

Fredericksburg Council Minutes 1910

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held January 20, 1910 at 7:30 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber.

Present: W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J C Melville, J P Rowe, Joseph M Goldsmith, W E Embrey, Arthur Brown, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report, which was read as follows by the Clerk.

Hon W E Bradley, President, and members of the Common Council Jan'y 20, 1910

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

Justice Dannehl has paid over to me \$44.50 for fines imposed by and paid to him for the past month, which together with \$30.00 collected for dog licenses, I have turned over to the Treasurer of the City.

It is with regret that I view the recent loss by fire of the Peden excelsior plant, for our City can ill afford the loss of factories now. Its owners have my sincere sympathy; they were able to save but little from the fire & owing to the high rate of insurance, caused by the poor fire protection, they had no insurance on the Plant and fixture. I wish to commend the heroic work of our volunteer firemen. They worked hard and earnestly and accomplished all they could with the means at hand. These brave men are entitled to unstinted praise and gratitude for their cheerful readiness to render their assistance at any hour, night or day, in extinguishing fires. As they work at great sacrifice and often under great danger, I hope before long, the Council may see its way clear to allowing reasonable compensation to those who may need same.

In this connection I feel it my duty to commend favorable consideration of the recent recommendations to your Hon body by Supt S J Quinn and the putting of the same in effect as soon as you can.

These recommendations look to the improvement & rendering more effective the fire protection West & South of the Canal, which traverses the City.

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That better fire protection in the Section indicated will quicken the progress and add to the prosperity of our City goes without saying, for the splendid factory sites and sites for dwellings there will be quickly utilized, if proper fire protection is offered & every building which goes up means that much more revenue for the City in increased tax on the increased value of the lot built on. Not only is the section referred to inadequately provided with water for fire protection, but I am informed that at times it is difficult to get water for drinking and domestic use.

I hope, at the proper time, this important matter will be taken up and receive prompt and proper consideration and be properly acted on.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Melville, the report was received and salaries of the Police ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Rowe:

“Whereas by an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved March 14th 1908 (see Acts of 1908 pages 427, 429) the establishment of a Normal and Industrial School for women at Fredericksburg was provided for:

And whereas said Act of the General Assembly provides that the establishment of said School near or within the Corporate Limits of said City is conditioned upon the appropriation by the City of not less than (\$20,000.00) cash, to be paid by the City:

And whereas to enable said City to comply with said condition it is necessary to obtain from the Legislature now in session authority to issue the bonds of the City to that amount.

And whereas the issue of \$20,000.00 of new bonds will not reach the limit of the bond indebtedness of the City prescribed by Section 127 of the Constitution.

Therefore resolved by the City Council:

That the Act which has been prepared by the City Attorney for the purpose of enabling the City to issue \$20,000.00 of bonds be, and the same is hereby approved, and the City Attorney is instructed to place the said bill in the hands of the honorable delegate and senator from this City with request that they obtain the passage of the same as speedily as possible.

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Signed H B Lane, J C Melville, W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

Jan’y 20, 1910

An Act

“An act to authorize the City of Fredericksburg Virginia to issue coupon or registered bonds of the City for the purpose of enabling the City to appropriate twenty thousand dollars cash toward the establishment at or near the City of a State Normal and Industrial School for Women.

1a. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

That it shall be lawful for the Council of the City of Fredericksburg Va, in order to enable said City to appropriate twenty thousand dollars cash toward the establishment at or near said City, of a State Normal and Industrial School for Women in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of Virginia of March 14th 1908 to issue coupon or registered bonds in sums not less than one hundred dollars to an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars at their par value, and bear interest at a rate not to four per centum per annum payable semi-annually. Said bonds may be made payable and may be redeemable at the option of the Council at such time as the Council may declare on the face of the bond.

The said bonds shall be signed by the Mayor and the City Treasurer and attested by the Clerk of the Council, with the Corporate Seal of the City affixed thereto and the coupons shall each bear the signature of the City Treasurer, signed thereto: The said bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxation by the City of Fredericksburg or the City Council and shall not be sold for less than their par value, provided, that such bond issue together with the existing indebtedness of said City shall not exceed the limit fixed by section one hundred and twenty seven of the Constitution of Virginia, and the Statute made in pursuance thereof.

2. That the Council be authorized, annually to levy and collect taxes sufficient to pay the interest on all bonds issued under this Act and the said Council shall provide for the payment of the principal of said bonds when the same shall mature and become payable, and in their discretion may create a sinking fund to be applied to the redemption and payment of said bonds as provided by general law. It being necessary that the foregoing appropriation be made at once, an emergency exists, and the Act shall become a law from the date of its passage.”

(approved Jan 22, 1910, H L Wallace, Mayor)

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee offered and amendment to section 96 of the License Tax Ordinance by adding the words, “where the price for admission does not exceed 10 cents”

On motion of Mr Melville the rules were suspended by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Melville, Section 96 of the License Tax Ordinance was amended by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green and Bradley.

To read as follows

Section 96. Vaudeville Parlor, moving pictures

On every Vaudeville Parlor, moving picture and illustrated song show and theatre \$10.00 per month or \$80.00 per year when the price of admission does not exceed 10 cents.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bond of the Supt of Water Works, S J Quinn: with the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company of Baltimore Md for \$2,000.00, approved by the City Attorney.

On motion of Mr Embrey the bond of Supt of Water Works was received and the Finance Committee instructed to place the said Bond in the National Bank for safe keeping, by unanimous vote.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported that his Committee had requested the Superintendent of Water to investigate and report to the Council on the conditions and needs of the Water Supply west of the Canal and asked that the Supt be heard.

Report of the Superintendent "Special" January 20, 1910

Messrs J P Rowe, H B Lane & A M Garner, Committee on Water

Gentlemen: The disastrous fires of the recent past have demonstrated what has so often been brought to your attention of the Council that, that part of Town South of the Canal is without fire protection and portions of it have but scanty domestic supply.

However, that it maybe understood that lack of funds was responsible for this condition of things and not the Superintendent or Committee. I feel that I ought to say, that, when their pipes were laid, the Committee was informed they would give fire protection, which was reported to the Council, but it then had not the money to do better.

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Two estimates of Relief, one, total, the other partial have been made in the last ten years, the total relief plan being about \$6,000.00 and the partial relief being less, but these improvements were deferred that others might be constructed.

The time now seem to be propitious and the public appears to demand that this portion of town shall not be longer kept at such a disadvantage.

Therefore, I am requested by your to submit a plan for furnishing an adequate supply of water for that section, for both domestic and fire protection.

In order to reach the highest efficiency of reservoir pressure for this work, it will be necessary to insert the main supply pipe in the reservoir. The draft on our present 8" pipe to town being too great to divide with and make this new work what it should be.

I submit the following:

An 8" pipe from the Reservoir down to Plank Road, Cross Rowe's meadow to Hanover and Weedon Streets connecting with # pipe and reduce from 8" to 6".

Thence down Boulevard to Prince Edward Street, connecting with laterals at Washington Avenue and Prince Edward crossings and 3" pipe in centre of Boulevard, if permitted to cut through the Boulevard.

Thence down Prince Edward to Dunmore, to Charles, to Dixon and Princess Anne, connecting with 3" pipe at Frederick and 4" pipe at Princess Anne and Dixon.

Reduce to 4" pipe thence through Hazel Hill if right of way is permitted connecting with 3" pipe on Main Street below last fire plug.

This line to be furnished with the necessary double fire plugs and gate valve, a 4" pipe to connect with 3" pipe at juncture of Hanover and Lee Avenue, up Lee Avenue to Charlotte St, thence to Spottswood Street, there connecting with 8" Main with necessary fire plug and gate valves.

A 4" pipe connecting with 8" mains at Weedon and Mercer Streets up Merce to Willis down Willis to Boulevard connecting with 3" pipe at their junction with necessary fire plugs and gate valves.

4" pipe at Princess Anne & Wolfe Streets up

Wolfe St to Spottswood connection at Washington Avenue with 4" pipe and at Spottswood with 3", with necessary plugs and valves.

4" pipe at junction of Boulevard and Prince Edward St, up Prince Edward to Charlotte Street, connecting at that point with 3" pipe with necessary fire plugs and gate valves.

3" pipe at junction of Hanover Street and Sunken Road down Sunken Road to Mercer Street, down Mercer Street to Willis Street connecting with 4" pipe at that point.

This plan would furnish that part of town with a network of plug supporting pipes that would insure each plug a [Page 480] full supply of water, being fed from both directions, making them as effective as the elevation of that section would permit.

In addition to this, the pipes in the lower end of town will have a double flow of water, affording excellent fire protection where there is now a great deficiency.

This system will do away with dead end pipes, the trouble heretofore, and in their stead a larger pipe connection with almost a straight shoot to the reservoir.

And further, it will be seen that the extensions and laterals of these two 8" mains are so connected as to make the water flow from one to the other, thus keeping up a full volume and enabling the plugs to do good service.

Respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt

Approved, J P Rowe, H B Lane, A M Garner (Committee)

On motion of Mr Embrey the above report was referred to the Joint Committee of Water and Finance to report back to the Council at next meeting with probable cost and recommendations. By unanimous vote.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests reported that a Committee of Citizens were present in the interest of the Establishment of a shirt factory here and it the Council was ready would like them to be heard.

President Bradley stated that about the 1st of January Messrs C W Jones and S G Wallace called the attention of the President of the Council to a fact that the firm of Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co of Baltimore, the largest shirt manufacturer in the world, desired to establish a branch factory here and that its General Manager, Mr Atchison, was here to investigate and find out what field was here for said Factory.

Later President W S Brannan of the Business Men's Association had brought Mr Atchison to see him: that he soon discovered that Mr A meant business. He asked him what his firm wanted the City to do.

His reply was, the use of a building for three years rent free and not less than a hundred girls to start work with; That he had called a meeting of the Finance & Public Interest Committees together with a number of Business Men and the City Attorney; that Messr C W Jones and Joseph M Goldsmith had made a personal canvass for the girls and registered one hundred or more; That said meeting had appointed a Committee of four citizens outside of the Council, Messrs M G Willis, E D Cole, S G Wallace, & C W Jones; That these gentlemen had been very active and were present and if the Council wished it would make a report.

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Mr Willis was heard. He stated that his Committee had made a thorough canvass of the situation; that conference had been held with Messrs Openheim and Atchison; That sites had been looked at,

estimates made and the report of his Committee embodied in a resolution prepared by City Attorney Fitzhugh.

Mr Fitzhugh then read the proposed resolution, which was offered by Mr Embrey and which was adopted by the following recorded vote;

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Bradley, Green.
Noes, Brown

Whereas a Committee of Business men of this City consisting of Messrs M G Willis, S G Wallace, Col E D Cole, & C W Jones, has reported to the Council that it has conferred with Mr Oppenheim of the firm Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co of Baltimore Md the largest manufacturer of shirts in the United States, in relation to the location of one of their factories in Fredericksburg, Va.

And whereas said Mr Oppenheim has indicated to said Committee that his firm might be willing to start a factory here, provided the City would furnish a building of certain dimensions, rent free for a period of three years, giving to said firm at the expiration of said three years the option to lease said Factory for one or more years at an annual rent of \$300.

And whereas said Committee after a thorough search of the City has been unable to find any building that can be rented or purchased suitable for said factory, and the Committee being profoundly impress with the great importance to the City and to the labor of the City recently thrown out of employment. That the opportunity to locate a factory of said concern here should be improved, has ascertained that the City can secure a lot ample for the present needs of such Factory and for the expansion of its business for (\$1,500.00) and can with the next thirty days have erected thereon such building as said firm call for (\$3,500.00) making a total cost of (\$5,000.00) and here strongly recommended strongly that said City expend said sum for said purpose which will involve no loss to the City.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that a Joint Committee composed of the Finance Committee of the Council and the aforesaid Committee of Citizens, not members of the Council, be, and is hereby appointed, which Committee is authorized in its discretion to make the foregoing contracts with said firm of Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co, and to purchase a suitable lot and have erected thereon the aforesaid Factory at the aggregate cost not to exceed (\$5,000.00). The money to pay for the same to be obtained on temporary Revenue Certificates when needed at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent.

(approved H L Wallace, Jan'y 22, 1910)

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Mr Green of the Committee on Fire Department reported on Hose and Supplies referred to his Committee at the last Council.

To the City Council January 20, 1910

We the undersigned Fire Committee recommend the purchase of 1000 feet fire hose at \$1.00 per foot from the Fabric Fire Hose Company of New York.

Keystone brand as per sample. Also 2 nozzles and three tips at \$52.00

Signed F L W Green, Arthur Brown, W S Embrey (Committee)

Mr Masters moved that the report of the Fire Committee be received and that the Committee be instructed to purchase 1000 feet of fire hose has per bid of the Fabric Fire Hose Company of New York, Keystone Brand at \$1.00 per foot. Also 2 nozzles and three tips as pr bid for the sum of \$52.00.

Adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley

Mr Green, Chairman of Fire Department asked that the Council hear City Attorney Fitzhugh on the subject of a paid Fire Department.

Mr Fitzhugh spoke earnestly for pay for service of firemen at fires, and on motion of the Fire Committee was instructed to confer with the Insurance Companies and see what proposition they will pay towards such object.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber Feb'y 1st 1910 at 3 PM
Present: Bradley, Lane, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green Howard; City Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President stated that the object for which the Council had been called was to pass suitable resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Ex-Mayor, Thomas P Wallace.

Mr H B Lane offered the following resolutions which were seconded by Mr Warden and unanimously adopted.

Resolution

It have been announced to the Council that Thomas P Wallace, formerly Mayor, of the City of Fredericksburg Va departed this life in this City on the 31st day of January 1910, it is deemed meet and proper that this body enter on its records a lasting memorial in testimony of its respect and admiration for a life largely devoted to the Public Service and to the welfare of his fellow man. In the performance of his official duties as Mayor, Major Wallace was faithful, courteous, and conscientious as all who came in contact with him officially know.

As a citizen, he was public spirited, and as a man he gathered to him hosts of friends and died as he lived, without an enemy.

Be it resolved, as a further token of respect that the Common Council attend his funeral in a body and that the Mayor's office be draped in mourning for thirty days.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held Feb'y 17th 1910 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chamber with the following members present; Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; City Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's report at follows:

Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council February 17, 1910

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

I beg to report fines amounting to (\$22.00) paid me by Justice Dannehl, which I have turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr [blank] The Mayor's report was received and the salaries of the Police Officers ordered paid by the unanimous vote of those present.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee presented two bills which on motions were ordered paid.

To Clerk for 1 record book & express		\$5.55
To Free Lance Star Pub Co		
To 100 Bills renting hay scales	\$1.50	
To 500 circular letters	\$1.50	\$3.00
By City Collector		

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented communication from the Mayor, including a report of the Committee appointed by his honor, to examine and report on the safety of the Opera House, skating rink, and Colbert's Moving Picture Show Building.

Hon W E Bradley, Pres & members of the City Council, Fredericksburg, Va January 27, 1910
 Gentlemen: Herewith I hand you a copy of the report of a Committee composed of Judge Alvin T Embrey, Samuel G Wallace and C W Jones, appointed by me for the purposes indicated in the warrant attached to said report.

As the law concerning fire escapes reads as follows "The character and design of said fire-escapes shall in Cities and Towns be selected by the Common Council of said Cities and Towns" [Page 485] it of course rests with the Council to settle on the kind of fire escapes to be used. Pursuant to City Ordinance, I have filed original report with the Treasurer of the City.

Feeling sure that you will give this matter the attention it calls for I am
 Very respectfully yours, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Virginia, City of Fredericksburg, to-wit:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1: That a fire escape of iron, or some other suitable metal, should be provided leading from the gallery through the Commerce Street wall of the building and eastward down this wall with a

landing at [Page 486] the present first window nearest Main Street, but on Commerce Street side of the building leading from the Main Hall of the Opera House.

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

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

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

3: What is apparently not generally known is the existence of a broad safe stairway against the northern wall of the building descending eastward and leading to the alley to the rear of the building. This stairway, however, is reached from the Main Floor by two short flights of steps, one from the Main Landing and one from a small hallway leading from the stage toilet.

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

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

4: Your Committee had most trouble with the Main entrance doors to the Opera House and the Main stairway, and their following recommendations, they do not regard as ideal, but as the best that occurs to them without putting an enormous expense upon the management of the Opera House, and in fact without causing [Page 487] considerable change in the interior of the Opera House itself. Your Committee dislikes the present necessity of those in the gallery coming down the gallery stairs, going eastward and there having to turn at the top of either the Main Stairs joining with those going out from the main hall and moving westward, but your Committee does not think this objectionable feature can be obviated without either removing the gallery or seriously narrowing or otherwise, seriously interfering with the main outlet of the building.

Your Committee found that the front doors are so hung that they can be opened outward, but this can be done only with some difficulty. These doors, it seems to your Committee are not well hung for exterior doors of an Opera House, and they have antiquated fasteners or bolts, to them which are liable at any time to drop onto the lugs provided for them in the door sill, and thus effectively prevent the opening outwardly, or inwardly of these doors without considerable trouble.

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

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

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

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

At the top of this main stairway, Your Committee notices a frame work, having in it a small door, which frame work and door seems to be supported by two bolts acting as ratchets and it is not impossible for these ratchets to fail of action or this framework of its own weight to drop in the retaining grooves at the head of the Stairway thus absolutely preventing any exit by this stairwell from the main hall whatsoever.

Your Committee thinks that this suspended framework is insecure and is absolutely unnecessary and is a menace to the safety of those frequenting this building and your Committee recommends that this suspended frame work be either [Page 488] tightly and securely nailed and permanently fixed up, or that it be removed altogether.

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

The building of J B Colbert in which is conducted a moving picture show.

Your Committee visited this building and was courteously shown through it by Mr Monrote who is in charge. Your Committee found the place clean and everything neat. You Committee noticed a door in the north wall of this building being the second door in said wall from the Main Street. This door had a card over it labeled "Exit", but the door opened into the room and so close to it was the row of seats that the door itself could not be opened much more than one-third of its swing.

Your Committee would recommend that this door be son hanged as to open outward and that it together with the two sets of double swinging doors, leading into the Hall, should be indicated by red lights illuminating signs marked "out" or "outlet".

Your Committee would recommend that the main exterior doors to this building, leading from the street into the building should be hinged as to swing out instead of in, and that the action of these exterior doors be in no wise interfered with by the present drop bolt which is on one of them and which fits into a lug embedded in the door sill.

Park Skating Rink

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

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

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

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

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

In other words, the seating capacity of a building is ordinarily taken to be the limit of safety for said building and whenever this limit is transcended danger is present against which your Committee does not believe any reasonable safe guards can be either devised or suggested.
Respectfully submitted, Alvin T Embrey, C W Jones, S G Wallace (Committee)

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the report of the Joint Committee of Finance & Citizens on Shirt Factory. Contract & Plans for building.

This agreement made this 4th day of February 1910 by and between the City of Fredericksburg Va a body corporate, party of the first part, and Eli Oppenheim, David Oberndorf and Isaac A Oppenheim, co-partners trading as Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Company of Baltimore Maryland, parties of the second part.

Whereas the said party of the first part desires to have the said parties of the second part establish in the City of Fredericksburg Va a plant for the manufacture of shirts, and has been authorized by a resolution passed at its regular meeting of January 20th 1910 to purchase land, erect thereon a factory building and contract for the free use thereof by the said parties of the second part, to lease the same at the expiration of said period of three years at an annual rental of \$300.00; and [Page 490] Whereas the said parties of the second part are ready and willing to start a factory at Fredericksburg, Va under the circumstances above mentioned.

Now therefore, this agreement witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and of the sum of \$1.00 by each of the said parties unto the other in hand paid, receipt of which said respective sums is hereby acknowledged, the said parties agree to and with one another as follows:

1st The party of the first part agrees that it will promptly upon the execution of this agreement purchase a lot of ground suitable for the present needs of such factory & for the expansion of its business, said lot having dimensions of 75 feet by 135 feet more or less at and for the sum of \$1,500.00, more or less, and will at once proceed to have erected thereon a factory building of size not less than 40 feet by 125 feet and according to plans and character of construction which shall be satisfactory to said parties of the second part.

Said party of the first part agrees to have the erecting of said building begun immediately and finished within thirty days if possible.

Said parties of the second part agree to equip the said building with the necessary machinery and promptly begin the operation of same as a shirt factory, and in consideration of the said parties of the second part thus equipping the said building with the necessary machinery and operating the same as a shirt factory, said party of the first part the use and occupancy of the building free of rent for a term of three years; provided however should it become necessary for the said parties of the second part to discontinue the operation of the Factory owing to scarcity of labor or other unfavorable business conditions, parties of the second part agree that in this event they will pay party of the first part rental for the unexpired portion of the term of three years, at the rental basis of \$300.00 per annum.

3rd From and after the expiration of said period of three years, said party of the first part hereby grants to said parties of the second part an option to lease the said property for a period of one to three years as may be decided by said parties of the second part, at an annual rental of \$300.00 per annum upon such terms and conditions as are usual in leases of Real Property in Fredericksburg, Va. Should said parties [Page 491] of the second part desire to avail themselves of said option, they shall signify their intentions so to do by a notice in writing at least ninety days before the expiration of said period of three years above mentioned.

4th Said party of the first part hereby grant to the said parties of the second part the right or option to purchase the said land and factory building at anytime during their free occupancy thereof, or

during the term of any lease or renewal of lease upon said premises, which said parties of the second part may make at and for the sum of (\$5,000.00), in cash, and the said party of the first part further agrees to have the grant of this option to purchase ratified and confirmed at its next regular meeting so that there may be no question as to the legal sufficiency of said option.

Witness the hands of the parties aforesaid.

Eli Oppenheim, David Oberndorf, Isaac A Oppenheim

Teste, Bernard J. Nolan

The City of Fredericksburg Va by the following Joint Committee duly authorized by resolution of the Council of January 20th 1910 to execute this contract

H B Lane, John C Melville, W E Bradley, M G Willis, E D Cole, C W Jones, S G Wallace

Mr Lane offered the following resolution which was duly seconded by Mr Melville and adopted by unanimous recorded vote; Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

The Joint Committee having reported to the Council that in pursuance of the resolution of the Council of January 20th 1910 they closed the contract with Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co and have exhibited the same to the Council and have purchased a lot from St Geo R Fitzhugh at the intersection of Princess Anne and Wolfe Sts for (\$1,500.00) and have contracted with E G Heflin to erect a factory thereon for \$3,500.00 which factory is nearing completion and the machinery for same is at the depot in Fredericksburg and will be place in said factory within the next week.

Resolved by the Council that the before mentioned contract with Oppenheim, Oberndorf & Co is approved and ratified and the action of the Joint Committee in the premises is approved and ratified.

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Be it further resolved that the Finance Committee of the Council do execute these certificates of indebtedness as provided by the Constitution of Virginia, each for one-third of \$5,000.00 in words and figures as follows:

This is to certify that the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia is indebted to [blank] in the sum of \$1,666.67 with five per cent interest thereon from the date hereof until same is paid. This certificate is issued in anticipation of the collection of the Revenue of the City for the year. This certificate to be payable at any time within one year from the date of its issue.

Resolved further, that each one of the three banks of city have the privilege of accepting one of said certificates.

Resolved further that said Finance Committee receive the proceeds of said Certificates and apply the same to the payment for said lot and building.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Bond of Supt Bullock of Gas Works for the sum of \$2,000.00 approved by the City Attorney.

On motion of Mr Rowe the bond of Supt Bullock was received and ordered turned over the Finance Committee to place the same in National Bank.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee offered the Property and License Tax Ordinance for 1910-1911, which will lay over until March meeting. There is no change in the Property Tax and very little in the License Tax as reported by the Committee. Real Estate and Personal is put at \$1.45 on the \$100.00 value and the change in License is \$50.00 on Cigarettes wholesale and retail and bakeries and bread wagons licenses not pro rated.

Mr Embrey of Streets asked for an appropriation of three hundred dollars for the Street Committee. One hundred and fifty for each ward; and on motion of Mr Rowe, the sum of Three Hundred dollars was appropriated to the Street Committee, one half of said amount for each ward.

(approved Feb'y 2, 1910 H L Wallace, Mayor)

Mr Rowe, of Joint Committee on Water & Finance stated that Supt of Water, S J Quinn was present and through him said Joint Committee would present their report as to giving an ample supply of water for fire & domestic purposes in "Scatterville," and lower part of the City. The report was read as follows and on motion of Mr Melville was received.

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Report of the City Water Works on extension of Water Mains

At an informal meeting of the Committee on Water shortly after the last session of the Council, the sizes of pipes recommended for the South West portion of the Town by the Supt was freely discussed.

It was agreed that an 8" pipe should tap the reservoir, independently of the present 8" pipe and extend from the reservoir by the best line to Weedon Street and down Weedon to the Boulevard. At that point the pipe was to be reduced to 6" and run down the Boulevard to Prince Edward Street thence to Dunmore from Dunmore to Charles, thence to Dixon, down Dixon to Princess Anne Street, thence down Princess Anne through Warden's to Main Street down Main Street to the last fire plug.

This would be the main distributing pipe through that part of town, and will be sufficient to furnish all the water needed for domestic and fire purposes. Besides, they will be so connected with the other pipes of the Town as to make the whole piping one system of distribution and will furnish the Town double the flow that it now has.

