are made to meet them.

Your Committee desires further to summarize a part of the above report as follows:

Aggregate annual interest on the City's bonded indebtedness including the interest on (\$20,000.00) due the Nat Bank is	\$12,076.00
The annual aggregated appropriation for sinking fund in the aggregate bonded indebtedness of the City is	\$2,694.00
To this may be added the \$5,000 bond to be paid the National Bank On November 1 st 1907	\$5,000.00
The net balance of the Treasury, at the close of the fiscal year June 20, 1906 was	\$9,953.15
And the net balance at close this year June 30, 1907	\$18,612.69
An increase of	\$8,659.54

Your Committee further reports that the estate of the late R W Adams, Ex-City Treasurer is due the Corporation a balance of principal and [Interest] about (\$2,302.45), the only asset from which to recover which sum is the interest of the said Adams in some Western land, and the Attorney for the City, together with other attorneys in the case, are at work endeavoring to realize that asset.

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In view of the pressing need of a public school building for the accommodation of the white children of Fredericksburg, your Committee would earnestly report that of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the City as shown by the above report, the sum of Five Thousand dollars be now set aside in anticipation of, and to pay for, the construction of this school building.

Respectfully submitted E D Cole, W S Embrey, H B Land (Finance Committee)

On motion of Mr Bradley, the report was received and adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Dannehl, Young

Mr Bradley offered the following which was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Dannehl, Young

Resolved by the City Council that the Finance Committee is hereby authorized and directed to set apart out of the surplus shown by the report of said Committee, made to the present meeting of the Council, the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) as a fund to be known as the Public School House fund, to be applied in pursuance of future orders of this Council towards the erection of a much needed public school house for the City and for no other purpose and said Finance Committee find a perfectly safe investment of said fund at 3% interest and when such investment is found, said Committee is authorized to draw an order for said amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) on the City Treasurer and said Committee shall report their action here under to the Council.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Young of the Gas Committee reported verbally the[that] his Committee had secured permission from the United States Government to lay Gas-Water & Sewer pipes along the National Boulevard on the fifteen foot reservation.

Mr Warden of the Health & Police Committee had the following read:

Mr H B Lane, Chairman Water Committee June 29, 1907

The corner of 6th Street [Wolfe], which crosses the right-of-way of the short Rail Road leading to Hurkamp's Tannery, continues to old large quantities of semi-stagnant water. This may become a menace

to the public health as the heated season comes on. If possible, will you be kind enough to lay the matter before the Council at the next meeting looking to [Page 151] action as may be necessary to dispose of this water permanently, say by leading it into a neighboring sewer, using the proper pre-cautions to protect the entrance.

Very Respectfully, J N Barney (Health officer)

On motion of Mr Bradley referred to the Water Committee with power to act.

Mr Bradley moved and it was adopted by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Dannehl, Young

That the salary of the City Treasurer be raised from six hundred dollars per annum to seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum from July 1st 1907.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee requested that the Council would hear the City Attorney on the question of repairing side-walk. This Mr Fitzhugh did, in his usual clear and forcible manner, but no action was taken.

Mr Dannehl also read a proposed ordinance, relative to privies on lots in the City, referred to the Ordinance Committee to report on March 21st 1907, with the recommendation of two members of the Committee, H Dannehl and H B Lane, that it be not adopted.

Mr Warden of the Ordinance Committee presented minority report.

As the Majority report is based on the single objection, the cost to the property owners, I ask, in making a minority report that action be postponed until the property owners have an opportunity to investigate the merits of the proposed ordinance and the cost of putting it into operation, and to be heard.

This measurer is of great importance both to the health and comfort and pleasure of our Citizens and visitors

Henry Warden

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee reported that the City had not automobile ordinance. On motion the Ordinance Committee was instructed to prepare said Ordinance.

On motion of Mr Mills, the Finance Committee were instructed to have their report published at a cost not to exceed (\$25.00)

On motion of Mr Bradley the sum of (\$250.00) was appropriated to the School Committee and that so much of it as may be necessary be expended for the success of the Normal School now in session here.

Mr Dannehl moved that Water & Gas mains be laid along the National Boulevard which on motion will be taken up at next meeting.

The Council adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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License to run water & gas mains on Boulevard [This license revoked and new license issued, pg 163]
The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia is hereby granted a license revocable at will by the Secretary of War to lay and maintain its Water, Gas & Sewer pipes along the Government right-of-way for roadway to the National Cemetery at said City; and to cross said Government roadway at not more than (4) places with said pipes for the purpose of connecting the same with intersecting streets: the said pipes to be laid on the

(15) foot unpaved strip of land, a part of said right-of-way, which immediately adjoins said road on the south side thereof.

This License is granted subject to the following conditions.

1st That all work incident to this License shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the Officer of the Quartermaster's Department in charge of said roadway.

2nd That said license shall place the roadway where crossed by said pipes in conformable conditions to the completed Government road.

3rd That any sum which may have to be expended after revocation or relinquishment of this license in putting any premises or property herein authorized to be occupied or used in as good condition for use by the United States as it is at this date shall be repaid by said licensee on demand.

Witness my hand this 20th day of June 1907

Robert Shaw Oliver

Acting Secretary of War

President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber July 18, 1907 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present: Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville—Nine (9) members

President Col E D Cole in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

Vice President Henry Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee, presented the Mayor's report for July 1907

To President of Common Council Fredericksburg Va July 18th 1907

The police officers of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay. Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee reported that his Committee, in obedience to the instructions of the Council had placed the (\$5,000.00) appropriated to the Public Free School Building Fund in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Fredericksburg Va at 3% interest.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Dannehl of Public Property Committee report on "Toll House" Contract

This lease made this 17th day of July 1907 by and between the City of Fredericksburg Va party of the first part and Daniel Pitts and George Hohman, parties of the second part. Witnesseth that the party of the first part doth lease to the parties of the second part, for the term of three years from the date hereof, the house and lot belonging to the party of the first part situated on Sophia Street in said City at the West end of the Free Bridge, formerly known as the Chatham Bridge at five dollars per month rent, said rent being payable at the expiration of each month.

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

And the party of the first part further agrees that in the event that the parties of the second part, shall pay their rent promptly and shall faithfully keep and observe all the [Page 154] requirements of this contract.

Then at the expiration of the term of this lease the parties of the second part, may removed the aforesaid additions placed upon said lot by them; provided they leave the present improvements on said lot in as good condition as they were at the date of this lease, ordinary wear and tear excluded.

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

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

The parties of the second part hereby agree to lease the aforesaid property for said term of years, three years (3) upon the terms set forth in this lease.

J D Pitts and George Hohman

On motion the above report of the Committee was referred to the Public Property Committee with power to execute the lease for the Toll House Property.

Mr Mills of the Joint Committee on damages to property on Mary Washington Avenue reported as follows and on motion the report was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes; Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville

To the Hon City Council of Fredericksburg

The undersigned Joint Committee heretofore appointed by the Council to ascertain whether any of the lots on Mary Washington Avenue, where granolithic side-walks have been recently laid, have been damaged by said improvement, beg leave to report that they have made a careful and thorough examination of all the lots abutting on said improvements.

Your Committee find that said improvements was made by the City at the request of all said abutting lot owners except Clarence R Howard.

You Committee was advised by the City Attorney that the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia has laid down this rule touching the measure of damages where property is damaged by Street improvements but not taken, viz;

“Where private property has been simply damaged by a public improvement, but no part thereof has been taken, the measure of damages is the diminution in the value of the property, by reason of the improvement; the difference [Page 155] between the fair market value of the property immediately before and after the construction of the public improvement”

If this rule should be strictly applied to the late abutting on said Public Improvement on the East side of Mary Washington Avenue, your Committee consider it extremely doubtful, whether in the case of a single lot there could be any legal claim for damages, for in the opinion of your Committee there is not a lot abutting on said improvement whose market value is not to-day equal to, if not much greater than it was immediately before the construction of said improvement.

There are three lots which will require an expenditure of some money to adjust them to said improvement, viz; the lot of Mrs P A Clore, the lot of Geo E Jacobs, and the lot of E G Heflin.

With a view of avoiding litigation and to show a spirit of liberality on the part of the City, your Committee recommend that the Council offer to said parties the following amounts in full of all claims for damages against the City, viz;

To Mr P A Clore	\$276.00
To Geo E Jacobs	\$238.00
To E G Heflin	\$50.00
Total	\$564.00

Your Committee recommend that nothing be allowed any other owner abutting on said improvement.

Your Committee also took up the matter of the grading of the North side-walk on Lewis Street from its intersection with the Mary Washington Avenue to its intersection with Winchester Street and they recommend that said sidewalk be graded and curb and gutter put in, and said side-walk have laid thereon a granolithic pavement four foot wide, if the width of the side-walk will permit of that width, and that the said work be done at the expense of the City, provided that Clarence R Howard will, at his own expense adjust the Kenmore lot to said improvement and will in addition thereto pay two-thirds (2/3) of the cost of the Granolithic pavement, laid by the City on the east side of said Mary Washington Avenue in front of Kenmore.

Your Committee further report that they have had assessed or ascertained the two-thirds (2/3) portion of the cost of the granolithic payment which is to be assessed against each lot owner abutting on said improvement who signed said petition asking for the same, and agreeing to bear said proportion of the cost of said pavement immediately in front of their respective lots, viz;

Mrs P A Clore	\$15.12
Geo E Jacobs	\$15.12
E G Heflin	\$14.50
J P Rowe	\$28.42
Joseph Goldsmith	\$14.67
A P Rowe	\$42.78
H Curtis Biscoe	\$18.02

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Mrs A P Saunders	\$16.65
Mrs J H Lacy	\$16.35
E D Cole	\$16.70
P V D Conway	\$22.46
E K Stokes	\$43.40

C R Howard did not sign said petition his share would be \$130.02

Total \$394.21

Total cost of granolithic pavement was \$612.31, deducting one third, \$204.10 and \$14.00 for corners leaves the above balance of \$394.21.

Respectfully submitted, E W Mills, J P Rowe, S W Somerville, M G Willis

Cost paid by City	\$612.31
1/3 off	\$204.10
	\$408.21
Corners	\$14.00
	\$394.21

On motion the report was adopted by the following vote

Ayes; Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville (9) votes

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

Ayes; Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville

Resolved by the Council, that the Joint Committee be empowered to offer Mrs Clore, Geo E Jacobs & E G Heflin the amounts stated in the report of the Committee, in full, for all claims against the City, and that they make Clarence R Howard a proposition recommended in said report of Joint Committee. And in event of his acceptance of the same, the Street Committee shall proceed to do the work recommended in the said report.

In the event of the acceptance of the proposition by Mrs P A Clore, Geo E Jacobs & E G Heflin of the above amounts tendered them, the Finance Committee shall draw a warrant of the same upon the City

Treasurer, deducting therefrom the amounts of assessments against said parties for their portion of the cost of granolithic pavement.

And the Finance Committee shall proceed to collect the assessments for granolithic paving due by the other signees of the petition for said pavement, and also from C R Howard, if he shall accept the aforesaid proposition.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported on the pond of stagnant water at the corner of 6th Street [Wolfe] where it crossed the right-of-way of the short railroad leading to Hurkamp's Tannery, referred to his Committee at last meeting as relieved at practically little cost.
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Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee reported the following ordinance on Electric signs as referred to his Committee June 20th 1907.

An ordinance in relation to Electric Signs.