This contemplated 8" pipe will be connected at Hanover with a 3" pipe flowing both ways, a 4" pipe at Mercer, a 4" pipe at Charlotte extended, united with a 6" pipe at the Boulevard. This 6" pipe will unite at the Boulevard with a 3" pipe flowing both ways; at Prince Edward north of the Railroad with a 4" pipe running north; at Frederick with a 3" pipe running one way: at Princess Anne and Dixon with two 4" pipes one running up Princess Anne and the other down Dixon to Main and finally uniting the 3" pipe on Main Street below the last fire plug.

This will enable the lateral pipes and the continuing 6" pipe to take all the water that the 8" pipe furnishes at the Boulevard and then have a surplus of more than 10 sq inches.

Beside this, the flow into the 6" pipe from the beginning to its end will exceed the flow of the 8" pipe, thereby renewing into volume by even an extraordinary draught upon it.

Along the main line a 4" pipe starts at McDonnell's corner comes down the sunken road to Mercer Street and down Mercer to Weedon, connecting with the 8" main; on Willis Street a 4" pipe from Mercer to the Boulevard uniting with the 3" pipe now at that joint; at Weedon and Charlotte street a 4" pipe down Charlotte to Lee Avenue and down Lee Avenue to Hanover, uniting to the 3" pipe at that point and corner of Hanover and Spottswood, a 4" pipe up Spottswood 150 ft uniting with the 3" pipe at that point; corner Wolfe and Spottswood Streets down Wolfe to Pr Anne uniting with a 4" pipe from Boulevard and Prince Edward up Prince Edward to Charlotte.

This piping will reach every part of that section of town with its present meager domestic supply and no fire protection with an adequate supply for both family use and fire purposes, and thereby giving it as good protection as its elevation will permit.

Beside this, this new line of pipe with its laterals will keep the present pipes full of water so that the present draft which has increased materially in the last three years [Page 494] will not so weaken its volume as to diminish the fire pressure, but on the contrary the flow from the reservoir will so great being over 100 sq inches of area, that the entire system of pipes will be filled to their capacity, and will be ready for effective work.

The estimated cost of this work is as follows:

27 fire hydrants, 2 outlets	\$22.00	\$594.00
3 8" gate valves	\$17.00	\$51.00
6 6" gate valves	\$11.00	\$66.00
18 4" gate valves	\$7.00	\$126.00
6 3" gate valves	\$5.50	\$33.00

8" pipe 3851 ft 100 1/3 T	\$26.50	\$2,658.83
6" pipe 4810 ft 86-1/5 T	\$27.50	\$2,284.30
4" pipe 7132 ft 83-1/3 T	\$27.50	\$2,291.67
Lead for joints 16,169 lbs	\$.0495	\$800.36
Yarn for packing ft 600 lbs	\$.055	\$83.00
Estimated work entering reservoir		\$100.00
Cast iron fittings		\$500.00
Work for digging and laying pipe		\$2,951.00
		\$12,532.36

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee stated it was the opinion of the Joint Committee that the whole work could not be done at once as it could not be financed judiciously, but that it was deemed advisable to do a portion of the work now and it is believed that the balance can be done within the next twelve months. He said Capt Quinn had been requested to map out certain work which he would present to the Council and which the Committee could finance at once. Capt Quinn then read the report as follows.

Run 6" pipe from lower end of Main Street to Weedon Street on Boulevard	\$4,244.18
A 4" pipe on Wolfe Street to Spotswood	\$1,026.91
A 4" pipe on "Prince Edward from Dannehl's shop to Bowering's corner	\$525.11
	\$5,796.20

Mr Goldsmith offered the following resolution seconded by Melville.

It appearing to the Council from the report of the Joint Committee on Finance and Water that the proposed extension of the water pipes of the City for the adequate supply of water for domestic purposes or consumption will cost approximately \$12,532.36

And it further appearing that the present condition of the Treasury of the City renders said entire extension wholly impracticable at the present time

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Resolve that the said Joint Committee be and are hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$5,796.20 in purchasing the material and laying the pipes as indicated in Capt Quinn's report made tonight to the council and said Committee shall proceed without delay with said work.

Mr Warden spoke against the proposed plan, taking the ground that the pipes were not large enough to make such a complete and effective system as the City required. He wanted 16 inch pipes where 8 inch were named, 8 inch instead of 6 inch and nothing smaller than 6 inch and offered the following substitute:

The substitute which failed of adoption; 2 votes for, 10 against.

That a 4: pipe be laid on Wolfe & Spottswood. A 4" pipe on Prince Edward from the Boulevard to Charlotte Street and that a 6" pipe be laid on the Boulevard from Prince Edward Street to Weedon Street and that all of said pipe shall be of such weights and thicknesses as are ordinarily used for a pressure of 86 lbs per square inch.

Vote was then taken on the resolution offered by Mr Goldsmith and adopted by recorded vote: Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green Howard, Bradley.

City Attorney Fitzhugh asked that a change be made in the ordinance granting the R F & P R R certain privileges at the proposed new passenger depot, which tend to beautify the surroundings of the depot and not injure the streets or sidewalks. He exhibited a map with the proposed improvements. Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance containing the changes, seconded by Rowe.

"Ordinance"

The Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Rail Road Company having represented to the Council that it proposes to erect a passenger station on the lot owned by the said Company in this City; Bounded on the East by Main Street on the West by Princess Anne Street on the North by Prussia Street and on the South by the tracks of said Company.

It being further represented by said Company that it proposed to erect said station at the Center of the said lot, twenty (20) feet from their property line on Prussia Street and it proposes to lay vitrified brick pavement, granolithic side walk and graded driveways on the said lot from the corner of Main and Prussia and Princess Anne & Prussia Streets so that both pedestrians and vehicles can have easy access to said station from all three streets.

And the said Company having made application to the Council to be allowed to remove entirely the granolithic pavement for twenty (20) feet on Prussia Street and twenty six (26) feet on Main Street at the intersection of these streets and to substitute therefore, vitrified brick pavement also to remove the granite spawls paving thirty four and one half feet (34½) wide across the [Page 496] sidewalk on the west side of Main Street substituting therefore twenty one (21) feet of granolithic pavement and thirteen and one half (13½) feet of vitrified brick pavement; also to removed the twenty and two tenths (20-2/10) feet of granolithic sidewalk on the west side of Main Street and substituting therefore vitrified brick pavement. And also to remove entirely the granolithic for twenty (20) feet on Prussia Street and for twenty five (25) feet on Princess Anne Street at the intersection of those streets substituting therefore vitrified brick pavement, also to remove the granite spawls paving thirty four (34) feet wide across the sidewalk on the East side of Princess Anne Street, substituting therefore twenty four (24) feet of granolithic pavement and ten (10) feet of vitrified brick pavement.

Also to remove the twenty one (21) feet of granolithic sidewalk on the East side of Princess Anne Street substituting therefore vitrified brick pavement.

And also made application to remove the granite spawls from the road way on Main Street and on Princess Anne Streets adjacent to its tracks and on the north side thereof for a width of twelve (12) feet and to substitute therefore vitrified brick. All of the foregoing is set forth on the blue print plan of proposed location and station grounds dated January 14, 1910, which plan is a part of this ordinance. All of the said work to be done at the expense of the said railroad Company.

Now, be it ordained by the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Va, that the foregoing application of the said Railroad Company be, and the same is hereby granted.

The said work to be done under the supervision of the Street Committee subject to the approval of the City Council.

The said Railroad Company is also granted the right to place on the property line front on Prussia Street a retaining wall and railing.

Said ordinance to take effect from its approval by the Mayor and to supersede ordinance approved Nov 22, 1909.

(approved Feb 21, 1910 H L Wallace, Mayor)

On motion of Mr Rowe the rules were suspended by unanimous recorded vote. Vote was then taken on the Ordinance and it was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented bill of Miss Susie Whitehouse for service as typewriting Electric Ordinance \$7.50

On motion ordered paid

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A letter was read from the War Department at Washington DC about the condition of the Boulevard On motion the Communication was referred to the Street Committee.

Mr Embrey presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad will in the very near future open its new freight depot to the Public and its new passenger depot will be soon completed and opened to the public; and

Whereas the National Boulevard is the only street or highway connecting these two new depots; and Whereas the said National Boulevard from Spottswood Street to Princess Anne Street between these two new depots is in very bad condition, the macadam surface being broken through in numerous places, and the mud being so deep as to render this Boulevard about impossible; and

Whereas it is being represented to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the land for the Boulevard was acquired by the United States, on the condition that this Boulevard be kept up as a highway by the United States:

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Fredericksburg does hereby petition the authorities of the United States, having this matter in charge to restore the Boulevard by paving the same with granite spalls, Belgian blocks, vitrified brick or other suitable material to put the Boulevard in a good condition as to admit of safe and speed travel over the same, and that the same leading to one of the principal Cemeteries of the Nation, may be a credit to the Nation.

2nd that the President of the Council in connection with the Public Interests Committee hereof do present a certified copy of this resolution to the proper authorities of the United States and in connection with such citizens as the said President & Committee may see fit to add to their Committee to take such action with the United State Senators from Virginia and the representative in Congress from this district as may induce the government of the United States to so perfectly resolve and maintain the said National Boulevard.

There being a vacancy in the office of scavenger for the Lower Ward.

On motion the election was gone into and G W Bowling was unanimously elected scavenger for the City of Fredericksburg for the lower ward.

The Clerk read a petition which on motion was referred to the Gas Committee for report. Motion made by Goldsmith.

To the Honorable William E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia [Page 498]

We the undersigned citizens of Fredericksburg Virginia who pay a license tax to the City to engage in the business of selling all kinds of Gas and electrical light fixtures and apparatus having been informed that Superintendent B L Bullock sells gas fixtures and apparatus which we think is unfair to us who pay a license to sell same, do respectfully petition the Common Council to have the City through said superintendent discontinue selling same or competing with licensed dealers.

Respectfully submitted, Wm J Davis, G S Berry, John B Proctor & Co, E J Cans, Harrison & Montague and R L Stone

Mr Howard, Chairman of the Ordinance Committee presented an Electric Ordinance referred at last meeting to a joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance.

“An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law, for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric Light and Power lines including poles, wires, and other appliances, in upon and along over and under the Streets alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg, Va for the purpose of supplying Electric Light and Power.

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

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

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

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

2nd The location of the poles and other structures in, under and along the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg [Page 499] shall be subject to the approval of the City Council & when plans showing the locations of such structures aforesaid shall have been submitted to said Council and approved by the City Council the same shall be effective and binding to the same extent as if they were set out fully and at length in this ordinance: Provided that such location and plans may be changed from time to time by the said Company it successors & assigns with like approval of the said City Council. The work of erecting poles shall be done under the supervision of the Street Committee and the portions of the surface of Parks, Streets, avenues, alleys and pavements of the City of Fredericksburg disturbed in constructing, repairing or replacing the works of such company along, over or under, the same shall be immediately restored to and maintained in good condition by said Company, and, in the case of failure on the part of the said Company to so restore and maintain the same the Corporate authorities of the City of Fredericksburg may properly restore and maintain the same, and the costs thereof shall be recovered by the City from the said company in any Court of competent jurisdiction. Upon notice from the City, or any Committee of the Council that a local improvement, or Gas, Sewer or Water main or branch thereof is to be constructed or repaired in such manner as will necessitate the moving or altering of the poles or wires or other appurtenances of the said Company, the Company shall move or alter the same at its own expense and should said Company omit to comply with such notice, the poles, wires and appliances may be altered or moved by the City and the cost thereof recovered from said Company; and in event of fire, or other casualty rendering it necessary the said Company upon notice shall as to the control of its current, or disposition and care of its poles, wires, and other appliances, render promptly necessary aid to the firemen or other authorities of the City.

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

(4th) The said Company and its successors and assigns hereby agree to save the said City of Fredericksburg free & harmless from all loss, damage, cost, and expense that might occur to said City by or through the neglect of said Company in exercising the powers herein granted, or the neglect of the Company to comply with any ordinance relative to the use of the Streets and alleys or

other public places of the City, by reason of which the said City might become liable for damages, all or any of said claims to be defended and paid by said Company and its failure to defend and pay [Page 500] in case of judgment thereon, all or any of said claims and to indemnify & save the City harmless as aforesaid shall entitle the City to revoke this franchise and to declare all its rights hereunder inoperative and void.

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

(6th) The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates during the said period of (30) years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance & that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg. And upon the acceptance of this ordinance, by the said Company it shall deposit with the City Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg the bond of the said Company payable to said City with security to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) which bond shall be in the words and figures as follows:

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

Sealed with our seals and dated this [blank] day of [blank] 1909.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said [blank] company as aforesaid has agreed and bound itself that a first class Electric Power Station will be constructed within the City of Fredericksburg, and that said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the said City, and maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of this grant and will furnish to customers in the City of Fredericksburg [Page 501] efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power service at reasonable rates during the period of thirty years from the final approval of this ordinance and that the work of the construction of the Electric Power Station and of the Company's distributing plant shall be begun actually and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result, in the opinion of the Council of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes, which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg;

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

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And the said Company further agrees and binds itself that in the event of judgment in favor of said City of Fredericksburg being recovered in said bond the said Company will without delay upon the entry of such judgment execute a new bond to the said City of the same tenor and effect, and for the same amount as the bond upon which judgment was obtained, and with [Page 502] security to be approved by the City Council as aforesaid and will deposit the same forthwith with the City Treasurer of the said City.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(9th) If at any time the said Council of the City of Fredericksburg shall become satisfied that said Company, its successors, or assigns is not complying with the terms and provisions of this ordinance, or any reasonable regulations hereafter adopted as aforesaid, it shall give notice to said Company it successors or assigns of such failure and if said company its successors or assigns shall fail to comply with the provisions of this ordinance or the reasonable regulations aforesaid within thirty days after the date of the service of said notice, unless time be further extended by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, then it shall upon conviction thereof be liable to a fine of not exceeding twenty five dollars (\$25.00), each day's failure after the expiration of the said thirty days after written notice as aforesaid to constitute a separate offence; provided however, that in the event of a bona fide contest by said Company [Page 504] its successors or assigns as to its liability for said fine or an appeal from the decision, imposing the same, said Company, its successors and assigns shall be subject to no further penalties until its liability has been finally established and for a period of ten days thereafter, or such longer time as may be allowed by said Council of the City of Fredericksburg.

(10th) In the location and erection of poles, conduits, and other structures, and fixtures, and in stringing of wires herein authorized the said Company it successors and assigns shall avoid all unnecessary damage to shade trees in and along the Streets alleys and public places in the said City

of Fredericksburg and shall not cut or otherwise injure the said trees to any greater extent than is reasonably necessary in the execution of the work authorized to be done under the Franchise, upon plans to be approved by the City Council of Fredericksburg.

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

(12th) Nothing in this ordinance contained shall impair the right which has heretofore been or may hereafter be conferred by law upon the authorities of the City of Fredericksburg to prescribe rules, regulations, or rates of charge, [Page 505] to be observed by said Company in connection with any service performed by it under this franchise as far as such service may be wholly within the limits of the City of Fredericksburg.

(13th) All the obligations, undertakings, and agreements assumed by the said Company under this ordinance by its acceptance of the same shall be assumed and performed by its successors and assigns, and such successors and assigns shall be subject to all the provisions of this ordinance as if they had originally accepted said ordinance in the place and stead of the said Company.

(14th) This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.”

2nd Be it further ordained that bids in writing for the franchise privileges and rights proposed to be granted by the above ordinance be delivered on the 21st day of April 1910, at the hour of 8 o'clock PM to the presiding officer of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg in open session of said Council as required by law, but the City of Fredericksburg hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to reject a higher and award such franchise to a lower bidder as authorized by law. So soon as the terms of this proposed ordinance are approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg the Clerk of the Council will have the foregoing resolutions published as therein directed.

(I approve the foregoing ordinance and resolution this 18th day of February 1910 H Lewis Wallace Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg Virginia)

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Mr Howard, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Ordinances & Finance presented a Majority and minority report.

Majority Report

A majority of your Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance beg to recommend the adoption of “An ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric heat and power lines including poles, wires, and other appliances in upon, over & under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying electric light, heat and power.

Signed, F L W Green, H B Lane, John C Melville, W E Bradley.

Minority Report

A minority of your Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance beg to recommend that the ordinance to provide for the advertisement as provided by law for bids for a franchise to construct, maintain and operate Electric heat and power lines including poles, wires, and other appliances in upon, over & under the streets, alleys, and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying electric light, heat and power. Be not adopted for the following reasons:

1st We fail to see where the City of Fredericksburg will be benefitted by the adoption of the said ordinance.

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2nd We do not believe that the Company applying for the said franchise has either the power or the finances to successfully carry out the terms of the said franchise.

3rd We are of the opinion that the raising and increasing the number of poles on the Streets will prove a nuisance to a number of Citizens.

Signed, Clarence R Howard, chairman, W S Embrey

After a full discussion of the franchise Mr Howard moved to lay the application for franchise on the table. This was lost as follows:

To lay on Table, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Howard

Against, Lane, Melville, Garner, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley.

The motion to order the advertisement of the franchise was then adopted: as follows:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Brown, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (10 votes)

Noes, Embrey, Howard (2 votes)

Mr Green of Fire Department reported that the new hose had been received and tested and found all right. That one of the nozzels was defective and had been sent back.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber March 3rd 1910 at 7:30PM called to consider the issuing of \$20,000.00 Normal and Industrial School Bonds.

Present: Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Masters, Warden, Green and Clerk Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee, offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Rowe, and adopted by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley. All present (8 votes)

“Whereas the bill to authorize the City of Fredericksburg Va to appropriate (\$20,000.00) cash toward the establishment at or near said City of a State Normal and Industrial School for Women, which was approved by a resolution of the Council Feb 26, 1910, and has been enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia into law.

Resolved: That the Finance Committee of the Council proceed without delay to have the bonds authorized by said Act of the General Assembly of Feb’y 10, 1910, entitled an act “To authorize the City of Fredericksburg Va to issue coupon or registered bonds of the City, for the purpose of enabling the City to appropriate (\$20,000.00) cash towards the establishment at or near the city of a State Normal and Industrial School for Women” lithographed and to have the same executed as prescribed by said Act and said Committee be and the same is authorized to accept offers at par for said bonds.

Said bonds shall bear date April 1, 1910, and shall be payable thirty years after date, reserving on the face of said bonds the option of the Council to redeem same at any time after ten years from their date, said bonds to be known as Normal and Industrial School Bonds”

The Finance Committee shall deliver such bonds, as they may sell to the purchasers thereof upon said purchasers depositing the purchase money of the same with the City Treasurer.

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, [Clerk]

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, March 17th 1910 at 7:30PM. Present, W E Bradley, President, A M Garner, Vice President, H B Lane, J C Melville, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, Henry Warden, F L W Green, and Clerk Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the chair
Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report:
To the Hon W E Bradley and members of the Common Council, Fredericksburg Va March 17, 1910
Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties for the past month.
I beg to report fines collected from Justice Dannehl to the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00) which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer.
I take pleasure in endorsing the editorial appearing in yesterday's issue of the *Daily Star* under the caption "cleaning up the City" and also one appearing in that paper several issues ago advocating the inauguration of systematic methods of Street improvement. These editorials are pertinent and proper and should receive prompt and favorable attention and be properly active on, which I have no doubt will be the case.
Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor.
On motion of Mr Green, the Mayor's Report was received, ordered filed, and the salaries of the Police ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented Personal Property and License Tax Ordinance presented at February meeting. The same as for 1909 and 1910, with the changes
Section 14: Retailers of Tobacco
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, or cigars, shall be for said privilege a specific tax of (\$10.00)
The sum to be paid wholesalers and retailers of cigarettes shall be for said privilege a special tax of (\$25.00): which shall be assessed and collected as other assessments upon licenses, but which shall not be in lieu of Merchants License on purchases.
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Section #55: Bakers and Confectioners
On every person keeping a bakery Manufacturing confectionary, other than merchants (\$25.00) not pro rated.
On every person delivering bread from house to house and not engaged in business as a baker (\$25.00) not pro rated

On motion the Personal Property & License Tax ordinance of last year with the changes above was adopted by the following recorded vote:
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley (9 votes)
(Approved March 18th 1910, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

Mr Lane reported the Shirt Factory completed and price \$3,500. Paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the deed from Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, for lot for Shirt Factory.
Copy

This deed made this 18th day of February 1910 by and between St Geo R Fitzhugh, party of the first part and the Mayor and commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg Va party of the second part, Witnesseth:

That the party of the first part in consideration of the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, cash in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth grant, and convey with general warranty until the party of the second part all that lot in the Corporation of Fredericksburg Va situated at the North West corner formed by the intersection of Princess Anne and Wolf Streets, fronting about seventy-five feet more or less on Princess Anne Street and running back along Wolf Street about one hundred and thirty five feet more or less, to the line of the lot conveyed by Catharine J Mander and others by deed of July 2, 1899 to Mrs Mary Wallace Herndon. It being the same lot which was conveyed to said St Geo R Fitzhugh and C B Wellford as tenants in common by James B Sener & others as special commissioners by deed of May 15, 1871. And the same lot one moiety of which belonging to said C B Wellford dec'd was convey to said St Geo R Fitzhugh by all the heirs of said C B Wallace by deed of Feb'y 1, 1885, all of which deeds are of record in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg Va, and are herein referred to for further description of said lot.

Witness the following signature and seal.

St Geo R Fitzhugh (seal)

Virginia: In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the City of Fredericksburg, March 5th 1910: This deed dated February 18th 1910 was acknowledged by St Geo R Fitzhugh, the party thereto [Page 31] and admitted to record at 11:50 o'clock AM

Teste: A B Yates, Clerk

On motion the deed was ordered to be spread on the Council records.

Mr Lane asked for the usual appropriation of (\$250.00) to the School Committee to be used in financing the Summer Normal School to be held in the City this summer.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the sum of (\$250.00) was appropriated to the School Committee to be turned over to the Conductor of the Summer Normal School, he to make an itemized report to the School Committee as to how said money is expended and the School Committee to report same to the Council.

Recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Bradley (nine votes)

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee stated that the new Shirt Factory wanted sewer connection in a hurry and that his Committee had furnished them with the sewer.

Mr Rowe also stated that his Committee would like the Council to instruct them to run the sewer from the new shirt factory up Princess Anne Street to the new Post Office Building.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the Water Committee were instructed [to] put the sewer in from the Shirt Factory up Princess Anne Street to the New Post Office Building.

Mr Green of the Fire Committee presented bill for medical attention of Samuel Kendall amounting to \$17.00 who was hurt while working at a fire in the City with the Fire Company.

And on motion the same was ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee stated that the hose and nozzles ordered by the Council had been received and approved by the Fire Committee and they having OK the bill in order to save the City a discount of 2% which was allowed if paid in 10 days, the Finance Committee had ordered the Treasurer to take off the discount and pay the bill.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the action of the Finance Committee was approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr Lane, the question of the salary of the Police Justice will be considered at the next regular meeting of the Council.

And on motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, 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 April 21st 1910 at 8 o'clock PM

Present; Bradley, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard and Clerk S E Eastburn (11 members)

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

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

To the Hon President and members of the City Council Fredericksburg Va Apr 21, 1910

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in reporting that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their respective duties for the month.

I beg to report fines collected from Justice Dannehl to the amount of one hundred and eleven 50/100 dollars, which amount has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

The Mayor also reported two vacancies in the Board of Directors for the Wallace Library, occasioned by the deaths of Mr James Knox, and Mr James S Lowery, and I respectfully nominate for these vacancies Professor E H Russell and S W Somerville and would state that it is represented to me to be the unanimous desire of the Board that these gentlemen be appointed to fill said vacancies.

The Mayor also presented letters received from several Virginia Cities about the size of the City in response to inquiries made by me as to the salary and organization of the Police.

I find that the majority of these cities pay their police more than we do, and so, considering the increased cost of living, the general increase in all wages, and the enlarged area of our City, I think our officers should receive at least fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month and I cheerfully endorse the petition which I understand will be presented to the Council by them asking for increased pay. H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented two bills of *The Star* and *Free Lance* which on motion were ordered paid.

Free Lance & Star Pub Co

To 550 bills, notice to license payers \$2.00

Approved by A P Rowe, Collector

Free Lance & Star Pub Co

To 250 license blanks \$3.50

To 200 merchants license blanks \$3.00

To 75 license blanks \$2.00

To 60 license blanks \$1.50

Approved by A B Bowering, Comm of Revenue \$10.00

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had had prepared and sold the \$20,000.00 4% Normal and Industrial School Bonds authorized by the last session of the General Assembly running 30 years at par value; and that the three notes, each for (\$6,666.66 2/3) dated June 10, 1909 bearing 5% held respectively by the National Bank, Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank and Farmers and Merchant's State Bank, bearing the following endorsement of Citizens: H B Lane, John C Melville, and W E Bradley, Finance Committee; St Geo R Fitzhugh, E D Cole, Alvin T Embrey, Lee J Graves, T McCracken, Henry Warden, M S Chancellor, David Hirsh, W D Scott, R T Knox, M B Rowe, A W Embrey, B J Marshall, K N Goolrick, Clarence R Howard, J P Rowe, S J Quinn, and A P Rowe, had been paid and were now presented with this report to the Council for their disposal.

On motion the President appointed J M Goldsmith and Henry Warden, a committee to destroy the three notes each for (\$6,666.67-2/3) in the presence of the Council by burning.
Committee reported the notes destroyed (Goldsmith and Warden)

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented (\$2,600.00) of 4% 30 year Normal and Industrial School Bonds, his Committee had bought with the sinking fund and asked that Council dispose of said Bonds.

No 1 for (\$1,000.00) with 60 coupons signed by R T Knox, City Treasurer for \$20.00 each, attached.

No 2 for (\$1,000.00) with 60 coupons signed by R T Knox, City Treasurer for \$20.00 each attached.
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No 13 for (\$500.00) with 60 coupons signed by R T Knox, City Treasurer for \$10.00 each, attached.

No 28 for (\$100.00) with 60 coupons signed by R T Knox, City Treasurer for \$2.00 each attached.

Mr Green moved that the action of the Finance Committee be approved and ratified and that the bonds as described above, be destroyed by burning in the presence of the Council. Carried
The President appointed Mr Green and Rowe to destroy the bonds. The Committee reported bonds destroyed (Rowe and Green)

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that the Question of the salary of the Police Justice had been considered by his Committee and they recommend that a salary of \$150.00 per annum be paid the Police Justice and that the Ordinance Committee would frame an ordinance to cover the same.
On motion the report was received.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the following communication from the Elks of this City.

April 6, 1910

Gentlemen: The Elks Lodge of this City paid taxes to the city for the years 1906, 1907, 1908 and 1909. In 1910 they found that their property under the laws of this state was exempt from taxation and the Corporation court ordered refunded to them two years taxes for 1908 and 1909. Our only means of getting the taxes erroneously paid the city in 1907 and 1906 refunded is by action of the City Council, and we therefore respectfully ask that you direct the Treasurer to refund us the amount of the Taxes paid you under the misapprehension for the years of 1906 and 1907. The amounts were \$43.05 each year or a total for the two years of \$86.10.

Signed E W Cadet, G W Heflin, C E Layton, Trustees of Fredericksburg Va Lodge No 875, B P O E Elks.

On motion referred to the Finance Committee to report back to the Council

Mr Melville of the Light Committee reported delinquent gas bills amounting to \$68.04

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee report sewer put in [Page 35] on Princess Anne Street from Wolf St to Catholic Church at a cost for labor, drayage etc	\$148.82
At a cost for Pipe and Fittings Etc	\$120.70
	\$269.72

When another tap is added which will be in the near future the work will yield a revenue of a little over 8%

Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance:

An Ordinance fixing the salary of the Police Justice for the City of Fredericksburg
 Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg, that from and after January 1, 1910 the salary of the Police Justice of the said City shall be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum payable in quarterly installments.

Signed, C R Howard, W S Embrey, F L W Green.

On motion of Mr Embrey, the rules were suspended by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

On motion of Embrey, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley
 (approved April 22, 1910 H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

Mr Masters of the Health and Police Committee presented bills for materials purchased the Health officer, (antitoxin)

Amounting to	\$12.27
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And asked that the amount be paid the Health and Police Committee

And on motion it was so ordered.

Mr Masters of the Health and Police Committee offered a petition signed by all the police of the City asking for an increase of \$10.00 per month in their pay, making their beginning Jan'y 1, 1910 \$50.00 per month instead of \$40.00 as at present.

On motion of Mr Rowe referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Warden of the School Committee presented communication from the School Board.

To the President and members of the City Council, Fredericksburg Va April 21, 1910.

Gentlemen: I am instructed by the School Board to [Page 36] inform you that the terms of office of Isaac Hirsh, trustee for the Upper School District and William H Hurkamp, Trustee for the Lower School District expired on the 4th inst and request you to elect their successors.

Those elected by you pursuant to this notice will hold office for three years to April 4, 1913.

Respectfully, S J Quinn, Clerk of School Board.

Mr Goldsmith moved to go into election of two school trustees. Carried.

Mr Rowe nominated Mr Isaac Hirsh for upper ward and Mr Warden nominated W H Hurkamp for Lower Ward, and on vote being taken each was elected by the unanimous vote of all the members present for a term of 3 years from April 4, 1910.

Mr Warden of School Committee present communication from Arthur D Wright Supt of Schools from the Colored people.

Mr Warden, April 18, 1910

Dear Sir: The State Board of Education has agreed to appropriate a small amount for the support of a Summer Normal Institute to be held here this summer for colored teachers. As it usual in such cases the State Appropriation is not sufficient to run the School without the aid from the City, and I

believe that the minimum amount that will suffice for the successful running of this school will be \$100.00 from the City, in addition to the State appropriation. All of the financial affairs of the School have been placed in my hands and I would say that if at the end of the School we find that we have not had use of all the City's appropriation we will return such part as may be unused. This school should bring to Fredericksburg for four weeks about a hundred teachers whose average expenditure here will not be less than (\$25.00) meaning that they will put in circulation here some (\$2,500.00).

I hope that you may be able to get the above amount appropriated by the Council for this purpose.
Very truly yours, Arthur D Wright

On motion of Mr Warden the sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated to the School Committee to be turned over to the Conductor of the Colored Summer Normal Institute, he to make an itemized report to the School Committee with unexpended balance, if there [Page 37] be any left as to how said money is expended and the School Committee to report the same to this Council.

Mr Goldsmith, Chairman of the Public Interest Committee reported that an endurance run will be made in automobiles between Washington and Atlanta Ga, on May 5th and asked that the President appoint a Committee to receive them. He said there will be about 100 people in the part and forty machines.

Mr Lane moved that President Bradley be made Chairman of said Committee. Both motions were carried and Messrs Howard, Green, Embrey, Goldsmith and Lane were named.

President Bradley presented to the Council a bid of \$200 from the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company signed by C P E Burgwyn President and E C S Ficklen, Secretary for an Electrical Franchise in the City of Fredericksburg for a term of 30 years, according to the Ordinance passed recently by this Council.

The bids carries with it, besides the \$200.00, all expenses of advertising said ordinance.

Mr Melville seconded by Mr Garner moved that said franchise be granted. Mr Howard moved to reject the bids. Mr Embrey seconded Mr Howard's motion, then withdrew his second.

The Franchise was then passed by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Garner, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (8 votes)
Noes, Goldsmith, Embrey, Howard [3 votes]

On motion of Mr Melville, Messrs E H Russell and S W Somerville were unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the Wallace Library Board of Directors.

A communication was received from League of American Municipalities inviting the City to take membership. It was referred to the Finance Committee and

The Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the City Council was held May 6th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM to consider the resignation of Arthur Brown, Councilman from the Lower Ward: Present, Bradley, President, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Masters, Warden and Clerk S E Eastburn.

President of the Council, W E Bradley in the Chair.

The Clerk read the resignation of Arthur Brown as councilman from the Lower Ward.

Mr Melville moved to go into the election of a Councilman for the Lower Ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Arthur Brown. The motion was adopted.

Mr Embrey placed in nomination the name of Edgar M Young, which was seconded by Mr Masters
Vote was then taken and Edgar M Young was unanimously elected a member of the City Council
from the Lower Ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Arthur Brown, both on the
Council and on the standing committees
Chairman of Auditing Committee
Third on Health and Police Committee
Second on Fire Department Committee

The President appointed Messrs Embrey and Goldsmith, a committee to notify Mr Young of his
election and bring him into the Council Chamber.

The Committee soon presented Mr Young and he was duly sworn in as a member of the City
Council for the Lower Ward, by Squire S E Eastburn.

Mr Young, in a few well-chosen remarks thanked the Council for their confidence and for the honor
and pledged his very best efforts in behalf of the best interests of the City.

On motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held May 19th 1910 at 8 PM o'clock.

Present Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green,
Howard, and clerk Eastburn and Att'y Fitzhugh.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented and had the Clerk read the Mayor's Report
To the President and members of the City Council Fredericksburg Va, May 19, 1910

Gentlemen: I beg to report fines amounting to \$59.00 paid me by Justice Dannehl and which I have
turned over to the City Treasurer, and I take pleasure in certifying that to the best of my knowledge
and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month and are
entitled to their pay.

I beg to return herewith summons in a suit filed against the City in the Corporation Court of
Fredericksburg by the Female Charity School. So far as I have been able to ascertain the character
of this suit is a friendly one, and is purposed to straighten the title of the Charity School to a plot of
land on Hanover Street, between Main & Princess Anne, with a building on it known as the
Hanover School, and at present leased by Miss Willie Schooler from the Charity School.

It is a matter of general knowledge in the Community that the Masons of Fredericksburg have
agreed to buy this property together with the other portion of the said lot on which the Masonic
Lodge building is situated and in examination of this title it was deemed necessary by the parties to
bring this friendly suit to clear up the title.

I have communicated the fact of the suit to Mr St Geo R Fitzhugh, the City Attorney, and I have
requested him to lay the details of the matter before the Council for its consideration and
determination.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor.

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

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Mr Lane, of the Finance Committee presented bills of the Registrars, which on motions were ordered paid.

Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va, 1910

To John J Berrey, Registrar Upper Ward

May 17 to service as Registrar one day	\$2.00	
Posting Notices twice	\$2.00	
Registering & transferring 33 @ 10¢ ea	\$3.30	
Constable B H White	\$1.50	\$8.80

Corporation of Fredericksburg, Va, 1910

To J Fred Brown, Registrar Lower Ward

May 17 to sitting at Court House one day	\$2.00	
Registering & transferring 30 @ 10¢ ea	\$3.00	
Registering & transferring 33 @ 10¢ ea	\$3.30	
Deputy Mr Keene	\$1.50	
Posting Notices twice	\$2.00	\$8.50

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee asked for more time on the petition of the Elks to refund taxes of 1906 & 1907.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had considered the petition of the Police Officers for an increase of pay, and they would recommend that the salary of the Police Officers by \$50.00 per month after July 1, 1910.

On motion the report was received.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the communication from the School Board Messrs H B Lane, W E Bradley, J C Melville, Finance Committee Fredericksburg Va May 18, 1910 Gentlemen: After making close estimates in order for the Board to continue the Public Schools to the end of the present session we find it necessary to ask you for an additional appropriation of (\$1,000.00).

Notwithstanding the great economy that the Board has made for this session, this request is necessary from the fact that in making estimates prior to the use of the New School Building, the Board was unable to make anything like an exact amount it would need and therefor had to guess at many of the items of expenditures. Besides this, the Board had to supply some deficiencies in the School Building, left by the Architect, which had to be paid from running expenses, notwithstanding the Council dedicated in its appropriation (\$500.00) from our estimate.

These two things properly considered will show that [Page 41] although the estimates for the session were but partly guess work, the guessing was not very far wrong.

Respectfully, A B Bowering, S J Quinn, Clerk of the Board

Mr Lane said his Committee recommended that an appropriation of \$1,000.00 be made to the Schools.

Mr Lane moved that the \$1,000.00 be appropriated to the Schools of this City.

Appropriation made by following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley; all present (11 votes)

(Approved May 21, 1910 H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

Mr Garner of Public Property Committee presented the following

To the Hon President and Council, City of Fredericksburg, Va May 18, 1910

We the undersigned hereby petition your honorable body to grant us a lease of the island, in the Rappahannock River, opposite the said City and an approach to the same, for the purposes of conducting a place of amusement, for the period of one year, with the privilege of five additional.

For the said rental we hereby agree to pay to the City of Fredericksburg, the sum of (\$50.00) per year, a total of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for full duration of the lease, each year payable in advance.

We will give bond and security for the preservation of order while using the said Island for amusement purposes.

Casino Island Company

S G Roach, R J McDonnell (Managers)

On motion of Mr Rowe, referred to the Public Property Committee, with power to act

Mr Embrey of Streets presented the following;

We the undersigned property owners along Main Street between Fauquier and Hawke Sts desiring to place granolithic sidewalks before our properties, do respectfully petition your honorable body that you furnish use at an early date proper curbing and grade. We make this request now, in order that some of use may be enabled to have our side-walks put down before the hot weather sets in. We will be greatly favored and gratified if you will act on this petition at once.

Respectfully submitted,

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Signed: E Compton, Wm Sullinger, J W Musselman, A B Young, Thos Humphreys; Wm H Thomas, W J Cox, John Berry, H L McGee, P McCracken, G B Wallace, W F Schooler, Emily V Flemming (H A P V A), M L England, S F Jenkins

On motion of Mr Garner, referred to the Joint Committee of Streets and Finance.

Mr Green made a request for Street improvement on Prince Edward Street between Hanover and Boulevard, in giving grade and furnishing curbing & etc.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the request was referred to the Street Committee to investigate and report.

Mr Howard offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Council that its action at the last regular meeting of the Council in relation to the acceptance of the bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company for a franchise being premature and illegal the same is hereby annulled.

City Attorney explained that the law required that a bid for a franchise should be referred to a Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance for consideration and report, and this had not been done, but simply a motion was adopted to accept the bid.

Vote was taken and Mr Howard's resolution was adopted. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

On motion of Mr Melville, the franchise was referred back to the Joint Committee of Ordinance & Finance. Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

Mr Howard presented the following petition.

To the President and members of the City Council

The undersigned members of the bar of this City, all practicing attorneys in the Corporation Court of the City of Fredericksburg, respectfully petition the Council to take action at the meeting this week, looking to an increase in the salary of the Judge of said Court.

The signers hereof show to the Council that under the Constitution all judges are prohibited from practicing law and that with the prevailing high price of living the present salary of \$1,000.00) allowed the Judge of the Corporation Court is totally inadequate. In addition since that salary was fixed by the Council, the business of the Court has [Page 43] greatly increased and the Court unlike the Circuit Courts is in session nearly the whole of each month, for the convenience of the public, and the attorneys engaged therein, thereby making possible the expenditures dispatch of business in this City.

In order to thus hold the Court in session, the judge of the Court is bound to be in attendance each day, and Judge Goolrick has always made it a point to accommodate both lawyers and persons having business in his Court. The salary is smaller than that paid any judge in the state, and should in the opinions of the undersigned be added to by the City Council. Signed by R H L Chichester, F W Coleman, F M Chichester, Ben Purvis, G R Swift, B P Willis, Lee J Graves, Wm K Goolrick, Ellerbe Carter, Charles D Foster and G B Wallace.

Mr Howard then offered a resolution that Judge Goolrick's salary be increased from \$1,000.00 to (\$1,500.00) per annum, said increase to take effect on and after June 1st 1910 and the Clerk fo the Council is directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Treasurer of this City who will pay said salary out of the Treasury of the City, in accordance with this resolution.

Mr Embrey offered a substitute. That the petition be referred to the Finance Committee to report at next meeting of the Council which was amended by Mr Warden, that the Finance Committee obtain all information as to the pay of Judges in other cities of the class of Fredericksburg in the State. And this was adopted by following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard and Bradley; all present (11 votes)

Mr Warden of the Health and Police Committee offered the following resolution in keeping with a recommendation of the Finance Committee to whom was referred the question of increase in Police Salary.

Resolved that the salaries of the Police Officers be increased from (\$40.00) per month to (\$50.00) per month to become effective July 1, 1910, which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard and Bradley; (11 votes)

Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney, explained the pending suit instituted against the Mayor and Council by the Female Charity School, as referred to in Mayor Wallace's Report. And Mr Lane offered a resolution [Page 44] which upon vote was adopted by unanimous vote.

The City Attorney having notified the Council that a friendly Chancery Suit has been instituted by the Female Charity School of this City against the City to quiet the title of said institution to a parcel of land fronting on the North side of Hanover Street between Main and Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg binding on the Jail alley and lying between said alley and the lot and building owned jointly by said Charity School and the Masonic Lodge upon which is a brick school house. And said City Attorney, having read to the Council the bill filed in said suit and having advised the Council that there is no defense to be made by the city to a decree quieting the title of said institutions, to said parcel of Real Estate.

Resolved by the Council that the City Attorney prepare and the Mayor sign for said City an answer disclaiming any title in the City to said real estate and confirming the title of the complainant to the same.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held May 31, 1910 at 8 PM in the Council Chambers Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green and Clerk Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President read the following call for the meeting.

Mr W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council Fredericksburg Va May 28, 1910
Dear Sirs: As the property owners on Lower Main Street having objected to a silt basin on the West side of said Street opposite Berkley Street as evidenced by a protest already in the your hands, or to be delivered to you today we request that you call a meeting of the Council, to be held Tuesday the 31st at 8 PM to consider and take action on said protest, and any other matter in relation to it that may be introduced.

Yours truly A M Garner, J P Rowe, Henry Warden.

Mr W D Scott was present and by permission of the Council presented the following petition, which was read by the Clerk.

We the undersigned property owners at the lower end of Main Street being informed by medical authority that a cistern or well, or something of the kind which is being dug as a receptacle for drainage, will be injurious to the health of the neighborhood, we suggest some other method of remedying the existing trouble of bad drainage, respectfully request the Common Council for protection by thoroughly investigation through health board officers or engineers or the personal inspection of the members of the Common Council.

Mrs Elliott M Braxton

Robert Brown

Edwin B Whitehouse

Mrs Robert O Perry

W T Thompson

Mrs Hugh Hoskins

Mrs S E Ashby

M N Underwood

Mrs L S Coghill

A Hundley

Mrs M E Bauman

Nelson C Decker

Mrs Sue M Chancellor

Mrs J E Martin

Miss Lizzie G Reynolds

Dr D Wheeler

Mrs J D Ray

Mrs C E Bragdon

John D Blight

Mrs J S Lowery

J R Turner

Mrs Charles H Wissner

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Mr South representing the petitioners made a good presentation of his case.

Whereupon Mr Goldsmith offered the following resolution which was adopted by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard and Bradley; (11 votes)

Resolved that the silt basin in the lower end of Main Street will remain as it is for a period of sixty days and if found unsanitary, same must be changed at once.

Mr Warden asked for a suspension of the rules so as to take up the question of the License Tax of the Rappahannock Electric Light & Power Co. said Company having been indicted by the Grand Jury for doing business without a license. The motion was seconded by Mr Masters.

President Bradley stated that he thought it would be unwise for the Council to take this matter up, as it is in the Court, and especially so, in the absence of the City Attorney, Mr Fitzhugh.

On vote being taken the rules were not suspended by following recorded vote:

Ayes, Warden, Masters (2 votes)

Noes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Green, Bradley (9 votes)

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Called meeting of the Common Council was held June 3rd 1910 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber

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

President W E Bradley in the Chair

The President read the call for the meeting as follows

Hon W E Bradley, President of the Common Council Fredericksburg Va June 1st 1910

Dear Sir: Will you please call a meeting of the Council to discuss and take action as it may deem proper looking towards the making of an arrangement or agreement whereby the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company may be enabled to continue its operations pending the decisions of the franchise question.

Yours truly, Henry Warden, E M Young, J W Masters

Mr Warden offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Masters, which was lost, only Mr Warden voting for it.

Whereas, the Common Council did, at the regular meeting on the 17th day of February, pass an ordinance creating an electric Light and Power franchise and did order said franchise to be advertised, should it be approved by the Mayor for four successive weeks once each week, in the *Daily Star* and the *Evening Journal*: and

Whereas the said Council did, at the regular meeting held on the 21st day of April accept the bid of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company for said franchise; and

Whereas the said Company did, in good faith pay to or deposit with the Clerk of the Council the sum which said Company did bid for said Franchise; and

Whereas, when the franchise as advertised was presented to said company for acceptance in writing by said Company, the official or officials of said Company to whom it was so presented claimed that the terms of the franchise so presented differed materially from those in the franchise acted upon by the Council, and consequently, declined to accept the said franchise; and

Whereas, at the regular meeting held on the 19th day of May it was found that the procedure prescribed by law for the acceptance of bids for franchises had not been followed at the preceding meeting and consequently the whole question was referred to a Joint Committee composed of the Committees on Ordinance and Finances to be taken up de novo; and

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Whereas the said Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co is now operating without a franchise and without having secured a license and having refused to apply for a license until the question of the franchise has been disposed of: and

Whereas, the said company has been indicted by the Grand Jury because of its failure to secure a license; and

Whereas, the discontinuance of operations by said Company, caused either by the result arising out of said indictment or by the voluntary act of said company pending the settlement of the franchise question would work a great hardship and cause heavy losses to a number of manufacturing plants now supplied with electricity by said company as well as causing inconvenience and loss to such of our citizens as are dependent upon said company for light and power; now therefore be it

Resolved: (1) That should the said Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company secure a license & continue operations during the pending of the question of the granting of a franchise, the Council hereby agrees that the money paid for said license or so much of it as may be necessary, shall be applied towards the payment of whatever tax may be levied by the Council on the said franchise, should the said company be the successful bidder;

(2) And that nothing in this resolution shall be construed as preventing the Council levying a license tax:

(3) That the Council will at once proceed to act upon the questions of the granting of a franchise, and that it will permit of no unnecessary delay

On motion of Mr Young the rules were suspended by unanimous vote:

On motion of Mr Young the Finance Committee were instructed to have the Treasurer refund the \$200.00 tendered to the City for a franchise by the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company; back to the said R E L & P Co. By unanimous vote

Mr Bradley offered the following resolution which was seconded by Mr Embrey, and adopted by the unanimous recorded vote

Resolved that a Joint Committee consisting of Light and Finance be appointed to consider ways and means for furnishing incandescent light and power for the City of Fredericksburg Va and report as early as possible to this Council.

Adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held June 6th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM in the Council Chamber, with the Following members present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green: Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn
President Bradley in the Chair

The President read the call for the meeting to consider an application for extension of time by the Fredericksburg Electric Power Company for the completion of the work provided for in their franchise.

Mr Rowe offered the following resolution, seconded by Mr Young.

A resolution granting under certain conditions to the Fredericksburg Electric Company, an extension until January 1st 1912 of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a franchise hereinafter referred to for the construction of the generating plant and of the distributing plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said franchise.

Whereas by an ordinance adopted by the Council of Fredericksburg March 26th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909, there was granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company,

“A franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Light, heat and power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances in, upon, along and over and under the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Light, Heat & Power; and Whereas by the terms of the said Franchise which franchise was duly accepted by the Company, it was provided as follows:

“The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said [Page 50] distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg.

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the time for the completion of the said work, as in said Ordinance and franchise above set forth, shall be extended until January 1st 1912; provided that this resolution extending the aforesaid period for the completion of the said work shall be operative only on the condition that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, shall in good faith expend or cause to be expended on the said in said franchise provided for in the City of Fredericksburg during the remainder of the calendar year 1910 a sum of not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00)

And whenever called for by the Council the said Company shall furnish satisfactory proof of the expenditures of said sum of money.

This resolution shall be in fore from and after its passage.

(Approved June 8, 1910, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

Judge A T Embrey addressed the Council fully explaining the various hindrances that his company had met with and also explaining fully the terms of the extension of the period of time asked for.
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Mr Fitzhugh, City Attorney also addressed the Council briefly and advised the adoption of the resolution offered by Mr Rowe.

On motion of Mr Warden, the rules were suspended by unanimous recorded vote of those present. The resolution extending the time in the franchise was adopted by the following recorded vote.
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (11 votes)

[adjourned]

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council held June 16th 1910 at 8 o'clock in the Council Chamber.
Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Howard;
Att'y Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn.

President Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and called meetings read and approved.

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

To the President and members of the City Council Fredericksburg Va June 16, 1910

Gentlemen: Police Justice Dannehl has this day turned over to me a check for \$108.00 payable to H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, for fines collected since last meeting of the Council, which check when endorsed by Mayor Wallace will be turned over to the City Treasurer R T Knox to the credit of the City.

So far as I am informed the police officers have attended to their duties during the current month and I respectfully ask that their salaries be ordered paid.

Respectfully, W E Bradley, Acting Mayor

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

Mr Lane

Bill of Secretary for postage and stationary \$3.44

On motion ordered paid.

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of Election Officers which on motion were ordered paid

Lower Ward

J Wilmore Cox	Judge	\$5.00	
Geo Freeman	Judge	\$5.00	
R E Dignum	Judge	\$5.00	
R E Smith	Clerk	\$5.00	
J F Brown	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Upper Ward

W A Bell	Judge	\$5.00	
Wm S Chesley	Judge	\$5.00	
W A Bell	Judge	\$5.00	
R H Carmichael	Clerk	\$5.00	
Preston Harris	Clerk	\$5.00	\$25.00

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bill for legal services of City Attorney, St Geo R Fitzhugh

For the year ending June 16, 1910 \$350.00

On motion ordered paid by the following recorded vote:

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (10 votes) all present

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had tendered the Rappahannock Electric Light Company the \$200.00 which accompanied their bid for Electric Franchise but said

\$200.00 was refused by the Secretary of the Company until the attorneys of the Company could be consulted.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee said that before he reported for his Committee on the question of increase in the salary of the Judge of Corporation Court, he would ask the Clerk to read a letter received from Asst Atty General W E Bibb

S E Eastburn, Clerk, Fredericksburg Va May 25, 1910

Dear Sir: Your of this date received and while we are not required or allowed officially to answer communications from other than officials at the seat of government, yet we always answer all inquiries which come to this officer unofficially and thus answering your request as to whether the salary of a Judge under Section 102 and 103 of the Constitution can be raised or lowered during his term of office, I beg to say that the Constitution on this point, section 103, seems to be very clear, the latter part of which is as follows:

“Any city may by an ordinance, increase the salaries of its city of City Judges, or any one or more of them as it may deem proper, and the increase shall be paid wholly by the City, but shall not be enlarged or diminished during the term [Page 53] of office of the Judge. The City containing less than ten thousand inhabitants shall pay the salary of the Judge of its Corporation or Hustings Court”

I am of opinion that no City can enlarge or diminish the salary fixed by the City Council during the term for which the judge is elected.

Very truly yours W E Bibb, Assistant Attorney General.