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

1st That any person employed in business in this City may put up an electric sign attached to the building in which he is doing business, made of tin or other light material, which does not extend over the sidewalk more than three feet, and which is not less than nine (9) feet above the sidewalk. But no person shall maintain, erect, or cause to be erected, or maintained any electric sign projecting over the City sidewalk other than the electric sign herein allowed.

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) and not more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and the Electric sign so hung or place in violation of this ordinance shall be removed by order of the Mayor."

Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, H B Lane

Thomas P Wallace July 20th 1907 (approved 7/17/1907)

On motion of Mr Rowe the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote:

Ayes Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Cole

On motion the ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr Mills reported on contour map, referred to the Street Committee June 20, 1907. That his Committee had not ordered a contour map, as he had ascertained there was such a map in existence, which, however, he had not been able to locate up to this time.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee reported the following ordinance on auto mobiles referred to his Committee June 20, 1907

An ordinance in relation to automobiles and other vehicles

"Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of Fredericksburg

1st that the Council of the City of Fredericksburg doth hereby adopt as the law of the City, the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An Act to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and conveyances whose motive power is other than animals, along and over the public highways of this State to provide for the registration of the same, to provide uniform rules regulating the use and speed thereof and to prescribe penalties for the violation of said rules" approved March 17th 1906, see Acts of Assembly of Virginia, 1906, page 525.

2nd The Clerk of the Council shall at once notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the adoption of the aforesaid act of the General Assembly, and shall mail him a copy of this Ordinance."

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Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, H B Lane

Thomas P Wallace, Mayor, approved July 20, 1907

On motion of Mr Rowe the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote:
Ayes Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Cole (7) votes
Nos; Lane, Garner (2) votes
On motion the ordinance was then adopted by unanimous vote.

Mr Garner offered an Ordinance for the opening of Mary Washington Avenue extended from Commerce Street to the Boulevard, referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole offered an Ordinance in reference to sewers, providing for discount of 5% for prompt payment and a penalty of 5% for non-payment when due, together with certain regulations.
Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Col Cole offered an Ordinance fixing a fine and imprisonment for the sale of liquor to minors. Also providing that no liquor shall be sold between midnight Saturday night to six Monday morning; penalty, fine and imprisonment; further providing that all bar rooms and saloons close at 10 o'clock every night except Saturday night, and open not earlier than 6 o'clock AM. A fine is provided for violations
Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Col Cole presented a communication from the Executors of the late C Wistar Wallace addressed to Mayor Wallace in reference to a bequest to the City of (\$15,000) for establishment of a Public Library.

Fredericksburg Va July 10th 1907

To the Hon Thomas P Wallace, Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia

We, as executors of the will of the late C W Wallace enclose to you, as the chief Executive officer of the City of Fredericksburg, an extract from his said will, by which it will appear that be bequeathed to the City of Fredericksburg, upon certain conditions, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the establishment of a permanent public library in the City. The conditions being in substance, that the City will bond itself by contract to maintain said library.

When in the City Attorney's opinion, power is given to bind the City in the premises by the Legislature, and the condition mentioned in said will, are complied with, we shall be prepared to pay over the amount to the City.

You will be kind enough to transmit this communication [Page 159] to the Common Council for its action in the premises.

Very truly yours, A W Wallace, J Stansbury Wallace H L Wallace (executors of the will of C W Wallace, deceased)

Extract from the will of the late C W Wallace (nineteenth item)

I bequeath the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia for the establishment of a permanent City Library within said City, to be known as the "Wallace Library" provided that the said City shall execute such legal papers as shall bind said City to establish said Library within three years from the date of my death, as a permanent institution of the City, and to properly maintain the same, and to expend not exceeding five thousand dollars of said legacy in the purchase of a suitable lot, and the erection there on of a suitable Library building and to devote all such legacy not thus expended in the purchase of books for such library, which books shall be selected by a board, not to exceed five members, to be chosen from time to time by the President of the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, Richmond College, and Randolph Macon College and further binding said City to procure such legislation from the General Assembly of Virginia as in the opinion of the City

Attorney of said City may be necessary or expedient for the faithful carrying out of the object of this provision on the part of the City. May 20, 1907, C W Wallace dec'd
And said legacy shall not be paid over to said City until such paper has been duly executed in duplicate and one copy delivered to my executors.

Col Cole offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Cole, Lane, Rowe,, Mills, Garner, Masters, Somerville, Dannehl (8) votes
Nos H Warden (1) vote

Whereas the will of the late C Wistar Wallace made a bequest to the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the establishment of a permanent City Library within said City to be known as the "Wallace Library" provided said City shall execute such legal papers as shall bind said City to establish said library within three years from the date of said C Wistar Wallace's death which occurred on the 20th day of May 1907, as a permanent institution of the City, and to properly maintain the same, and to expend not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of said legacy for the purchase of a suitable lot and the erection thereon of a suitable library building, and to devote all of such legacy, not expended in the purchase of books for said library, which books shall be purchased by a Board not to exceed five members, to be chosen from time [Page 160] to time by the President of the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee, Richmond College, and Randolph Macon College, and further binding said City to procure such legislation from the General Assembly of Virginia as in the opinion of the City Attorney of said City may be necessary or expedient for faithfully carrying out the object of this provision on the part of said City, and provided that said legacy shall not be paid over to said City until such paper has been duly executed in duplicate and one copy thereof delivered to the Executors of the will of said C Wistar Wallace and,

Whereas by Section 1043A. of the Code of Virginia of 1904 known as Pollard Code, full power is given said City to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, and to accept donations of money for such purposes according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise, or bequest of property for that purpose. Now therefore, be it resolved that the City of Fredericksburg decides to establish and maintain a public library to be known as the "Wallace Library" according to the terms of the bequest of the late C Wistar Wallace, and hereby accept the said bequest of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) upon the conditions and according to the terms of said bequest, and hereby binds itself to faithfully carry out the same.

Resolved further that pursuant to the second paragraph of the Section of the Code of Virginia before referred to the Mayor of the City shall proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for said Library, to be known as the Board of Directors of the Public Library with the approval of the Council, who shall meet and organize pursuant to law and proceed to execute the terms of the said bequest, and to perform all the duties devolving on them by law, as a Board of Director of the Public Library for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Fredericksburg.

Resolved further: that the Executors of the late C W Wallace are authorized to pay over the fund donated by said decedent's will to be used for no other purpose, than that prescribed by the will of said C W Wallace.

Resolved further: that the City Attorney is authorized to draw a proper paper binding the City to comply with the requirements of the Will of C W Wallace, Touching said bequest to the City, and the same shall be executed in duplicate by the Mayor, with the Seal of the City attached thereto, and one copy thereof shall be delivered to the City attached thereto and one copy thereof shall be delivered to the executors of said C W Wallace, deceased.

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Col Cole offered the following which on motion was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Council. Coupled with the foregoing actions of the Council in accepting with much gratitude the bequest under the will of the late C Wistar Wallace, for the establishment of a public library for the City, the Council desires

to express and make permanent record of its profound appreciation of the generosity of the donor, and of the incalculable blessing of the gift to all of our citizens both in the present and in the future of the City.

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee reported that at the request of his Committee the supervising architect at Washington, had agreed to hold up or withhold plans for the Public Building for the present, and that an effort will be made for additional ;appropriation before next Congress.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Warden offered resolution relative to certain lots in the City, that are too low to drain into the street gutters, providing remedy and penalty for failure to comply. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Mr Somerville of the School Committee asked that the contract heretofore existing between the City and College for ten scholarships (\$450.00) be paid by the City, Be renewed.

Mr Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole stated that he desired information before voting on the question. He said he understood that the full number of scholars had not been furnished during the last session and that the full sum of \$450.00 had been paid the College. And that he was informed that only three or four could be supplied from the high grade of the Public Schools for next session.

On motion of Mr Mills, Professor John R Rosebro of the College was heard on the ten scholarships.

City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh was requested to give an opinion on the matter pending, which he proceeded to do and said in part that if the ten scholars could not be supplied from the Public School, then only the number attending should be paid for at (\$45.00) per capita for the said session. The object being to encourage the students to go higher and contract is intended as a reward of merit.

Mr Somerville then presented this resolution, which was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes; Cole, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Dannehl.

Resolved: that the contract heretofore made between the Fredericksburg College of ten scholars at (\$450.00) be renewed with this condition, that the School Board to whom the matter is referred shall furnish the ten scholars, from the Public Schools of this City, if less than ten scholars are furnished there shall be a pro rata reduction of the above sum.

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If the above ten scholars cannot be obtained from the senior class of the Public School, the School Board exercise their judgment in election of others, all from the Citizens of Fredericksburg Va

Mr Somerville asked for further time on the site for the new Public School Building.

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney asked that license of (\$50.00) for livery stable against Mr T J Haydon be withdrawn as Mr Haydon had been doing no business and as the Government had secured possession of the property and would have all the buildings on the lot removed. An indictment is pending against Mr Haydon, the Commonwealth Attorney being present acquiesced in the request, and on motion of Mr Mills the request was granted by the Council.

Mr Mills asked that the Public Property Committee bring in a report at the next meeting of the Council in reference to improving and ventilating the City Hall building.

Mr Warden offered the following resolution:

Resolved: That the City Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed to pay to the Trustees of the People's Mission, in each and every month, until otherwise ordered the amount paid by said Mission for gas used in its building. Referred to the Gas Committee.

On motion the Council then adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

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2nd That any sum which may have been expended after revoking of this license in putting any premises or property, hereby authorized to be occupied or used, in as good condition for use by the United States Government as it is at this date, shall be repaid by said License.

Witness my hand this 31st day of July 1907

H A[?] The Adjutant General Acting Sec of War

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The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia is hereby granted a license revocable to at will by the Secretary of War, to lay and maintain its water, gas and sewer pipes along the Government right-of-way for roadway to the National Cemetery at said City; and to cross said government roadway at not more than five (5) places, with said pipes, for the purpose of connection the same with intersecting streets; the said pipes to be laid on the (15) foot unimproved strip of land, a part of said right-of-way, which immediately adjoins said road on the south side thereof.

This license is granted subject to the following conditions;

1st That all work incident to this license shall be subject to the supervision and approval of the Officer of the Quartermaster's Department in charge of said roadway.

2nd That said license shall place the road way where crossed by said pipes in comfortable condition to the completed Government Road.

3rd That any sum which may have to be expended, after the revocation or relinquishment of this license in putting any premises or property herein authorized to be occupied or used in as good condition for use by the United States as it was at this date shall be repaired by said licensee on demand.

4th That this license is given in lieu of the license dated June 10th 1907 to said license covering similar privileges at said place; which said license of June 20th 1907 is hereby revoked.

Witness my hand this 18th day of July 1907

The Adjutant General

Acting Secretary of War

E D Cole President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Revocable License

The City of Fredericksburg, Virginia is hereby granted a license revocable to at will by the Secretary of War, to maintain its Electric Light Poles (20 in all) in their present location on the Government right-of-way, to the Fredericksburg National Cemetery, as shown on the attached blue-print upon the following provisions and conditions.