The City Council having referred to the Finance Committee the application for an increase of salary of the Judge of the Corporation Court, unanimously recommend that said salary be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,200.00 per year to take effect Sept 1, 1910, provided there are no legal impediments in the way. The Committee has gotten information from Cities corresponding in population to Fredericksburg and find that \$1,200.00 is an average salary.

We respectfully ask, in view of the letter received and read from Assistant Attorney General W E Bibb, that before any action is taken by this Council that City Attorney, Fitzhugh get an opinion from Attorney General Williams as to the legality of this increase.

Signed, H B Lane, J C Melville, W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

The recommendation of the Finance Committee was not acted upon. Mr Garner making a motion, which was seconded by Mr Young that the Salary of the Judge be increased from \$1,000.00 to \$1,300.00. Then City-Attorney, Fitzhugh, who was present was asked for an opinion.

This he gave stating he believe the city had a right to increase the salary and said he would not take up the matter with Attorney General Williams as the result would only be an individual opinion.

President Bradley then handed Mr Fitzhugh the following and asked him to read it to the Council. Mr Fitzhugh said, “What is it.” Mr Bradley replied “Section 102 of the State Constitution.

Sec 102. All judges shall be commissioned by the Governor. They shall receive such salaries and allowances as may be determined by law within the limitations fixed by this Constitution, the amount of which shall not be increased or diminished during their terms of office.

Their terms of office shall commence on the first day of February next following their election and whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Judge, his successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.

After reading it Mr Fitzhugh said. “It amounts to nothing.”

Mr Melville moved as a substitute for Mr Garner’s motion that the salary be fixed at \$1,200.00. this resulted in tie vote: For Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Masters, Bradley (5 votes)

Against, Rowe, Garner, Young, Warden, Howard (5 votes)

The vote the taken on the motion of Mr Garner which was seconded by Mr Young that the salary be \$1,300.00. [Page 54] per annum beginning September 1st 1910, and adopted by the following recorded vote.

Ayes, Lane, Melville, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Young, Warden, Masters, Howard (9 votes)
Nos, Bradley (1 vote)

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee had the Clerk read his report as follows:

Fredericksburg Va, June 16, 1910

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Public Property report they have expended during the current year the sum of \$2,959.25 for which there are vouchers properly signed in the hands of the City Treasurer. Our appropriation for the current year is \$3,500.00 which leaves an unexpended balance of \$540.75 which will be turned into the City Treasury.

Respectfully, W E Bradley, A M Garner, J W Masters (Committee)

On motion of Mr Howard the report was received and adopted.

Mr Goldsmith of the Street Committee reported as follows

President of the Council June 16, 1910

Sir: We respectfully report the following

Appropriation	\$3,000.00	expenditures	
Special Appropriation	\$1,000.00		
Special Appropriation	\$300.00	Lower Ward	\$2,453.74
Deficiency	\$152.53	Upper Ward	\$1,998.79
	\$4,452.53		\$4,452.53

On motion of Mr Rowe, the report was received & adopted and the sum of \$152.53 was appropriated to the Street Committee to enable it to close up its accounts by unanimous recorded vote (10 votes)

Mr Melville of the Light Committee reported as follows

Mr John Melville, Chairman June 15, 1910

Sir: I submit below the tabulated statement of the current expenses of the City Light Plant for the past year.

I am pleased to report all the machinery of the plant in first rate order, and also that the spare armature and extra commutator are in good condition and ready for service.

While there have been a few shut downs during the past year, they have been from outside causes beyond our control, such as the water being shut off for repairs on the Canal or from ice blocking turbine.

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I have gradually replaced the 20 old style arc lamps in the circuit by new lamps of the latest and most approved type. Now having all the lamps in town of the same kind and type, thus making them interchangeable in repairs, globes and shades. I succeeded in getting a rebate of \$3.00 each from Fort Wayne Elec works on the plea of a future delivery contract on the last 18 lamps purchased. The market price of the lamps having advanced that much during the year. We therefore have a balance to our credit of \$54.00 with them.

I report the line and lamps in very fair condition not needing any particular repair this year, although I have poles and material on hand for an emergency.

Respectfully, W Key Howard, Supt Electric Light

Amounts expended by City Light Plant during past year, showing expenses, repairs, and improvement account for each month.

Month	Total	Expense	Repairs	Improvements
Jul 1909	\$377.60	\$377.60		
Aug 1909	\$257.90	\$172.50		\$83.40

Sep 1909	\$237.43	\$179.93	\$57.50	
Oct 1909	\$454.35	\$443.10	\$11.25	
Nov 1909	\$167.88	\$167.88		
Dec 1909	\$248.59	\$153.14	\$38.40	\$57.05
Jan 1910	\$449.38	\$425.75	\$23.63	
Feb 1910	\$220.75	\$163.43		\$57.32
Mar 1910	\$249.00	\$153.40	\$47.40	\$48.20
Apr 1910	\$510.80	\$406.70	\$25.70	\$75.40
May 1910	\$206.45	\$206.45		
Jun 1910	\$290.73	\$290.73		
	\$3,670.86	\$3,142.61	\$203.88	\$324.37

Amount of appropriation \$4,200.00

Amount of Expenses \$3,670.86

Amount returned excess \$529.14

W Key Howard Supt

El Arc Light @\$40.39 per light \$3,670.94

On motion of Mr Rowe the report was received and adopted and was the subject of complimentary remarks.

Mr Melville of Light Committee reported that the Joint Committee of Light and Finance in regard to devising ways and means for incandescent lighting of the City had no report to make at present.

Mr Rowe, of Water stated his report was not ready, and asked for additional appropriation of \$500.00 for new work, which on motion of Mr Garner was appropriated to Water Committee by unanimous vote.

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Mr Garner of the Alms House reported as follows

Gentlemen: June 16, 1910

The Alms House Committee of the City Council report an expenditure during the current year \$1,330.21 for which vouchers properly signed are in the hands of the City Treasurer our appropriation for the current year is \$1,150.00 which shows an expenditure of \$180.20 more than our appropriation and we ask that you place to the credit of the Alms House Committee that sum to balance our account.

During 1909 the house occupied by the colored inmates of the Alms House was burned on which there was an insurance of \$800.00 in the Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia which sum has been paid and turned into the City Treasurer R T Knox.

It was the purpose of the Committee to have said house rebuilt. Some 65,000 bricks which were taken out of the old Public School building have been placed near the site of the burned building but owing to the proposed question of moving the Alms House into the City proper, the building has not been erected.

Yours respectfully, A M Garner, W E Bradley, J P Rowe

On motion of Mr Melville the report was received & adopted and the sum of \$180.20 was appropriated to the Alms House Committee to enable them to close up their accounts by unanimous recorded vote.

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests reported as follows

Appropriation \$200.00 Expended \$22.33

On hand \$177.67

\$200.00 \$200.00

Joesph M Goldsmith, H Warden, C R Howard (Committee)

On motion the report was received and adopted

Mr Masters of Health & Police reported as follows

Appropriation	\$200.00	
Expenditures		\$253.97
Deficit	\$53.97	
	\$253.97	\$253.97

On motion of MR Rowe the report was received & adopted and the sum of \$53.97 was appropriated to the Health & Police Committee by unanimous vote

Mr Warden of the School Committee had no appropriation and no expenditures direct from the Committee, but all money expended on Schools and School property had been done by Joint Committee of School & Finance of which report had been made.

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Mr Howard of the Ordinance Committee presented and Ordinance creating a Health Board for the City

Ordinance providing for a local Board of Health for Fredericksburg defining the duties powers and compensation thereof.

1st Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the said City Council will upon the recommendation of the Medical Society of said Corporation, biennially appoint three regularly licensed Physicians of this Corporation who shall with the Clerk of the Corporation Court and the Mayor of the Corporation constitute a City Board of Health. The Mayor shall act as the President of the Board of Health of said Corporation, Such Board of Health to select from its members a secretary, who shall be a Physician and who shall serve for two years or until his successor is appointed, but who may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the Board. Such Board of Health shall have charge of the Sanitary affairs of the City, and have control of the prevention & eradication of contagious and infectious diseases, the removal and quarantine of suspects; may provide for compulsory vaccination, the prevention restriction, and care of Small Pox and other contagious & infectious diseases, and shall with the consent of the Council of the City fix the compensation for the officers or agents employed in discharging such duties and shall see to the abatement of nuisances and the collection as may be required by the State Board of Health of vital statistics.

They shall likewise have power to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as they may deem necessary to attain their ends.

2nd It shall be the duty of the Local Health Authorities of this City to report monthly to the State Board of Health, all Cases of infectious or contagious diseases which have occurred under their jurisdiction except that it shall be their duty to report immediately any case or cases of Small Pox, yellow fever, cholera, Typhus Fever, or Bubonic Plague that may occur within their jurisdiction.

3rd The Secretary of such Board of Health shall act as executive or Health Officer for this City, and as such shall have power to enter and inspect both public and private premises, where he has reason to suppose any nuisance or any contagious or infectious disease exists, when the protection of the Public Health demands it. He shall collect and preserve such vital statistics including marriages, death, and births, as may be required of him by the State Board of Health, and shall execute and enforce the orders of the Local Board of Health, of which he is the Executive officer.

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He shall receive such compensation as the Council may deem proper

4th This ordinance shall be in effect for its passage.

Clarence R Howard

(approved June 18, 1910, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

On motion the rules were suspended by unanimous recorded vote

On motion of Mr Howard, the ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Melville Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Howard, Bradley (10 votes)

Mr Goldsmith of Public Interests submitted report of Shipping Statistics on Rappahannock River for 1909 and 1910 which was ordered recorded.

Commercial Statistics for the Rappahannock River, Fredericksburg, Va

Furnished by A P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, W D Scott

Address Fredericksburg, Va

Arrivals of Commercial vessels during the calendar year 1909

Kind	Draft		Tonnage		No of arrivals	Total gross tonnage	
	From	To	From	To			
Steam	8	11			250		125,000
Sail	8	11			1,100		330,000
Barge/scow	8	11			170		170,000
Launch					1,000		5,000
					2,520		630,000

Names of new lines of Transportation which have been established or old lines abandoned. None

Statement of changes in the schedules of Steamers. On change of Summer & Winter Schedule.

Has the work been done been of benefit to the Community? Yes

If so in what respect. It is reported that the work done on this improvement has greatly reduced freight rates both of rail and water.

Statement of changes in freight rates, if any:

Statement of changes in type or size of vessels, if any

In addition a very large number of Caroline launches being placed in general use on River

Number of Passengers carried?

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Sheet #2

Principal articles of export and import

Receipt and shipments for Calendar Year 1909

Articles	Value Per Ton	Receipts		Shipments		Total	
		No	Total	No	Total	No	Value
Bricks	4.00	500	2,000	500	2,000	1,000	4,000
Canned goods	78.00	1,000	78,000	3,000	234,000	4,000	312,000
Cement	10.00	1,000	10,000	500	5,000	1,500	15,000
Lime	12.50	1,500	18,750	1,600	20,000	3,100	38,750
Coal, Anth	6.00	1,400	8,400			1,400	8,400
Coal, Bit	3.50	2,500	8,750			2,500	8,750
Crabs							
Dry Goods							
Farm Produce	40.00	350	14,000	33,500	1,340,000	33,550	1,354,000
Fertilizer	15.00	24,400	366,000	2,600	39,000	27,000	405,000
Flour	40.00	2,500	100,000	3,500	140,000	6,000	240,000
Fish food	30.00	300	9,000	500	15,000	800	24,000
Fish Fertilizer	20.00			525	10,500	525	10,500
Fish Oil							
Gen Mchdse	60.00	5,000	900,000	13,000	780,000	28,000	1,680,000
Grain	20.00	2,000	40,000	28,000	560,000	30,000	600,000
Groceries							

Guano							
Hay	15.00	1,000	15,000	500	7,500	1,500	22,500
Ice	2.50	575	1,438	985	2,462	1,560	3,900
Iron							
Livestock	80.00			400	32,000	400	32,000
Lumber	8.00	1,000	8,000	94,500	756,000	95,500	764,000
Oil, Gasoline							
Oysters	17.50	2,025	35,437			2,025	35,437
Piles							
Pickles	75.00			2,500	187,500	2,500	187,500
Railroad Ties	5.00			131,200	656,000	131,200	656,999
Sand & Gravel							
Salt							
Ship Timber							
Stone							
Tobacco							
Wood & Logs	2.50	1,000	2,500	22,550	53,875	22,500	56,370
Sumac	16.00			300	4,800	300	4,800
Total		58,050	1,617,275	539,160	4,845,637	397,210	6,462,912

Mr Howard presented the following:

Resolved that the President appoint a Committee of three to mark the grave of Jacob Freeze by a suitable tablet or stone a cost not exceeding \$50.00, laid over to next

Adjourned to meet June 21, 1910 @ 8 o'clock

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held June 21, 1910 at 8 o'clock PM Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Green and S E Eastburn, Clerk

W E Bradley, President opened the meeting and stated that it was an adjourned meeting to hear reports from other Committees and called to the Chair Mr H B Lane, Chairman Finance Committee

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee reported on the petition to rent Scott's Island referred to his Committee with power to act.

Fredericksburg, Va June 1, 1910

This contract made and entered into this 1st day of June 1910, by and between the Public Property Committee, City of Fredericksburg, Va, party of the first part and the Casino Island Company, party of the second part, Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars payable in advance, the said party of the first part agree and bind themselves to rent and lease to the said party of the second part, the Island in the Rappahannock River, opposite the City of Fredericksburg formerly known as "Scott's Island" now owned by the City of Fredericksburg, together with approach to same.

The said party of the second part agree to use the Island for the proper and legitimate amusement and refreshment purposes and furthermore agree and bind themselves to preserve the best of order, while using the same for above purposes.

And it is furthermore understood and agreed that this contract shall be in force and binding for a period of one (1) year from the date of this agreement at the expiration of which time it shall be optional with the said party of the second part as to the continuance of this lease, for a period of four

(4) years additional, at the same rental. And it is furthermore understood and agreed that at the expiration of this lease the said party of the second part shall be allowed to removed all the improvements they have erected or placed upon said Island.

The party of the second part furthermore agree and bind themselves to place three (3) electric lights of not less than forty candlepower each upon the free Bridge and keep same lighted while the said Island is being used for the above stated purposes.

Witness our hands and seal this 2nd day of June 1910

W E Bradley, J W Masters, A M Garner (Public Property Committee)

L G Roach, R J McDonnell, Managers Cassino Island Company

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On motion of Mr Young, the report of the Public Property Committee was received and the contract made with the Cassino Island Company was approved and ordered recorded.

W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Melville, of the Light Committee asked that Supt Bullock who was present be allowed to read his report, which was the report of the Committee of Light on Gas Plant

Messrs John C Melville, H B Lane, Light Committee, June 20, 1910

Gentlemen: I have the honor of submitting the following report for the year ending June 1st 1910

Total amount of Gas made 16,849,100 cu ft

Gas Sold 14,794,500 cu ft

Used works etc 395,000

Street Lamps 225,000

15,414,500

15,414,500

Loss and condensation about 9% or 1,434,800 cu ft

Increase in send out over year of 1908-1909 11%

Increase in send out over year of 1907-1908 22%

Increase in send out over year of 1906-1907 45%

Increase in send out over year of 1905-1906 78%

Increase over last year of old plant 109%

More than twice as much gas being made & sold.

Coal on hand June 1st 1909 949,150

Coal purchased 3,314,400

4,263,550

Used during year 3,530,000

On hand June 1st 1910 733,550

Gas made per lb of coal carbonized 4.77 cu ft

Gas accounted for per lb of coal 4.36 cu ft

Meters in use June 1st 1910 675

Set during year 151

Removed during year 116

35

Meters in use June 1st 1909 640

Gain for year 35

Expense

Manufacture

Coal \$4,607.93

Labor \$2,664.90

Work supplies & repairs \$398.90

\$7,671.16

Distribution

Labor \$2,008.19

Material	\$744.88	
Printing & advertising	\$138.82	
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Brought over	\$2,891.89	\$7,671.16
Repairs to meters	\$60.92	\$2,952.81
Cost of operation		\$10,623.97
New work, and material not chargeable to operation		
New main on Commerce Street & Washington Ave	\$910.78	
Repairs to dwelling	\$397.98	
New Meters	\$288.75	
Lamp post heads	\$12.02	
New services	\$320.00	
Boiled and Stack	\$420.00	
Boiled foundation	\$25.00	
		\$2,374.53
		\$12,998.50
Left with Treasurer		\$1.50
Appropriation		\$13,000.00
Receipts		
Cash received for gas	\$14,908.74	
Bills on hand	\$106.16	\$15,014.90
Cash rec'd from Coke & Tar	\$2,001.54	
Bills on hand	\$112.95	\$2,314.49
Welsbach Lights on Hand	\$452.37	
Cash turned in Welsbachs	\$67.83	\$520.20
Total		\$17,849.59
Cash turned in to the City Treasurer	\$16,978.11	
Total business for 1910		\$17,849.59
Operating expense		\$10,623.97
Gross profits		\$7,225.62
There are five street lams which burn all night for which there is no change made, nor credit given		
Respectfully submitted, B F Bullock, Supt City Gas Works		
Approved, June 20, 1910, John C Melville, Chairman		
H B Lane		

Mr [?] moved to receive the report of Light Committee in Gas Plant, and that same be entered on the record of this Council. Carried unanimous vote
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Mr Rowe, of the Water Committee asked that Supt Quinn be allowed to read his annual report which was the Committee's report

J P Rowe, H B Lane, A M Garner, Water Committee, City, June 21, 1910

Gentlemen, I have the pleasure of submitting to you're my 26th annual report of the operation of the City Water Works. This report covers the period from June 16, 1909 to June 21, 1910; and I am glad to say that while this has been a busy year with us, we have been able to do the work required and can report the works in good condition.

During the year we have made 41 taps, making a total number at present of 1,479. This shows but little difference between the number of taps and the number of buildings assessed with water rent, the latter being 1558.

The collection this year is larger than that of any previous year, and speaks very well for the promptness of our people in paying water rent without the application of any compulsory law. Our

collections this year are \$9,241.63 being \$20.73 more than last year, notwithstanding more back dues were collected last year than this.

We have now a delinquency of Water Rents amounting to \$662 but most of this is due from the last 6 months, the payment of which fell due in the dead of winter and will likely be settled during the July collection.

This does not include two or three large bills which we are assured are uncollectable, as the State has claims on the property which will absorb its value; but if not, the Corporation will come in with its large amount of taxes.

We have done considerable work during the year for which no appropriation was made, and which was charged up to the account of the Committee on Water thereby increasing the running expenses to that extent. This amount \$499.39, shown in the statistics table should be made good to the Committee. I refer to the lowering of Mains, removal of Stop Boxes, laterals, and fire plugs for Main and other streets, where curbstones have been placed, and where the grades and widths of the street were changed.

Our statistical table will show that the cost of this work was \$274.39. Besides this, we erected or rather enlarged our coal bin at the pumping station at a cost of \$150, and strengthened the south east bank of the reservoir by dirt and retaining walls at a cost of \$75.00, aggregating \$499.39.

We commenced the work of pipe extension at the lower end of Main Street, about the middle of April but have been retarded very much by the excessive wet weather. We are now just above the Narrow Gauge depot, having run the 6" Main 3,463 ft. The difference in the actual [Page 64] cost of laying this pipe and the estimated cost furnished by me preparatory to this work is \$91.63, less than the estimate, while the amount of lead saved from the estimate is 760 lbs, valued at \$37.16. I allude to this fact because the fear was expressed at the time that my estimates were inaccurate. I have no doubt that this saving will continue to the completion of the work.

The use of water is increasing very perceptively, as is shown by comparing the coal used last year with this year. Last year we used (209 tons), this year we have purchased (309 tons) but have about 30 or 35 tons on hand; and this increase of coal shows the increase of service of the steam pump. But this increase of water may not be waste, because we furnish water for 1558 buildings, many of these being manufacturing establishments and other place using very much water, besides furnishing water for street sprinkling, lawns and gardens.

In addition to this we have now in operation 401 bath tubs and 599 closets, making 1,000 of these openings through which large amounts of water almost hourly flow.

Surely our people have nothing to complain of in their use of water, as not restrictions are enforced upon them.

The statistics are as follows: Statement, Special Work, Expense of changing water pipes, stop boxes & fire plugs on Princess Anne & Lower Main streets to conform with new grades, and curb lines, also lowering 3" water pipe on Prince Edward Street made necessary by the street being cut down.

	\$274.39	
Enlarging coal bin at pumping station	\$150.00	
Building & strengthening Reservoir bank	\$75.00	\$499.39
Cost of operating pump station		
Coal, freight, drayage (309 tons)	\$909.06	
Labor for running engine etc	\$481.36	\$1,390.42
Extension of Water Mains		
Amount expended to date for extension of water mains as follows:		
6" & 4" Cast Iron Pipe & 6" & 4" specials	\$3,060.04	
6" & 4" valves & fire hydrants	\$521.52	
Pig lead	\$345.69	
Valve boxes & packing	\$45.07	
Freight, drayage on pipe, lead & materials	\$494.31	
Labor of laying pipe	\$527.19	\$4,993.82

		\$6,883.63
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Amount brought forward		\$6,883.63
Other expenditures, such as material, water taps, etc		
Street Sprinkling & Superintendent salary		\$3,409.69
Expenditures for all purposes		\$10,293.32
Deduct expense of special work as above		\$499.39
Running expense, Supt Salary, Extensions, & Street Sprinkling		\$9,793.93
Appropriations		
Running expenses	\$3,000.00	
Supt Salary	\$900.00	
Street Sprinkling	\$500.00	
Extension of water mains	\$5,796.20	
Running expenses	\$500.00	\$10,696.20
Expenditures		\$9,793.93
		\$902.27
Appropriation for extension of main	\$5,796.20	
Expended to date	\$4,993.82	
Amt to credit of extension of Mains (included in above credit C W W)	\$802.38	
Expenditures, running expenses, Supt Salary		
Extension of mains & Street Sprinkling		\$9,793.93
Deduct street Sprinkling	\$500.00	
Deduct Amt expended for extension	\$4,993.82	\$5,493.82
Expenses of Operating & Supt's salary		\$4,300.11
Recapitulation		
Total receipts from June 16, 1909 to June 21, 1910		\$9,241.63
Expenses of operation (including Supt Salary	\$4,300.11	
Int on \$22,000 bonds @4%	\$880.00	\$5,180.11
Net profit of City Water Works		\$4,061.52

Besides looking after the sewers and keeping them in order and adding such laterals as have been applied for, we ran a new 8" Main up Wolfe Street to the new Shirt Factory, 299 feet, with laterals to the several buildings on the line, and a new 8" pipe on Princess Anne Street from the Catholic Church to Wolfe Street, intersecting the 8" Main on that street, a distance of 588 ft. These two mains have on them at present 30 laterals.

We have paid into the Treasury during the year \$1,210.02 and our expenditures have been \$704.16; but in the payment of coupons and providing a sinking fund, the expenditures for the year have been greater than then collections and we have a shortage of \$12.71.

All bills that have been paid for the water or sewer during the entire year may be found as vouchers in the hands of the Treasurer, stating specifically to whom the money was paid, and for what it was paid & also for all labor, who performed the labor, where it was performed and for what purpose, which I suppose are accessible to any citizen who would desire to examine them.

J P Rowe, H B Lane (Committee) S J Quinn Supt.

On motion the report was received and ordered recorded.

On motion adjourned to meeting June 28, 1910 at 8 PM

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the Common Council was held June 28, 1910 at 8 o'clock PM

Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green; Atty Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn.

W E Bradley, President in the Chair. Called the meeting to order and stated that it was an adjourned meeting and called for reports.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee offered the following which was adopted: unanimous vote The Finance Committee having made a recommendation that an ordinance be adopted by the Council making the license tax to be paid by Dr D T Pitts for certain shows and entertainments (other than moving picture shows) in Hanover Park during the summer season \$25.00 per month.

Resolved that the Ordinance Committee is directed to report at next meeting of the Council an ordinance in accordance with the aforesaid recommendation.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following with Auditor's Check for \$163.95 which on motion of Mr Young was ordered recorded and the check turned over to the City Treasurer by the Finance Committee

City Council of Fredericksburg Va Richmond Va, June 24, 1910

Gentlemen: the fifth section of the Act of April 16, 1903 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, impose a tax of \$1.50 on every male inhabitant who has attained the age of 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 and City in which it shall have been collected.

Of the capitation taxes assessed since 1902 and returned delinquent in Fredericksburg, Va City, there has been collected and paid into the State Treasury up to and including the 30th September 1909 \$491.85. Of this amount so collected 1/3 is to be returned to City: \$163.95.

In conformity with the provisions of said Act I herewith include check of the Treasurer of Virginia payable to Robt T Knox, Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg for (\$163.95) in payment of the portion of the Capitation Tax, which is to be returned and paid into the Treasury of your City.

Very respectfully, C Lewellyn, Acting Auditor Public Accts.

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following from the Assessors of Real Estate, which on motion was referred to the Finance Committee, Motion made by Mr Young

To the members of the City Council, Fredericksburg, Va June 28, 1910.

Gentlemen: We, the assessors of real estate, appointed by Judge J T Goolrick of the Corporation Court, have completed our work and delivered three books to the Clerk of the Corporation Court. Our books show an increase in real estate values over the last assessment of \$698.464.

We have given this duty laborious work for several months, sacrificing our own business and interests in doing so. The State allows only \$2.00 per day which is as you are aware, small compensation for this class of service. Other cities have supplements the allowance of the State and we believe that Fredericksburg will be willing to do the same.

We feel justified in calling your attention to the matter, and are assured that you will give it your careful consideration.

Whatever action your take in the matter will be perfectly satisfactory to us.

We enclose you're a copy of the law and several letters from other cities number days employed 120.

Respectfully A M Garner, E D Cole, Alvin T Rowe.

Mr Green of the Ordinance Committee presented the following ordinance;

An Ordinance to correct an error in the Map of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia made by S R Grabill, in October 1890, under order of this Council, so far as the same attempts to fix the width of new street between Princess Anne and Caroline Streets as 60 feet and to declare the true width of New Street between Princess Anne and Caroline Streets to be fifty feet.

Whereas under an ordinance of the Common Council of Fredericksburg, passed February 21, 1890, L R Grabill was ordered to make a map of this City, showing the public streets and other public places and pursuant to said Ordinance the said Grabill did make a map of the said streets and other public places of the said City in October 1890, on which map the width of new Street, between Princess Anne & Caroline Streets is given as 60 feet; and

Whereas by said map the width of Factory Street is made fifty (50) feet: and

Whereas by survey of John M Smith, surveyor of the City of Fredericksburg, made August 9th 1889 and recorded in Deed Book CC, page 155 in the Clerks office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, the width of Factory [Page 68] Street is given as fifty (50) feet, by which width of fifty feet the Factory Street was dedicated to the public and which width of fifty feet is also on the said map of L R Grabill; and

Whereas by said Survey of John M Smith of August 9th 1899, recorded as aforesaid in Deed Book CC page 155, the width of New Street is given as fifty feet; and

Whereas under and in pursuance of the plot of said New Street and Factory Street made by said John M Smith, August 9th 1889, certain real estate was acquired from James R. Clark by the predecessors in ownership of the Klots Thowing Company situated between New Street on the South, Factory Street on the North, Main Street on the East and Princess Anne Street on the West the dimensions of said parcel of land being 264 feet by 230 feet; and

Whereas by the plot made by said Grabill within fourteen months after that made by said Smith, by increasing the width of New Street from fifty to sixty feet between Caroline and Princess Anne Streets, the said parcel of land owned by said Klots Throwing Company is curtailed a width of ten feet from the 264 feet between Caroline & Princess Anne streets: and

Whereas the aforesaid width of New Street of sixty feet between Caroline and Princess Anne Streets as shown on the Grabill Map is an error and would have the effect of changing the width of Factory Street and curtailing the same to forty feet, when the said Factory Street has been dedicated to the City as a fifty foot street;

Now, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the true width of said New Street between Caroline and Princess Anne Streets be, and the same is, hereby declared to be fifty feet, and the Clerk of the City Council is hereby directed to note on the Map of L R Grabill aforesaid the correction herein made making reference thereon to this ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in force from its passage.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the rules were suspended and on motion of Mr Green the ordinance was unanimously adopted

(approved July 1, 1910, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor)

To the Hon Mayor and Common Council

Gentlemen: Your Committee on Finance Submit the following report for the year ending June 30, 1910, embracing settlements of City Collector A P Rowe and of City Treasurer R T Knox, whose reports are appended hereto and are adopted as a part of this report.

Messrs H B Lane, J C Melville, W E Bradley, Finance Committee of the City Council,
Fredericksburg Va June 21, 1910.

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Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of Collections of Revenue for the City of Fredericksburg for the fiscal year ending June 21, 1910.

I am exceedingly gratified to report that notwithstanding some falling off in amounts of Licenses assessed the collections in the aggregate are larger than ever before, and the delinquent list for 1909 is less than for any previous year at the first year's settlement.

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

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

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes.

City Taxes collected for the year ending June 21, 1910

On assessment of 1909	Real Estate	\$23,078.02	
On assessment of 1909	Personalty	\$10,145.84	
Total			\$33,223.86
On assessment of 1909 after Oct 15	Real Estate	\$1,813.85	
On assessment of 1909 after Oct 15	Personalty	\$488.28	
		\$2,302.13	
Add penalty and interest		\$174.91	\$2,477.14
General Licenses fr Jun 22, 1909 to Apr 30 1910		\$476.53	
Dray Licenses fr June 22, 1909 to Apr 30, 1910		\$33.00	
Licenses for Opera House exhibitions		\$126.00	
Licenses for Special Shows fr Jun 22, 1909 to Apr 30 1910		\$167.00	
On General Licenses 1910-11		\$12,717.81	
On dray Licenses 1910-11		\$18.00	
On Special show Licenses 1910-11		\$83.00	\$13,771.34
Rent of hay scales for 1910			\$21.50
			\$49,492.84
Total for 1909-10 on assessment of 1908		\$41.05	
Add penalty and interest		\$4.64	\$45.69
on assessment of 1907		\$15.37	
Add penalty and interest		\$2.95	\$18.32
on assessment of 1906		\$6.62	
Add penalty and interest		\$1.41	\$8.03
on assessment of 1905		\$9.20	
Add penalty and interest		\$1.86	\$11.06
on assessment of 1904		\$4.16	
Add penalty and interest		\$2.09	\$6.25
on assessment of 1903		\$3.33	
Add penalty and interest		\$1.21	\$4.54
on assessment of 1902		\$6.19	
Add penalty and interest		\$2.29	\$8.48
on assessment of 1901		\$4.52	
Add penalty and interest		\$1.57	\$6.09
On assessment of 1900		\$1,71	
Add penalty and interest		\$.76	\$2.67
Over			\$49,604.87
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Amount brought over			\$49,604.87
On assessment of 1899		\$1,36	
Add penalty and interest		\$.76	\$2.12
On assessment of 1897		\$1.06	
Add penalty and interest		\$.72	\$1.78
On assessment of 1896		\$1.06	

Add penalty and interest	\$.78	\$1.84
Total Collections from all sources		\$49,610.61

The following amounts are due the City of Fredericksburg Va by delinquents

For years 1883 to 1909 inclusive: on books 1909		\$36,121.11
By Collections to Oct 15, 1909	\$33,223.86	
By Collection after Oct 15, 1909	\$2,471.04	
Deduct penalty & interest	\$174.91	\$2,302.13
By delinquent Real Estate Bills turned over to Treasurer on June 21, 1910	\$280.76	
By bills exempted by Court	\$160.03	\$35,966.78
Amount delinquent for 1909		\$154.33
Amt's delinquent for years 1883 to 1909 inclusive		\$762.41
		\$916.74

Respectfully submitted, A P Rowe, Collector of City Taxes

Report of R T Knox, Treasurer from July 1, 1909 to July 1, 1910 showing balance on hand July 1, 1909 and receipts from any and all sources, and how disbursed, all supported by proper vouchers and orders of the Council

1909 Jul 1	To by balance on hand		\$6,915.85
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Water		\$9,241.63
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Gas	\$14,908.74	
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Welsbach lights	\$67.83	
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Coke & Tar	\$2,001.54	
	Total from Gas Plant		\$16,978.11
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Taxes		\$34,790.52
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Licenses		\$13,440.15
1910 Jun 22	By receipts from Delinquent Real Estate		\$330.91
	Amt ret'd fr Summer Normal School	\$8.35	
	Amt rec'd fr Alms House Fire	\$800.00	
	Amt rec'd fr 3 notes Fin Com & Council	\$5,000.00	
	Amt red'd fr Ins Co \$3.90 & 4.37	\$8.27	
	Amt fr Rappk Electric Light Co	\$200.00	
	Amt returned to City 1/3 voters	\$398.00	
	Amt fr Clerk, Haydons Taxes 1902 City taxes	\$32.86	
	Amt stringing wires on Bridge	\$20.00	
	Amt Rent from City property	\$185.00	
	Amt Bricks etc Chairman Bradley	\$173.44	
	Amt Fines Mayor Wallace	\$796.00	
	Over	\$7,621.92	\$81,697.17
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	Amount Brought Forward	\$7,621.92	\$81,697.17
	Amt rec'd from Dog Licenses	\$388.50	
	Amt rec'd from Normal School	\$20,000.00	
	Amt rec'd fr Committee M V King	\$60.00	\$28,070.42
	Grand Total		\$109,767.59
	1910 deduct disbursements on debtor's side		\$101,424.34
	July 1, 1910 by balance carried over to new book		\$8,343.25

Disbursements made by Robert T Knox, Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg for year from July 1, 1909 to July 1, 1910

1910 Order by Water Committee	\$10,292.57
1910 Order by Gas Committee	\$12,908.05
1910 Order by Street Committee	\$4,453.78
1910 Order by Public Property Committee	\$2,973.25
1910 Order by Alms House Committee	\$1,331.46
1910 Order by Electric Light Committee	\$3,530.86
1910 Order by Court	\$1,928.84
1910 Order by Mayor	\$407.14
1910 Order by Public Interests Committee	\$22.33
1910 Order by Joint Street & Finance Committees	\$2,019.04
1910 Order by Health & Police Committee	\$253.97
1910 Order by Clerk of Council	\$150.00
1910 Order by Fire Department Committee	\$269.65
Paid Clerk of Market	\$75.00
White & Colored Normal Schools	\$350.00
Order by Joint School & Public Property Committee	\$1,829.96
Mayors Salary	\$400.00
Commonwealth Attorney	\$399.97
Four policemen \$480 each	\$1,920.00
Judge Corporation Court	\$999.96
Coupons	\$5,495.00
Coupons	\$4,512.00
Coupons	\$106.00
3 Notes discounted at 3 banks for Normal School	\$20,000.00
Interest paid on same	\$249.99
5 bonds paid Nov 1, 1909	\$5,000.00
Interest paid on same	\$33.33
Shirt Factory	\$5,000.00
Other orders Council various amts & times	\$14,422.19
This list in disburse \$6,000. for Public Schools in \$14, 422.19	
Total	\$101,422.34
By balance to new accounts	\$8,343.25
Total receipts & balance	\$109,767.50

The following amounts for the following years are due & in the hands of Mr A P Rowe, City Collector of Taxes for collection

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For the Year 1909	\$154.33
For the Year 1908	\$118.40
For the Year 1907	\$127.20
For the Year 1906	\$100.72
For the Year 1905	\$96.34
For the Year 1904	\$80.52
For the Year 1903	\$31.74
For the Year 1902	\$31.26
For the Year 1901	\$67.87
For the Year 1900	\$22.04
For the Year 1899	\$11.90
For the Year 1898	\$7.81
For the Year 1897	\$4.25
For the Year 1896	\$3.71

For the Year 1895	\$5.26
For the Year 1894	\$3.04
For the Year 1893	\$3.54
For the Year 1892	\$2.28
For the Year 1891	\$1.24
For the Year 1890	\$2.04
For the Year 1889	\$.93
For the Year 1888	\$1.86
For the Year 1887	\$2.92
For the Year 1886	\$2.13
For the Year 1885	\$.80
For the Year 1884	\$1.91
For the Year 1883	\$.39
For the Year 1881 over pd cr	\$13.55

The general Sinking Fund deposited at Farmers & Merchants State Bank		
1910 to Balance in Bank Jan'y 21		\$2,633.24
Apr 4 by check No 3262 for New Fredericksburg Normal & Ind School Bonds Nos 1 & 2, \$1,000. each No 13 \$500, No 25 \$100		\$2,600.00
In bank		\$34.24
Subject to addition of interest to Apr 4 th 1910		
The Wallace Library in account with Robt T Knox Treasurer		
1909 Jun 23 By Balance on Hand	\$5,005.00	
1909 Jul 1 By J G Dow check 6 mos on \$5,400 Gen B	\$81.00	
1910 Jul 1 By J G Dow check 6 mos on \$5,400 Gen B	\$81.00	\$5,167.00
Dr 1909 Sep 5 to John S Patton No 8	\$9.15	
Dr 1909 Oct 22 to H R McIlwain No 9	\$3.25	
Dr 1910 Mar 25 to John S Patton No 10	\$8.05	
Dr 1910 Mar 26 to Dr R E Blackwell No 11	\$.56	
Stamp	\$.02	
Jun 26 to check to Mr Holliday	\$600.00	\$621.03
By Balance		\$4,545.97

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Sinking fund Sewer account at Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Savings Department in account with R T Knox, Treasurer

1909 Jul 1	Balance in Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$396.20	
1909 Jul 1	Interest from Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$3.46	
1909 Jul 1	Interest on \$300 Virginia Bonds	\$4.50	
1910 Jan 1	Interest from Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$6.06	
1910 Jan 1	Interest on \$300 Virginia Bonds	\$4.50	
1910 Jul 1	Interest from Farmers & Merchants Bank	\$6.20	
1910 Jan 1	Balance above account not including interest on Virginia bonds due		
1910 Jul 1		\$420.92	

New Sewer Account: in account with Robt T Knox, Treasurer

1910 Jun 20	To amt paid out to this date	\$943.16	
1910 Jun 20	To coupons from bonds pd by R T Knox		
And receipt or vouchers fr Finance Committee		\$500.00	\$1,443.16
1909 Jun 22	By balance on hand	\$220.00	
1909 Sep 1	By sewer tax fr S J Quinn	\$72.10	
1910 Mar 1	By sewer tax fr S J Quinn	\$52.53	

1910 May 19	By sewer tax fr S J Quinn	\$700.00	\$1,430.45
1910 Jun 22	To balance due City in General Fund		\$12.71
			\$1,442.16

Report of History Committee

Number of Books on hand as per last report		592	
Number sold this year	54		
Number complimentaries sent out	4	58	
Number in hands of Committee		534	
Balance due as per last report	\$253.50		
Expense, postage, etc to date	\$4.87		\$258.37
Received for books to date			\$70.93
Balance due			\$187.44

Bond now due by bonded indebtedness of the City:

Water Bonds, 4% Int due Jul 1 & Jan 1 all due			
Jan 1, 1909	8 paid and 22 due yet		\$22,000.
Gas bonds 4% Int, due Jul 2 & Jan 2, all due Jan 2, 1920			\$25,000.
Bridge Bonds, 4% Int, due Jul 2 & Jan 2, all due Jan 2, 1920			\$25,000.
Electric L bonds 4% Int due Jul 1 & Jan 1 all due Jan 113, 1913			\$12,000.
Sewer Bonds, Int Oct 1 & Apr 1, originally 18,000 due Apr 1931			\$17,300.
Sewer & Street Bonds, Int Oct 1 & Apr 1, payable Apr 1, 1931			\$20,000.
Water & Gas Bonds, 4% Int Apr 1 & Oct 1, payable Apr 1, 1935			\$20,000.
Gas & Water, due on Nov 1, 1910 \$5,000 & Int to Nov 1			\$5,000.
Fredericksburg Va City Bonds, Int May 1 & Nov 1 Due May 1, 1936			\$119,400.
School Bonds 4% Int due Jan & Jul all due Jul 1, 1938			\$15,000.
Normal & Ind School Bonds Int due Oct 1 & Apr 1 all due Apr 1, 1940		\$20,000.	\$17,400
Paid		\$2,600	\$298,100.

R T Knox, Treasurer

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Mr Bradley, President, and members of City Council, Fredericksburg Va June 28, 1910
Gentlemen: We, the Auditing Committee of the City Council take please to report that we have carefully examined the books, vouchers and receipts of the City Treasurer R T Knox, City Tax Collector, A P Rowe, Supt of Water, S J Quinn, Supt of Gas B F Bullock, and have found same correct, also properly and neatly kept.

Respectfully submitted, E M Young, J C Melville, F L W Green, Auditing Committee

Your Finance Committee having regard to the financial needs of the several departments of the City government for the ensuing twelve months beginning July 1st 1910 recommend the appropriation set out in the attached ordinance, the passage of which ordinance they recommend:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg that the following appropriation be made for the year ending June 30, 1911.

For Interest on	\$22,000	4%	Water Bonds	\$880
For Interest on	\$25,000	4%	Bridge Bonds	\$1,000
For Interest on	\$25,000	4%	Gas Bonds	\$1,000
For Interest on	\$17,300	4%	Sewer Bonds	\$692
For Interest on	\$12,000	4%	Electric Bonds	\$480
For Interest on	\$20,000	4%	Street Imp Bonds	\$800
For Interest on	\$119,400	4%	Funding Bonds	\$4,776

For Interest on	\$20,000	4%	Gas & Water Bonds	\$800	
Principal one 5% Bond due Nat Bank, Int 4% 1yr in 5,000				\$5,200	
For Interest on	\$15,000	4%	School Building Bond	\$600	
For Interest on	\$17,400	4%	Normal & Ind Sch B	\$696	\$16,924
For Sinking Fund					
1% Interest on	\$22,000		Water Bonds	\$220	
1% Interest on	\$25,000		Bridge Bonds	\$250	
1% Interest on	\$25,000		Gas Bonds	\$250	
1% Interest on	\$17,300		Sewer Bonds	\$173	
1% Interest on	\$12,000		Electric Bonds	\$120	
1% Interest on	\$20,000		Gas & Water Bonds	\$200	
1% Interest on	\$20,000		Street Imp Bonds	\$200	
1% Interest on	\$15,000		School House Bonds	\$150	
1% Interest on	\$119,400		Funded Bonds	\$1,194	
1% Interest on	\$17,400		Normal & Ind Bonds	\$174	\$2,931
For Salaries & other Expenses					
Salary of Judge of the Corporation Court				\$1,300	
Salary of Clerk of Court				\$400	
Salary of Sergeant				\$300	
Salary of Treasurer				\$750	
Salary of Commonwealth Attorney				\$400	
Salary of Mayor				\$400	
Salary of 4 police officers @ 600. each				\$2,400	
Salary of Clerk of Council				\$150	
Salary of Clerk of the Market				\$75	
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Brought Forward				\$6,175	\$19,855
Salary of City Physician and Health Officer				\$300	
Schools				\$6,000	
Ex Water Committee			\$3,000		
Add Salary of Supt			900	\$3,900	
Ex Gas Committee			\$11,800		
Add Salary of Supt			\$1,200	\$13,000	
Ex Electric Light Committee			\$3,000		
Add Salary of Supt			\$1,200	\$4,200	
Ex of Alms House Committee			\$1,000		
Add Supt Salary			\$150	\$1,150	
Public Property Committee				\$3,500	
Streets				\$3,000	
Fire Department Committee				\$500	
Health & Police Committee				\$200	
Public Interest Committee				\$200	\$42,125
Total					\$62,980

Resolved further; 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 therefor.

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

We can add but little to the reports of the Collector & Treasurer and to the Superintendents of Gas and Water, as set out above, but it is gratifying to call attention to the fact that the past year's collections and receipts from all sources show increased receipts and collections over preceding years, and the report of Collector Rowe, and of Treasurer Knox not only show gratifying increases but evince a growth and increase in the City, which is extremely pleasing.

In addition to the usual and regular appropriations made in July 1909 the City's revenue has borne extraordinary expenses or rather extraordinary charges and disbursements shown in Treasurer Knox's report made up, in part, of the following extraordinary

Appropriations	Regular	Extraordinary
For Streets	\$3,000	\$1,453.78
For Water Extension of Mains		\$5,892.57
Fire Department	\$200	
For Hose and appliances		\$1,030.98
Schools	\$5,000	
For School for desks, etc		\$981.47
Joint Com on Schools & P Property		\$1,829.96
Joint Com on Streets & Finance for curbing		\$2,019.04

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Under "An Act" of the Legislature passed at its last session, the City was authorized to issue and did issue it 4% Bonds to an amount of (\$20,000) given to the Normal & Industrial School for Women, and \$2,600.00 of these bonds were purchases by the City, with the money to the credit of the sinking fund and were retired, leaving \$17,400.00 of them outstanding.

In addition to the above the City owes a floating indebtedness of \$5,000 with interest, which \$5,000 was borrowed from the three banks of the City at 5% interest to purchase a lot at the northwest corner of Wolf and Princess Anne Streets, and for the erection of the Shirt Factory building, now occupied by the Shirt Factory and running every day.

Notwithstanding these unusual and extraordinary expenses the general balance in hand, to the credit of the City on July 1, 1909 of \$6,915.85 has been increased, and at the close of this year as shown by Treasurer Knox's report this balance is \$8,343.25

Treasurer Knox in his statement of the Wallace Library Fund accounts for two payments of interest of \$81.00 each time Va Century Bonds, which bonds your Committee report are of the face value of \$5,400. and are held by the City in the Treasurer's hands to the account of this fund.

Your Committee had proposed at this time to make a report on the purchases of books by the Library Board for the Wallace Library, and your Committee here reports in part that the Wallace Library Board has recently purchased a very valuable library at extremely low prices; that all of these books are in the City, and are being arranged in the Library Building, and when arranged and when some other purchases shall have been made by the Library Committee then your Finance Committee will make a full and detailed report of the said purchases involving expenditures on this fund.

Your Committee further report that in addition to the \$420.92 of money in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank, at interest to the credit of the Sewer Sinking fund, this fund has three one hundred dollar Virginia Century Bonds, the interest on which is being paid promptly and added to the fund in Bank.

Your Committee further reports that the Saturday June 25th quotation on the Virginia Century Bonds was bid \$.86 asked (.87) an extremely low figure. The \$420.92 in bank will be increased in July 1st by \$113.00) appropriation to this fund making a total of (\$593.92) and your Committee would recommend that they be directed to invest this fund in the purchase of Virginia Century Bonds, the said bonds at .86½s say and bearing three per cent interest, being a better investment than the three per cent interest allowed by the Bank, and in addition your Committee believes that the Virginia Century Bonds are about as low as they will get, and that having regard to the General

increase of Assessments throughout the State [Page 77] your Committee believes that these bonds will advance in value, there adding to the value of the sinking fund.

Your Committee further reports that the aggregate amount of appropriations above recommended to the Sinking Fund, other than the Sewer Sinking Fund, and termed the general Sinking Fund will be \$2,758 and for reasons set forth above, your Committee recommend that they be directed to invest this fund in like Virginia Century Bonds, as such time as your Committee may think best.

H B Lane, J C Melville, W E Bradley, Finance Committee.

Mr Rowe moved, which was duly seconded to receive and adopt the Finance Committee's report.

Mr Warden offered an amendment to Rowe's motion, which received no second and was lost.
Be it further ordained:

(1.) That the various amounts appropriated for the several Committees shall not be, as here to fore subject to the orders of said Committees, but only such portions of said appropriations as shall be each month placed to the credit of said Committee by resolutions duly passed by the Council.

(2.) That at each regular monthly meeting it shall be the duty of each and every Committee to submit to the Council an estimate in detail of the amount of money needed by said Committee during the ensuing month;

(3.) That at each regular meeting, it shall be the duty of each and every Committee to make to the Council a report showing in detail the expenditures made during the month just ended; and

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

(5.) That a copy of said report of the Finance Committee shall be furnished to each Councilman and to each newspaper published in the City.

(6.) That during the year beginning 1910 and ending 1911 it shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Council to act as secretary of each and every Committee of the Council.

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

Vote was then taken on Mr Rowe's motion to receive and adopt the Finance Committee Report
Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley
Nos, Embrey.

To the members of the City Council, Fredericksburg, Va June 28, 1910

Gentlemen: Without the slightest degree minimizing the work of previous councils, I desire to congratulate this Council on the work it has performed and the economical manner in which it has been done.

When the long term members were elected, it was confronted with a debt of \$25,000 in the shape of Bonds issued to pay for City Gas Works. Of these \$5,000 was to be paid each year. With the coming of November 1910 the last of these will be paid. The new school building which stands imposingly at the corner of Main and Lewis streets, is another evidence of its work. This building with its handsome furniture, modern conveniences and splendid granolithic approaches, was built by a joint Committee composed of Messrs Warden, Rowe, Goldsmith of Schools, Bradley, Garner

and Masters of Public Property at a cost of (\$40,000) of this amount (\$25,000) has come out of the General Treasury and only (\$15,000) of City Bonds issued to build it.

It has enable the School Board to establish a high school, employ a highly educated principal, a corps of splendid teachers and concentrate the white children of the City under one roof under the direct supervision of the Superintendent.

The City Gas works under the guidance of Messrs Melville, Lane & Masters and Young a former member of the Committee now again a member of the Council, under the direct supervision of Supt B F Bullock has been brought to a paying basis and this years shows a net profit of over \$4,000 above operating expenses.

The Electric Light Plant, which the four gentlemen just named have been guarding and which its able, efficient Superintendent W K Howard, has managed, show an expense account of \$500.00 less than any previous year.

The service rendered by this branch is far better than any previous year, and reflects credit on all connected with it.

The Water Works, the old standby of the City in point of Revenue and comfort, Messrs Rowe, Lane & Garner, Committee, with its accomplished and experienced Superintendent, [Page 79] Capt S J Quinn shows a larger business than for any year in its history. This year has seen the commencement of a general system of water supply for both fire and domestic purposes, which when completed will give, as near as possible an equal pressure in every part of the City. Already mains have been laid at a cost of nearly \$6,000, and the lower portion of the City now has ample pressure from its water plugs to extinguish any ordinary fire and prevent its spread.

The contemplated extension of these mains through the West end to the reservoir with pipes of increased size, will make the system complete. This expected to be done this year at an additional cost of \$6,000.

All of this will be drawn out of the general treasury without the issuing of a single bond. One Material benefit the City derives from this work, is the all round experience of Superintendent Quinn which enables him to dispose with an engineer or inspector, he doing the work of both without cost to the City.