1st That upon the revocation or relinquishment of this license the said licensee shall remove said poles from said right-of-way within such time as the Secretary of War may indicate; and upon its refusal, neglect, or inability to remove the same, the Secretary of War may cause said poles to be removed at the expense of said licensee and no claim for damages against the United States or any officer or agent thereof shall be created by or made on account of such removal. (see page 162)

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber August 15th 1907 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present:

President E D Cole, Vice President H Dannehl, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, H Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young & S E Eastburn, Clerk
President E D Cole in the Chair
Minutes of the last regular meeting read and approved

Vice President H Dannehl in the Chair

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented bill of Clerk of the Council for postage and stationary \$1.98. On motion the bill was ordered paid.

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report for August 1907 as follows
To President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Aug 15, 1907
The Police of the City of Fredericksburg have faithfully discharged their duty and are entitled to their pay.
Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's report was received and salaries ordered paid.

Col Cole, Chairman of Finance Committee presented the following communication from the Mayor
To Honorable President and Common Council Fredericksburg Va Aug 15, 1907

I herewith transmit in pursuance to the resolution of your honorable body passed at your meeting on the 18th day of July 1907. The following named Citizens who shall constitute the Board of Directors contemplated by your resolution; St Geo R Fitzhugh, S J Quinn, A T Embrey, Rev John W Rosebro DD, James S Knox, E D Cole, Chairman of Committee of Finance, A P Rowe, B P Willis, Superintendent of Education, James T Lowery.

The following list is made up of Gentlemen of high character and standing in your Community and I trust may be entirely satisfactory to your body.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor.

On motion of Mr J P Rowe received and approved by the unanimous vote of the Council

Col E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Bradley of Public Property reported that contract for Toll House at end of Free Bridge had been executed and properly issued.

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Mr E W Mills of the Joint Committee on Mary Washington Avenue damages to abutting property along line of street improvements on East side

That Mrs P A Clore had accepted the amount reported to this body by the Joint Committee and had been settled with (\$276.00)

He then presented the following communication from Geo E Jacobs by his attorney W W Butzner
Mr E W Mills Fredericksburg Va Aug 7, 1907

Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge notice of the [?] that your Committee has assessed the damage done my property on Mary Washington Avenue, to the extent of (\$238.00). Also I see that your Committee assessed the damage done to Mrs P A Clore's property amount (\$276.00). I fail to see how she is damaged greater than I am. I consider your assessment or valuation of damages don me inadequate and that (\$238.00) not anywhere near compensate me for the damages done me.

I, after careful and deliberate consideration, think that I am damaged to the extent of (\$450.00). However it is not my desire to involve either myself or the City in litigation and with the view of a compromise between the figures of your Committee and what I consider damage done me, and for the further reason to save myself and also the City from the expense and annoyance of litigation, I am willing to make this proposition, Viz;

Take the amount you assess \$238.00

And what I consider I am damaged \$450.00

Which makes \$688.00

And divide this by two, makes (\$344.00)

I feel that this is not adequate, but at the same time, I am willing to make concession in order to amicably come to an adjustment and I hope you will appreciate the spirit in which I submit this proposition.

Thanking you for your kind attention to the matter I am

Yours Very Truly, Geo E Jacobs by Wm W Butzner, his atty

Mr Bradley moved and it was unanimously adopted that the Clerk of the Council notify Geo E Jacobs that the Council most respectfully rejects his proposition and adheres to the amount reported by the Joint Committee.

Mr Mills then presented the following communication for E G Heflin

Mr E W Mills Chairman Joint Committee Fredericksburg Va Aug 14, 1907

Dear Sir: Your Communication with reference to action of your Committee in regards to Washington Ave, work received. In reply I would say that the amount allowed me for damage to my property on said Ave is nothing near what it will cost to put my property in anything like the condition it was before this work was done, and I think [Page 166] the least that the City could do, would be to make my lot, curbing, walks and etc conform to the grade established. I do not ask that you raise my house to conform to the new grade, although any one can readily understand that a house 18" above grade is not as desirable as one 30" above, which my house was before this work was done.

In order to make my property conform to the new grade line, it would be necessary to put down about sixty feet of granolithic curb, about ten sq yards of granolithic walk, fill in and re-sod my lot, build area ways around the cellar windows and raise the cellar door, and also raise the coal chute. This work could not be done for anything like (\$50.00), the amount allowed.

While as I have already stated my house would be 12" nearer the ground I would not attempt to raise it; as it would damage the house more to raise it than the benefit received.

If the Council would be will to have the above work done, or allow me enough to have it done, I would not make any claim other than above stated.

As far as the amount allowed me I could not accept such a small amount for the amount of damage done. Hoping you will give this matter your careful consideration and that we will be able to adjust this without any trouble, I remain Yours Truly E G Heflin.

Mr Bradley moved, and it was unanimously adopted that the Clerk of the Council notify Mr E G Heflin that the Council rejects his proposition and adheres to the amount reported by the Joint Committee July 18, 1907.

Mr Mills then presented the following communication from Mr Clarence R. Howard

Mr E W Mills, Chairman City

Dear Sir: The report of your Committee has been sent me and believing that it is the intention of your Committee, as well as every member of the Council to treat all property owners with all fairness I beg to call your attention to the following in reference to the improvements on Washington Avenue. In the first place the entire fence line on said Avenue had to be taken down and reset as well as quite a portion on Fauquier St. The property had to be graded from two and a half to three feet on one side of the front gate and filled in on the other. A number of post bottoms were broken, which will have to be cast to order and as near as I can ascertain the cost on the Avenue will be between (\$75.00 and (\$100.00). To make Lewis Street conform to the grade will necessitate a cost of about (\$100.00) besides having to pull out a retaining wall, which cost about (\$75.00) and of which the City lose no part, making the total near (\$250.00) for practically no improvement on Lewis Street, over what it was before [Page 167] graded and

for a very inefficient piece of work on Washington Avenue. As I before stated I am willing to meet the City in any improvement and it will be through no willingness of mine should it be necessary for me to be compelled to adjust the matter through the Courts.

Very Respectfully, Clarence R Howard.

Mr Bradley moved and it was unanimously adopted that the Clerk of the Council notify Mr Clarence R Howard that the Council most respectfully rejects his proposition and adheres to the amount reported by the Joint Committee July 15, 1907.

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee submitted plans and specifications for extensive improvement to the interior of the City Hall building which his Committee on account of the large estimate of cost recommended be not carried out at present. This provoked a lengthy discussion, participated in by nearly every member, and resulted in the matter being left with the Committee who outlined proposed improvements which will cost about (\$500.00).

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented a petition of property owners on Main Street asking that granolithic pavement be laid on Main Street from Amelia to New Street, said pavement to be of granolithic 5 feet wide and 3½ feet on each side to be filled in with gran or stone. The curb and gutter to be paid by the City and two thirds of the granolithic by property owners.

On motion of Mr Bradley the petition was referred to the Street Committee to ascertain and report cost, and also ascertain what proportion of property owners along the line were asking for the improvements.

Mr Bradley presented a petition from all the owners of property along west side of Mary Washington Avenue, to have improvement made similar in style to those on east side and if said improvements are made, none of the property holders will ask the City for any damage resulting from said work. This on motion was referred to the Street Committee to report.

Mr Mills, presented contour map of the City, which was supposed to be lost, and on motion of Mr Rowe it was placed in custody of the Clerk of the Court for safe keeping.

Mr Young of the Light Committee, recommended that one dollar's worth of gas per month be allowed the People's Mission free, on motion of Mr Somerville it was adopted.

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Mr Young of Light Committee recommended that from Oct 1, 1907 the City Gas be furnished to consumers at (\$1.00) per thousand feet, instead of (\$1.25) as now charged, except that no meter shall be issued to less than 25 cents for the use of Gas for one month. The proposed reduction met with marked approval, and an ordinance was ordered to be drawn putting same in effect Oct 1st 1907.

E M Young, S W Somerville, E W Mills (Committee)

Mr Young of the Light Committee also reported application of Citizens on Lewis Street for better Gas facilities. It was estimated the cost will be (\$534.00) and demonstrated that the revenue will be at least \$225.00 per year.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Committee ordered to do the work.

Mr Dannehl made a strong appeal for increased water and gas facilities in the West end.

He was assured by Mr Young of the Gas Committee that his Committee had the matter under consideration and it will receive prompt attention.

Mr Young reported progress on Electric Light Wheel.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented the following:

“ Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia that Section one and two of an ordinance adopted on the 25th day of April 1902 in relation to the Sewerage of said City is hereby amended and re-enacted as follows:

1. The owner of every lot in the City with a dwelling house, store, or office building thereon, which adjoins by the front, rear, or side a street or alley in which there is a sewer owned or controlled by the City, in which it is practicable to enter shall be assessed annually for the privilege of connecting with said sewer the sum of (\$2.00) which shall be payable May 1st in each year in advance.

A deduction of five percent shall be made on said Sewer Tax, if paid on or before the 15th of said month of the year for which the same is assessed and on all said Sewer Taxes remaining unpaid after said date there shall be added five percent penalty and six percent interest thereon from that date until paid, and the Collector shall proceed to collect the same in the manner prescribed by law.

But the above provision is subject to this exception. That all Sewer Taxes now in arrearage may be paid on or before the 15th of September 1907, without any penalty or interest being added thereto.

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2. The owner of every lot with a house thereon or above described which adjoins by the front, rear, or side a street or alley in which there is a Sewer owned or controlled by the City and into which it is practicable to enter shall form a connection from his lot with said Sewer, into which shall be carried all waste water except rain water, the opening of said sewer connection on his premises shall have a net or other device securely fastened over the same to prevent anything but waste water entering the sewer connection or the City Sewer;

And any person failing herein for ninety days after this Ordinance takes effect, shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and each day thereafter until the connection is made shall constitute a separate offense. All such connections shall be made under the supervision of the Superintendent of Sewers and with his approval and his written permit shall be first obtained

3. This Ordinance shall take effect from its passage.”

H Dannehl, Henry Warden, H B Lane (Ordinance Committee)

Adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole (10 votes) Nos, none.

Approved by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor August 17, 1907

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented the following:

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia that the following street shall be laid off and opened, and shall constituted a part of and be known as Mary Washington Avenue.

Section 1. A Street fifty (50) feet wide beginning on the South line of Charlotte Street, where the said Mary Washington Avenue extended already opened intersects with Charlotte Street with a bearing of N 50° 56’ W thence on with same bearing 25 feet more or less to center of Charlotte Street; Thence N36° 18’ W 622 feet to center of Hanover Street; thence N 21° 18’ W 19.4 feet to north line of Hanover Street and South line of M B Rowe’s lot; thence across Rowe’s Lot N 21° 18’ W 215 feet to South line of Potter’s Field, thence across Potter’s field N 21° 18’W 335 feet to North line of Potter’s Field and South line of a 20 foot street; then across the 20 foot street N 21° 18’W to North line of this 20 foot street; thence along and parallel with Frank Stearns’ East line N 21° 18’W 160.75 feet to South line of Commerce Street, as laid down in a plot and survey of said street made by E H Randall, City Surveyor dated September 19th 1906, which is hereby adopted as a part of this ordinance, and as giving the correct metes and bounds of the street herein laid off and directed to be opened.

Section 2. The said Street when laid off and opened as above declared, shall constitute a street of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia”

Approved Henry Dannehl, H B Lane (Ordinance Committee)
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Mr Warden offered the following amendment.

Proposed that the Ordinance be amended (1) by striking out the words in the third line of the title "Laid off and opened" and inserting in their stead the words "put upon the City Plan."