In former years, our people were restricted in the use of water, but that day has passed and every one now has an abundance. The Water Works have paid a net revenue this year of \$4,061.52. Last year a conflagration swept away one of our most important manufacturing plants, the Virginia Shirt Factory. While it was ascertained that it would not be rebuilt, one member of this body looked around for something to take its place. While the starting of an enterprise to take its place did not come direct from the Council, it quickly co-operated in the Movement to establish it. To Messrs S G Wallace and C W Jones, this City is indebted in a great measure, the establishment of the Fredericksburg Shirt Factory of which Messrs Oppenheim, Oberndorf of Baltimore are the proprietors, these two gentlemen were the cause of manager Atkinson coming here to investigate. The Council immediately took the matter up and appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs Lane, Melville and Bradley of the Finance Committee and M G Willis, S G Wallace, E D Cole & C W Jones of Citizens. City Attorney Fitzhugh was called in and a conference held with a member of the firm Mr Oppenheim which resulted in a contract for the establishment of a shirt Factory here. This Council appropriated \$5,000 for grounds and buildings. Messrs Willis, Cole & Bradley were appointed a building Committee. The grounds were purchased at a cost of (\$1,500.00) and building erected costing \$3,500 which owned by the City and in 38 days from the laying of the foundation the factory was working and to day it has (125) operatives at work with a payroll of over \$600.00 per week.

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A system of street curbing has been inaugurated with Messrs Embrey, Goldsmith and Howard of Street Committee and Lang, Melville and Bradley of the Finance Committee. It is the declared purpose of this Council to devote the sum of \$5,000, each year for this improvement if the finances

of the City will permit. This work is now progressing satisfactorily to the general public. Sidewalks are being laid and a general improvement is observed.

The assessors of the City, Messrs E D Cole, A M Garner, and Alvin T Rowe, have done splendid work and show an increase in value of Real Estate of \$698,464. For so great a work, comparatively few mistakes have been made. It will result in a marked decrease in the tax rate, and but little increase paid by the taxpayers. The public asked for a fair assessment of values here and it has been given them.

The system of improving our Streets is defective. The Street Committee should get together and adopt more improved methods of keeping them clean. A street commissioner should be employed, paid a salary and do a portion of the work himself. The City should own a team of horses, a wagon & cart. There is ample room to build an annex to the building in the market house lot to keep these. Clean Streets are the most attractive features of a City. They make people who come once, come again, and tell others of it. I hope the Council will take this subject up the coming year. It is of vital importance.

The Police and Fire Department, Messrs F L W Green, E M Young and W S Embrey, are alive to the conditions more than a 1000 feet of new hose, has been paid for at a cost of \$1,000. The volunteer Fire Department has been reorganized & will in a short time have new uniforms. This company is a great protection to the City and should be given substantial encouragement by this body.

I hope and believe we are on the eve of a new and great development of one of the City's greatest natural resources, the power of the Rappahannock River. The Council has granted franchise to the Fredericksburg Electric Company and a franchise to the Electric Generating Company, both connected with the Fredericksburg Power Company.

The Power Company has just completed a splendid dam of reinforced concrete spanning the river from the Spotsylvania to the Stafford bands. Further work was retarded by legal complications, suits against one of the other of the Companies, and by other unavoidable causes, but all these difficulties have been patiently met and overcome and work has now begun in earnest.

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These companies are advertising for men and are busily engaged in those preliminary works necessary to the successful accomplishment of all large undertakings, such as installing cables and cranes, hoisting engines, building shops in which to work etc.

President Whitner has perfected plans for the development here and is extremely hopeful that now all difficulties seem to have been overcome, the work will continue uninterrupted until its completion.

Measuring lances with Senator George B Keezel, the veteran chairman of the Finance committee of the State Senate for a Normal School for Women at Fredericksburg, our former able representative in the Legislature Hon C O'Conor Goolrick won a signal victory in the establishment of a Normal School here. This Council gave the sum of \$20,000 for a site, etc.

The Bonds have been negotiated at par, the City itself buying \$2,600 of them with its sinking fund. The State of Virginia has made appropriation of about \$200.00 and these are now being erected on the Western Heights overlooking Fredericksburg, magnificent buildings which are in charge of President E H Russell and in a few years will have a corps of professors and will be filled with the flower of the young womanhood of Virginia to be educated for the different walks of life.

Handsome roadways will be built to this school, streets will be opened and the benefits which our people will derive are hard to estimate.

A fact worthy of mention and of which this Council should be proud is that of its \$303,000 of bonds none bear interest of over four percent, none have been sold for less than par, and the bulk of them are owned by our own people, thereby demonstrating their confidence in the City Government.

Another fact is especially gratifying that at the late election, the taxpayers and votes exhibited their confidence in and satisfaction of the acts of the members of this Council who were up for re-election, by returning every one of them by handsome majorities.

To chairman Lane and Mr Melville of the Finance Committee, special thanks are due for the able manner in which the City Finances have been managed this year, and the splendid report they have submitted, showing a balance of \$8,343.25.

Let such of us the coming year use our best endeavors to put Fredericksburg abreast of the most progressive cities of the State induce new enterprises, more capital and progressive people to come here and join hands in the up-building of our City. The Fredericksburg of today is not the Fredericksburg of ten years ago, its progress is marked.

Respectfully, W E Bradley, President of City Council.

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On motion of Mr Rowe the Finance Committee's report was ordered published.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council was held July 21, 1910 in the Council Chamber, with the following members present; W E Bradley, H B Lane, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, E M Young, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, J C Melville; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last regular and two adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee stated that Judge A T Embrey was present representing the Fredericksburg Electric Power Co and desired to appear before the Council in regard to the extension of time granted the said Electric Company, in which to complete its work. Mr Embrey was granted the privilege, and stated that some longer thought that the extension of time granted at June meeting should be advertised to make it legal, and read the following resolution.

Whereas The Fredericksburg Electric Company has petitioned the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for the passage of an Ordinance extending until January 1st 1912, the time for the completion of the works provided for in a franchise granted the said Company by this Council on March 26, 1909, and approved by the Mayor of Fredericksburg on March 27, 1909, as is set out in the draft of said ordinance granting said extension of time, this day presented to the Council by the said Company.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Fredericksburg that notice of said proposed Ordinance be given to the public by advertising said proposed ordinance for ten days in the Daily Star and the evening Journal newspapers published in Fredericksburg, Virginia and appended to which publication shall be a copy of this ordinance and all persons interested are hereby given notice that the [Page 83] Council of the City of Fredericksburg will on the 8th day of August 1910 at the hour of 8 o'clock PM hear and pass upon the application of said The Fredericksburg Electric Company as embodied in the draft of said ordinance this day presented to the Council and hereby ordered to be advertised as aforesaid.

And resolved further that when this Council adjourn it adjourns to meet at 8 o'clock PM August 8, 1910.

City Attorney Fitzhugh stated that while he thought it was unnecessary but as there was some difference of opinion among lawyers, he did not see any objection to the Council adopting the above resolution.

On motion of Mr Young, seconded by Mr Goldsmith the above resolutions were adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (11 Votes)

An ordinance granting under certain conditions to the Fredericksburg Electric Company, an extension until January 1st 1912 of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a franchise hereinafter referred to for the construction of the generating plant and of the distributing plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said franchise.

Whereas by an ordinance adopted by the Council of Fredericksburg March 26th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909, there was granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company,

“A franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Light, heat and power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances in, upon, along and over and under the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Light, Heat & Power; and Whereas by the terms of the said Franchise which franchise was duly accepted by the Company, it was provided as follows:

“The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates [Page 84] during the said period of thirty years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg; and

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the time for the completion of the said work, as in said Ordinance and franchise above set forth, shall be extended until January 1st 1912; provided that this resolution extending the aforesaid period for the completion of the said work shall be operative only on the condition that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, shall in good faith expend or cause to be expended on the said in said franchise provided for in the City of Fredericksburg during the remainder of the calendar year 1910 a sum of not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), and whenever called for by the Council the said Company shall furnish satisfactory proof of the expenditures of said sum of money.

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor’s report and on motion of Mr Rowe the report was received, ordered files & salaries of Police paid \$45, each to July 15,1910

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Hon W E Bradley, President and members of the Common Council, Fredericksburg, Va July 21, 1910.

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to certify that I believe the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month.

Also beg to report fines amounting to \$82.70 which was paid me by Justice Dannehl and by me turned over to the City Treasurer.

Seeing the good results reported as ensuing to Staunton and Harrisonburg, Virginia from the work of a Commissioner employed by the Councils of these Cities I recommend that a Committee to be appointed from your body by your President for the purpose, consult and confer with members of the Councils of Staunton and Harrisonburg on the subject.

And should the result of said conference show it to be advisable let your body create the office of Street Commissioner and fill the same with an experienced and competent incumbent whose duties shall cover and control all work relating to streets & sidewalks.

I know the members of the Street Committee give their best efforts and attention to the supervision of all street work, and they do well, considering the fact they must divided their attention between public and private work.

It seems to me that the adoption of my suggestion would bring about the happy consummation of relieving the members of the Street Committee of the duty of personal supervision of such work, which is often given at the expense of their private business, and at the same time place the responsibility for such work on one who will be required to give his individual personal attention to the same.

For Gas, Light and Water, respectively, we have Superintendents charged with the responsibility of managing the same. Why not a street Commissioner? Charged with the work and responsibility of looking after our streets?

Respectfully submitted H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

Mr Lane of Finance presented small bill of R A Kishpaugh 500 hand bills license Tax \$3.00

OK by Commissioner of Revenue

On motion ordered paid

Mr Lang reported that the conductor of the Normal School had asked for \$50, in addition to what the City had already given to help pay out on their excursion.

On motion of Mr Rowe the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented the following

June 10, 1910

Finance Committee, Gentlemen:

We would respectfully call attention to the fact that for the past 11 years we have paid tax on a lot that we sold to Mr Chas Wright in Sept 1899. Mr Wright has also paid the taxes on the lot and we hereby petition your to refund to use the amount.

Respectfully, Kate Marshall, Annie Copenhaver, Misses Annie H & Kate Copenhaver

Lot #26	Val	City Rate	Tax
1899	\$50	\$1.15	\$.57
1900	\$50	\$1.15	\$.58
1901	\$50	\$1.15	\$.57
1902	\$50	\$1.15	\$.58
1903	\$50	\$1.25	\$.63
1904	\$50	\$1.25	\$.62
1905	\$50	\$1.40	\$.70

1906	\$100	\$1.40	\$1.40	
1907	\$100	\$1.40	\$1.45	
1908	\$100	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$8.55
1909	\$100	\$1.45	Less 5%	\$42
				\$8.13
				\$1.45
				\$9.58
Sewer Tax from 1902 to 1907 inclusive				\$42
Total				\$10.00

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the above taxes of Annie Copenhaver and Mrs Kate Marshall were ordered refunded by the Treasurer, \$10.00

The communication of the Assessors of Real Estate of the City of Fredericksburg, Messrs A M Garner, E D Cole, A T Rowe, asking that the pay of the State, \$240 each be supplemented by the City and which communication was referred to the City Finance Committee at the last meeting of the Council caused a majority and minority report from the Finance Committee as follows

Gentlemen July 21, 1910

The question of supplementing out of the City Treasury the amount \$240 paid each of the Assessors of Real Estate of Fredericksburg by the State of Virginia having been submitted to us for consideration and recommendation by the City Council, we recommend that each of the three assessors be paid \$100 by this Council.

We realize and appreciate that never before has this City been called on to bear any expense of said assessment, the State bearing all of same, but in view of the increased [Page 87] work and the manner in which it has been done, we make this recommendation.

This will give to each assessor the sum of \$340. For the Council to pay larger sum we believe would be an injustice to the tax payers.

Respectfully, J C Melville, W E Bradley, Finance Committee

July 21, 1910

Minority Report: In the three communications submitted to the Council and referred to the Finance Committee, I find that two cities in the State paid their Assessors more than the State's allowance. In view of this fact, I do not see why our Assessors should not at least receive compensation equal to that paid by the State of \$2.00 per day, especially as their labor must have been onerous, when we consider the largely increased assessment they made after having examined every piece of property. Hence I recommend that the Council supplement what the State allows these gentlemen with an equal amount for the City, making a total of \$240.00 each, feeling satisfied that no competent Assessor would have assumed this responsibility and thankless job for less.

Respectfully, H B Lane, Chairman Finance Committee.

Mr Goldsmith seconded and advocated the adoption of the minority report, and same was adopted as follows; Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green Noes, Bradley, Melville

Mr Garner was excused from voting on personal interest.

On motion of Mr Lane the Ordinance Committee were instructed to prepare an ordinance assessing all shows not provided for in the License Tax Ordinance

Mr Garner in the Chair

Mr Bradley of the Public Property Committee asked authority to lay granolithic pavement across a strip of pavement on Sophia Street owned by individuals who were unable to pay for same, which

when completed will make a continuous granolithic sidewalk from Main down Lewis and up Sophia to the Mary Washington Hospital. He stated the Hospital association was willing to pay half of the cost and moved that the work be done. Seconded by Young
Mr Rowe moved that the work be done and all paid for by the City

Mr Rowe's motion was lost 9 to 2

Bradley's motion was adopted as follows; Ayes, Melville, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Green
Bradley.

Noes, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Warden

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Mr Embrey of Streets stated that four bridges in the Lower Ward were in bad shape: That it would take at least \$600 to renew same and asked for a special appropriation of \$600 to do the work. On motion of Mr Garner, the sum of \$600 was appropriated to renew the bridges referred to above. Goldsmith voting no.

Mr Green of the Fire Department presented a petition from the Volunteer Fire Department of the City asking that they be given \$200 for uniforms.

On motion of Mr Embrey, \$200 was appropriated to the Fire Company by unanimous vote.

A communication was read from Southern Aid Society of Virginia asking that their License Tax be refunded amounting to \$15 which was paid on May 1, for a period of one year. Their claim is that under a late Act of the Legislature, the Company is exempt.

On motion the matter was referred to Finance Committee for investigation.

Mr Rowe called up the recommendation of Mayor Wallace in regard to a Street Commissioner. And on his motion, President Bradley appointed a Committee of five, Messrs Embrey, Goldsmith, Howard, Young, Lane, to investigate and report. Mr Rowe asked that he be not put on Committee
On motion the Council adjourned to meet August 8 at 8 o'clock PM

Clarence R Howard, President Pro-Tem

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held August 8th at 8 o'clock PM
Present, Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Warden: Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh, and Clerk S E Eastburn
President W E Bradley in the Chair

Judge A T Embrey was recognized in behalf of the Fredericksburg Electric Company and he presented certificates from the Journal Publishing Co, and the Free Lance & Star Pub Company, certifying that the minutes of the City Council in reference to extending the time of completing the Electric Light, Heat, & Power Plant had been published in each paper for Ten times.

Ordinance

The following ordinance was then read by the Clerk

An ordinance granting under certain conditions to the Fredericksburg Electric Company, an extension until January 1st 1912 of the period for the completion of the work and works provided for in a franchise hereinafter referred to for the construction of the generating plant and of the distributing plant provided for in said franchise and for the compliance by said Company with the conditions of the said franchise.

Whereas The Fredericksburg Electric Company did at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg held on July 27th 1910 petition the Council of the City of Fredericksburg for the passage of an Ordinance extending until January 1st 1912, the time for the completion of the works

provided for in a franchise on March 27th 1909, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909 as is shown by the minutes of the meeting of this Council on said 21st of July 1910; and

Whereas pursuant to resolution of this Council passed on July 21st 1910 notice of the said proposed ordinance has been given to the public by advertisement of the said proposed ordinance for ten days, in the *Daily Star* and in the *Evening Journal*, newspapers published in Fredericksburg, Virginia as appears from certificates of the publishers of said newspapers; and

Whereas appended to the draft of the said proposed ordinances so advertised as aforesaid and advertised along therewith for the ten days, aforesaid, was a notice that the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia would at the [Page 90] hour of 8 o'clock PM on the 8th day of August 1910 hear and pass upon the application of the said, The Fredericksburg Electric Company, as embodied in the draft of the said ordinance, so ordered to be advertised, and so advertised; and

Whereas, by a resolution, duly passed on July 21st 1910 it was further resolved that when this Council adjourned, it adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock PM August 8th 1910; and

Whereas the hour of 8 o'clock PM August 8th 1910 having now arrived, and there being no objection stated as known to the Council of the City of Fredericksburg; and

Whereas, by an Ordinance adopted by the Council of Fredericksburg, March 26th 1909 and approved by the Mayor of the City of Fredericksburg on March 27th 1909, there was granted to the Fredericksburg Electric Company,

“A franchise to construct, maintain, and operate Electric Light, heat and power lines, including poles, wires and other appliances in, upon, along and over and under the Streets, alleys and public places of the City of Fredericksburg for the purpose of supplying Electric Light, Heat & Power; and Whereas by the terms of the said Franchise which franchise was duly accepted by the Company, it was provided as follows:

“The said company hereby agrees and binds itself that there will be constructed a first class electric power station within the City of Fredericksburg, and that the said Company will establish a first class Electric Light, Heat and Power distributing plant within the City of Fredericksburg, and will maintain the same in good order throughout the terms of the grant and will furnish customers in the City of Fredericksburg with efficient Electric Light, Heat and Power Service at reasonable rates during the said period of thirty years, and that the work of the construction of the said generating plant and the construction of the said distributing plant shall be begun actually, and in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of this ordinance and that said Company shall be ready to furnish Electric Light, Heat and Power to customers in the City of Fredericksburg within twelve months from the date of the beginning of such work, unless the failure to complete such work within said period of twelve months as above described shall result in the opinion of the Council of the City of Fredericksburg from unforeseen and extraordinary causes in which case said Company shall be entitled to such fair and reasonable extension of the said period of twelve months as may be granted by said Council or the City of Fredericksburg; and

Whereas the aforesaid work, provided for in the [Page 91] above franchise was actually begun in good faith within six months from the date of the approval of said Ordinance but has not been completed; and

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Fredericksburg, that the time for the completion of the said work, as in said Ordinance and franchise above set forth, shall be extended until January 1st 1912; provided that this resolution extending the aforesaid period for the

completion of the said work shall be operative only on the condition that the said The Fredericksburg Electric Company, shall in good faith expend or cause to be expended on the said in said franchise provided for in the City of Fredericksburg during the remainder of the calendar year 1910 a sum of not less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), and whenever called for by the Council the said Company shall furnish satisfactory proof of the expenditures of said sum of money.

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

On motion of Mr Rowe, seconded by Mr Young, the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Warden, Bradley
 And the ordinance was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Warden, Bradley
 (Approved Aug 10th 1910 by W E Bradley, Acting Mayor)

Mr Rowe, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Water and Finance stated that his Committee had a report and some recommendations which they would like to submit and asked that Supt Quinn be allowed to read and explain the report. It was so allowed and Supt Quinn proceeded to read the report of the Joint Committee on the extension of the Water System. The report follows:

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Fredericksburg, Va August 3, 1910

Messrs J P Rowe, H B Lane, A M Garner Committee of Water of the City Council, Fredericksburg Va

Gentlemen: In accordance with your directives I made an estimate of cost for continuing the line of pipe from the Boulevard and Weedon Street to the Reservoir of 8" pipe and the necessary 4" pipe through that part of town to give ample domestic supply together with fire protection.

This line from the Boulevard to the reservoir differs materially from the first estimate because of our inability to get the right of way through the private property mentioned in my last report, and decreases the 4" pipe by the same amount.

Instead of running the 8" pipe through the private grounds of Capt Rowe and Mr Ford, it is agreed that it shall change direction at the intersection of Mercer and Weedon Streets and run up Mercer to the County Road and along with the County road northwest to the Alms House gate, thence to the reservoir.

This leaves the connecting lines of 4" pipe as follows: 1st from the National Boulevard on Willis Street, up Willis Street to Mercer, uniting with the 8" pipe.

2nd from the 8" pipe corner of Mercer and Weedon along Weedon to Hanover, connecting with a 3" pipe at that point.

3rd from the intersection of Charlotte and Weedon Streets, connecting with the 8" pipe down Charlotte to Lee Ave, thence down Lee Ave to Hanover, connecting with the 3" pipe.

4th From the intersection of Charlotte & Spotswood streets up Spotswood to the 3" pipe near the first fire plug on that Street.

The following shows the amount and kind of Material together with the cost for the completion of the work:

8" pipe	121¼ Ton	@\$242.40	\$2,958.00	
4" pipe	32½ Ton	@\$25.40	\$825.50	\$3,784.00
Fire plugs, valves & specials				
For 8" line			\$414.00	
For 4" line			\$266.78	\$680.78
Lead for 8" pipe 5820 lbs			\$291.00	
Lead for 4" pipe 1756 lbs			\$87.80	\$378.80
Yarn for 8" pipe			\$11.00	

Yarn for 4" pipe	\$5.50	\$16.50
Cost of cutting bank & entering reservoir		\$150.00
Delivery of pipe		\$125.00
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Amount brought from below		\$5,135.08
Coke, Wood, etc		\$25.00
Freight, drayage on lead, valves, fire plugs etc		\$78.61
Cost of labor on 8" pipe	\$1,084.50	
Cost of labor on 4" pipe	\$522.00	\$6,845.19

This shows \$109.03 more than that part of my first estimate showed, because of the changes of line whereby 8" pipe was submitted for 4" pipe. And there is this difference that while we estimated on the then prevailing price of iron pipe we are now able to purchase it cheaper having an offer which will save us \$385.70 on the Estimate first made.

Thus we see that the change of line costs us \$494.73 more than the former estimate.

Very respectfully, S J Quinn, Supt C W W

Gentlemen: Our failure to get a straight line for our 8" pipe to the reservoir necessitated quite a change in reaching that point in which as several abrupt bends. Of course, these obstructions retard the flow of the water to some extent, to overcome which a further change is suggests in the size of the pipe.

That change is to substitute a 10" pipe for the 8" pipe from the intersection of Charlotte and Weedon Streets to the reservoir, a distance of 3950 feet.

This 10" pipe has an area of 78.54 inches while the 8" pipe has but 50.26.

This shows that the 10" pipe has a flow of a little over 1½ times more than the 8".

I think this is a valuable suggestion because it will be necessary in the near future to lay a large size main on Charlotte Street from its intersection with Weedon to Main Street intersecting with all the pipes between the points mentioned making it the feeder of all those pipes for fire protection. At present this street has no line of pipe on it except a 2" circulating pipe from Princess Anne to Prince Edward placed there by the Contractor.

The flow of the 10" pipe will be equal to the demand of all the pipes that may be connected to it as at present constructed and also an 8" pipe for Charlotte Street.

These changes will exceed in cost our estimate of a straight-line and an 8" pipe by \$1,468.75, but I am free to confess with this meandering line, it would be economy in the long run for the Committee to adopt the 10" pipe.

If this suggestion is adopted I would also recommend that the contemplated line of pipe on Charlotte Street between Weedon and Lee Avenue a distance of 312 feet should be changed from 4" to an 8" pipe.

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This would also be a matter of economy, if at any future time the pipe suggested for Charlotte Street should be adopted, and ordered to be laid.

The following is the estimated cost of the completion of the work if the Committee should adopt the changes above referred to:

Fire Plug, Specials, valves, etc for 10" line	\$447.02	
Fire Plug, Specials, valves, etc for 8" line	\$56.24	
Fire Plug, Specials, valves, etc for 4" line	\$221.92	\$725.18
Cost of 10" pipe 334 lengths, 142 Tons @24.40	\$3,464.80	
Cost of 8" pipe 85 lengths, 26-3/5 Tons @24.40	\$649.05	
Cost of 4" pipe 209 lengths, 29-3/4 Tons @25.40	\$742.95	\$4,856.80
Cost of lead 10" pipe 6630 lbs	\$334.00	
Cost of lead 8" pipe 1270 lbs	\$65.50	
Cost of lead 4" pipe 1672 lbs	\$83.60	\$481.10

Cost of Yarn for 10" pipe	\$11.00	
Cost of Yarn for 8" pipe	\$5.50	
Cost of Yarn for 4" pipe	\$5.50	\$22.10
Cost of Labor 10" pipe 3950 ft	\$1,185.00	
Cost of Labor 8" pipe 987 ft	\$211.50	
Cost of Labor 4" pipe 2180 ft	\$408.75	\$2,805.25
Cutting through Reservoir Bank		\$150.00
Copper plate		\$35.00
Delivery of pipe		\$125.00
Freight, Drayage on lead, valves, etc		\$88.61
Coke, Wood, etc		\$25.00
Total Cos		\$8,313.94

Respectfully submitted, S J Quinn Supt

The Joint Committee on Water and Finance beg leave to submit the foregoing report and supplement thereto of S J Quinn with the recommendation that his suggestions for the increased size of pipe between Reservoir and the intersection of Weedon and Charlotte Streets and on Charlotte between Weedon and Lee Avenue be adopted by the Council and that the Council proceed to have the pipe laid as originally intended with the foregoing modification.
Respectfully submitted, J P Rowe, Com Water, John C Melville, Com Water, H B Lane, Water, W E Bradley, Finance

On motion of Mr Goldsmith the above report & recommendation was received and adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion of Mr Melville, seconded by Mr Lane the following resolution was adopted by the following recorded vote: Ayes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Young, Masters, Warden, Bradley, all present

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Whereas the report of the Joint Committee of Water and Finance just received and adopted by the Council.

Resolved by the Council that the Joint Committee aforesaid proceed without delay to procure materials necessary and have the work done, for the completion of the extension of the water system in pursuance of the foregoing report of the Joint Committee.

Further Resolved that the Treasurer of the City be, and the same is hereby directed to honor the draft of said Joint Committee for such sums of money as said Joint Committee may require in the prosecution of said work, not to exceed in the aggregate \$8,313.94.