2nd by striking out Section 2 and inserting in its place the following

Section 2. = The said Street when laid down as above declared shall constitute a street of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia; and it shall be unlawful for any owner of any of the property included within the boundaries laid down, to erect within said boundaries any building or to perform any act in connection therewith that would interfere with its future use as a street.

Vote was taken on Mr Warden's amendment and lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Warden (1) vote

Nos, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Somerville, Young, Cole; nine votes (9)

Vote was then taken on the Ordinance as offered by Mr Dannehl and adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Somerville, Young

Nos, Cole, Bradley, Warden

Approved by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor August 17th 1907

Mr Dannehl of Ordinance Committee offered the following referred to his Committee at July meeting 1907.

"Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, as follows;

1st If any saloon keeper, or other person who may be licensed to sell whiskey, wine, malt liquors or other intoxicating drinks within the Corporate limits of the City, sell, barter, give, or furnish by himself, or any person in his employment or at his request any spirituous or intoxicating or malt liquor to a minor without first obtaining the written authority therefor of his parent or guardian, he shall be fined not less than \$20.00 nor more than (\$200.00) and he shall be imprisoned in the City Jail for not less than ten days, nor more than two months and each such offender upon conviction of said offense shall be required to enter into recognizance with security in a penalty of (\$300.00), to be of good behavior for one year.

2nd If any keeper of a bar-room, saloon or other place for the sale of intoxicating or malt liquors within the Corporate limits of said City shall open, or permit to opened, any bar-room, saloon, or other place where liquor is sold, or shall sell barter, give, or furnish, or permit to be sold, bartered, given, or furnished any intoxicating or malt liquors in any bar-room saloon or other place with said Corporate limits between twelve o'clock on Saturday night and sunrise of the succeeding Monday morning, he shall be fined not less that (\$20.00) nor more (\$200.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than ten days nor more [Page 171] than two months. And such offender upon conviction of said offense shall be required to enter into a recognizance with surety in the penalty of (\$300.00) to be of good behavior for one year.

3rd All Saloon keepers, or other persons who may be licensed to sell whiskey, wine, malt liquors, or other intoxicating drinks are required to close their places of business form 10 o'clock at night to 6 o'clock on the day following of each day that they are allowed to keep open except Saturday, and any person violating this ordinance shall be fined not less than (\$20,.00) and not more than (\$100.00).

4th All ordinances inconsistent with the foregoing sections, one two and three are hereby repealed.

5th This ordinance shall take effect from September 1st 1907

Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, H B Lane (Ordinance Committee)

Mr Dannehl offered as an amendment, that in Section 3, Ten o'clock at night, be changed to 12 o'clock at night and 6 o'clock in the morning be changed to 5 o'clock in the morning.

Vote was taken on the amendment as follows and adopted
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden (7 votes)
Nos, Cole, Somerville, Young (3 votes)

Vote was then taken on the Bar Room ordinance as amended and adopted by the following recorded vote
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young (9 votes)
Nos, Cole (1 vote)
Approved by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor, August 17th 1907

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented an Ordinance to protect the public health of the City of Fredericksburg Va made in pursuance of the Act of February 18, 1898.

“Be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va in manner following, that is to say,

1st If any ground in the said City or within one mile of its Corporate limits shall be subject to be covered by stagnant water, or if the owner or occupier or occupiers thereof shall permit any offensive or unwholesome or stagnant water or substances to remain or accumulate therein or thereon, the Council through its Committee on Health shall cause said ground to be filled up, covered or drained, or shall cause such substances to be covered or removed therefrom, and said Committee on Health shall collect the expense of so doing from the said owner or owners, occupier or occupiers, or any of them, by distress and sale [Page 172] in the same manner in which taxes levied upon Real Estate for the benefit of said City are authorized to be collected.

And the aforesaid expense incurred under this ordinance may also be recovered by suit or motion in the manner provided in Section 3211 of the Code, against the owners and occupiers of said ground, or any one or more of them; Provided that the Committee on Health, before it shall cause the foregoing work to be done, shall give reasonable notice to the owner or their agents or to the occupier of said property or ground requiring said work to be done with the manner of doing the same and shall allow a reasonable time for the same to be done.

In case of non-resident owners, who have no agents in said City or on the said land, or in case the owners are unknown, the said notice may be given by publication for not less than four weeks in a newspaper published in said City.

2nd This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

Mr Garner moved to suspend the rules, which was done by the following recorded vote
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

On motion of Mr Dannehl the Ordinance on Health was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Dannehl, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole
Approved by Thomas P Wallace, Mayor, August 17, 1907

Clerk Eastburn announced that he had notified the Secretary of the Commonwealth on the adoption of an automobile ordinance.

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee had read a letter from Hon W A Jones, member of Congress from this District, stating that it will be some time before plans and specifications will be prepared for New Public Federal Building here, and that he will take up matter of trying to secure additional appropriation at next session of Congress.

On motion the Council then adjourned
E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

The Ordinance Committee was instructed to adopt some method of publishing new ordinances as they are passed by the Council, so that the general public may be informed of same.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Annual meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber September 2nd 1907 at 11 o'clock AM with the following members present; E D Cole, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, W S Embrey, H Dannehl, Henry Warden, E M Young Jr and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Mills moved, seconded by Mr Garner that the salary of the Clerk of the Council be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per annum, which was adopted by the following recorded vote; Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Rowe nominated S E Eastburn for Clerk of the Council and he was elected by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

The Clerk qualified before Clerk A B Yates of Corporation Court.

Application of A P Rowe for City Tax Collector was read by the Clerk and he was elected City Tax Collector by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Application of E H Randall for City Surveyor was read by the Clerk and he was elected City Surveyor by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Bradley moved that the salary of the Clerk of Market be fixed at \$75.00 per annum which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Application of Samuel Fitzhugh for Clerk of City Market was read by the Clerk and he was elected City Clerk of Market by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Rowe moved that the Salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per annum which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Application of J W Ball for Superintendent of the Alms House was read by the Clerk and he was elected Superintendent of the Alms House by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

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Mr Young moved that the Salary of the Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant be fixed at one thousand dollars per annum which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Young then place in nomination E M Green and he was elected Superintendent of electric Light Plant by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

The application of John R Perry for City Scavenger for the Upper Ward was read by the Clerk and he was elected by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

The Application of R L Carneal for City Scavenger for the Lower Ward was read by the Clerk and he was elected by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Bradley moved, seconded by Mr Rowe that Mr C A Gore be elected as a special Policeman at the same salary and under the same conditions as last year, Salary (\$25.00) pr month, and it was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Bradley moved that the salary of the regular Police be \$40.00 per month, which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

Mr Mills moved, seconded by Mr Warden to go into the election of three (3) regular Policemen for the Lower Ward

Mr Bradley offered as an amendment to go into the election of two (2) regular policemen for the lower ward.

Vote was taken on Bradley's amendment which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Young, Cole (7) votes

Nos, Mills and Warden (2) votes

Applications of John H Robinson and W R Hall for policemen for the lower ward were read by the Clerk and J H Robinson and W R Hall were elected by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

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Mr Bradley moved to go into the election of two (2) regular policemen from the Upper Ward and it was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—eight votes (8)

Nos, Mills one (1) vote

Applications of W N Tansill and James A Stone for Policemen for the Upper Ward were read by the Clerk and they were elected policemen for the upper ward by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Embrey, Dannehl, Warden, Young, Cole—nine votes (9)

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Called meeting of the City Council of Fredericksburg Va was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber September 4, 1907 at 11 o'clock AM called at the request of the Committee on Health and the

Committee on Public Interests with the following members present: E D Cole, President, W E Bradley, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Warden of the Health Committee presented the following communications and recommendations
206 E Grace St, Richmond Va August 31, 1907

Dr Barney

Dr Doctor: the enclosed report I believe answers your inquiry about the various samples of water you sent me. If you wish any further information about them, let me know and I shall be most pleased to tell you any more that I know on the subject.

Very truly yours, James M Whitfield, Chemist

Dr J M Barney

Dear Sir: from the results of the examinations of the samples of water sent me by your [Health Officer] I was classify them as regards to safety for drinking as follows:

#1 Safe	City Water
#2 Safe	Poplar Spring
#3 Questionable	Gunnery Spring
#4 Bad, unsafe	Mint Spring
#5 Bad, unsafe	Foundry Well

The first sample show the Colon Bacillus only when large amounts of the water is examined, indicating that whatever source of pollution there is, is at a considerable distance from where the sample was collected. In #4 & #5 the number of C. Bacilli were numerous. Sample #2 and #3 were intermediate between these (#1 & 4 & 5) #2 being much better than #3.

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To the President and Members of the Council.

Several weeks ago your Committee on Health and Police authorized the Health officer, Dr Barney to send to Richmond Va samples of water from the City Mains, Poplar Spring, Mint Spring, Gunnery Spring and from the well at Hunter's Foundry. The sample from the City Mains was marked #1; from Poplar Spring #2, from Gunnery Spring #3, from Mint Spring #4, & from Hunter's Foundry #5. These samples were examined biologically with the results set forth in the attached letter.

Your Committee recommends that the property owners of the properties upon which are located the two Springs be notified to so drain the Springs that it will be impossible for the water to be used or received for domestic or other purposes, and that the owners of the property upon which the well is located be notified to fill it. Should either or both of these Springs or the well be upon land owned or controlled by the City, we recommend that the Street Committee be instructed to do the necessary work.

We also recommend that the same measures be taken to prevent the use of the water from the springs along the River bank.

Henry Warden, S W Somerville (Committee)

E M Young in the chair

Col Cole moved, seconded by Mr Bradley that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on Health and the Health Board with power to act in the premises, which was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Young
Nos, Warden, Somerville

E M Young in the Chair

On motion of Col Cole Judge A T Embrey appeared before the Council and asked that steps be taken to give the property owners on George and Hanover Streets near the Park relief from the existing conditions of gutters and Streets as set forth in the following paper.

Council Committee on Streets

Gentlemen: The City Board of Health after a thorough examination of that section of the City between Prince Edward and Liberty Hanover and Commerce streets would urge upon your Committee the following recommendations:

1st that the north and south sides of George Street between Prince Edward and Hanover Streets be so graded, the gutters so established and paved with cobblestones that the entire flow of water from the large water shed draining naturally to this locality be turned into the little canal without the possibility of overflow, through private property, and into the alley-way back of the Forbes, Embrey, Crismond, Leach and others.

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2nd That the present existence of three cases of typhoid fever closely adjacent to a drain running under water closets in lots of houses on the south side of George Street renders this positive menace to the Health of the City and that locality, and we therefore recommend that said water closets be ordered removed at least twenty feet from the alley and that said drain be filled in with material taken from necessary street excavation.

We would also recommend that the many existing holes in the rear of the adjoining alley running from Prince Edward Street to Hanover and the holes in the Alley itself, be filled in the same manner, and at once.

3rd We have also recommended to the Mayor, that an unsanitary and useless stable on the property of Lizzie Walker and now in possession of Joseph Walker be at once demolished.

We would urge upon your committee if possible the prompt and immediate carrying out of the recommendations as being urgently necessitated by the possible spread of a dreaded disease in a desirable resident locality in our City.

Aug 28, 1907, Respectfully J N Barney, MD, Health officer and Secretary of Board of Health
Fredericksburg Va.

I have personally examined the locality referred to by Dr Barney and concur in his recommendations and urge that this work be done immediately.

Aug 28, 1907, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor of Fredericksburg Va

On motion of Col Cole, the matter was referred to the Street Committee with power to act, and that the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much as may be necessary be appropriated to the Street Committee to be used in carrying out this work by the following recorded vote

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Warden, Somerville, Young

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee asked that Mr Low of Charles Eisenman Co, Cleveland Ohio be heard. He was introduced by Mr W W Butzner. Mr Low addressed the council. He is looking for a location to establish a branch factory. This firm is a large manufacturer of boy's blouses and if it is located here will employ 1500 to 2500 people. Mr Low said his firm would decide on a location in two months. He wanted to meet the members of the Council and talk with them.

On motion, the matter was referred to the Public Interests Committee and Mr Warden of the Manufactories Committee of the Business Men's Association. They to consult with Mr Low, give him all necessary information and report back to this Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council held Sep 16th 1907 at 7:30PM in the Council Chambers with the following members present. E D Cole, President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, A M Garner, John W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk
E D Cole President in the Chair

President Cole stated that the Council had been called at the request of the Joint Committee of Light and Finance.

Mr Young, Chairman of the Light and Finance Joint Committee made the following report for the Committee

Fredericksburg Va Sep 16, 1907

Gentlemen: Your Joint Committee on Light and Finance who were instructed to secure estimates on making improvements at the Electric Light Plant, would state that they have gone carefully into the matter and would recommend that a pair of new Water Wheels be installed of the "Lepel" make and as per estimated furnished by said Company.

Same to cost complete and installed (\$3,350.00) and that dynamo and wheel house be enlarged to accommodate the improvements.

And as it is absolutely imperative that this work be done at once, we would ask an appropriation of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars which amount would cover all expenses as necessary to put the plant in good condition.

E M Young, Chairman, S W Somerville, H B Lane (committee)

S W Somerville in the Chair

A general discussion then took place.

Col Cole in the Chair

On motion of Mr Bradley the report of the Joint Committee on Light and Finance was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes: Bradley, Lane, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young—Seven (7) votes

Nos, Cole, Bradley—Two (2) votes

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A Regular meeting of the Common Council held Sep 19th 1907 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber with the following members present: E D Cole, President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, A M Garner, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called and annual meetings read and approved

E M Young Jr in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills which on several motions were ordered paid.

Free Lance and Star Publishing Company

Aug 7 To 1 Tax Book \$10.00

Sep 5 To 1000 large tax bills \$2.50

Approved by A P Rowe Tax Collector \$12.50

To 50 license tax blanks 2 forms \$2.00

Approved by A B Bowering, Com of Rev

To add in *Daily Star*, notice to Tax Payers

\$2.50

\$17.00

Col Cole Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report for September 1907

To President of Common Council Fredericksburg Va Sep 19 1907

I will state that the Police Officers of the City have discharged their duties faithfully and are entitled to their pay.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

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

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that Geo E Jacobs had accepted the amount of damages reported to this body by the Joint Committee on Washington Avenue damages less the [?] had been settled with. Amount allowed \$238.00, \$15.50 assessed for granolithic Pavement.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the bond of City Tax Collector A P Rowe for (\$10,000)

On motion of Mr Somerville the bond was referred to the Finance Committee to have same approved by the City Attorney and placed in the National Bank for safe keeping

Col Cole of the Finance Committee stated that at a called meeting of Sep 16th 1907 the Council had appropriated \$4,000 for the improvement at the Electric Light Plant, whereupon Mr Bradley moved the adoption of the resolutions appropriating \$4,000 to Electric Light Committee. Adopted

Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young (10 votes)

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the annual report of the Mayor as follows:

To the Hon President and Common Council of Fredericksburg Va

I have the honor to make to your Honorable body the following report for the year commencing September 1st 1906 and ending September 1st 1907.

I have issued 29 licenses to applicants for the privilege of running carts and wagons upon the streets of the City of Fredericksburg, from the 31st day of April 1907 to the 1st day of May 1908, exhibiting receipts of A P Rowe Collector in every instance.

I have issued to applicants 326 dog licenses, furnishing collars to each applicant for year ending September 1st 1907, as against 384 for the preceding year being a falling off of 42 equivalent to 66 in cash, making

amount received from dog licenses for year ending Sept 1st 1907 \$357.50

The amount fines paid R T Knox Treasurer for year ending September 1st 1907 \$965.19

Total fines and dog licenses \$1,322.69

The number of work days of Prisoners in chain gang for year ending Sep 1, 1907

Estimated at \$1.25 cost of labor per diem \$978.00

Total fines, dog tax and labor \$2,300.69

The number of arrests for the year ending Sept 1, 1907 779 as against 832 for year ending Sept 1 1906 and 1135 for year ending 1905. The advance in amount of labor in the chain gang was brought about by the long service of many sent down to work in same.

I have had no trouble with the Police Officers and believe they have tried to perform their duties faithfully I have been most ably and efficiently assisted by the Recorder Major W S Embrey, who has frequently discharged the duties of Mayor in a most satisfactory manner from time to time.

Since the suspension of the ordinance requiring persons to connect with the Sewer and the resumption of the force and effect of the said Ordinance. I have been endeavoring to get the proper connections with the sewer from the people of the City, along lines of said sewers, having the ordinance shown to or read to the Citizens by one of the Police who is directed to note time and date of such reading or exhibition.

I have found an old ordinance passed by the Council of Fredericksburg on the 19th day of April 1900 in regard to the side walks and pavements which does not seem to have been enforced. I have had the same published and called upon the citizens to comply with it and set to work to improve the sidewalks and pavements of the City.

I will endeavor to enforce the Ordinance. I hope I may be pardoned, however, for suggesting to your honorable body, the necessity of taking some steps towards the laying of such lines and fixing proper drainage so that there may be uniformity and symmetry in the pavements. I really think there can be none until the curbstones and laid;

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I am informed by the medical profession of the City that the health of the City is now better than it has been at this time for several years.

The City gives every evidence of prosperity. The business of the City in every respect is improving. Strangers are moving into our midst, buildings being erected in all parts of the City. Old ones being renovated and modernized.

Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion the Mayor's annual report was received and filed.

E W Mills of the Joint Committee on Mary Washington Avenue Damages reported as follows:

Mr E W Mills, Chairman Aug 23rd 1907

Dear Sir: Although I do not think that your Committee has made me sufficient allowance for the damages done the Kenmore property, yet rather than enter suit against the City, I hereby accept the proposition of the Committee as approved by the City Council July 18, 1907.

Trusting your Committee on Streets will take up the matter as early as convenient, I am

Very truly, Clarence R Howard

Mr Bradley moved that the communication of Clarence R Howard be received and ordered filed and that the Street Committee be authorized to proceed with the work. Adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young—Ten (10) votes

Mr E W Mills of the Public Interests Committee and Mr Warden, to whom was referred the Chas Eisenman Company Boys blouse manufacturer, whose agent Mr Low was here looking for a suitable site for location, reported that his Committee had shown Mr Low every courtesy and given him all the information possible. After some discussion on motion of Mr Somerville the matter was re-committed to the same Committee to bring in some recommendation or find out what the Company wants the City to do.

Mr Somerville of the School Committee presented communication from E H Russell, conductor of Summer Normal School held here last summer.

To the Honorable City Council, Fredericksburg Va Aug 27, 1907

Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt through the Finance Committee of your Honorable body, of the appropriation of \$250.00 from the City of Fredericksburg, to the support of the State Normal Summer Institute held in your City during the Summer of 1907. I have the further honor to submit the enclosed statement of the purposes for which the said appropriation was spent.

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In this connection I will say that the State Summer Institute are considered under the immediate control of the Board of State Education, and as conductor appointed by the Board, I am required to file with the Department of Public Education an itemized statement of all collections and disbursements incident to the conduct of the institute. This statement and all vouchers are audited and kept by the State Board of Education.

The have the honor to remain, Very respectfully, E H Russell, Conductor

Financial statement of the spending of the appropriation of the City of Fredericksburg to the Summer Institute 1907.

Received from the City of Fredericksburg		\$250.00
Salary paid the local manager	\$75.00	
Salary paid the stenographer	\$35.00	
Bill of L C Layton for boat excursion	\$12.50	
Bill of Feuerherd for boat excursion	\$25.50	
Bill of E C Ninde for boat excursion	\$6.00	
Bill of printing tickets for boat excursion	\$1.00	
Paid for meals for visitors	\$2.50	
Paid Call Boy	\$5.00	
Paid Express on packages	\$9.80	
Paid drayage	\$2.88	
Paid postage	\$3.92	
Paid Gas bill	\$.75	
Paid janitor at College	\$8.00	
Paid Ice	\$.75	
Paid rent on furniture	\$10.50	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man postage	\$19.25	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man errands	\$1.50	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man drayage	\$.70	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man freight	\$1.10	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man Broom	\$.25	
Spent by Mr Rosebro local man staff 5¢ cleaning building \$2.00	\$2.05	
Lock 15¢, Janitor C House \$1.00, moving piano 30¢	\$1.45	
Ex and entertainment of Dr Kent	\$9.25	
Ex and entertainment of R L Blanton	\$11.85	
Hotel bill of Judge Mann	\$2.50	
Total	\$250.00	

E H Russell, Conductor

Mr Somerville moved to receive and file and it was adopted

Mr Somerville Chairman of the School Committee presented the following communication from the School Board

To the Honorable, the City Council of Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: The School Board of the City of Fredericksburg deem it proper to lay before the Council the following facts:

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That the present school houses are inadequate to accommodate the present enrollment of scholars; that in an attempt to meeting the exigencies of the occasion, the Board has established an overflow school consisting of three grades, aggregating 64 scholars, in an office across the street from the Courthouse, but that said office will not seat the scholars from the overcrowded schools, and that same at best is improperly lighted, has no means of ventilation, and is generally unsuited for school purposes; and in order to meet the emergency and seat these 64 schools temporarily, (the office will only seat 48), it has been necessary to require of portion of them to attend school only in the morning and a portion in the afternoon.

But as these children have to complete a certain curriculum in order to qualify them to take up their work next year in the proper grade it is important that they should attend school the entire school day.

It is imperative now, that something be done for the relief of these and the other children overcrowded in other grades as well as the children now upon the streets, that the Board has not been able to seat at all. For instance,, the enrollment and seating capacity of the regular schools in the first-fourth primary grades are as follows:

1 st Reader Grade Enrollment	91	Seating Capacity	66	Overflow	25
2 nd Reader Grade	71		66		5
3 rd Reader Grade	82		56		26
4 th Reader Grade	80		60		20
	324		248		76

In other words, there are 76 more pupils enrolled than can be properly seated in the first four primary grades—not to speak of the discomfort, inconvenience, and detriment to health of children and teachers so confined or of the children growing up in ignorance on the street, for lack of accommodations.

To establish another overflow grade would cost the city Approximately (\$450.00) and no other suitable room can be procured; so the board deemed it expedient to lay these facts before the Council, with the hope that same may receive the consideration they deserve, especially as the Board has been assured by the Council that ample provisions would be made for the accommodations of all grades pending the building of the proposed new school house.

To be expedient, the Board need four well-appointed school rooms to seat from 40 to 50 pupils each, in order to accommodate the overflow in the schools, and to relieve the classes that are being taught in those dark, ill-ventilated and unsanitary rooms, which have been condemned by a committee from your body as unfit for school purposes, at the Court House. The Board is powerless to act in the premises, and it remains for the Council to say whether the cry of these children for better quarters will be heeded.