(approved Aug 10th 1910 by W E Bradley, Acting Mayor)

Attorney Fitzhugh made a statement that the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Company desired action by the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance on regard to the Electric Franchise asked for by said Company. He asked that the meeting be held by said Joint Committee this week so that a report can be made to the Council at an adjourned meeting on next Monday night, and that when the Council adjourns, it do so to that date.

On motion of Mr Melville it was ordered that when the Council adjourns it do so to meet Aug 15th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM

Mr Warden offered the following seconded by Mr Lane adopted by unanimous vote.

Resolved that the Finance Committee be and is hereby authorized and instructed to ascertain the location of the South East boundary of the City and should it be ascertained that all property within

it has not been assessed to have is assessed and to take the necessary steps to have the people living on such property included in the census recently taken.

On motion the Council then adjourned to meet Aug 15th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM
Clarence R Howard, President Pro-Tem
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held August 16th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present; Bradley, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard; and Clerk Eastburn; Attorney Fitzhugh, Col Burguin of the R E Power Company President W E Bradley in the Chair

Mr Lane of the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance reported that said Joint Committee had held a meeting and presented a copy of franchise for Rappahannock Electric Light, Heat and Power Company and recommended that the same be ordered published according to law. Report signed by H B Lane, F L W Green, J C Melville, W E Bradley

Mr Embrey of the Joint Committee of Ordinance and Finance presented a minority report that the proposed franchise be not advertised, signed by W S Embrey, C R Howard

The proposed franchise was then read by the Clerk.

Col Burguin of the R E Power Co was allowed the privilege of the floor. He discussed the proposed franchise and said that his Company wanted a franchise but would not accept the just read without section 13 eliminated from it.

City Attorney Fitzhugh then explained why Sec 13 had been put into it, and the necessity for it to remain and advised that the change be not made.

Vote was taken on minority report and lost

Ayes, Embrey, Howard

Noes, Lane, Melville, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Warden, Green, Bradley

On motion of Mr Warden the majority report was laid on the table to give the R E Power Co time to confer with their attorneys. Unanimous vote.

On motion the Council adjourned.
Clarence R Howard, President Pro-Tem
S E Eastburn, Clerk
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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held on August 18th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM with the following members present. Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Masters, Green, Warden, Howard; Clerk Eastburn.

In the absence of the President and Vice President Mr C R Howard was elected President Pro-tem, Mr Howard, the chair, called the Council to order and presided through the session.

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

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented Statement from the Secretary of the various Joint Committees for calling, attending and reporting for 16 meetings.

On motion Secretary S E Eastburn was allowed the sum of \$16.00 for said services and Treasurer was ordered to pay the same.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's report which on motion of Mr Rowe was received, ordered filed and the salaries of the Police Officers \$50.00 each ordered paid.

Aug 18, 1910

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

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

Fines amounting to \$75.40 have been paid me by Justice Dannehl and the same turned over to the Treasurer. I have also turned over to the City Treasurer \$8.50 paid me for dog license since last report.

It is with deepest regret that I view the loss by fire of the Woolen Mills. This was our largest industrial Plant and its loss is indeed a public calamity. It provided employment to a large number of operatives, which was a means of support depended on by very many families and its enormous pay roll was a source of profit to the many businesses of our City. I sincerely sympathize with the operatives and with Mr Melville and the other owners who have sustained such a financial loss. I hope and trust that the [Page 98] business enterprise of these owners coupled with the attitude of ready cooperation of our public spirited citizens may speedily bring about a rebuilding of this plant. We cannot afford to lose what the presence of this plant means to our City and its citizens.

Respectfully submitted, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Goldsmith, the question of the Woolen Mill Plant just destroyed by fire was referred to a Joint Committee consisting of the Public Interests Committee and the following gentlemen: M G Willis, E D Cole, C W Jones, and W E Bradley.

Communication was then read by the clerk from the League of American Municipalities. On motion of Mr Green, laid on the table.

An ordinance drawn by the Mayor pertaining to persons under 21 years of age playing at games of chance was read and on motion referred to the Ordinance Committee for consideration and report

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented the following reports

Mr Warden, Chairman, School Committee Aug 16, 1910

Dear Sir: All money from whatever source received for running the Fredericksburg Summer Institute were as requested by the State Department of Education, placed to my credit as conductor and paid by me. Vouchers for all these expenditures as required by law are filed in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and are open to the inspection of any one interested.

Among the expenditures (about \$2,000 in all) are the following items from which you may select according to your choice those to which you prefer saying the Fredericksburg contribution (\$300.00) went:

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Telephone calls	\$2.30
Hack hired for visitors	\$4.50
Lanterns for reception	\$9.85
Special Blanton Lecture	\$15.00
Special Thomas Lecture	\$25.00
Music books for School	\$4.67
Court House lights	\$3.50
Catalogues, Stationary, Mailing, signs, card circulars	\$151.85
Ex of conductor in arranging for school (Feb 3-May20)	\$30.50
Express on material	\$2.85

Folding & mailing circular	\$25.94	
Printing circulars, papers &c	\$3.50	
Pianos & moving same	\$12.00	
Ice Cream & Cake for reception	\$30.40	
Water barrel	\$1.25	
Hotel bills for special lectures	\$12.50	
Making spelling lists	\$5.65	
Janitorial service	\$19.00	
Office assistant	\$15.00	
1025 copies of Free Lance	\$20.50	
Manual Training and drawing	\$24.57	
Special Lecture (Duke)	\$15.00	
Paid on Excursion to Mt Vernon	\$66.25	
Rent of chairs & c for school	\$20.55	\$523.63
A B Chandler Jr, Conductor		

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented the following reports

Mr Warden, Chairman, School Committee Aug 16, 1910

Dear Sir: In accordance with the resolutions of the City Council appropriating (\$100.00) for the Colored Summer Normal Institute held here this Summer I submit the following copy of the Financial Report made to the State Department of Public Instruction

Income

Appropriations from state	\$200.00	
Appropriations from city	\$100.00	
For other sources	\$42.50	
39 tuitions at \$1.00 each	\$39.00	\$381.50

Expenses

Total salaries paid conductor, Normal & Inst	\$285.00	
Expenses of printing, adv & postage	\$47.25	
Local expenses, janitor etc	\$23.83	
Expenses of lecturers	\$26.00	\$392.08

The State Department of Public Instruction will be asked to make an appropriation to cover the deficit of \$10.58 shown above

Respectfully, Arthur D Wright

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Vouchers were not gotten in duplicate and all vouchers were submitted to the Department of Public Instruction along with the complete report of the Conductor.

Mr Warden, Chairman of the Committee on Schools presented the following reports

Mr Warden, Chairman, School Committee Aug 16, 1910

Dear Sir: In accordance with instructions from the city School Board I submit to the consideration of your Committee the following needs of the Fredericksburg Public Schools, which should be properly classified as extraordinary expenses and provided for out of funds other than those appropriated for the current expenses of the Schools.

1. In order that our High School may meet the requirements of the State Department of Education for first class High Schools, we must this year teach Physics and Chemistry and in order to teach these subjects property a laboratory is a necessity. The necessary equipment selected from the State's approved list, can be had for (\$195.00) for physics and \$360.00 for both Physics and Chemistry. I would most strongly urge the purchase of the (\$360.00) laboratory.

2. Equipment for Assembly Hall of the High School is very much needed. Suitable assembly chairs and a properly constructed rostrum could be put in for not over (\$550.00). The School cannot get the fullest benefit of this hall until it is properly equipped.

3. Under a law passed by the last General Assembly, City School Boards, are required to appropriate an amount equal to such amount as may be raised by teachers, pupils and patrons for the purchase of libraries. The Fredericksburg Teachers Association now has in hand about \$115.00 that it has raised for this purpose. This will require an appropriation of an equal amount by the City School Board, which item was not included in the estimates presented to the Council several months ago. This is compulsory under the State Law and not optional.

4. The wainscoting now painted white is badly in need of a coat of some shade of green paint that will not so easily show dirt. This should not cost over (\$50.00).

5. Closets with running water are badly needed at the Colored School, in place of the present dry closets that are unsanitary and unpleasant. It is difficult to estimate the cost of this work without figures from a plumber, but it should not exceed \$200.

The above items are enumerated in the approximate [Page 101] order of their importance.

Respectfully, Arthur D Wright, Supt

August 18, 1910

To the President and Members of the Council

We submit herewith two statements of expenditures made by the Fredericksburg Summer Normal Institute and by the Colored Summer Normal Institute. We also submit a communication from Professor A D Wright and an appropriation for the School Library.

We recommend the purchase of the Physical and Chemical laboratory costing \$360.00 and that \$115.00 be appropriated for the School Library.

The other items we think more properly belong to the Committee on Public Property.

Henry Warden, J P Rowe, Jos M Goldsmith (Committee on Schools)

Mr Rowe moved and it was unanimously adopted to receive and adopt the report of the School Committee and also the recommendations of the said Committee to purchase the Physical & Chemical Laboratory at \$360.00 and that \$115.00 be appropriated for the School Library, said amounts to be placed to the credit of the Committee on Schools, but shall not be available until Nov 1st 1910.

On motion of Mr Warden, which was unanimously adopted, Sections 2, 4, and 5 of Supt Wright's report from the School Board were referred to the Public Property Committee.

Mr Green of the Fire Department reported urgent necessity for better fire protection and on motion of Mr Goldsmith it was ordered that Committee on Fire Department bring in some plan at a future meeting of the Council.

The question of property lines on Prince Edward Street from Charlotte Street to Boulevard caused some discussion, participated in by Embrey, Goldsmith, & Green. Mr Val Dannehl was present and asked to be heard and he took part in the discussion.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the matter was referred to the Street Committee with instructions to confer with the City Attorney and City Surveyor and report back to the Council.

On motion the Council then adjourned

Clarence R. Howard, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A called meeting of the Common Council was held pursuant to a call by Hon H Lewis Wallace, Mayor, Chief Executive Officer of the City Thursday Sep 1, 1910 at 10 o'clock AM

Clerk S E Eastburn called the Council to order promptly at 10 o'clock AM and read the call of the Hon H Lewis Wallace, Mayor of the City convening the Council.

The Clerk read the following certificate of Election from the certificate of Commissioners of Election for the City Council of June 16th 1910. Henry Warden, J W Masters, and W S Embrey received the highest number of votes for members of said Council from Upper [Lower] Ward. And J P Rowe, H B Lane and W E Bradley received the highest number of votes from the Upper Ward of said City.

Witness my hand this 1st day of September 1910.

A B Yates, Clerk

The Clerk stated that the newly elected members had qualified before him, by taking and subscribing the usual oaths of office, which he held in his hands.

The Clerk called the roll and the following answered to their names; H B Lane, John C Melville, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith, A M Garner, W S Embrey, E M Young, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green, A R Howard, W E Bradley.

The Clerk stated that the first business before the Council was the election of a President and nominations were in order.

Mr Embrey placed W E Bradley in nomination which was seconded by Mr Young.

Vote was taken and the Clerk declared W E Bradley unanimously elected President of the City Council for a period of two years, and he qualified by taking and subscribing the usual oaths of office before Clerk S E Eastburn. Mr Bradley accepted the honor in a brief graceful speech and took the Chair.

Mr Rowe placed A M Garner in nomination for Vice President which was seconded by Mr Goldsmith. Vote was taken and A M Garner was declared unanimously elected Vice President of the Council for two years, and he qualified by taking and subscribing the usual oaths of office before Clerk S E Eastburn.

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On motion of J P Rowe, seconded by [blank] the salary of the Clerk was fixed at (\$150.00) per annum.

Mr Lane placed in nomination for Clerk of the Council S E Eastburn, seconded by Mr Melville, vote was taken and S E Eastburn was declared elected Clerk of the Council for one year. Clerk Eastburn qualified before Police Justice Henry Dannehl.

Mr Young placed in nomination A P Rowe for City Tax Collector, seconded by Mr Masters. Vote taken and A P Rowe was declared unanimously elected Collector of City Taxes.

Mr W S Embrey placed in nomination E H Randall for City Surveyor, seconded by Mr Melville. Vote was taken and E H Randall was declared unanimously elected City Surveyor for one year.

Mr Young moved to fix the salary of Clerk of Market at \$75.00 seconded by Mr [Blank] and it was so ordered.

Mr Masters placed in nomination Samuel Fitzhugh for Clerk of the Market for one year seconded by [Blank]. Vote was taken and Samuel Fitzhugh was declared unanimously elected clerk of the Market for one year.

Mr Rowe moved to fix the Salary of the Superintendent of the Alms House at \$150.00 per annum. seconded by Mr Goldsmith, and it was so ordered.

Mr Garner placed in nomination J W Ball for Supt of the Alms House for one year, seconded by Mr Lane. Vote was taken and J W Ball was declared unanimously elected Supt of the Alms House for 12 months.

Mr Melville placed in nomination J B Herndon for Scavenger of the Upper Ward, and Mr Hugh A Herndon scavenger for the Lower Ward, seconded by Mr Masters. Vote was taken and John B Herndon was declared elected Scavenger for the Upper Ward and Hugh A Herndon was declared elected scavenger for the Lower Ward for one year.

On motion of Mr Melville, seconded by Mr Lane the salaries of the Police Officers were fixed at \$50.00 each per month for the year.

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Application of J H Robinson and W R Hall for Policemen from the Lower Ward and M N Tansill and J A Stone for Policemen for the Upper Ward were read by Clerk Eastburn and on motion of Mr Young, seconded by Mr Melville, J H Robinson and W R Hall and W N Tansill and J A Stone were unanimously elected policemen for this City for the ensuing year. J H Robinson & W R Hall for the Lower Ward, W N Tansill and J A Stone from the Upper Ward.

All qualified before Clerk S E Eastburn.

Mr Melville moved, seconded by Jr Masters that the salary of the Superintendent of the Electric Light be fixed at \$1,200.00 per annum wand it was unanimously so ordered.

Mr Melville placed in nomination W Key Howard for Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant seconded by Mr Rowe. Vote was taken and W Key Howard was declared unanimously elected Superintendent of the Electric Light Plant for the ensuing year at a Salary of (\$1,200.00)

President Bradley then announced the following list of Standing Committees for the next two years.

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Finance Committee

H B Lane J C Melville W E Bradley

Public Property

W E Bradley J M Goldsmith A M Garner

Streets

W S Embrey J P Rowe J M Goldsmith

Light

J C Melville E M Young H B Lane

Water

J P Rowe H B Lane W S Embrey

Ordinances

C R Howard W S Embrey F L W Green

Auditing & Claims

E M Young F L W Green J C Melville

Alms House

A M Garner W E Bradley J P Rowe

Public Interests

J M Goldsmith C R Howard H Warden

Health & Police

J W Masters A M Garner E M Young

Schools

H Warden J W Masters C R Howard

Fire Department

F L W Green H Warden J W Masters

On motion of Mr Rowe the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber Sep 15th 1910 at 8 o'clock PM

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

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Minutes of the last regular and general meetings were read and approved.

Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance presented the Mayor's report

Fredericksburg Va Sep 15, 1910

To the Hon President and members of the Council

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

I beg to report fines collected from Justice Dannehl for the past month amounting to \$71.70 which amount I have turned over to the City Treasurer

Respectfully submitted H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Lane, of Finance Committee presented the receipts of Collector A P Rowe and Treasurer R T Knox for Personal Property and Land Tax Books for year 1910 from A B Bowering, Commissioner of Revenue and on motion the receipts were received and ordered paid.

On motion of Mr Rowe the salary of \$350.00 was ordered paid A B Bowering

Mr Lane, of Finance Committee presented the following communication

Fredericksburg Va Aug 30, 1910

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: We wish to report to the Hon Council of our City that the Board of Trustees of the Wallace Library has performed the duties necessary for the opening of the Library and is now ready to elect a librarian. As you know the Board cannot intelligently elect a librarian until your Hon Body had decided upon the salary to be paid the same.

We respectfully ask that you decide upon this matter and take all other action, if there be any, necessary [Page 107 to enable or Board to open the library at the earliest possible date.

Very respectfully, E H Russell, J P Rowe (Committee)

Mr Lane also presented and had read the rules adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Wallace Library for the government of said library which are filed.

Mr Howard of the Ordinances Committee presented the following ordinance

An Ordinance relating to the establishment and maintaining of the Wallace Library, and providing for the salary of the librarian thereof, and to provide punishment for injury done, committed upon

such library of the grounds or other property, thereof, or for willful injury to, or for failure to return any books belonging to such library or for willful violation of the rules of said Library.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of Fredericksburg that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) annually be and it is hereby appropriated from the general Treasury of the City of Fredericksburg, as compensation for services rendered by the librarian of the Wallace Library; said services to be such as may be prescribed for the Librarian of the said Library by the Director, or Trustees, of the said Library or as such duties may be changed from time to time by the Directors, or Trustees of the said library, which said sum shall be payable to said librarian by the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg in monthly installments on the last day of said calendar month upon a voucher properly authenticated by the President of the Library Board, or by any two members of the said Board or upon such other authentication as the said Library Board, by resolution may provide for;

And be it further resolved that any person who shall willfully injure any book belonging to such Library, or shall willfully fail to return any book belonging to such library, shall be fined not less than one nor more than twenty five dollars or shall be committed to jail in default of payment of the said fine, for not less than one, nor more than twenty five days, and said fine, when collected shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City of Fredericksburg to the credit of the Library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of the City, and be drawn upon by the proper officers of the said City, upon properly authenticated vouchers of the Library Board, as hereinabove provided for as to the salary of the Librarian.

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On motion of Mr Young, the rules were suspended by the following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Howard, Bradley

Mr Young offered an amendment to the above ordinance which was lost. Ayes, Young, Garner Noes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

The above ordinance was then adopted by following vote: Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley
Noes, Young, Garner

Mr Lane, of Finance Committee reported on Boundary lines of the City as referred to his Committee on resolution of Mr Warden August 8, 1910 as follows
Sep 12, 1910

To Finance Committee of City Council

Gentlemen: Acting upon your instructions to locate the Western & Southern Corporation lines of the City of Fredericksburg, we beg leave to hand you the following report.

By an act of General Assembly of the State of Virginia passed May 7th 1852 (see Acts 1852, Chapter #382, page 281) the corporate limits of the town of Fredericksburg in the County of Spotsylvania were extended and enlarged as evidenced by paragraph #2 of said Act, which paragraph is as follows: "2. The Corporate limits of the Town of Fredericksburg in the County of Spotsylvania as heretofore established by law, shall be and the same is hereby extended and enlarged so as to include within the same so much land as lies within the boundary lines particularly set out and described by metes and bounds, bearings and distances in a survey and plat made by William Slaughter dated the tenth day of December eighteen hundred and fifty and heretofore deposited in the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the said town. By the said plat the said town as enlarge by the act of seventeen hundred and fifty nine is described by the letters E F G H; the line hereby adopted and made the boundary of the said town by this Act is described by the letters A B C D. The said plat is to be filed in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, and shall be held as evidence of the boundary of said town as hereby extended and enlarged."

The map referred to in the above act could not be found, but three large stones securely planted and marked A' B' C', were found and there seems to be no doubt that these stones are the corner stones of the [Page 109] Corporation. We have run the Corporation lines between stones A & B and Stones B & C as is evidence by the tracing which is submitted with this report and the stakes placed at different points on said lines. We could find no stone or other marker at the point indicated to be B on the Grabill Map of 1890, and can find no authority for assuming that the Corporation lines are other than a straight line from stone to stone.

The lines from stone to stone includes 140 acres more land than is shown upon the Graybill map and upon this land is located a number of residences which were formerly thought to be in the County of Spotsylvania.

From all the records and all the City Maps, the point B' seems to be the only point that can be questioned and in view of the fact that the Slaughter map is not on record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, together with the size of the stone and the manner in which it was planted there seems to be no doubt that the stone is intended to represent and does represent the southwest corner of the Corporation.

This stone is similar to the other corporation stones, and has been in its present position for quite a number of years.

The tracing submitted with this report is the property of Mr Henry Warden, but if it is the pleasure of the Committee these lines can be drawn either in ink or pencil upon the original Graybill map, which is on record at the office of the Clerk of the Corporation Court of the City of Fredericksburg. If it is desired, small concrete markers can be placed at intervals along these lines, and they will, in the picture, greatly facilitate any Corporation line work.

Respectfully submitted, Reid & Wilcox Civ Engr, by Cecil L Reid

The report of Wilcox & Reid adopted by Finance Committee as their report, Respectfully submitted. H B Lane and W E Bradley (Finance Committee)

Mr Lane moved to receive and file the above report and that the Finance Committee be discharged from further service in the question. And further that this matter be placed in the hands of the Public Interests Committee to confer with the City Attorney and take any further steps he may advise. And it was so ordered by unanimous vote

Mr Lane of Finance presented bond of A P Rowe, Tax Collector for \$10,000.00

Mr Howard moved that the bonds be received, subject to approval of City Attorney and then Finance Committee to place the bond in National Bank of Fredericksburg for safe keeping. Carried. [Page 110]

Mr Embrey of Street Committee reported that he had built a concrete bridge and three wood bridges: that he had examined the Commerce Street bridge near the Cemetery and found it in bad condition and would soon have to be replace with a new bridge and he could save the City about \$100.00 by doing it now, and asked for a special appropriation of \$400.00 to put in a concrete bridge.

Mr Garner moved, seconded by Mr Rowe that \$400.00 be appropriated for building the concrete bridge.

Mr Lane offered a substitute seconded by Mr Green that the bridge be built and paid for out of the Committee's Appropriation. Vote on substitute, Ayes, Lane, Young Warden, Green, Bradley Noes, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Howard—lost

Vote to appropriate \$400.00 Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

The Ordinance Committee reported adversely on Ordinance in regard to games of chance and it was unanimously rejected.

Mr Rowe of Water Committee presented the following report
To The Council of Fredericksburg

Gentlemen: The undersigned Committee on Water of the City Council of Fredericksburg with profound regret report the death on the evening of Sept 6th 1910 of S J Quinn, who from the inauguration of the City Water Supply by the City, and up to the time of his death has been the Superintendent of the water works and bonds and qualified as such.

That immediately following the death of Capt Quinn, his books, papers and records as Superintendent of the City Water Works, were, by members of his family turned over to your Committee and your Committee put in charge of the office.

That shortly thereafter, and owing to the fact that the necessities of the Water Works required hourly attention, your Committee met on Friday September 9th 1910 and after mature consideration appointed S B Quinn a son of the late S J Quinn, superintendent Pro-Tem of the Water Works of the City, subject to ratification by the Council, at the same compensation theretofore received as salary by the said S J Quinn.

Your Committee took this action believing Mr S B Quinn to be entirely competent to perform the duties thus imposed upon him and say that for [Page 111] the last several years, Mr S B Quinn has looked after nearly, if not quite, all of the outside work of the office, and has materially aided his father in the inside work of the office and is thoroughly conversant with the physical properties of the City embraced in the Water Department, and with the books of the said Department and the conduct of said office.

Your Committee would, therefore recommend that their action as above set forth be ratified and that Mr S B Quinn be elected Superintendent of the City Water Works in the place and stead of S J Quinn, deceased, to fill out the term of the said S J Quinn which will expire on January 1, 1911. Your Committee have not audited the books of the said Department but report that the said books should be audited and checked up to the time of the death of the said S J Quinn, when the said department was turned over to your Committee and your Committee would recommend that the auditing Committee of the Council be directed to state and settle the accounts of the late S J Quinn, as Superintendent of the City Water Works, up to the close of the business on September 6th 1910.

Respectfully submitted, J P Rowe, H B Lane, W E Embrey, Committee

Mr Goldsmith moved to receive the report, to ratify the action of the Committee and adopt the recommendations of the said Committee.

Mr Warden offered this resolution seconded by Mr Green.

Resolved: That the report of the Water Committee be received, that the Water Committee be authorized to employ S B Quinn as acting Superintendent for the balance of the year.

And that the Ordinance Committee be, and is hereby instructed to prepare an Ordinance creating an office, which shall combine the offices of Superintendent of Water and Streets and of City Engineer.

Vote was taken on Warden's resolution. Ayes, Warden, Green.

Noes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Howard, Bradley. And was lost

Vote was taken on Goldsmith's resolution as follows:

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley. And was adopted.

Mr Rowe moved to go into the election of a Supt of the Water Works, which was unanimously adopted.

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On motion F Green the salary of Supt of Water was fixed at \$75.00 per month, by unanimous vote. Mr Garner nominated S B Quinn for Supt of Water and he was unanimously elected to fill out the unexpired term ending January 1, 1911.

Mr Rowe, of the Water Committee reported on extension of Water system completed in August 1910 as follows

Sept 4, 1910

Water Committee, Gentlemen: The City Council at a meeting held January 17, 1910 ordered the following extension of water mains to be made, as indicated in the report and estimate submitted to that body by the later Superintendent of Water Works, Captain S J Quinn.

A 6" pipe from the last fire hydrant on lower Main St, up Main to Dixon, down Dixon to Charles, up Charles to Dunmore, up Dunmore to Prince Edward, up Prince Edward crossing under the tracks of the R F & P R R Co and P F & P R R Co to the National Boulevard, thence up Boulevard to Weedon Street:

This 6" pipe is intersected by 4" pipes on Main and Princess Anne Streets and by 3" pipes on Prince Edward and Frederick Streets and the Boulevard.

From the 4" Main at the corner of Princess Anne and Wolfe Streets, a 4: pipe has been laid out Wolfe to Spottswood Street intersecting a 3" pipe at that point

From the 6" pipe at the corner of the Boulevard and Prince Edward Street a 4" pipe has been laid up Prince Edward to Charlotte Street intersecting the 4" pipe on Wolfe Street, and a 3" pipe at the corner of Charlotte and Prince Edward Streets.

For the completion of these extensions (\$5,796.20) was appropriated. The work was completed on the 31st day of August, 1910 at a total cost of (\$5,570.05 leaving a credit of \$226.15) to that appropriation. There is also a credit of (\$50.00) for pig lead left over, which would make a total credit of (\$276.15).

The items of cost of material, labor etc, are as follows

7069 lbs pig lead	\$345.69	
Freight on pipe, fittings etc	\$396.62	
Drayage on pipe fittings, freight on lead valves	\$97.69	
Packing for joints	\$15.07	
Valve boxes	\$30.00	
Fire hydrants & valves	\$521.52	
6" and 4" pipe & fittings	\$3,060.04	\$4,466.63

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Brought over		\$4,466.63
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Labor, drayage etc		\$1,103.42
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Total cost of work		\$5,570.05
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Recapitulation

Material, such as pipe fittings, valves, fire hydrant, etc		\$4,466.63
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Labor of laying pipe, & sundry bills such as drayage, oil, wood coke etc		\$1,103.42
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Total cost of work		\$5,570.05
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Length of pipers

6" from Lower Main St to Weedon St and Boulevard	4,701 feet
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4" from Wolfe & Pr Anne Sts down Wolfe to Pr Edward	654 feet
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4" from Boulevard & Pr Edward up Pr Edward to Wolfe	392 feet
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4" from Wolfe & Pr Edward up Pr Edward to Charlotte St	416 feet
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4" from Pr Edward & Wolfe Sts out Wolfe to Spottswood St	1,321 feet
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Total length of 4" pipe 2,783 feet

Under ordinary conditions this work would have been completed before August 31 but owing to the fact that it was found necessary to lower certain pipes to conform to the new line, and other extra work, which could not be foreseen, nor provided for, together with much rainy weather, and the delay in securing permission to cross the Railroad track, the progress of the work was very much retarded.

Respectfully submitted, S B Quinn, acting superintendent

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

On motion of Mr Garner the report was received and ordered filed
Mr Howard was excused

Mr Rowe of Water Committee Sep 15, 1910

Gentlemen: Pursuant to your instructions to estimate the cost of an 8" sewer from Manhole at the corner of Commerce Street and Washington Avenue, up Washington Avenue to the residence of Col E D Cole, we respectfully submit the following report and estimate

The distance between these two points is 1710 feet, with three houses on the East side and ten on the West total of thirteen.

Of these thirteen, nine are already assessed the annual sewer tax of (\$2.00), the sewers from these houses emptying into the Canal and the revenue that could be derived would be from the remaining four, the tax on which would be (\$2.00) per annum to a total of (\$8.00), As new residences are erected this amount will be increased.

However, this only applies to the West Side of the Avenue as the east side is supplied with sewerage.

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In order to increase the revenue from this sewer, it was deemed advantageous to lay another 8" line, connecting with the Washington Avenue Sewer at the Cemetery gate thence up Amelia Street to Douglas, a distance of 330 feet.

With this distance there are thirteen houses which would be assessed the sewer connection tax of (\$2.00) per year, or total of (\$26.00).

The services of Mr E H Randall, City Engineer according to instructions were secured in making a diagram of the Avenue sewer giving the depths every 100 feet, which diagram will be completed in a few days.

The cost of digging has been estimated from a survey made by Mr E H Randall this day.

The depth of the sewer ranges from 7 feet 11 inches to 12 feet 8 inches, with a uniform fall of 6 inches to the hundred feet.

For flushing these two lines of sewerage, manholes will be necessary and in the following estimate the cost of four manholes is included. The total length of both lines of pipe is 2040 feet.

2040 ft 8" pipe	@ 14¢	\$285.60
26 8"x 6" Y's	@ 65¢	\$16.90
26 6" 45 degree bends	@ 40¢	\$10.40
580 ft 6" pipe (for laterals)	@ 10¢	\$58.00
26 6" plates		\$1.30
Cement for manholes		\$13.50
Cost of building manholes, labor, bricks etc		\$78.50
Cost of digging, laying pipe fr Main & Laterals (2610 ft), main lines and laterals (580 ft)		\$978.75
Total costs		\$1,442.95

Cos of Sewer from Cemetery gate up Amelia Street to Douglas 330 feet

330 ft 8" pipe	@ 14¢	\$26.40
13 8"x 6" Y's	@ 60¢	\$7.80

325 ft 6" pipe (for laterals)	@ 10¢	\$32.50
13 6" plates	@ 5¢	\$.65
13 6" 45 degree bends	@ 40¢	\$5.20
1 manhole at Douglas Street		\$17.55
Digging, laying pipe & filling		\$245.63
Total cost		\$335.73
Cost of Sewer on Washington Avenue		\$1,107.22
Cost of Sewer on Amelia		\$335.73
Total cost of both		\$1,442.95

Respectfully submitted, S B Quinn, Acting Superintendent
Approved, J P Rowe, H B Lane, W S Embrey (Water Committee)
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Mr Garner, Vice President in the Chair

Mr Bradley moved that the report be adopted and stated that the money necessary to do the work could be taken out of the general treasury after Oct 15th 1910, and would be turned back into the Treasury when the Sewer Tax comes in in May 1911. And it was decided to build the sewers at an estimated cost of \$1,442.95 to be paid for out of the General Treasury after October 15, 1910 and that said amount be returned to the Treasury after sewer tax collection in May 1911, by following recorded vote. Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley (approved H L Wallace, Mayor, Sep 17, 1910)

Mr Warden of Schools presented bill of Virginia School Supply Company of \$[?].48 balance due on new furniture for the New School building. On motion it was ordered paid after October 1st 1910, when it will be due as per contract.

Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Warden, Green, Bradley

Mr Warden presented petition as follows

To the President and members of the City Council

Gentlemen: We the undersigned do most respectfully petition your honorable body to have opened Shepherd Street from the National Boulevard to Mercer Street.

Very Respectfully, Isaac Hirsh, Geo W Shepherd, Robt B Skinner, J P Smithers, C J Wright, Grady Thompson, Harry Pierce, Geo Freeman Jr, Eugene Stevens Jr, J E Satterwhite, M G Willis, Harvey P Gouldman.

On motion of Mr Warden referred to the Street Committee

On motion the Council then adjourned.

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Oct 20th 1910 at 7:30 o'clock PM with the following members present. President W E Bradley, Vice President A M Garner, H B Lane, J M Goldsmith, J P Rowe, W S Embrey, J W Masters, Henry Warden, F L W Green; Attorney St Geo R Fitzhugh and Clerk S E Eastburn

W E Bradley, President in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

H B Lane of the Finance Committee presented the Mayor's Report as follows:

Fredericksburg, Va Oct 20, 1910

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

Gentlemen: Be to certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Police Officers have faithfully discharged their duties for the past month and are entitled to their pay.
 Beg also to report fines paid me by Justice Dannehl to the amount of \$68.45
 And cash received for dog licenses to the amount of \$222.00 all of which has been turned over to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Masters the Mayor's Report was received and the salaries of Police Officers \$50.00 each were ordered paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of City Registrar's which on motion were ordered paid

Corporation of Fredericksburg Va Dr		
To J Fred Brown, Registrar Lower Ward		
Oct 8, 1910	To sitting at Court House (one day)	\$2.00
Oct 8, 1910	To cash paid deputy (one day)	\$1.50
Oct 8, 1910	To pasting notice twice	\$2.00
Oct 8, 1910	To registering & transferring 38 persons @ 10¢	\$3.80
Total		\$9.30

Corporation of Fredericksburg Va Dr		
To John J Berry, Registrar Upper Ward		
Oct 8, 1910	To sitting at Mayor's Office (one day)	\$2.00
Oct 8, 1910	To cash paid deputy (one day)	\$1.50
Oct 8, 1910	To pasting notice twice	\$2.00
Oct 8, 1910	To registering & transferring 35 persons @ 10¢	\$3.50
Total		\$9.50

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented bills of the Free Lance & Star publishing Company which on motion [Page 117] were each ordered paid

Corporation of Fredericksburg Va Dr	
To the Free Lance & Star publishing Company	
To one tax book, notices & adds	\$24.50
Ok A P Rowe, Collector	

To adds and notices	\$3.50
Ok A B Bowering Commissioner of Revenue	

To Council notices	\$3.00
Ok S E Eastburn, Clerk	

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported on the Southern Aid Society asking that license Tax be refunded.

Mr Lane stated that his Committee had written to Insurance Commission and were instructed that above Society was entitled to a rebate from June 1st 1910 and that there were several similar companies represented in our City, who had paid the \$15.00 license.

On motion the whole matter was referred back to the Finance Committee to examine and report back to the Council.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported that work was progressing very nicely on Washington Avenue Sewer.

Mr Rowe of the Water Committee reported that numerous complaints had been made to his Committee about the condition of the little canal and asked that his Committee be instructed to expend \$50.00 on cleaning out obstructions at Commerce Street and Hanover Street.

Whereupon Mr Green offered the following resolution.

Resolved that the Water Committee be authorized to expend the sum not to exceed (\$50.00) in correcting whatever obstructions may exist in the Canal where it crosses Commerce Street and Hanover Street.

And said Committee shall ascertain and report whether any other portions of said Canal needs cleaning out and if so, what portion and said Committee shall also ascertain and report whose duty it is to clean out said Canal. The same was adopted.

Mr Green of the Fire Department reported progress on the matter of more efficient Fire Department.

Mr Lane of Finance Committee read statement of the condition of City Finances.

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Mr Lane of the Finance Committee asked that \$173.00 be appropriated to the Sewer Fund sinking fund.

And on motion \$173.00 was appropriated to Sewer Sinking Fund, by unanimous vote

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee asked for instructions to invest the Sewer Sinking fund amounting to \$598.00 and the City Sinking Fund amounting to \$2,758.00 in Va Center 3% Bonds Mr Goldsmith moved that the Finance Committee be instructed to invest the Sewer Sinking fund of \$598.00 and the City Sinking Fund of \$2,758.00 in Va Century 3% bonds.

Adopted by unanimous vote.

The Clerk read resignation of John C Melville, Councilman from the Upper Ward.

On motion of Mr Masters the resignation of John C Melville was accepted.

Mr Warden moved to go into the election of a successor of John C Melville and it was so ordered.

Mr Rowe placed in nomination the name of M G Willis, seconded by Mr Lane. Vote was taken and M G Willis was unanimously elected Councilman from the Upper Ward to fill the unexpired term of John C Melville.

The President appointed Mr Rowe and Mr Masters a Committee to notify M G Willis of his election.

Mr Embrey of the Street Committee moved that the Public Property Committee be instructed to place two large signs on the Public Dock? One at each end to prevent objectionable material from being dumped there. It was so ordered.

Mr Rowe of the Street Committee reported progress on opening Shepherd Street from Boulevard to Mercer Streets. And in ascertaining property lines on Prince Edward St from Charlotte Street to Boulevard.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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Regular meeting of the Common Council was held Nov 17th 1910 at 7:30 PM o'clock

Present, Bradley, Garner, Rowe, Goldsmith, Embrey Young, Warden, Howard; Attorney Fitzhugh,
S E Eastburn, Clerk
W E Bradley in the Chair
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented and had read the Mayor's Report as follows
Fredericksburg Va Nov 17, 1910

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

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

Beg to report fines paid me by Justice Dannehl to the amount of \$97.45 which has been turned over
to the Treasurer.

I would respectfully request that the matter of trash cans on the paved streets be taken up. H Lewis
Wallace, Mayor

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

Mr Bradley of the Finance Committee presented bill which was approved by the Clerk.

Corporation of Fredericksburg Va to R A Kishpaugh

1909 Dec 18 To 50 Ordinances "spitting on the sidewalk" \$.75

1910 Jun 29 To 50 Ordinances "Sreal Board of Health" \$1.00

1910 Jul 2 To 75 Ordinances "New Street" \$.75

1910 Sep 21 To 50 Ordinances Wallace Library \$.75

\$3.25

On motion ordered paid

Mr Bradley of the Finance Committee present bill of Judges and clerks of election

Upper Ward

1910 Nov 8 Judges S H Beale, W A Bell, W S Chesley; Clerks P L Harris, R H Carmichael \$25.00

Lower Ward

1910 Nov 8 Judges J Wilmore Cox, R E Dignum, Geo Freeman; Clerks R E Smith, J F Brown

\$25.00

On motion of [blank] the bills of Judges and Clerks of Election were ordered paid.

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W E Bradley in the Chair

The Clerk read the following from M G Willis

Fredericksburg Va Nov 17, 1910

To Hon President & members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: In response to your communication through your Clerk Mr S E Eastburn, of Oct 20th
1910, I beg to express my deep sense of the Honor you have conferred upon me and my
appreciation of the same, in unanimously electing me a member of your body, but the demands of
my business and other duties requiring a large portion of my time and attention forbid my
acceptance of said office.

Thanking you for the expression of your confidence.

Very respectfully, M G Willis

On motion of Mr Young, received and ordered files

Fredericksburg Va Nov 17, 1910

To the Honorable City Council

The undersigned Joint Committee to whom was referred the matter of the sale of the Alms House property to the Normal School and the selection of a suitable site for another Alms House, in the event of such sale, beg leave to report that after a thorough examination of the Alms House Property, with a view of ascertaining whether it was expedient for the City to part with said property or any part thereof and if so expedient whether the City should not reserve sufficient portion thereof for further and future development of its water supply, your Committee reached the unanimous conclusion that the City could sell to the Normal School 6.972 acres for \$4,850.00 and still reserve enough of said tract for the said development of its water supply, and said Joint Committee so recommends the aforesaid 6.972 acres is fully set forth in Plat made by E H Randall, City Surveyor, dated 6th Sept 1910, which accompanies this report.

The Joint Committee also thoroughly considered the selecting of a site for a new Alms House, and after the examination of a number of sites, reached the conclusion by a vote of four to one, Mr W E Bradley voting in the negative, that the best and most suitable site for the new Alms Hose is a lot owned by the City at the North east intersection of Sophia and Lewis Streets, which is ample for the purpose and which the City could not utilize for any other purpose. This enabling the city to use its own property rather than paying out a considerable sum of money in the purchase of other property. Respectfully submitted, W E Bradley, Chairman, A M Garner, F P Stearns, M G Willis, Henry Warden

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On motion of Mr Rowe the report of the Joint Committee on sale of Alms House property to Normal School was received and ordered filed.

Mr Bradley presented bills of the Free Lance & Star Publishing Company which on motion were ordered paid.

To 1 doz copies of Franchise Ordinance	\$5.00
To 100 Council Committee cards	\$3.00
To 2000 Election Tickets	\$3.00

Ok W D Scott, Secty Electoral Board

The following communication was read by the Clerk
10/28/1910

To the Council of Fredericksburg;

Wish you would kindly look into the matter of the banks on the front of my property, which the City has cut down, and left in a dangerous condition. Please answer at once.

Yours respectfully, Mrs Lee Black

On motion of Mr Howard, referred to the Street Committee to investigate and report back to the Council.

Nov 17, 1910

Mr W E Bradley & members of the Common Council

Gentlemen: Since building our planning mill we find it essentially necessary for the successful operation of the same to have a suitable egress and ingress into the property and in this connection we would respectfully ask your honorable body to extend Willis Street across the R F & P R R tracks.

Knowing your desire at all times to assist manufacturing enterprises for the successful operation of their plants which of course would in time materially work to the advantage of the City, we trust that it may be your pleasure to arrange this matter for us.

Yours very truly, The Young-Schoonover Co
E M Young, President

On motion of Mr Rowe, Mr C R Howard and President Bradley were elected delegates to Water Ways Convention

On Motion the Council adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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A regular meeting of the Common Council was held Dec 15th 1910 at 7:30 PM. Present Bradley, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard; Attorney Fitzhugh and Clerk Eastburn.

President W E Bradley in the Chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

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

Fredericksburg Va Dec 15, 1910

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

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

Beg also to report fines paid me by Police Justice Dannehl to the amount of \$33.50 and that I have collected for dog licenses since October the sum of \$158.50, making the dog licenses since September amount to \$382.00 all of which said amounts I have turned over to the City Treasurer.

The death of Capt S J Quinn having occasioned a vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Wallace Library, it become my duty to report the vacancy to the Council and I respectfully nominate Mr W D Scott to fill the vacancy.

This being the last regular meeting of the Council for this year I take this occasion to congratulate you gentlemen, individually and as a body on the patriotic efforts your have made during the closing year for the advancement and progress of our City, and the betterment of affairs and I cordially wish each of you a very happy Xmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Respty, H Lewis Wallace, Mayor

On motion of Mr Young the Mayor's report was received & ordered filed & police officers salaries paid.

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee presented 5 \$1,000.00 4% Gas & Water Bonds due Nov 1910, and paid to the Treasurer and asked the Council have said bonds destroyed.

#21 4% Gas & Water Bonds \$1,000 Coupon attached for \$20.00

#22 4% Gas & Water Bonds \$1,000 Coupon attached for \$20.00

#23 4% Gas & Water Bonds \$1,000 Coupon attached for \$20.00

#24 4% Gas & Water Bonds \$1,000 Coupon attached for \$20.00

#25 4% Gas & Water Bonds \$1,000 Coupon attached for \$20.00

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The President appointed Messrs Young and Goldsmith to examine check up and destroy the said Gas & Water bonds by burning them in the fire in the presence of the Council.

Mr Young reported the 5, \$1,000 4% Gas & Water Bonds destroyed.

Nov 15, 1910

Bill of Electoral Board

City of Fredericksburg Va to City Electoral Board

St Geo R Fitzhugh, E P Smith, W D Scott Dr

1910 Nov 15 to 6 sessions during 1910 @\$2.00 pr member provided, however that no member of such board shall receive more than \$10 in any one year. Section 70 Act approved Nov 28, 1903

One member absent 2 sessions 1910		\$28.00
To secretary printing ballots Council	\$2.00	
To secretary printing ballots Seal off	\$2.00	
To secretary printing ballots Congress	\$2.00	\$6.00
		\$34.00

On motion ordered paid

Mr Lane presented two small bills

To *Fredericksburg Journal* \$1.75

On motion ordered paid

Mr Lane presented bill of Free Lance & Star Publishing Company

11/2 Job 2000 Election tickets	\$3.00	
11/2 Job 2000 amendment tickets	\$4.00	\$7.00

Mr Lane presented bill of Health officer Dr J N Barney

Dec 15, 1910 To distributing oil & disinfectants on street, stagnant water etc, In April twice, May three times, June three times, June & July 4 times, August 4 times, Sep 2 times

18 times @50¢ per trip \$9.00

May 20 to lime & disinfectants dump heap near Canal \$2.50

On motion ordered paid \$11.50

Mr Lane, reported on the Southern Aid Society and that there were three or four Companies entitled to a rebate but there was one Company that he was not settled about.

On motion of Mr Rowe, the matter was left in the hands of the Finance Committee

Mr Lane of the Finance Committee reported that his Committee had in obedience to instructions invested the Sewer Sinking Fund and the City Sinking Fund in Va Century 3% bonds bought at 85-3/4 said bonds could be sold now at a premium and asked that his Committee be instructed to sell said Va Century 3% bonds and buy City Bonds [Page 124] at par and said bonds could be destroyed. On motion of Mr Young the Finance Committee were instructed to sell said Va Century 3% Bonds and buy City bonds at par.

Mr Embrey for the Street Committee reported as follows:

To the President and Members of City Council Fredericksburg Va

Your Committee on Streets respectfully report that in July 1910 the Council appropriated for the maintenance of Streets, \$3,000

Which appropriation was subsequently supplemented for the purpose of bridge construction by \$1,000.

Making a total appropriation of \$4,000

Your Committee has done work and made expenditures approximately as follows

Curbing & Macadamizing Commerce Street Hirsh's to Bodes \$700

Repairing Main St with Crushed Stone \$100

Building two wooden bridge & four Concrete Bridges \$1,600

Cleaning Streets & ditches in the Spring \$650

Cleaning Main & Commerce Sts \$400

Extra work, caused by establishing new grades \$000

Where new curbing was laid, including Trap barriers \$500

Hauling 12 cars of gravel given by the R F & P R R \$000

For the National Boulevard \$200

Incidental expenses such as laying terra cotta pipes \$000

Repairing and erected new foot bridge	\$000
Repairing Streets in various places, etc	\$540.22
Total	\$4,590.22

Your Committee further reports this it has on hand materials and appliances as follows

1 tool box and wagon	\$60
Tools on hand, such as shovels, picks, hoes, lantern, etc	\$200
Timber which was used for concrete forming	\$150
Stone	\$100
Total	\$510

From the above the Council will see the Committee's expenditures over appropriation have been approximately \$690.22

Which expenditures were deemed absolutely necessary and so reports your Committee. The City therefore owes approximately the sum of \$690.22 and there are no funds to the credit of this Committee to make necessary expenditures for repairs, cleaning out gutters, arising out of the freezing and thawing of winter & for maintenance.

Your Committee therefore asked for an appropriation of [Page 125] one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) in order to pay off the bills already due, and to meeting necessary expenditures & your Committee further states that in the Spring they will be compelled to ask for further appropriation. Respectfully submitted, W S Embrey, J P Rowe, J M Goldsmith.

This led to a discussion in which Mr Lane, Chairman of Finance Committee was asked to read a statement of the receipt & disbursement furnished him by City Treasurer Knox. This statement showed receipts of \$54,000, and disbursements \$51,000, leaving a balance in the Treasury of \$3,000.

Mr Garner moved to appropriate \$1,000 to the Street Committee and it was carried by the following vote: Ayes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Embrey, Garner, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard (9 votes)
Noes, Bradley (1 vote)

Mr Young called attention to the condition of the Street around the new Post Officer and on motion of Mr Howard the Street Committee was instructed to get estimates for grading.

Mr Rowe announced that the Superintendent of Gas Works should be elected for coming year On motion of Mr Young the Salary was fixed at \$1,200 per year, fuel, Light & House rent, same as last year. Vote, Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley

B F Bullock was the unanimously elected Supt of City Gas Works for twelve months for Jan'y 1, 1911

Mr Goldsmith moved to elect Supt of Water Works. Carried.

On motion of Mr Rowe the Salary was fixed at \$900.00 per year. Vote, Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Howard, Bradley.

S B Quinn was then unanimously elected Supt of Water Works for twelve months from January 1, 1911.

Mr Rowe moved that the report of the Joint Committee on Alms House & Normal School be taken up. Carried.

On motion of Mr Lane, the report of the Joint Committee was rejected and the Joint Committee discharged. Carried.

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President Russell, of the Normal School was present & was heard. He made a strong speech showing why the Alms House should not be in such close proximity to the Normal School, an institution said he, on which half a million of dollars will be spent by the State and the best asset which Fredericksburg possesses.

A lengthy discussion ensued and motions were made by Messrs Lane, Goldsmith & Howard when President Bradley called Vice President A M Garner to the Chair and offered the following as a substitute for the whole, which was adopted by this vote. Ayes, Lane, Rowe, Goldsmith, Garner, Embrey, Young, Masters, Warden, Green, Bradley (10 votes)
Noes, Howard (1 vote)

Resolved that it is the sentiment of this Council that this City sell to the Normal School the Alms House property owned by the City of Fredericksburg, outlined in the map drawn by Engineer E H Randall for the sum of (\$4850) as soon as a site is obtained for a new Alms House.

And that the question of securing said site be referred to the Alms House Committee to report back to this Council at its next meeting, or sooner if possible.

In the sale of this property to the Normal School the City will reserve the right to lay such pipe as may deem necessary on and through the property that we deed to the Normal School.

Mr Warden offered the following.

Resolved that the Alms House Committee be and is hereby instructed to ascertain what arrangements if any can be made with the authorities of Spotsylvania County looking toward the boarding of the Cities poor temporarily or permanently or both at the County poor house,

Ayes, Warden, Masters, Bradley, Green

Noes, Lane, Goldsmith, Rowe, Garner, Embrey, Young, Howard.

Professor Russell of the Normal School asked permission to connect the Sewer of the Normal School with that of the City, on Commerce Street near the Canal.

On motion referred to Water Committee with power to act.

Mr Garner called attention to the vacancy in the Council from the Upper Ward, occasioned by the resignation of John C Melville and on motion an election was ordered.

Mr Rowe nominated Mr S W Somerville and upon vote being taken he was unanimously elected a member of the Council to fill the unexpired term of J C Melville.

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President Bradley appointed Messrs Rowe and Young a Committee to notify S W Somerville of his election.

On motion of Mr Young Mr W D Scott, nominated by the Hon Mayor was unanimously elected a member of Board of Directors of the Wallace Library to fill vacancy caused by the death of Capt S J Quinn.

Mr Embrey reported that he had received a request from the R F & P R R to change the City Ordinance so as to abolish the gates on Main, Princess Anne Street crossings and to substitute watchmen instead.

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

Mr Green asked if the Water Committee was ready to report on legal question of ownership of raceway at Kenmore Shoe Co. Mr Rowe replied that it would be done, as soon as conference can be had with the City Attorney.

President Bradley appointed Mr Young Chairman of Light Committee, Auditing & Claims 3rd
Health & Police 3rd.

S W Somerville finance 2nd Auditing & Claims 1st, Lights 2nd

S W Somerville qualified before Clerk Eastburn.

On motion the Council then adjourned

W E Bradley, President

S E Eastburn, Clerk

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