Very respectfully, A B Bowering, President, Isaac Hirsh, W H Hurkamp, Geo Freeman Jr, J R Rawlings, W L Brannan and S J Quinn, Clerk.

I heartily concur in the foregoing and respectfully ask the council to do all it can for the betterment of our school facilities and the relief of our children.

B P Willis, Supt of Schools

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E M Young Jr in the Chair

Mr Bradley moved to refer to the School Committee and the School Board

Mr Mills moved as an amendment that the matter be referred to the School Committee and the School Board to secure suitable rooms for the Public Schools and that the sum of (\$450) be appropriated to the School Board for said relief.

Vote taken on Mr Mills amendment as follows

Ayes, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Warden, Somerville—five (5) votes

Nos, Bradley, Lane, Masters, Young, Cole—five (5) votes

Mills amendment lost

Vote was then taken on Bradley’s motion to refer to the School Committee and School Board and carried by following vote

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Masters, Somerville, Warden, Young, Cole (7) votes

Nos, Mills, Rowe, Garner (3) votes

Col Cole stated that the agitation about Gunnery Spring water had been settled by the highest authority and the water pronounced most excellent and entirely free from any pollution.

And moved that the sum of (\$2.500) be appropriated to the Water Committee to be used in cleaning out and around Gunnery Spring, and making necessary and needed repairs.

Carried by a unanimous vote of the Council
On motion the Council then adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

Called meeting of the City Council was held on Sep 30, 1907 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber, called by the Public Interests Committee
Present, E D Cole, President, H B Lane, E W Mills, J W Masters, Henry Dannehl, and S E Eastburn, Clerk
At 8 o'clock PM there being no quorum present the Council adjourned
E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Called meeting of the Common Council was held on the call of the Public Interests Committee in the Council Chamber Oct 1st 1907 at 7:30 o'clock PM
Members present E D Cole, President, H B Lane, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, Henry Dannehl, H Warden, S W Somerville, and S E Eastburn
E D Cole, President in the Chair

Col Cole stated that the Council had been called by the Public Interests Committee, E W Mills, Chairman, to consider the coming of a party of distinguished gentlemen from Brooklyn, NY who contemplate stopping over in Fredericksburg Va on their way to Jamestown Exposition on Sunday, Oct 19th 1907. They will arrive here 6 AM leave at 11 AM.

The Clerk then read the following letter.

Col E D Cole, President of the Council, Fredericksburg Va Brooklyn NY Sep 28th 1907

My Dear Sir: The Brooklyn party will arrive at Fredericksburg Va 6 AM Sunday October 13th. There will be between 75 and 100 persons to be driven over the Battlefields and other points of interest in Fredericksburg.

Will your Committee kindly see that we are provided with the best conveyances that can be obtained for this drive and will you kindly notify me at your earliest convenience as to the cost for each person for the drive. We trust that you will make as favorable terms for us as is possible.

Each person who takes the drive will provided with a coupon ticket, which will be collected and turned over the manager of the excursion, who will make out a check for settlement at once in full. Shall we draw the check in your name?

Will you kindly advise at your earliest convenience as to cost per person? Mr Martin is very anxious that the excursionists shall carry away a good impression of Fredericksburg, and we know that your Committee will work toward this end. Thank you for your interest in this matter, I am very truly yours
Charles F Kerrigan

Exact number will be sent. Manager, Eagle Information Bureau

On motion of Mr Dannehl, the receiving and entertaining of these gentlemen was referred to a Committee composed of the Public Interests Committee, Finance Committee and Mr Warden who will arrange for the transportation and entertainment of these visitors, with power to add to their Committee such persons as they necessary. Which was adopted. Mr Somerville vote no, giving as his reason that he could not favor such an entertainment on the Sabbath day. The Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President
S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Oct 17th 1907 at 7:30 PM with the following members present; E D Cole, President, Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lane, E W Mills, W S Embrey, Henry Warden and S E Eastburn, Clerk
 Col Cole, President in the Chair
 Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

Mr Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills which in several motions were ordered paid

Bill of J Fred Brown, Registrar, Lower Ward to sitting one day as Registrar	\$2.00
To posting notices twice	\$2.00
To registering 10 persons @10¢ each	\$1.00
To constable one day	\$1.50
	\$6.50

Bill of R A Kishpaugh

200 copies program for Brooklyn Eagle visitors	\$20.00
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Approved by E W Mills & E D Cole

Bill of R A Kishpaugh

2 lots ordinance	\$1.50
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50 ordinances Electric Signs	\$.75
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50 ordinances Automobiles	\$.75
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4 lots ordinances Exten Wash Ave, Sewer, Stag Water, Liquors	\$3.00
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Free Lance & Star Pub Com

To ad in <i>Free Lance</i> taxes due	\$2.00
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To ad in <i>Daily Star</i> taxes due	\$6.00
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To locals 4 times	\$2.00
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\$10.00

Col Cole of the Finance Committee stated that his Committee had ordered the bill of J J Berrey, Registrar for Upper Ward paid as follows

to sitting one day as Registrar	\$2.00
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To posting notices twice	\$2.00
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To registering 15 persons @10¢ each	\$1.50
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To constable one day	\$1.50
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\$7.00

And asked that the Council ratify the action of the Finance Committee

On motion of E W Mills the action of the Committee was ratified.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported that the bond of the City Tax Collector, A P Rowe, had been examined and approved by the City Attorney and place in safe keeping.

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Col Cole of the Finance Committee the following Oct 17, 1907

Received of A B Bowering, Commissioner of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg, Land and Property books for the State and City for the Year 1907. Robert T Knox, Treasurer

On motion of Mr Cole the salary of the Commissioner of the Revenue, three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) was ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
To the President and Members of Common Council, Fredericksburg Va Oct 17, 1907
The Police of the City of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to their pay. Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor
On motion of Mr Bradley, the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of Police Officers ordered paid.

Col Cole presented the following communication
Fredericksburg Va Oct 17 1907

Cole E D Cole, Chairman Finance Committee and Common Council:

Gentlemen: We take this occasion to submit for your approval the policy for an Automatic Vaudeville Parlor, which we wish to establish at the old stand of the Dixon Hardware Company. The general admission to be ten cents, children five cents. The program to consist of moving pictures and illustrated songs. The program will be educational in as much as the pictures shown will consist of trips through different countries, show the customs and habits of the different people.

It will be entertaining, as we will reproduce many of the dramas and vaudeville acts as shown in the theatres of the larger cities.

It is of a moral tone, as at appropriate times throughout the year, such pictures as the life of Christ, and other subjects dealing with biblical times will be shown.

As the law of your City has no provision for a place of amusement of this kind, we respectfully request you to make some ruling in regard to it.

Very truly yours, Earl S Lucas and Chas M Agan.

Col Cole offered the following which was adopted.

The City Council in receipt of a letter dated Oct 17, 1907 from Earl S Lucas and Chas M Agan in relation to a license for certain performances in the store room recently occupied by Dixon Hardware Co.

Resolved by the Council: That the Finance Committee be, and the same is hereby authorized to determine the amount of a license to be charged, either by the month or by the year for said performances, or any other similar performances and when the said amount is ascertained is paid to the City Tax Collector, the Mayor is authorized to issue a license thereon.

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Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee reported on the work on the Boulevard by the United States Government. He said it was a good job, had been passed on by one of the best engineers in the US Service, that it was a great benefit to property owners along the line and in fact to the whole City.

That the small amount of dirt given by the City to the contractors had been paid back by improvements to a cross street which was not embraced in the contract and sent to the Clerk's desk a bill for \$15.00 for putting in a crossing, credited by 50 yds dirt @ 20cts \$10.00, use of road machine ½ day \$3.00 use of sprinkler 1 day \$2.00, making a total of (\$15.00), furnished which balanced said account.

The clerk on motion of Mr Mills was instructed to send Jas F Bradley & Company a statement of the above account as asked for in a letter Col Cole had the Clerk read, for James F Bradley & Co

Mr Embrey reported further that the Street Committee had employed Mr Armat, an Engineer from Washington DC to make grades & lines for several streets in the City, for which blue prints and maps will be furnished in a few days, when some important street work now contemplated will be done.

He advocated the laying of granolithic curbs at once, so that property owners could fill in their sidewalks and add to the comfort of pedestrians.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee presented an Ordinance relative to one dollar Gas. It provides for Gas at one dollar per M cu feet. All bills not paid before the 15th of the month following the using of the Gas are subject to a penalty of ten per cent; if not paid in 30 days after use, gas shall be cut off. That portion of the Ordinance relating to the minimum bill of 25 cents was a subject of discussion, Messrs Cole and Lane objecting, Messrs Dannehl, Mills & Bradley advocated \$1.00 gas and said it was settled that under any circumstances the Council pledged to it for the coming year.

Mr Lane offered as a substitute an ordinance leaving out the minimum charge of 25 cents. Mr Warden wanted to know if conditions at the Gas house justified dollar gas and wanted a statement of receipts & expenditures from the Gas Committee. And on his motion the consideration of the gas ordinance was postponed to a called meeting in this month and a request that Chairman Young furnish said statement

Mr Mills of Public Interests Committee said the Brooklyn or Eagle party had expressed themselves delighted with their reception here. That it only cost \$20.00 to entertain them and was a big advertisement for the City.

Adjourned
 E D Cole, President
 S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Oct 29th 1907 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present: Henry Dannehl, Vice President, W E Bradley, H B Lance, J P Rowe, E W Mills, J W Masters, Henry Warden, S W Somerville, E M Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Henry Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair

The Chair stated that the Council had been called by the Light Committee to hear the report of the Light Committee as to receipts and expenditures of Gas Plant on which the proposed reductions in the price of gas was based and for the further consideration of the Gas Ordinance presented at the last regular meeting of the Council.

The Clerk then read the action of the Council at its last meeting, postponing further consideration of the Gas Ordinance to a called meeting in October and requesting the Gas Committee to report on the receipts and expenditures of the Gas Plant which the proposed reduction in the price of Gas was based.

Mr Young, Chairman of the Light Committee made the following report;

According to the instructions of the Council, the Light Committee submits the following report as to the cost and expenditures at the Gas Works for the year ending December 31st 1906, showing on what it based its recommendation for one dollar gas.

Gas		
Total receipts	\$14,429.56	
Less expenditures	\$7,687.63	
	\$6,741.93	\$6,741.93
Interest on \$45,000.00 at 5%	\$2,250.00	
Interest on \$30,000.00 at 5% depreciation	\$1,500.00	
	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Balance		\$2,991.43

E M Young Jr, E W Mills, S W Somerville (Light Committee)

Mr E M Young Jr, Chairman of Light Committee Oct 23rd 1907

Dear Sir: As requested by you, I herewith submit the following figures taken from last years report of the business done by the City Gas Works:

From Gas sold and turned into Treasurer		\$11,925.44
From Coke		\$1,084.10
From Tar		\$517.45
Tar on hand		\$160.00
Total		\$13,783.65
Other sales		
Old Brass	\$14.00	
Tin	\$5.00	
Oxide bags returned	\$21.93	
Welsbach Lights	\$396.72	
Cash on hand	\$225.00	\$662.65
Bad bills on hand		\$2.26
Total		\$14,448.56
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Amount brought forward		\$14,448.56
Sale of old Iron at old works		\$316.55
Total		\$14,765.11

The sale of the old iron does not belong to the accounts of the new works, yet they were place to our credit by the city Treasurer, therefore I indicate them here.

Expenses		
Operating		\$5,688.97
Distributions		\$938.61
Office		\$234.42
Meters, new and repaired		\$333.82
Improvements		\$598.27
By-products		\$64.95
Welsbach lights		\$599.89
Superintendent		\$1,000.00
		\$9,458.93

These accounts are itemized in the yearly report.

Of the above expenses, the sum of \$1,198.16 representing Welsbach Lights and improvements can be deducted, as they are not necessary to the operation of the plant, Improvements not being necessary every year, and the receipts from the Welsbach Lights, a little more than offsetting the expense.

This would leave the actual operating expense. \$8,260.77.

Of the total amount received for Gas \$9,251.40 was sold at the rate of one dollar per thousand, this leaves, \$10,251.10 which would be effected by the proposed reduction and 20% of this is \$2,154.14.

As our gross receipts exceeded our gross expenditures by \$5,306.18, and the proposed reduction would reduce our receipts \$2,154.14, we would still have \$2,782.34 to pay the interest on the bonds and provide the sinking fund.

Depreciating is a subject that has been spoken of a great deal and your attention is called to the fact that some of the expenditures charged in the expense account, should rightfully be charged to depreciation. The figures quoted hold good, if the same volume of business is done this year, that was done last, and there is no reason to believe that this will not be the case as the business in Gas sold for the first four months of this year exceed that of last year by \$648.68.

If the price of gas is reduced, to one dollar, we are reasonably sure of doing a great amount of business than we have in the past.

With a greater amount of business, our receipts for coke and tar will be increased while our fixed charges will not be materially increased, and our running expense will only be increased in direct proportion to the amount of extra business done.

The un-contradicted statement has been made at a meeting of Gas Engineers that consumers using less than (\$1.00) worth of Gas a month were unprofitable and that money was lost on all that did not use 50¢ worth. Therefore the minimum charge of 25¢ seems to be reasonable. Here Mr Young read a number of letters from various cities in the State whose minimum charge for gas was 50 cents.

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A number of people light their places of business by other means than gas, and have a meter placed on their stores to use only when the other lights are out, or don't give them the service and some of these have not used any gas for ten months.

We have to read the statements of their meters and they have to be kept in repair, all of which costs something and we believe that the party having these conveniences should pay for them and not make others pay for them.

Table showing the number of meters using less than 25¢, 25¢ to 50¢, 50¢ to \$1.00, \$1.00 to \$2.00, \$2.00 to \$3.00, and over \$3.00

Month	Less than 25¢	25¢- 50¢	50¢- \$1.00	\$1.00- \$2.00	\$2.00- #3.00	over \$3.00	
Jun	139	31	106	94	53	54	477
Jul	127	49	87	95	56	70	484
Aug	128	50	80	95	51	77	481
Sep	101	40	83	102	68	95	489
Oct	83	33	63	105	76	139	499
Nov	76	36	67	96	85	135	495
Dec	66	31	61	89	95	159	501
Jan	85	30	54	104	80	153	506
Feb	89	31	79	117	78	104	498
Mar	94	40	72	139	77	81	503
Apr	89	37	77	149	73	100	525
May	85	39	79	157	63	102	535
12.	1,162	447	908	1,342	855	1,269	
	97	34	76	112	71	106	

In the table on page 4 all of the meters would not come under the head of 25¢ minimum bill, as some of them we were unable to read, owing to the parties being away from home, and then the following month they would have two month's bill to pay.

Respectfully, B F Bullock Supt

On motion the report of the Light Committee was received and ordered filed.

Mr Young then called up the Gas ordinance as presented by Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee at the last meeting and Mr Lane withdrew his substitute offered to the Ordinance at the last meeting.

On motion of Mr Bradley the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Nos, none

On motion of J W Masters the following Gas Ordinance as presented by the Ordinance Committee at the last meeting of the Council on Oct 17, 1907 was adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Nos, none

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“An Ordinance in relation to the price of Gas and the enforcement of collection of bills for its use:
Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that Section 14 of Chapter 38 of the bound Ordinances of this City, as amended by an Ordinance adopted on the 30th of July 1900, be and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

The Price of Gas furnished by the City, shall from the 1st of October 1907 be one dollar (\$1.00) per one thousand cubic feet. Where the amount of gas consumed in any month amounts to 250 cubic feet or more. Where less than 250 cubic feet are consumed by any consumer in any month the price for the amount consumed shall be twenty five cents for said months. All Gas bills shall be payable monthly All bills shall be paid by the 15th day of the month immediately succeeding their maturity and to such as remain unpaid after that date, ten percent shall be added.

And if any such bills remain unpaid for thirty days after their maturity they shall be collected in the mode and manner prescribed for the collection of delinquent taxes: and the Superintendent of the City Gas Works is hereby clothed with the power and is direct to proceed to collect the same.

And the Light Committee of the City Council is hereby invested with the authority and discretion to cut off the Gas from any building where there has been default in the payment for its use for more than thirty days.

This Ordinance shall take effect from its passage.”

Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden (Ordinance Committee)

Approved Oct 30th 1907, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice in the Council Chamber Thursday night Nov 21st 1907 at 7:30 PM with the following members present, E D Cole, W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, WE W Mills, A M Garner, Henry Warden, J W Masters, S W Somerville, E M Young Jr and S E Eastburn, Clerk

Col E D Cole, President in the Chair

Minutes of the last meeting and called meeting read and approved.

E M Young Jr in the Chair

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor’s report for Nov as follows

To the President and Common Council Nov 21, 1907

I respectfully report that the Police Officers have faithfully performed the duties of their office and are entitled to their Pay. Respectfully, Thomas P. Wallace, Mayor

On motion of J P Rowe, the Mayor’s report was received and ordered filed and the salaries of the Police ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following bills which were ordered paid on several motions

The Free Lance and Star Pub Company	\$4.00
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Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill for judges and clerks of election

Lower Ward

To Geo Freeman Jr	Judge at election	\$5.00
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To Robt E Dignum	Judge at election	\$5.00
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To J W Wilmore Cox	Judge at election	\$5.00	
To R E Smith	Clerk at election	\$5.00	
T J F Brown	Clerk at election	\$5.00	\$25.00
Upper Ward			
To Geo W Shepherd	Judge at election	\$5.00	
To Wm Sullinger	Judge at election	\$5.00	
To Saml H Beale	Judge at election	\$5.00	
To Preston L Harris	Clerk at election	\$5.00	
To R H Carmichael	Clerk at election	\$5.00	\$25.00
Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented bill for cleaning Mercer Monument Grounds			
To Daniel Christopher	to cleaning around Mercer Monument		\$14.00

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented five \$1,000.00 Gas and Water Bonds, Nos 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 with one coupon signed by Treasurer Knox due March 1st 1908 attached to each bond. The said bonds had been paid by the Treasurer and [Page 194] and sent to the Council to be disposed of. And he moved that Henry Warden and S W Somerville be appointed to examine said bonds and destroy the same, in the presence of the Council by burning them.

President Young appointed Henry Warden and S W Somerville to examine and destroy the above described bonds.

Mr Warden reported that the bonds were destroyed by burning.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported on the sinking fund on the bonded indebtedness of the City as follows:

Bonded indebtedness of the city as follows

Water Bonds	\$30,000.00	
Bridge Bonds	\$25,000.00	
Gas Bonds	\$25,000.00	
Electric Light Bonds	\$12,000.00	
St Imp Bonds	\$20,000.00	
Gas & Water Bonds	\$20,000.00	
City Bonds	\$119,400.00	
	\$251,400.00	
Sinking fund of 1% on the above amount		\$2,514.00
Balance in hand		\$57.00
Interest on State Bonds for six months		\$39.00
This amount not invested		\$2,610.00
Sinking fund on Sewer bonds, in hand not invested		\$242.00

Whereupon Mr Mills offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

Resolved by the Council that the Finance Committee invest the sum of (\$2,610.00) set aside for the sinking fund in Virginia 3% Century Bonds, which is known as the sinking fund of the city debt, in the name of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia.

And that the Finance Committee also invest in the said Bonds, the sum of (\$242.00) set apart as sinking fund for the Sewer bonds.

And that the City Treasurer check out (\$5,000.00), set apart for the Public School Building with interest thereon, loaned to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank said Finance Committee to invest said (\$5,000.00) and accrued interest in the aforesaid Virginia Bonds.

All the foregoing bonds to be registered

All said bonds shall be turned over to the City Treasurer for safe keeping.

E W Mills offered the following

To the Hon Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va Nov 21, 1907

Gentlemen: At a regular meeting of the Council held in August, there was a petition presented by the property [Page 195] living on the west side of Washington Avenue asking for certain street improvements which was referred to your Committee on Streets instructing them to bring in the probable cost of said work.

Your Committee begs leave to report that the work petitioned for will cost approximately (\$5,000.00) of which amount the property owners pay approximately (\$400.00)

Respectfully submitted E W Mills, J P Rowe

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and ordered filed

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented the following:

To the members of the Common Council Nov 21, 1907

Gentlemen: At the regular meeting of the Council held in August there was a petition presented signed by a number of property owners on the East and West sides of Upper Main Street asking for certain improvements, permanent Street improvements, which was referred to the your Committee on Streets, to ascertain the probable cost, and report thereon. Your Committee begs leave to report that the improvements asked for will cost approximately (\$13,500.00) of which amount the property owners pay (\$2,500.00) leaving approximately a net amount to be expended by the City of (\$11,000.00)

Respectfully submitted E W Mills, J P Rowe

On motion of Mr Bradley the report was received and ordered filed

Col Cole of the Finance Committee said at the request of a member of the Council he would report that the Commissioner's book had been completed: that the Assessment of personal property was only about \$900.00 in excess of last year, that collections to Nov 15th were better than any previous year, and that the probable expenses of the City would not exceed last year.

Cole E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee made this report

To the Hon Council Nov 21, 1907

Gentlemen: Some time back your Committee on Streets was requested to employ a civil engineer and have the grade of Princess Anne, Upper Main, a portion of Lewis and a portion of George Streets established, and in compliance with your wishes, we employed Mr Armat to do the work, and we make the following report of his work, with maps and drawings of said work and your Committee recommends the adoption of the same.

W S Embrey, E W Mills, J P Rowe (Committee)

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On motion of Mr Warden, the following resolution was adopted;

Resolved: That the Street Committee have made two or more blueprints of the plan submitted for the grades of Main and other streets and that the said blueprints be placed in charge of the Clerk of the Council and the Citizens be notified to the end that they may examine same.

And that the same Committee appoint a day upon which to hear any citizen who may wish to be heard in opposition to the adoption of said plans.

Mr Mills of the Street Committee presented the following bill of Engineer Christopher Armat

For Engineering Streets of Fredericksburg Va as pr agreement		
To 6 days field work	@\$18.00	\$108.00
To 80 hours office work	@\$1.00	\$80.00
Expenses, Wash DC to Fredericksburg & return Sep2, 1907		\$5.00
Expenses, Wash DC to Fredericksburg & return Oct 14, 1907		\$8.00
		\$201.00

On motion ordered paid by the following recorded vote
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Cole, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Mr Mills presented plots of survey of Lewis Street and George Street proposed improvements, on motion received

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, presented a letter from Acting U S Quartermaster General which stated that the Boulevard had been completed from National Cemetery to Princess Anne Street and notifying the City Authorities that the care of same in the City Limits so far the US Government is concerned ends, and the care of same devolves upon the City. Mr Fitzhugh also read a letter which he wrote in reply which elicited another letter reiterating the contents of the first letter.

On motion Mr Fitzhugh was instructed to take up the matter with the department and invoke the assistance of our representative, Hon W A Jones.

Mr Warden introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously
Resolved by the Council that the Clerk of the Council call the attention of the Honorable Mayor of this City to the present Ordinance in relation to the repairs of sidewalks and to urge him to enforce the same, at once, in all parts of the City.

Mr Young Chairman of the Light Committee reported that three times during the past month the City [Page 197] electric wires had been interfered with by telephone wires, to such an extent that the current was cut off and the City was in temporary darkness. He asked the attention of the Street Committee to the matter as all telephone wires and poles came under its jurisdiction. He also reported that the new "Lefel Wheel" for the City Electric Light Plant is expected in 15 days.

Mr Lane of the Water Committee asked for a special appropriation of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars to the Water Committee for sprinkling purposes which on motion was granted by the following recorded vote;
Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Garner, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young, Cole

Col Cole asked Mr Warden, Chairman of Police if it was admissible for Police Officers on duty to wear citizens clothes. He replied No. Col Cole said this is being done.

Mr Somerville, Chairman of School Committee reported the following City Scholars attending the College this year: Frank D Beale, (2) Edith Berry. (3) Doris Garrison. (4) Mary Alma Gouldman. (5) Amelia Hanway. (6) Sallie Norris. (7) Eleanor Portch. (8) Wm Saml Scott. (9) Corrine Stearns. (10) Sidney Ruck.

Mr Somerville also stated that the Joint Committee on School Building will meet in a few days and recommend a site for the New Public School Building and also plans for said building.

Mr Masters, Chairman of the Fire Department asked that his Committee be allowed to provide rubber coats and gum boots for the Firemen.

On motion of Mr Bradley the Council adjourned
E D Cole President
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to notice, in the Council Chamber Thursday Dec 19, 1907 at 7:40 PM with the following members present; Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young and S E Eastburn, Clerk
Col E D Cole in the Chair
Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Mr H Dannehl, Vice President in the Chair
Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report
To Hon President of Common Council Fredericksburg Va Dec 19, 1907
Your Police Officers of the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va have faithfully discharged their duties and are entitled to the pay. Respectfully, Thomas P Wallace, Mayor
On motion of H B Lane, the Mayor's report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers were ordered paid.

Col Cole of the Finance Committee presented the following letter
Richmond Va, Dec 7, 1907
To the Council of Fredericksburg, Va care R T Knox, City Treasurer
Gentlemen: The Fifth Section of the Act of April 16, 1904 to raise revenue for the support of the government and Public Free Schools and to pay interest on the public debt and to provide a special tax for pensions, imposed a tax of \$1.50 on every male inhabitant, who has attained the age of the twenty-one years, except those pensioned by this State for Military Service, and declares that of this Tax, fifty cents shall be returned and paid into the Treasury of the County or City in which it shall have bene collected. The Capitation taxes assessed in Fredericksburg Va in 1906 and the amount of said taxes returned delinquent were as follows:

No of Persons 1,248	Assessed	@\$1.50	\$1,872.00
No of Persons 563	Delinquent	@\$1.50	\$844.50
No of Persons 685	Collected	@\$1.50	\$1,027.50

Of this amount collected one-third is to be returned to City \$342.50
In conformity with the provisions of said Act, I herewith enclose check of Treasurer of Virginia payable to the Treasurer of Fredericksburg Va, R T Knox for (\$342.50) in payment of the portion of the Capitation tax, which is to be returned and paid into the Treasury of your City.
Very respectfully, Morton Marye (Auditor of Public Accts)

Col Cole of the Finance Committee reported as follows:
To the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va Dec 18 1907
Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance begs to make the following reports.
We have purchased the following Virginia Century bonds, in the name of the City of Fredericksburg, Va which was ordered by the Council [Page 199] at a meeting held November 21st 1907
For Sewer sinking fund \$300.00 Virginia Century bonds @ 85/3/4 \$257.25
For City Sinking Fund or 1% bonded debt \$3,000.00 Virginia Century Bonds @ 85-3/4 \$2,572.50

For Public School House fund \$5,000 Virginia Century Bonds @85-3/4		\$4,287.50
\$700.00 Virginia Century Bonds @86-3/4	\$607.25	
\$100.00 Virginia Century Bonds @88-1/4	\$88.25	
	\$4,983.00	

The above Bonds have been delivered to the City Treasurer and are registered
 E D Cole, H B Lane (Finance Committee)
 On motion of Mr Bradley the report was accepted.

E D Cole in the Chair

Mr Mills of the Street Committee asked for more time in which to prepare the blueprints ordered at the last Council Meeting. On motion more time granted. He also called attention to the condition of some iron cellar doors on Main & Commerce Streets.

Mr Young of the Light Committee reported that this was the time to elect the Superintendent of City Gas Works.

Mr Bradley moved to go into the election of the Superintendent of City Gas Works, which motion was adopted

Mr Somerville moved and it was adopted the salary of the Superintendent of City Gas Works be the same as last year. To wit one thousand dollars, and rent of house on Gas Plant and fuel and lights.

B F Bullock was elected, Superintendent of City Gas Works for the next year by the following recorded vote: Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

Mr Lane of the Water Committee reported that this was the time to elect the Superintendent of City Water Works. Mr Bradley moved to go into the election of Superintendent of City Water Works, which motion was adopted.

Mr Somerville moved that the salary be same as last year, nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) and it was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Cole, Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Mills, Dannehl, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young

The application of S J Quinn was read and he was unanimously elected Superintendent of the City Water Works.

Mr Dannehl of the Ordinance Committee announced the presence of Judge A T Embrey, representing the Fredericksburg Power Company and asking to be allowed to bid for a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Light and Power lines in the City for the purpose of supplying Electric Light and Power [Page 200]

Judge Embrey stated he desired to present this request for a franchise that copies would be furnished each member of the Council, that he did not desire action now, but that it be referred to the Ordinance Committee and acted upon later.

On motion of Mr Young referred to the Ordinance Committee

Mr Warden stated that he had been requested to offer the following resolution to be acted upon in conjunction with the application of the Fredericksburg Power Company for a franchise.

Whereas the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co has been permitted by the City Council of Fredericksburg to occupy the Streets for the purpose of selling electricity for light and power for upwards of twenty five years, and whereas said Company has applied at various times for a franchise, and met with a refusal each time, being permitted to take out a license instead; Therefore the Council feels that it is but just and right that the equities of said Company in the premises should be provided for and safe-guarded in the proposed ordinance setting forth the terms upon which a franchise is to be or shall be granted for the right to conduct the business of selling electricity.

Now therefore be it resolved:

That the proposed ordinance shall contain the following:

“That the proposed ordinance bidder for said franchise shall purchase the business of said “The Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company” at a price to be agreed upon by said successful bidder and the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company;

And that failing to reach an agreement as to the value of said business, three arbitrators shall be selected in the following manner, one by said successful bidder, one by said Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company and a third by the two so selected. The decision of these three is to be binding upon the parties interested.

This was lost by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Dannehl, Masters, Warden (5) votes

Nos, Bradley, Mills, Somerville, Young, Cole (5) votes

Mr Rowe of Alms House Committee presented application from the Ladies of the City Mission asking for help for the poor in the City outside of the Alms House.

On motion the matter was left in the hands of the Committee with power to act.

Mr Mills of Public Interests asked that City Attorney Fitzhugh be heard in regard to correspondence with the War Department as to control of Boulevard, as stated previously, the War Department claims that when the recent work on Boulevard by the Government was completed, their jurisdiction ceased and [Page 201] the City should take charge of it. A letter was read by Mr Fitzhugh from Hon W A Jones, which stated that the phraseology of the act making the appropriations could only be construed in this way, but at this term of Congress this could be changed through Senator Daniel, when additional appropriation is asked for to complete the South Side walk of the Boulevard.

The matter was left in the hands of Attorney Fitzhugh for his attention.

Mr Mills stated that in company with Mr A P Rowe of the Public Interests of the Business Men’s Association he had been to Washington in conference with Hon W A Jones who had promised to introduce a bill for (\$25,000) additional appropriation for Public Building and for (\$10,000) for the Boulevard.

Mr Warden of Health Committee submitted a report recommending that the pump at Hunter’s Foundry be closed. On motion of Mr Dannehl seconded by Mr Mills, the Water Committee was instructed to close up the well all Hunter’s Foundry and install a drinking fountain in its stead. Mr Bradley voting no.

H Dannehl in the Chair during the discussion of his motion.

Col Cole in the Chair

A lengthy communication was read by the Clerk from the Business Men’s Association, endorsing the proposed Fredericksburg and Southern Rail Road.

On motion of Mr Bradley the communication was received and ordered filed.

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution:

It having come to the knowledge of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that application has been made, and is now pending before the Virginia State Corporation Commission for a charter for the Fredericksburg and Southern Railway Company, with Fredericksburg as its northern terminus and Doswell its Southern terminus.

And the said Council being this night in receipt of a resolution of the Business Men’s Association of Fredericksburg, warmly endorsing said proposed charter and road.

And it appearing to the Council that the construction of the said road, would be of immense benefit to this City and section and that this section and City should not be denied the benefit of any proposed improvement, whatever, that is offered to any other section of the State of Virginia.

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Now be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va that the Council of the said City has learned with regret of the efforts to oppose the granting of the said Charter and be it further resolved that the said Council is hereby puts itself upon record, and is of the opinion that this City and Section should enjoy any and all rights whatsoever that are accorded to any other section of the State of Virginia; that the said proposed Rail Road, if constructed would not in the judgment of the Council be injurious to the rights and interests of the State of Virginia, but on the contrary would be of great benefit to the whole state and would be of a special benefit to this City and to the Section of the Country between Fredericksburg and the City of Richmond.

That this Council does not believe it to be the true policy of the State of Virginia to prevent any development in this Section of the State, more than any other Section of the State, and in as much as there is no prohibition in the law against the construction of any rail road in any other Section of the State of Virginia, this Council sees absolutely no reason why the proposed Fredericksburg and Southern Rail Road Charter should be not granted, and heartily approves of the said Charter and the construction of the proposed road, and hereby expresses the hope that the Honorable Corporation Commission of Virginia may see its way clear, under the law to grant the said Charter.

And if the said Commission should be of the opinion that it cannot grant the said charter, then this Council strongly hopes that the Legislature to convene January 1st 1908 may repeal the law prohibiting the granting of the said Charter, and to so enact a law as to permit any development in this Section of Virginia, the like privileges of which is accorded to any other section of the State.

And be it further resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the Honorable Senator and member of the house of Delegates representing Fredericksburg in the General Assembly of Virginia be, and they are hereby requested to use their utmost efforts in the General Assembly of Virginia to secure the repeal of the law prohibiting the granting of the said charter, and the construction of the said road, or any other charter for the construction of any other road in this section of the State of Virginia.

And be it further resolved that the Clerk of this Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Senator and Delegate representing Fredericksburg in the General Assembly of Virginia.

H Dannehl in the Chair

After a general discussion the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes, Bradley, Lane, Mills, Masters, Warden, Somerville, Young (7) votes

Nos, Cole, Rowe, Dannehl (3) votes

E D Cole in the chair

On motion of Mr Somerville, the water Committee was requested to get estimate of cost of sinking an artesian well at some point in the City and report back to this Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned

E D Cole, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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